



**YOUR MONTHLY NEWS FROM**  
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**HOW THE CROSS PROVES YOUR VALUE**

***“Come to the Lord, the living stone rejected by people as worthless but chosen by God as valuable.”***  
**(1 Peter: 2:4)**

God says that not only are you accepted; you are also valuable!

How much do you think you are worth? I'm not talking about your net worth; I'm talking about your self-worth. Don't ever confuse your valuables with your value as a person. You can be rich or poor, but it has nothing to do with your value as a person.

Two things determine value in life:

1. Value is what someone is willing to pay for something.
2. Value depends on who has owned something in the past.

Based on these two things, what's your value? Ask yourself, "Who owns me?" and "What was paid for me?" The Bible says, "You have been bought and paid for by Jesus Christ, so you belong to Him." (1 Corinthians 7:23a)

You belong to God and Jesus paid for you with His life, **the Cross proves your value.** Nobody ever paid a greater ransom than God paid for you! You are acceptable and you are valuable.

Peter uses the imagery of a building project to illustrate our value. God is building this building that represents the Church, the family of God, and you are one of the stories. "Come to the Lord, the living stone rejected by people as worthless." (1 Peter 2:41) Jesus is the living stone. He was perfect, but some people still rejected Him. Some of you may think, "If I could just be perfect, then I would be accepted." NO! Jesus was perfect, but He wasn't even accepted by everyone. But He was "chosen by God as valuable."

God is building His Church, but it's not found in temples or church buildings. God lives in people, and you are His spiritual house. Peter says that you are a living stone. When you give your life to Christ, you become a building block in God's great plan.

Remember: YOU need the Church and the Church needs YOU.

How does understanding a Christian's value in God's eyes change the way you treat yourself and other believers?

What is the evidence in your life that you have grasped the freedom that comes from being ransomed by Jesus Christ?

Once you stop trying to earn God or anyone else's approval, how can you instead spend that energy by sharing this message of God's approval with others?

# GOD'S WARRIORS

Monday, March 15

6:00 pm

Beef O'Brady's

Food,

Fellowship

and

BIBLE STUDY

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## GOD'S WARRIORS

### Men's Group of

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*

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

IT IS TIME TO GO BACK TO CHURCH!

### Beginning Wednesday, March 3rd

3:15 pm Bell Choir with Karen Smith

3:15 pm WWW with Aggie Schack & Helpers

5:30 pm Sr. High with LuAnne Law

### Beginning Sunday, March 7th

9:45 am Sunday School

### Beginning Wednesday, March 10th

5:30 pm SQUAD with Jennifer Stafford

### June 21-24 — "Normal" Vacation Bible School

Theme will be "Rocky Railroad"

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WWW — Aggie Schack needs helpers for Playground and Crafts

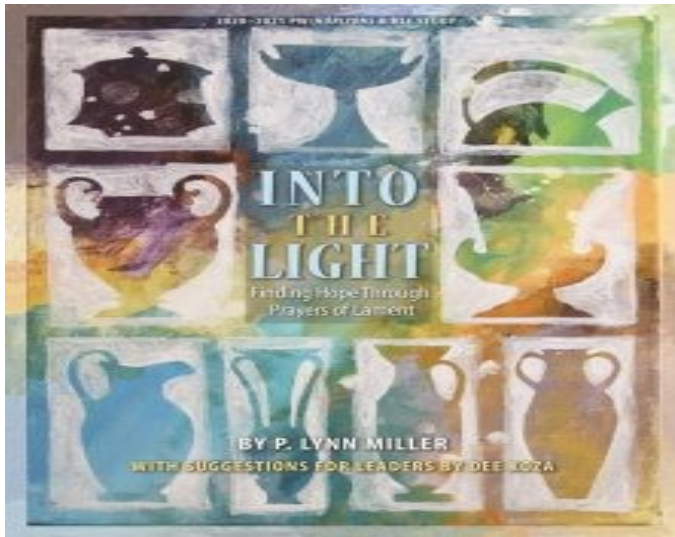
Christian Education needs helpers for

2/3/4-year-olds, one person to rotate with Larian Bedini every other week.

K, 1, 2 Mary Lu Andreu and Lindsey Dickson will rotate  
3-5 Amanda Hinson needs one more volunteer

6-12 LuAnne Law & Barry Stafford will rotate

*We have missed everyone and look forward to getting back into a "normal" routine. See you at church!*



**CIRCLES**

**FOR THE LADIES**

***(September thru May)***

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**Circle 1:** Chair is Joy Hinton  
 Lesson Planner is Frankie Stewart  
 Meets 1st Monday at 10:30 a.m.  
**NO MEETING MARCH 2021**

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**Circle 2:** Chair is Dot Carpenter  
 Lesson Planner — Rotates  
 Meets 1st Monday at 4:00 p.m.  
**NO MEETING MARCH 2021**

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**Circle 3:** The Lunch Bunch  
 Chair is Peggy Peacock  
 Lesson Planner — Rotates  
 3rd Monday at 11:30 a.m.  
**WILL START MEETING IN APRIL**

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

**The Wildflowers**

Lesson Planner — Rotates

Meets Year Round on the

1st Wednesday at 6:30 in homes.

**February 3rd at Lauren Milton's Home**

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**INTO THE LIGHT**

**(Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament)**

*The Heart of Lament*

Main Idea: The perceived absence of God is at the heart of lament.

Scripture: Psalm 22:1-19; Matthew 27:45-56

“When we lament, we may feel as if there is a God-shaped hole in us, that we are alone in a hostile world. In times like these.....we are reminded that God has claimed us and is always with us.”

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

*Find the group that fits you.*

*It is never too late to join in.*

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**DURING THE COVID-19 OUR CIRCLE  
 ATTENDANCE IS ON A  
 MONTH-BY-MONTH BASIS**



# OUR MISSIONARIES




# ADULT BIBLE STUDY

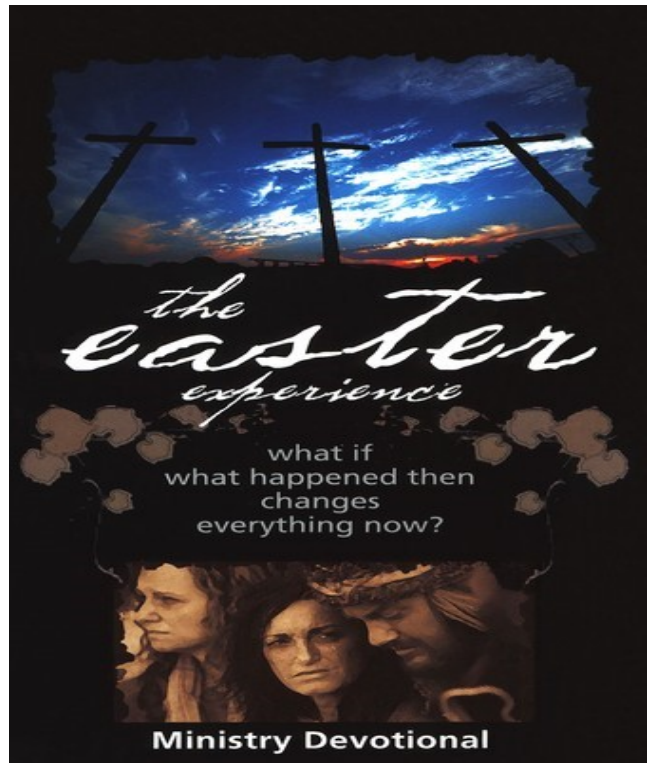
WEDNESDAYS  
6:30 p.m.

We have been very successful doing our Bible Study on Zoom and will continue to do so in the coming weeks.

During the month of March we will be focusing on “The Easter Experience”. You will be instructed as to how to view the videos on You Tube. This program brings the resurrection of Jesus to life through dramatic storytelling and challenging teaching done in a highly cinematic style.

Paint yourself into the story and transform Easter into a life-changing Experience. *“What if what happened then changes everything now?”*

<p><b>Jim and Jodi McGill</b> <i>Service Christ together in Niger and South Sudan</i></p> <p>Jim works with both the Evangelical Church of the Republic of Niger (EERN) and the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS) in their clean water and sanitation programs. He works to ensure sustainability at the community and family levels and to make sure that the church is a strong presence in rural development. Jodi will be working in an EERN clinic in Niamey, Niger, assisting in the primary health care programs of the EERN, and will be teaching nursing students when the church's nursing school in Niamey opens.</p>		<p> Personal Information</p> <p><b>Birthdays</b> Jodi – Dec 19/Jim – Oct 26 Jason &amp; Michael – July 15 Selome – Sept 28 Selina – Oct 21 Joseph &amp; John – Aug 14</p> <p><b>Anniversary</b> May 23</p> <p><b>Accounts</b> E200385-individuals 050 6710-congregations</p>
<p><i>“Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.” Psalm 62:8</i></p>		
<p>Give: <a href="http://pcusa.org/give/E200385">pcusa.org/give/E200385</a> Give by check: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700</p>	<p>Learn more about supporting Presbyterian mission workers, Call 800-728-7228, x5611. Learn more about Presbyterian World Mission at <a href="http://pcusa.org/worldmission">pcusa.org/worldmission</a></p>	



REMEMBER  
TO PRAY  
FOR OUR MISSIONARIES



***Family and friends of Carol Maxson on the death of  
her husband, Dennis***

***Family and friends of Jim and Mary Ann Gibbs on  
the death of her brother, Jim Gibson***

***Family and friends of Pastor Huw Christopher on  
the death of his wife, Rachel Christopher***

Family and friends of Scott and Cindy Yant on the death  
of Cindy's Aunt, Debbie Johnson

Jane Powell

Joy Lewis

Cindy Yant

Glenna Barber (requested by Cindy Yant)

Sherry Barber (Amanda Hinson's mother)

Roy Turner

Hedy Williams (Hanni Daffin's sister)

Ruth Hammett (Scott Yant's mother)

Fran McNeill and Ernie McNeill

Charlotte Hunter

Dr. Megan Johnson (Wamsley's niece)

Charlton Keen Jr. and niece, Kathryn Keen

Doug Woolery (requested by Cindy Morgan)

Zooey Chancey (requested by Ginger Green)

Jeff Yon and Grade Taylor (requested by Scott Yant)

Billy Herrington (requested by Jared Roberts)

Joy Gilbert

Sumi Hanstine (requested by Ashley Rackley)

Ronnie Heath (requested by Larry & Jackie Spivey)

Michael Schouest and Family ((requested by Kathy Roberts)

Mary Bevis Schmidt (requested by Mel McLure Clark)

Howard Alig (Cindy Morgan's brother)

Steven Quigley

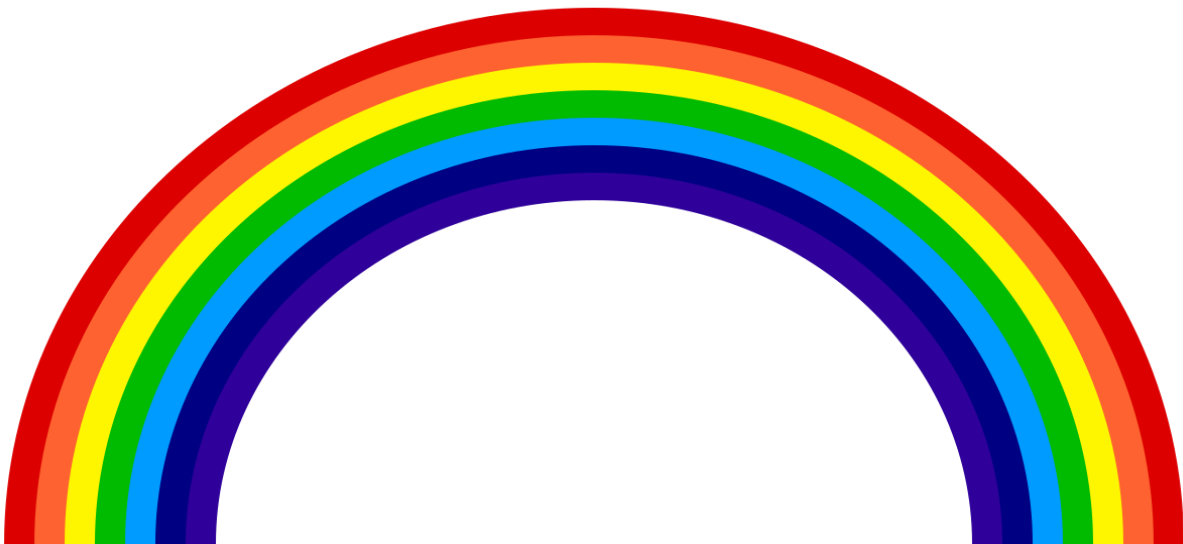
# FOOD PANTRY

**Melissa, along with her son, Zachary Taylor; Bill Stevens, Amy Norville, Muriel Turner and Linda Wamsley have been keeping our Food Pantry going during the COVID-19 “shutdown” with a drive by system so that people would feel “safe” to come and pick up the food they so desperately need. What a great way to continue ministering to the needs of others. WE ALSO THANK THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTING WITH UNLOADING THE TRUCK FROM SECOND HARVEST.**

*“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink....”*

**Matthew 25:35**

**Neither  
Rain, or Wind, or COVID-19  
can keep  
our great workers  
from handing out food  
at our weekly Food Pantry!**



## RAINBOW PRAYERS

**RED** — Praise God for Who He is!

**ORANGE** — Confess a Sin to God.

**YELLOW** — Thank God for something He has provided for you.

**GREEN** — Pray for someone else.

**BLUE** — Pray for your Church.

**PURPLE** — Pray for yourself.



**YOUR ELDERS**

Class of 2021

Janet Howell  
Travis Lawson  
Larry Spivey  
Barry Stafford

Class of 2022

Amanda Hinson  
LuAnne Law  
Bryan Milton  
Matt Milton

Class of 2023

Mel McClure Clark  
Donna Moore  
Aggie Schack  
Bill Stevens

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**1835 Endowment Committee**

Chair: Chuck Morgan  
Members: John Milton V, Jack Peacock,  
LuAnne Law, Guy Green and  
Amy Milton

*The Endowment Committee meets quarterly.*

**Your Endowment Committee Members would like to remind you that donations made to the 1835 Endowment Fund in Honor of or in Memory of someone are very much appreciated. Just make your check out to the church and designate who it is you are remembering.**

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**YOUR COMMITTEES**

Administration

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

Christian Education

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

Congregational Care

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

Evangelism and Fellowship

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

Property and Operations

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

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, Mary Ann Gibbs, Marsha Rodgers Litteral, Travis Lawson, Bill Stevens



## PRAY FOR OTHERS

**March 1st**

Alex Christopher

**March 3rd**

Bill Stevens

**March 7th**

Bryan Milton

**March 8th**

Anne Sims

**March 9th**

Daniel Oswald  
Terry Owens

**March 12th**

Chris Milton  
Jared Roberts

**March 17th**

Muriel Turner

**March 18th**

Cindy Morgan

**March 20th**

Janie Frances Pulliam

**March 22nd**

Susie Stevens

**March 24th**

Willie Mae Goold

**March 25th**

Dot Carpenter

**March 28th**

Mary Skipper  
Jackie Spivey  
Tom Stadskev

**March 29th**

Jennifer Stafford  
Allen Ward

**March 31st**

Emily Fuqua

***If your March birthday is not listed,  
please contact the church office so we  
may update our records.***

Continue to pray for the Texans and people in other parts of the country who have experienced severe weather. This was totally new to Texas and brought much grief and anxiety.

Pray for those who are or have been ill with the virus — may God heal them — bring them back to good health.

Pray for one another as we get back into full swing in our Church building.



***SUNDAY  
March 7, 2021  
11:00 a.m.***

Pastor John will guide you through communion on the Radio Broadcast and FB Live; both of which are at 11 am. The radio broadcast is no longer pre-recorded. It is the "live" Sanctuary Worship.

Please have your bread and fruit of the vine close by if you are listening via the Radio Broadcast or watching FB Live.