



**YOUR MONTHLY NEWS FROM**  
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MAY 2019

**Marks of a Healthy Congregation**

**An effective congregation is actively engaged in transforming lives** through the teachings of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. A faithful congregation accepts the challenge to regularly review how well it proclaims Christ to the world, asks whether it is accomplishing its stated goals, and is **wiling to embrace new goals as dictated by new conditions and the call of God. For us to be a Healthy Congregation, we need YOUR participation. A Healthy Congregation:**

**Builds Strong Disciples**

**Nurtures Current Members**

For Example:

Clarity of **purpose** (concise, dynamic, public)

Regular and enthusiastic worship

Strong Christian Education program

Members **growing**—spiritually & numerically

Pastoral care (by Pastor and Elders) is evident

Fellowship and play are evident

Stewardship is a thankful response, not a duty

-budget is supported mainly by living donors

Clear lines of congregational communication

**Shared and effective models of leadership**

High priority on leadership development

**Decision-making** is public and accountable

**Healthy means of conflict management**

-freedom of respectful dissent

-stay connected, despite differences

-mutual accountability

-respect for Presbyterian policy

**Sends Out Faithful Apostles**  
**Encourages Participation in Mission**

For Example:

- Can identify a mission beyond survival
- Understands Christ's sacrificial call to service
  - Participates in the community
    - in service of those in need
    - in leadership
- Open to new members and their ideas
- Exhibits hospitality towards those who are not already part of our fellowship

**Fosters Faithful Connections**  
**Ecclesiastical Connectional Functions**

For example

Fulfills **basic Presbyterian duties:**

- Session meets regularly
- There is a rotation of church officers
- Makes a general mission pledge
- Completes annual GA Statistical Report
- Has Session minutes reviewed annually
- Congregation reviews terms of call annually
- Submits terms of call to presbytery annually
- Participates in **congregational church:**
  - commissioners to presbytery meetings
  - members serve on presbytery committees
  - encourages pastors to participate

Understands & Supports the mission of **General Assembly & Synod**

Seeks our **ministry networks:**

- joint ministries with other Presbyterians
- ecumenical ministries with other churches
- participate in ministerial associations



# GOD'S PROMISE I AM WITH YOU

By Amy Poling Sutherlun

With Suggestions for Leaders by Brenda Bertrand

## ***CIRCLES FOR THE LADIES***

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**Circle 1:** Chair is Joy Hinton  
Lesson Planner is Frankie Stewart  
Meets 1st Monday at 10:30 a.m.

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**Circle 2:** Chair is Dot Carpenter  
Lesson Planner — Rotates  
Meets 1st Monday at 4:00 p.m.

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**Circle 3:** The Lunch Bunch  
Chair is Peggy Peacock  
Lesson Planner — Rotates  
3rd Monday at 11:30 a.m.  
May 20 is in Fellowship Hall

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**Circle 4:** Good News Women  
Chair is Linda Wamsley  
Lesson Planner — Rotates  
Meets 2nd Monday at 5 p.m.

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## ***Curriculum for This Season***

Circles 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be using the Horizons Bible Study this year:

**“God’s Promise: I Am With You.”**

**May Lesson:** “God With Us”

Jesus extends the promise of presence to His followers, whom He sends into the world..

**Scriptures:**

**Matthew 18:15-20; 28:16-20**

**Psalms 71:17-19**

Each women’s group has its own flavor and mission. Find the group that fits you.

It is not too late to join in.

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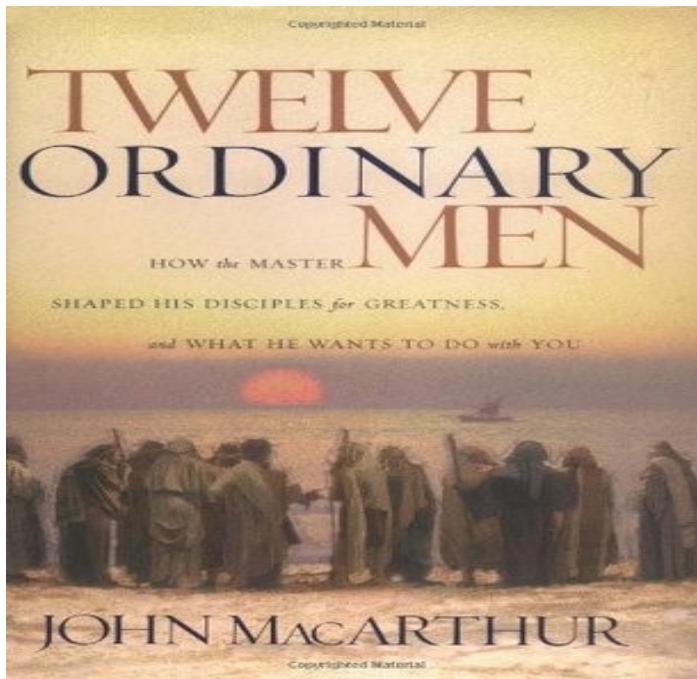
**Circle 5:** The Wildflowers  
Chair is Merian Milton  
Lesson Planner — Rotates  
Meets 1st Wednesday at 6:30.  
May 1st at Milk and Honey.

**Current Study:**

**“The Women of Easter”**

**By Liz Curtis Higgs**

**Encounter the Savior with Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth and Mary Magdalene.**



The Men's Group in our Church  
is known as

### **“GOD’S WARRIORS”**

IN MAY our Church’s Men’s Fellowship group will meet at the church on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00 pm.

The Bible Study will be the disciple Matthew—”As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And he said to him, “Follow me,” So he arose and followed Him.”—Matthew 9:9

Roy Turner has been our treasurer and reminds us that a contribution of \$5 each meeting is encouraged so that we can accomplish our goals of supporting all church functions (fish-fry, rally day, trunk or treat, Christmas gifts for Jackson County orphans).

All men are welcome ! Bring a friend !!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jeff Allen and Andy Tinsley  
on their recent retirement!!!



Dogwood acres is an exciting, nurturing gift from God that offers a safe, beautiful, faith-filled setting in which campers can swim, fish, laugh, worship, sing, learn archery and crafts, help each other on the Challenge course, and create lifelong memories while doing it all!

Check out their website for dates, pricing and choice of camp-age group.

**[dogwoodacres.org/summer-camp](http://dogwoodacres.org/summer-camp)**

**There is scholarship money available** on line and through our Church. We want to encourage our young people to go.

Registration is to be done individually on line, but contact the Church office if you are looking scholarship money.



## **WILD WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY**

### **AFTER SCHOOL**

This has always been a great part of the life and ministry of our church. We will continue to work hard to have something for everyone. This year we will again offer music with Flora Davis. Recreation, bible lessons, snacks, crafts and gift making are with Aggie Schack and Linda Wamsley and Jan Howell.

### **BELL CHOIR**

Karen Smith and her Bell Choir participants are willing to keep at it! They will be practicing on Wednesday evenings at 5:45 pm. We look forward to more amazing performances such as they one they provided for us in December, 2018. Please pray about joining this group. There is room for more!

### **JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH**

This newly organized group is led by Jennifer Stafford and they call themselves the SQUAD. They meet at 5:30 on Wild Wonderful Wednesday.

### **ADULT CHOIR**

**The adult choir practices on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am, but they also practice on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm. We appreciate their dedication to providing us with great music that adds to our worship.**

### **MONTREAT**

Senior High Youth will be attending Montreat Youth Conference, leaving Saturday, June 8th and returning Saturday, June 15th. The theme is "Let Love Lead." The conference includes: keynote, small groups, worship and recreation.

[www.montreat.org/events/myc](http://www.montreat.org/events/myc)

## **OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS...**

### **POST HURRICANE UPDATES**

#### **First Presbyterian Church:**

There is HOPE that our church will be restored by the First of June! This includes many improvements to the education building. We have been blessed by the generosity of individuals, churches and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

#### **Helpful Information:**

##### **Long Term Recovery:**

[www.northfloridarecovery.org](http://www.northfloridarecovery.org)

Good news! Jackson County has strong leadership in a long-term hurricane recovery group. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will make it possible to hire a CEO for this group.

#### **Help is Coming to Town:**

A youth group of 40 (First Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, LA) will be in Marianna May 27th-30th and is looking for work projects. They have many skills, even construction. If you are interested in receiving some assistance from them, please email the office [fpcmarianna@gmail.com](mailto:fpcmarianna@gmail.com)



## 2019 Committees

### Administration

Chair: **Beth Westmoreland**

Co-Chair: **Jan Howell**

Members: Betty Hatcher, Chuck Morgan,  
**Larry Spivey, Betty Pettis, Roy Turner**

### Christian Education

Chair: **Lu Anne Law**

Members: **Barry Stafford, Beth Westmoreland**  
Mary Ann Gibbs, Jim Gibbs, Ashley  
Rackley

### Evangelism and Fellowship

Chair: **Lauren Lyons**

Co-Chair: **Muriel Turner**

Members: Jennifer Stafford, Amanda Hinson,  
Glennis Wright, Jim Gibbs, Peggy  
Peacock, Geriann Milton, Amy Milton

### Property and Operation

Chair: **Scott Yant**

Members: **Sam Andreu**, Mary Lu Andreu, Chuck  
Morgan, Betty Pettis

### Worship and Music

Chair: **John W. Milton**

Members: Stanley Littleton, Kenneth Kelley,  
Joy Hinton, Linda Wamsley, Macky  
Gortemoller, Tom Stadsklev

### Mission and Service

Chair: Kathy Milton

Members: **Tina Bigale, Travis Lawson**, Mary  
Ann Gibbs, Marianne Lonsinger, Marsha  
Rodgers, Sharon Bannerman

(Bold = Elders)

*Thank  
You*

## XYLPHA SCHWEIM

*Thank you for stepping in and playing the  
organ for our Easter Service  
and then again on April 29th.  
We greatly appreciate your talent  
and your willingness to share it with us.*

## CHRISTINE YOSHIKAWA

*We are very fortunate  
that Christine is able to fill in the gap  
playing the organ for us  
during Stanley's illness.  
Please thank Christine and also  
continue to pray for Stanley.*

## LENTEN LUNCHEONS

*They were a success and we thank all of  
those who participated; as well as  
everyone who helped with the cooking, set-  
up and cleanup.  
Average attendance was 60.*

## CARNIVAL & FISH FRY

*The weather was great  
and we had an amazing turnout.  
Everyone enjoyed the activities  
and the amazing food.  
It was wonderful to see everyone  
pitching in to help.  
\$497 was donated to the  
Jr. High Youth Group.  
**Special thanks to the  
Wildflowers and  
God's Warriors.***

# You did it! *Congratulations*

**TATUM MILTON** is graduating from Marianna High School. Tatum will be attending Mississippi State University.

**BENJAMIN ALVAREZ** is also graduating from Marianna High School.

We are proud of our  
Graduates!

If you know of other  
Graduates,  
please let the Church Office  
know.

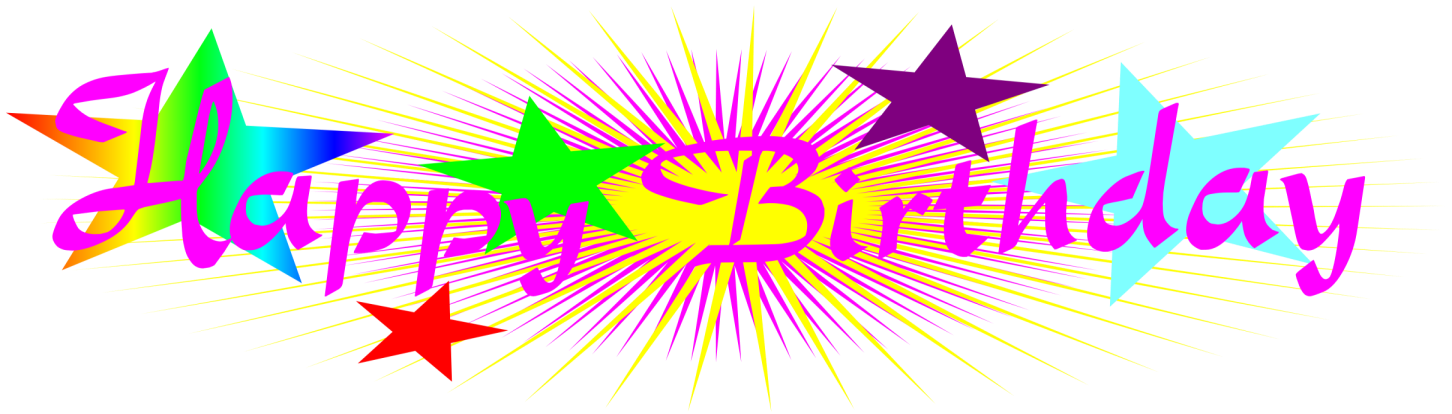
**NATALEE MILTON** is receiving a B.A. from Florida State University. Natalee accomplished this in three years and has plans to pursue a graduate degree in Occupational Therapy.

**ADRIAN ALVAREZ** is graduating with a B.A. from University of West Florida in Pensacola.

His mother (**SYNTHA**) is also graduating from the University of West Florida the same day with a Masters in ESE and Applied Behavior Analysis.

Congratulations  
on these major achievements!





**May 3rd**

Jack Peacock

**May 4th**

Trey Stevens

**May 5th**

Andrew Law  
Katie Moore

**May 6th**

Ernest McNeill

**May 7th**

Matt Milton  
Marsha Rodgers

**May 9th**

Erin Christopher  
Nancy McMullin

**May 11th**

Glennis Wright

**May 13th**

Brenda Heffner

**May 21st**

Eva Marie Stafford

**May 22nd**

Ron Goold  
Deck Milton, Jr.

**May 25th**

Cori Christopher  
Albert Milton

**May 29th**

John Lawson

*These are the birthdays that we  
are currently aware of.*

*If your May  
birthday is not listed, please  
contact  
the Church Office so we can  
update our list.*