



YOUR MONTHLY NEWS FROM
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February, 2020

The year 2020 has started off with a Spiritual Growth Campaign called “Transformed.” We have been working on the Bible Study on Wednesday nights at 6pm and then I have delivered a message regarding that week’s topic the following Sunday. I do hope you have been enjoying both the Bible Study and the messages. This will continue through the month of February. (Bible Study the first 3 Wednesdays and Messages all 4 Sundays.)

It is based on the Bible verse Romans 12:2: “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” We will have a series of 7 sermons and 7 Bible Studies on the following areas for “Transformed: How God Changes Us:” spiritual health, physical health, mental health, emotional health, relational health, financial health and your vocational health.

A phenomenal workbook will be made available for those who wish to use one to enhance their experience of “Transformed.” It is great for small group study and daily devotionals. It includes memory verses, discovery questions, “putting it into practice,” help for your prayer life and “diving deeper.”

Transformation is about more than just putting information in your head. It is about living out what God is working in you. The Bible says “Be doers of the Word and not hearers only.” (James 1:22)

Conforming means “to make or become the same” or “to behave in a conventional way by accepting without question the customs, traditions and prevailing opinions of others.” In other words, to conform is to fit into somebody else’s mold; it is to do things the way everybody else does. On the other hand, to transform means to “change the condition, function, nature, character or personality” of something.

CONFORMING has to do with Behavior.

TRANSFORMING has to do with Character.

CONFORMING is from the Outside In.

TRANSFORMING is from the Inside Out.

CONFORMING is something we do to ourselves.

TRANSFORMING is something God does to us.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY AND DINNER

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

The Bible Study for this series will be Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm. We will start with a covered dish dinner and study till about 7:30. There are other ways one can get more out of this study if the Wednesday night group is not for you.

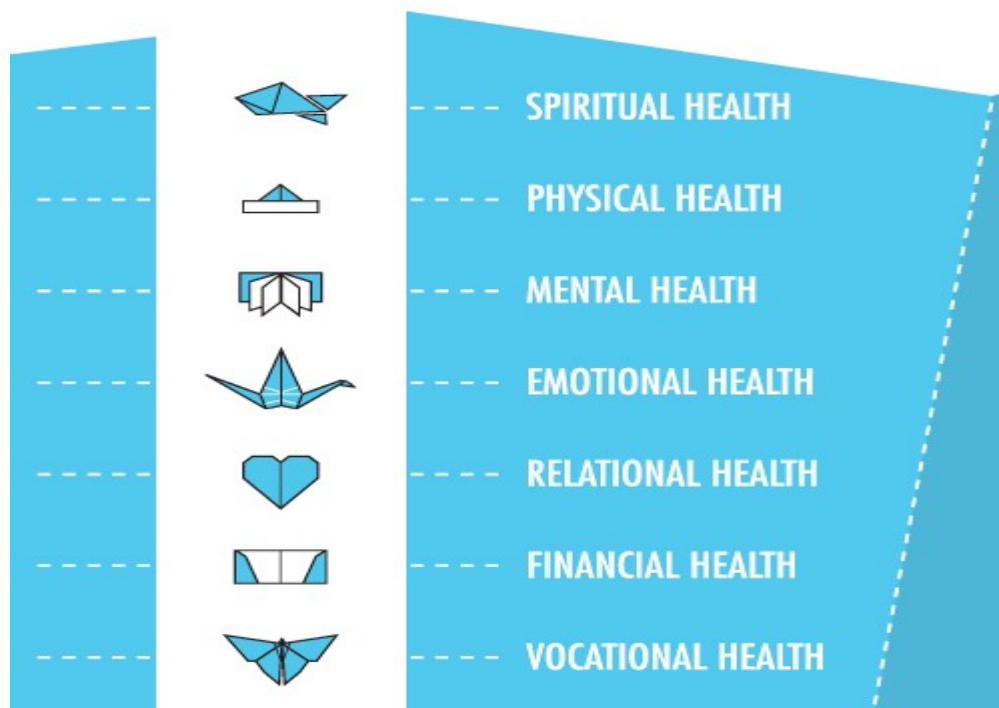


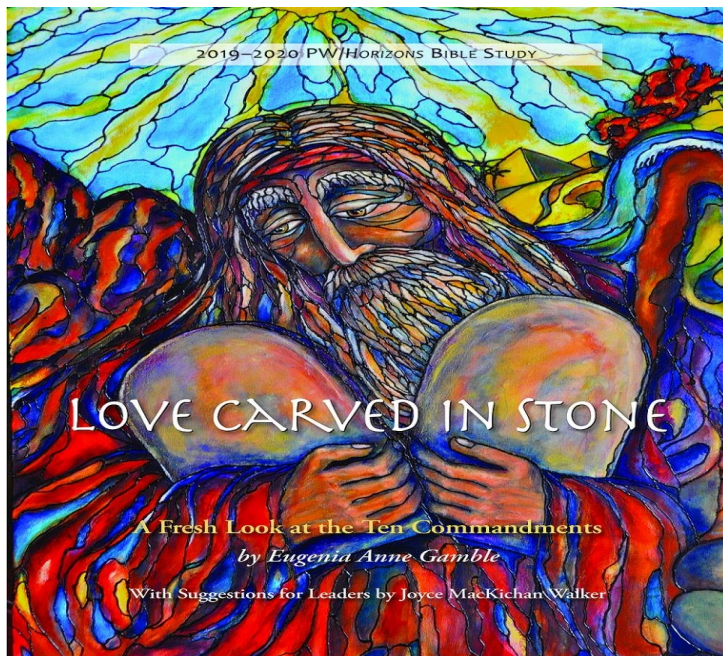
TRANSFORMED

How God Changes Us

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind . . .

ROMANS 12:2





CIRCLES
FOR THE LADIES
(September thru May)

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

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

Circle 3: The Lunch Bunch
Chair is Peggy Peacock
Lesson Planner — Rotates
3rd Monday at 11:30 a.m.
February will meet at Kitty Myers' home

Circle 4: Good News Women
Will be Joining Circle 2 for Bible Study
Will continue to gather together for
Fellowship (dates to be determined)

**A Fresh Look at the Ten Com-
mandments — A Love Letter
From A Loving God**

Lesson Six — Words of Love: “You shall
not commit adultery.”

(Exodus 20:14)

The purpose of this lesson is to under-
stand God’s desire for deep and faithful
relationships in the human family and
how behavior that has no boundaries
can devastate people and communities.

Scripture: Exodus 20:14;

Genesis 2:18-25

John 8:1-11

The Wildflowers

Lesson Planner — Rotates

Meets Year Round on the
1st Wednesday at 6:30 in homes.

This group of ladies will
choose their study materials
at their first meeting each Fall.

*Each women’s group has its own
flavor and mission.*

Find the group that fits you.

It is never too late to join in.

women
GROW 



The Men's Group in our Church is known as
"GOD'S WARRIORS"

This month the Church's Men's Group will be meeting on **TUESDAY**, February 11th at 6 pm. We will meet at the home of Steve Quigley and we will enjoy his famous chili.

We will begin a Bible Study on the movie, *"Overcomer."*

Movie Synopsis: Life changes overnight for Coach John Harrison when his high school basketball team's state championship dreams are crushed under the weight of unexpected news. When the largest manufacturing plant in town suddenly shuts down and hundreds of families begin moving away, John must come to grips with the challenges facing his town and his team. Urged by the school's principal to fill in and coach a sport he doesn't know or like, John is frustrated and questions his worth until he crosses paths with a student struggling with her own journey. This movie is filled with faith, humor and heart. OVERCOMER dares to leave you filled with hope, inspired to dream and asks the question: "What would you allow to define you?"

GOD'S WARRIORS

First Presbyterian Church

Marianna, FL

Mission Statement:

"We are committed to being role models to one another and to grow in faith and service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ"

*"As Iron Sharpens Iron,
 One Man Sharpens Another"*

Proverbs 27:17

Invite other men to join in our fellowship, study and service. Let us be strong in the Lord together

We always have a time of conversational prayer. We learn from one another and are encouraged in our own personal lives.

Lou Roberts and Barry Stafford are our co-leaders for this Spring. Roy Turner reminds us a donation of \$5.00 will help with expenses and our missions during the year.

THIS MONTH'S LESSON

"WHO ARE YOU?"

You will think about and discuss **who you are**. How do you define yourself?

You will take a look at Moses in the book of Exodus 2:10-22 and Exodus 3:1-6, 9-14.

You will also look at Gideon in the book of Judges 6:6-16 to discover differences between Gideon and Moses.

OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

MONTREAT

The children and their leaders are very thankful for the support you have given them at the luncheons and bake sales. On January 26th another \$883.00 was provided by you for their experience this year at Montreat.



February 2, 2020

Jennifer Stafford and the SQUAD (Middle School Youth Group) and LuAnne Law, Danielle Payne and the Senior High Group have been promoting this special offering which culminates on Super Bowl Sunday .

Please support them by bringing non perishables, canned goods and cash to church by the 2nd of February.

These items are all for the support of our Food Pantry.

MARK YOUR CAENDAR

Easter — April 12th:

The children will sing at the worship service.

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt. (Senior High Students and SQUAD will hide the eggs.)

Vacation Bible School — June 22-25

The theme is “Rocky Railway.”

The Coordinator is Ashley Rackley.





YOUR ELDERS

Class of 2020

Tina Bigale
Leslie Kelley
John W. Milton
Scott Yant

Class of 2021

Janet Howell
Travis Lawson
Larry Spivey
Barry Stafford

Class of 2022

Amanda Hinson
LuAnne Law
Bryan Milton
Matt Milton

YOUR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Administration — 3rd Thursday at 5:30 pm

Christian Education — 3rd Sunday at 9 am

Congregational Care — 4th Wednesday at
Noon

Evangelism & Fellowship — 3rd Tuesday at
6 pm

Property & Operations — as needed

Worship & Music — 4th Sunday at 12:15

Mission & Service — 2nd Sunday at 8:45 am

YOUR COMMITTEES

Administration

Chair: John W. Milton
Members: Chuck Morgan, Beth Westmoreland,
Larry Spivey

Christian Education

Chair: LuAnne Law
Members: Jim Gibbs, Mary Ann Gibbs, Ashley
Rackley

Congregational Care

Chair: Jan Howell
Members: Alma Milton, Andrew Tinsley, Gina
Tinsley, Muriel Turner

Evangelism and Fellowship

Chair: Amanda Hinson
Members: Lauren Lyons, Geriann Milton,
Peggy Peacock, Jennifer Stafford

Property and Operations

Chair: Scott Yant
Members: Mary Lu Andreu, Mel McClure Clark,
John W. Milton, Matt Milton, Chuck
Morgan, Xylpha Schwehm, Barry
Stafford

Worship and Music

Chair: Bryan Milton
Members: Macky Gortemoller, Joy Hinton,
Kenneth Kelley, Anna Beth Milton,
Tom Stadskev, Linda Wamsley,
Beth Westmoreland

Mission and Service

Chair: Kathy Milton
Members: Sharon Bannerman, Tina Bigale,
Mary Ann Gibbs, Marsha Rodgers
Litteral, Marianne Lonsinger, Travis
Lawson



ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Church's Endowment Funds are overseen and wisely invested by a committee of people dedicated to taking proper care of the donations made to the Endowment Funds.

The members of this Committee are:

Chuck Morgan
Guy Green
John Milton V
Amy Milton
Beth Westmoreland

The Endowment Committee meets on a quarterly basis.



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The ladies on this committee put in many hours of hard work for our congregation and visitors providing various types of service — coffee on Sunday morning; luncheons; wedding receptions; funeral receptions, etc.

The members of this Committee are:

Jane Powell
Jackie Spivey
Aggie Schack
Muriel Turner

Congratulations!

DORIS IRWIN
celebrated her
birthday of
101 years
January 26, 2020

Ray Litteral
and
Marsha Rodgers
were married
right after Christmas

FOOD PANTRY



**Feeding the
Community**

FPC FOOD PANTRY

Open Wednesdays 9-11 am

EXCEPT for the years that Christmas and
New Year's Day fall on Wednesday.

(Which was the case in 2019)

*Melissa has set up a schedule for teams
to serve for 2020. However, there is al-
ways room for more volunteers to assist
us.*

*If you would consider being on a team,
an occasional substitute, or if you could
occasionally work on Tuesday after 3pm
to bag the food to be distributed on
Wednesdays, please contact Melissa (693-
1161).*

*FOOD TRUCK DELIVERY is on the 3rd
Thursday of every month at 11:00 am
and we are in need of volunteers to help
unload and put away. Please let Pastor
John or Melissa (693-1161) know if you
will be able to help with this project.*

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 26th

We will have a service at **5 pm** in the
Sanctuary. This is the first day of Lent
and will be a good way to begin your
preparation for the Resurrection of
Christ on Easter.

GAME NIGHT AT CHURCH

February 26th at 6 pm

You won't want to miss this successful
and fun-filled event provided by your
Evangelism and Fellowship Commit-
tee.

There will be games and activities for
all ages.

The committee will be providing pizza
and salad for your dinner.





February 5th

Julien Cumming
Lou Wilkinson

February 6th

Sam Andreu

February 8th

Branham Skipper

February 14th

Leonard Strength

February 16th

Emmy Granger (101)

February 24th

Olivie McDaniel

February 25th

Chuck Morgan

February 26th

Laura Lonsinger
Ashley Rackley

This is a list of the birthdays we are currently aware of.

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

HOW TO JOIN THE CHURCH

1. Let the Pastor know you want to join.
2. Meet with the Elders who will receive you via transfer of membership, reaffirmation of faith or profession of faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.
3. Participate in Ceremony at a Worship Service where you will be introduced and reaffirm your faith (4 brief questions). A family unit of your choice will pray over you.

Joining a Church is a sign of commitment to the Lord Jesus and His Church.

The Elders (Session) meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm but can also meet at 10:45 am any Sunday morning or after worship to receive

LENTEN LUNCHEONS

The list below outlines which group is in charge of providing lunch.

March

- 3 — Circle 2
- 10 — Circle 1
- 17 — Lunch Bunch
- 24 — Need Volunteers (Spring Break)
- 31 — Men's Group

April

- 7 — Wildflowers

BOBRA'S MEMORIAL

The Memorial for Bobra Pitman Palmer was held at the Church on Saturday, January 18th and went very well.

We want to thank Kenneth Kelley, Christina Yoshikawa, the Choir and the Hospitality Committee for great ministry on that day.