



**YOUR MONTHLY NEWS FROM**  
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**CHANGE FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE**

*CHANGE – probably one of the most feared aspects of life and yet, it is inevitable! Change happens to everyone and often when most unexpected. Change takes us out of our comfort zone and does its best to encourage us to grow spiritually in our walk with our Lord.*

*Here at First Presbyterian Church in Marianna, Florida I have watched the congregation plow through the debris and emotions in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. Michael brought about many changes, some very challenging and attainable and some not so good from the human perspective. But there was much compassion and growth in your walk with our Lord.*

*And, this past year I have observed how you have hung together as a congregation through all the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus. Again, many changes, some that were not very pleasant and some downright painful and heartbreaking...and yet, the congregation of First Presbyterian Church in Marianna still hangs together in their walk with our Lord.*

*And now, here you are at a crossroads – another change! You need a Pastor for your church. What a surprise and what timing! However, God is not surprised and He knows exactly how to lead you to discovering the Pastor who will be exactly what First Presbyterian Church of Marianna, Florida needs. The one who will assist you in this yet another opportunity to grow spiritually in your walk with our Lord.*

*Joshua 1:9 says, “...be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” No matter what the circumstance – change – our Lord is with us!*

*Philippians 4:6-7 says, “Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” So in the midst of this new change be sure to seek God in prayer and rest in His peace waiting during the process of finding a Pastor for your church.*

**GOD IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER  
HE WILL BRING YOU THROUGH THIS UNEXPECTED CHANGE  
IN THE LIFE OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MARIANNA, FLORIDA**

Connie Lea Butts

PLEASE KEEP THE  
OFFICE MANAGER INFORMED

*During this time of transition it will be even more important that you keep me (Connie Lea Butts) informed regarding prayer requests, status of your group meetings, anything and everything that I should know so I can keep the bulletins, calendars and newsletters current and informative. I am in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The office number is 526-2430 and church email is fpcmarianna@gmail.com.*

*I also am keeping close touch with your elders who are working very hard to ensure things get done and your church runs smoothly during this time.*

**KENNETH KELLEY** will also be available should you like to talk with him. His cell phone number is 557-1198.

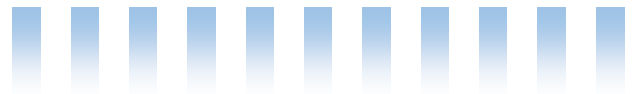


THE 1835  
ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

**Chair:** Chuck Morgan

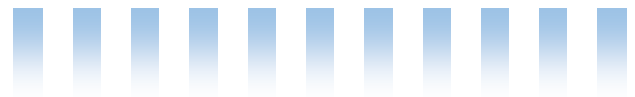
**Members:** Guy Green, LuAnne Law, Amy Milton, John Milton V., John W. Milton, Jack Peacock, Larry Spivey and Beth Westmoreland

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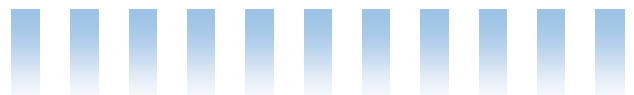
**RECAP OF 2019 GIFTS TO 1835 FUND**

Total Number of Donors	78
Total Amount Given	\$10,445



**RECAP OF 2020 GIFTS TO 1835 FUND**

Total Number of Donors	27
Total Amount Given	\$8,815



**RECAP OF 1ST QTR 2021**

Total Number of Donors	6
Total Amount Given	\$1,425

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Your 1835 Endowment Committee Members do appreciate your support of this great investment. Your check may be made out to the Church and please remember to designate who it is in Memory of or in Honor of.

# Leadership & Management



## 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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*While your elders are committed to the task before them, most of them also have full-time jobs. Should you have difficulty reaching one of them, please don't hesitate to let me know and I will do what I can to hook you up with them or just pass your message along.*

## COMMUNICATION

*That is going to be the key to success in the upcoming months!*

## 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

### Mission and Service

Chair: Kathy Milton  
Members: Sharon Bannerman, Mary Ann Gibbs, Marsha Rodgers Litteral, Travis Lawson, Bill Stevens



***Joy Lewis — had surgery and is staying at her daughter's home. % Deborah Coronaro, 20 Division Drive, Covington, LA 70433. She loves and misses Everyone and is so grateful for your cards and notes.***

***Joe Busby (at time of printing is in Bay Medical)***

***Theresa Forehand (requested by Kenneth & Leslie Kelley)***

Jane Powell

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

**Our Missionaries — Jim and Jodi McGill and children**

# GOD'S WARRIORS

Wednesday, April 14

6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

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 others to join in our fellowship, study and service. Let us be strong in the Lord together](#)

# WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Circle 1: Chair is Joy Hinton

Lesson Planner is Frankie Stewart

Meets 1st Monday at 10:30 a.m.

[NO MEETING APRIL 2021](#)

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Circle 2: Chair is Dot Carpenter

Lesson Planner — Rotates

Meets 1st Monday at 4:00 p.m.

[NO MEETING APRIL 2021](#)

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Circle 3: The Lunch Bunch

Chair is Peggy Peacock

Lesson Planner — Rotates

3rd Monday at 11:30 a.m.

[APRIL 19th Fellowship Hall](#)

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### The Wildflowers

Lesson Planner — Rotates

Meets Year Round on the

1st Wednesday at 6:30 in homes.

[APRIL 7th](#)

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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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**TOGETHER**

**WOMEN GROW!**

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### **WE ARE BACK AT CHURCH!**

#### Wild Wonderful Wednesdays

3:15 pm Bell Choir with Karen Smith

3:15 pm WWW with Aggie Schack & Helpers

5:30 pm Sr. High with LuAnne Law and SQUAD with Jennifer Stafford

#### Sundays

9:45 am Sunday School

#### June 21-24 — “Normal” Vacation Bible School

Theme will be “Rocky Railroad”

## 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.

The final chapter in “The Easter Experience” will be on Wednesday, April 7th. During the rest of the month of April we will be focusing on “The Apostle’s Creed”.

You will want to be sure to thank Andrew Tinsley for keeping up with the Adult Bible Study (and the Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School Class).

He has been and will continue to be a blessing. At some point in time you will begin to meet in person...but who knows when????



**WELCOME TO  
OUR CHURCH**

**MASKS — WE WILL STILL ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR THEM**

**HYMNS — WE WILL SING ALL VERSES**

**OFFERING — WE WILL BEGIN PASSING THE OFFERING PLATE AS BEFORE**

**CHOIR — WILL BE BACK IN PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**



## FOOD PANTRY

April 1st

Alma Milton  
Jackie Reddoch

April 3rd

Jeff Hinson

April 10th

Betty Taylor

April 11th

Don Nowell

April 12th

Evan Barber  
Mary Ann Gibbs

April 14th

Alan Barber

April 15th

Amy Nelson  
Glennis Wright

April 18th

Charlton Keen Jr.

April 20th

Brent Roberts

April 22nd

Beth Westmoreland

April 25th

Aggie Schack

April 26th

Deborah Mathewuse

April 29th

Betty Blighton  
Erin Westmoreland

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

***“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!**

We are very grateful for Melissa Krebeck and her helpers that keep the Food Pantry going each week. We also appreciate those of you who donate money on a regular basis.

Remember to pray for the people in the community who need what we can provide via the Food Pantry. For many of them their needs go way beyond food and yet they are thankful for what we are able to provide. May we remember to ask God to care for them.