

Church of the Palms

Worship

January 9, 2011

“Equipping Disciples for the Service of Christ”



Need someone to talk to? A Stephen Minister can help, 924-1323

Need to hear a prayer or have someone pray for you?

Call the Prayer Line 924-9979

3224 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, Florida 34239

Phone: (941) 924-1323 Fax: (941) 923-9594 - www.churchofthepalms.org

9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Worship broadcast live on Comcast Channel 189.

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Welcome to Worship at Church of the Palms

Whether you are a member or affiliate member of our church, a frequent attendee, or a first time visitor, we are glad you are here and invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship, growth, and service. If you would like to learn more about the church, are considering how you might be involved, or are ready to make a deeper commitment through membership, we invite you to contact Pastor Tim Reynolds, 924-1323. The next orientation is today, at 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel Reception Room. Pre-registration is not required and you are welcome to attend.

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are trained, caring Christians who know how to listen and support people in crisis. If either you or someone you know would like a Stephen Minister's help, contact Dr. Bruce Hedgepeth, 924-1323.

Sanctuary Worship Aids - For your convenience, there are large-print copies of the Order of Worship and hearing devices that may be helpful as well. Packets containing worship activities designed for children are also available at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Campus Center. An usher can assist you with these needs.

Sermon Text - Copies of previous sermon text brochures are available in the Narthex in plastic tiered holders, the Campus Center, at the Welcome Center and in the Administration Building.

Televised Worship Service

On Sunday mornings our 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary worship service is broadcast on Comcast Cable Channel 189. For those who do not have Comcast, a video copy of the sermon is uploaded to our website the following Monday before noon. There is also an archive of sermons available on the website. DVD's of the entire service are available for purchase by calling the Church office. You may also watch the live video stream of our 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary worship service on our website, www.churchofthepalms.org.

In Memoriam

We extend our Christian sympathy to the families of Louis P. Schaeffer, who died December 30, and John Bartlett, who died December 18, 2010.

The Garden @ Church of the Palms

Modern Worship – Ancient Truth – Spiritual Growth

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Around The Word

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

Songs of Praise & Thanksgiving

Greeting One Another

Proclaiming The Word

Scripture Reading - Jeremiah 17:5-8

Prayers of Supplication & Intercession

Songs for Illumination

Proclamation

Philippians 1:1-11

Pastor Tim Reynolds

Responding To The Word

Songs of Affirmation

Invitation to Discipleship

Response of the People

The morning offering and gifts may be placed in the garden pail on your table or in the watering cans near the entrance. Canned goods for the food pantry are placed in the wheelbarrow up front. For more information about programs and activities at Church of the Palms there is a “5-Minute Window” at 8:55 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. in the Campus Center, or you may visit the “Welcome Center” just outside the doors. Following the service, Pastor Tim will be available in front of the stage for anyone with comments, questions or concerns.

Next Week: - Philippians 1:12-30

Worship Leadership

Leaders: Tim Reynolds (treynolds@churchofthepalms.org)

Program Director: Steve Lenz (steverlenz@gmail.com)

Technical Director: Mike Bassett (mbass66@verizon.net)

Worship Leader: Megan Mooney (megmooney@hotmail.com)

Worship in the Sanctuary

First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(9:15 a.m.) Jim Ashburn

(11:00 a.m.) Bruce Downing

Come, Holy Spirit, to dwell in us and among us. Make us more than dimly burning wicks, that we might share enough light to make a difference in your world. Where there is injustice, help us as we work to change the minds and hearts of those who benefit from it. Show us again the new possibilities you have in mind for us. May we reflect your peace amid the frantic busy pace of the marketplace. Amen.

PRELUDE

“O Morning Star”

Philipp Nicolai

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #138** “Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

*SENTENCES OF PRAISE

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

God of glory, we confess that our lives have not glorified you. God of justice, we admit our complicity with systems of injustice. God of light, we are aware of the shadows we create that keep others from seeing you. All inclusive God, we repent of our narrow vision and our tendency to exclude. Purge us of the idols that keep us from full commitment to the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (together)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the commu-
nion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and
the life everlasting. Amen.**

WE SHARE

WORDS OF GREETING

(Please sign and pass the red covered friendship pad at the end of the pew.)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stephen Ministry

INSTALLATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY

**"Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God"
Chancel Choir**

Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
And uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
And sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Create in me a clean heart, O God!

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***HYMN #306** "Fairest Lord Jesus"

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 20: 4-6 (Pew Bible O.T. p. 66)
Isaiah 6: 1-8 (Pew Bible O.T. p. 635-636)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Playing With A Thunderstorm" Dr. Stephen D. McConnell

WE GO

***HYMN #263** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (together)

**Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon thy name.**

POSTLUDE "Lord, Speak to Me" Robert Schumann

*Congregation, please stand if able.

Worship Leaders in the Sanctuary Today

Dr. Stephen D. McConnell	Senior Pastor
Dr. Bruce Hedgepeth	Executive Pastor
Rev. Phil Bliss	Visitation Pastor
Rev. Fred Marsh	Visitation Pastor
John W. Ferreira, C.A.G.O.	Director of Music Ministries
Judy Lutes	Assistant Organist

Call to Prayer

Would you get up early to pray for your pastors?
Join us Sunday mornings, 8:00-9:00 a.m. - Chapel Study (leave when you must)
Questions? Contact Margarete Bliss, (941) 359-6688

Sunday Mornings for Children - 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School Childcare

Nursery	Room 101
Toddlers & Two Year Olds	Room 103
Three Year Olds	Room 103B

Children in PreK and Kindergarten begin their day in the Chapel for music at 9:00 a.m. After music they will be brought to their class. Parents are to pick them up at 10:15 a.m. from their class.

Pre-K	Room 105
Kindergarten	Room 114

Faith Boosters – 1st through 5th Grades

Begin your day in the Chapel for “Gathering Time.” A light breakfast will be served. Today we begin our rotation entitled “The Covenant.” The 1st Graders begin a special month as they learn about Worship and Communion. Parents of 1st and 2nd graders, please pick up your son/daughter immediately after your Church service in the Chapel.

1st Grade	Worship	Chapel
2nd Grade	Ingenuity	Room 205
3rd Grade	Zoom	Room 206
4th & 5th Grades	Excitement	Room 207

**Parents – See what your children are doing in class and find suggestions on what you can do at home to enrich your child’s learning experience. Go to www.churchofthepalms.org. Under “Families” click on “Children & Parents” go down the right hand side to “S’MORE GOD.” Click there to get to that page.

**Attention 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade students. Our “Bible Booster” program continues today. Remember to bring your Bibles with you each and every Sunday. Find out more details during “Gathering Time.”

Nursery care available - 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Room 101

Childcare for children age 2 - 7 available - 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Room 108

Children’s Choirs

God’s Kids Choir - 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel - Pre-K and Kindergarten.

Kids of the Kingdom Choir - 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel - 1st - 5th Grades.

If you have questions about the children’s choirs, please contact Judy Lutes, 921-4330 or jlutes@churchofthepalms.org.

“Sunday Morning Sabbath” for Middle and High School Youth

9:00 a.m. - Get refreshed, refocused, and renewed in the Lord. High school students meet in Room 208/210 and middle school students meet in Room 209 for worship and interaction before separating into age appropriate Bible study and discussion.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Seeds of Faith - Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Room 211

The early church faced incredible struggles, both externally and internally - and yet, the Christian faith not only survived but grew exponentially. How? We've just begun an exploration of early church history, entitled Christianity: The First Three Centuries. This study features well-known scholar, historian, and author Dr. Paul L. Maier. Today's session: "Jesus of Nazareth - What Else Do We Know?" includes information about the Messianic prophecies, the genealogies, John the Baptist, Pontius Pilate, and Joseph Caiaphas. Next week, in "Apostles and Emperors," we'll take a more in-depth look at Peter and Paul, Nero and Rome. YOU are invited - please join us for a cup of coffee, interesting discussion, and caring fellowship!

Christians Under Construction - Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Room 209

With the New Year, we begin a study of the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Barbara Hohenshil leads the presentation and discussion based on "The Mystery of the Holy Spirit," by R.C. Sproul, a leading Reformed theologian. Barbara also will draw on a work by Katherine Marshall, "The Helper." In February, Tom Webber will lead a discussion of "Church and State - from Revolutionary times to the present."

Book Group - Sunday, January 16, 3:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room

Are you ready for quality reading and enjoyable, faith-energizing discussion with inviting people? Our discussion book for January is The Red Tent by Anita Diamant. This is the historical fiction account of Dinah, based on Genesis 34 in the Bible. The story is told from Dinah's perspective, even though in the Biblical account no actual words of hers were recorded. This Old Testament woman's culture and trials, strength and wisdom, are vividly portrayed in ways that can enable people everywhere to better discover those vital aspects of life that we all share. In this new year, won't you join us? You would be most welcome! We meet each month, choose in advance the faith-based books we'd like to read, and have wonderful, enlightening discussions. Questions? You are encouraged to contact Doris Kamphuis, 360-8474, rakamphuis@aol.com or Suzanne Butsch, 378-3412, rando250@verizon.net.

Adult Spiritual Formation (continued)

Men's Study and Breakfast - Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. At the Dutch Heritage Restaurant on Bahia Vista Street; just east of Beneva Road. We begin with prayer for one another and others, followed by Bible study on the Gospel of John. Led by Dale Vollrath.

Ladies Prayer Group - Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. - Room 211

Ladies! Praying for adult children? Need encouragement? Join us for prayer. Questions? Contact Margarete Bliss, 359-6688.

C.S. Lewis Reading Group Led by Dr. McConnell
Tuesday, January 18, 6:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room
We will be discussing Chapter 6 of The Four Loves by C.S. Lewis. Newcomers are welcome.



Men's Bible Study - Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. - Chapel Reception Room

Join us in our study of the Gospel of Matthew. The Men's Bible Study has been a regular program since the formation of Church of the Palms in 1957. Led by Tom Webber and Rev. Fred Marsh.

Faith at Work - Wednesday, 4:00 p.m - Chapel Reception Room

Faith at Work has begun a new six-session investigation of the toughest objections to Christianity. This video-based series, "The Case for Faith," deals with those nagging questions and doubts that keep people from believing in Christ or fully committing themselves to him. How do we as believers grow in faith with our own lingering doubts at the same time? Join us in our study as we explore faith and reason. Moderators: Ben and Bernie Morgan.

Wednesday Dinner - January 5, 5:00 p.m. - Campus Center

Join us for food, fun and fellowship. Adults \$8.00; Youth \$4.00; Children \$3.00; Toddlers 2 and under - free. Fill out your reservation cards in the pew rack or call the Church office, 924-1323 or make your reservation online, www.churchofthepalms.org. Deadline: noon on Tuesdays.

Adult Spiritual Formation (continued)

Wednesdays @ 6:12 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Why 6:12 p.m.? Because Leviticus 6:12 says that the fire on the altar should never go out. These spiritual formation classes are designed to keep the fire in our hearts burning so that we go out into the world to serve in the name of Christ.

January/February – Dr. Steve McConnell is teaching a series on The Parables of Jesus that will continue up to the beginning of Lent. Jesus used stories to communicate the truth of God’s love, the reality of God’s Kingdom, and the demands of following him. These stories are still read, studied, and told today by those who follow Jesus because the depth and many facets they contain continue to inspire, equip, and instruct us, even over 2,000 years later. What makes these stories so special? So relevant? So timeless? Please join Dr. McConnell for this enlightening and informative look at Jesus’ parables as we continue to be inspired and instructed by them in the 21st century.

January 12 – Parables of the lost and found - Luke 15

January 19 – Parables of “the moment” - Matthew 25 and Luke 12:16-21

January 26 – A parable of grace - Matthew 20: 1-16

Companions in Christ - Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Room 209

The Companions in Christ program is a small-group study that nurtures the progress of spiritual formation. In this study you will embrace spiritual formation as a journey, be introduced to several ways of meditation and praying with scripture, learn various forms and styles of prayer, discuss your call to service, and explore spiritual guidance. Registration for this class is now closed. Please watch for announcements of future opportunities being offered through Companions in Christ, or contact Fee Mercer, 371-8091 or pmercer10@comcast.net for more information.

Friday Morning Bible Study - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - Room 211

Pastor Tim Reynolds begins a study of the 12 Minor Prophets on January 21, ending just before Easter. If you are looking for a way to grow your faith with Bible study and for fellowship with other Christians, consider joining us. Contact Barbara Zeller, 378-3306 or email barzel@comcast.com.

Start the New Year Off Right with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

What would your life look like if you had NO DEBT and were really IN CONTROL of your money? Most people struggle to make ends meet. They just have too much month left at the end of the money. If you have made mistakes and feel like your money vanishes each month, you are not alone. In fact, 70% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, regardless of income. Financial Peace University is designed to teach you and your family how to get out of debt, stay out of debt, and build wealth. What's more, you will learn how to do this according to biblical principles. You'll meet with your class each week to watch the video lesson and participate in discussion and accountability groups that will change your whole attitude about money! Dave breaks through the common financial jargon and explains how money really works in a simple, easy-to-understand style. You'll actually have fun as you learn about saving, budgeting, investing, giving, insurance, and more! FPU is, without a doubt, the best program available for personal finance. There will be two free preview classes with a question and answer session today at 12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Campus Center. You may also learn more by visiting www.daveramsey.com or speaking with Pastor Tim Reynolds (treynolds@churchofthepalms.org / 941.924.1323) These 2-hour life-changing classes begin on Tuesday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 208-210 and will run for 13 weeks. Class size is limited to the first 40 people due to space, so please register early.



Make Mission Expo 2011 your destination for this January. Meet missionaries, whose overseas missions we support, for brunch on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m., January 29 in the Campus Center. On Sunday, January 30, meet our friends from overseas as well as our mission partners that we support here in Florida under the Big Tent (More than 30 missions!). Find out about all of the ways you can participate in mission. Don't know what your spiritual gifts or calling are? Don't worry. You can find out what you are all about at the S.H.A.P.E. table. Join us to learn more and do more in Christ's mission. You can read more about Mission Expo 2011 in the January 2011 edition of the Palm Fronds.

God's Ten Point Plan for Abundant Living

Today, Dr. McConnell continues his series on the Ten Commandments. Today we look at Commandment #2 - "You shall not make of me a graven image."

Join Us For A Trip To “Echo”

One of our church’s mission projects is ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization). It is a Christian interdenominational organization located on a demonstration farm in North Ft. Myers. The Global Farm allows ECHO to provide resources through networking to missionaries and agricultural workers in over 180 countries. ECHO’s mission is to fight hunger worldwide through innovative ideas, information, agricultural training and a seed bank which provides seeds and plants suited to a country’s climate. ECHO recruits 10 interns each year from christian colleges for a one year internship program so that they are equipped to carry their practical experience to places of desperate need around the world. A trip is planned for Saturday, January 15 on our church bus. The bus will leave the church at 9:15 a.m. and return around 3:00 p.m. Come, see first-hand a local mission that is making an impact against poverty and hunger worldwide. Learn more and sign up under the tree or contact Helen Dickinson, 923-0125 for more information.

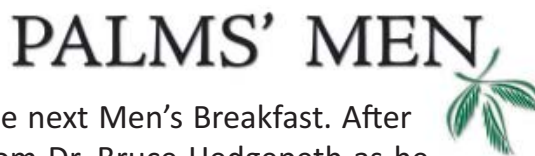
Do You Want To Get Into S.H.A.P.E.?

As we strive to become a place where Disciples are Equipped for the Service of Christ, we want to provide you with another opportunity to discover your unique S.H.A.P.E. (Spiritual Gifts, Heart-passions, Abilities, Personalities, Experiences). Learning about your special gifts is an important step in being equipped for the service of Christ. We believe that service to others not only gives your life deeper meaning, but it is also a key component to spiritual growth. Please join us in the Campus Center from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Friday, February 4 and 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 5. Light refreshments will be provided, along with a lunch on Saturday. Register for the course online by January 26 and register for childcare if needed, by January 21. www.churchofthepalms.org/shape.html Please contact Bob Baarson, 400-9391 or email Baarson@comcast.net with any questions.

Palms’ Men Kickoff 2011

Come join us on Saturday, January 22

at 8:00 a.m. in the Campus Center for the next Men’s Breakfast. After we enjoy breakfast, you’ll get to hear from Dr. Bruce Hedgepeth as he shares his journey of faith and the path to Church of the Palms. We will also share more on upcoming men’s programs in 2011 and specific opportunities. Tickets are \$6 per person or \$10 for 2 (so invite a guest/friend). If you’ve joined the church in the past 6 months, come join us ... breakfast is FREE for new church members! Look for the Palms’ Men’s table under the tree to signup and get more details. On Friday, February 25 we have a Friday Night Dinner and program. We’ll have a special guest speaker and a great dinner. More details will be coming, but please hold the date. You won’t want to miss it.



Music and the Arts Concerts in January

Andrew Lapp

Concert Pianist, Andrew Lapp will perform in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 16 at 3:00 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon filled with favorite classics, sacred and popular arrangements. A free-will love offering will be collected.

Suncoast Concert Band

Suncoast Concert Band will present "A Visit Across the Pond" at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 23 in the Sanctuary. The band will perform musical selections representing various countries in Europe including "Irish Tune From County Derry," "The British Grenadiers," selections from "Gigi," "Funiculi Funicula," and "Radetsky March." A special number on the program will be an Alphorn duet with band accompaniment, "Almglocken Polka". Nathan Richards and Nancy Leipold will be the featured soloists. Admission to the concert is only \$5.00 at the door. The public is cordially invited to attend.

For more information please contact John Ferreira, 924-1323.

Foundation for the Church of the Palms News

Did You Know the Tax Law Bill Extends Charitable Contributions from IRA's?

Would you like the opportunity to support the Foundation for the Church of the Palms, meet your IRA Required Minimum Distribution amounts and do so in a tax-efficient manner? The recently enacted federal tax bill extends a provision for those who are 70 1/2 or older to donate up to \$100,000 from their individual retirement accounts to charity. The contribution isn't tax deductible, but the withdrawal won't be included in the IRA owner's taxable income for the year. This feature has made the provision particularly popular with seniors who have paid off their mortgages and don't have enough to deductions to itemize. Because the legislation was enacted so late last year, many may have already taken their minimum distributions for 2010. However the legislation does give seniors who have postponed taking a distribution a little more time. People have until January 31, 2011, to make a contribution from their IRA to charity and have it count toward their 2010 required minimum distribution. This provision of the tax bill will also allow IRA holders who are 70 1/2 or older to donate to charity for their 2011 IRA distributions as well through December 31, 2011. Please contact Foundation Board member Mark Usher at 362-0870 for more information, or contact your tax professional.

**Philippians:
Mastering Life's Deathly Hallows
A Garden Sermon Series**

The letter to the Philippians was a real letter written to real people dealing with real life. The Apostle Paul, writing from jail, instructs the little community of believers in Philippi on how to find confidence, joy, peace, contentment and true happiness in the midst of difficulty, adversity, hardship, worry and anxiety. These are lessons that still apply today. Join us in The Garden beginning today for a 9-week series entitled, "Philippians: Mastering Life's Deathly Hallows" and discover how to respond faithfully when life is happening all around you.

Resurrection House "Replacing Homelessness with Hopefulness"

With the cold spells we have been having, the clients at RH have appreciated the many donations of blankets, stocking caps, and coats to help keep them warm. They appreciate having a place during the day where they can stay warm, take a shower, have their clothes washed, get something to eat, and see a doctor if needed. A day doesn't go by that we don't hear "God Bless you for all you do" or a "Thank you for doing my laundry." Many of them try to find work and when they do, they are elated. Church of the Palms must be commended for all that they do for the RH. Please continue to place your donated items in the Administration building, and thank you for caring about others.

Women's Exercise - Firm Believers

Osteopenia: A significant decrease in bone mineral density.

Osteoporosis: Loss of bone mass that occurs throughout the skeleton, predisposing to fractures.

Exercise strengthens your bones! Side to side and forward/backward movement increases the benefit. Exercise improves general strength and stability while it decreases stress and lowers blood pressure. So...what are you waiting for? The women's exercise class meets in the Campus Center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:30 a.m., Monday and Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. and Friday at 9:30 a.m. for stretch and strengthen. The cost is \$15 per month. Your instructor is Ethel Webb, Certified Senior Fitness Instructor, Retired RN. For more information, call Ethel at 924-2765 or just come observe or try the class.

Back to Basics Tutoring

Volunteer for at least one hour per week to tutor one of the students on the waiting list and use your God given gifts of teaching, listening, encouraging and caring. Tutors are needed to tutor students in 1st to 12th grade in subjects ranging from elementary reading, math and writing to high school algebra, geometry, precalculus, chemistry, biology and Spanish. This one hour or more could be on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. or between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. and/or Thursday between 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Contact Ruby Dailey, 922-3294 or talk with her at the tutoring table under the fellowship for more information and to volunteer.

Have You Been Hearing God Calling?

Yes, calling YOU! Have you felt a gentle touch upon your shoulder, a gentle nudge, a prompting of being His hands here on earth reaching out to those in need. There is a lot of work that needs attention in God's kingdom. Stephen Ministry is our congregation's one-on-one caregiving ministry. God works through Stephen Ministers to plant a seed of hope and healing in a person whose life seems barren and forlorn because of some crisis or tragedy. Through listening, praying, maintaining strict confidentiality, and sharing Christ's love, you will walk beside your Care Receiver towards healing and wholeness.

A Stephen Ministry training class is scheduled to begin this Saturday, January 15. If you feel called to this one-on-one caring ministry, or simply would like more information, I encourage you to:

- visit our Church of the Palms web site www.churchofthepalms.org
- contact Pastor Bruce Hedgepeth, 924-1323 or
- contact Fee Mercer, 371-8091, pmercer10@comcast.net

Stephen Ministers, through their one-on-one care and support, help to bridge the gap between God and those feeling alienated from His presence.

Presbyterian Women's Luncheon

The next Presbyterian Women's luncheon Gathering will be this Friday, January 14 at 11:30 a.m. in the Campus Center. This will be a baby shower for Healthy Start. Please bring an unwrapped new present for sizes preemies or new born. The shower is sponsored by Presbyterian Women's Bassinet Ministry and the Priscilla Circle. Reservations are \$10.00 and can still be made today under the Fellowship tree. No reservations will be taken after today.

Palm Singles

The Palm Singles over 50 club meets each Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Campus Center for dinner and a program. Other events and activities are scheduled during the month. Dinner is \$8.00. For reservations or more information, call 924-7430.

Kick Off The New Year

With A Commitment Of Time

If you have the time, would you consider tithing it for the service of Christ? Time Tithers are persons who have made a private and personal covenant with God, promising Him that they will, on average, devote at least one-tenth of their discretionary time to studying his Word and doing his work. They strive to use their God-given gifts in service to others. Some of the projects they do to help and serve others in our community include installing grab bars (#1 job request), basic plumbing, Comcast box installation and minor home repairs. If you know of anyone, who needs some helping hands or if you are interested in learning more about becoming a Time Tither, please contact the Time Tither's cell phone, 927-8585 or email timetithers@aol.com

Parents' Night Out

On January 29, children from birth to 2nd grade are invited to come to Parents' Night Out from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Children will enjoy a light supper and time playing and doing crafts while parents enjoy an evening out. Registration forms, can be found online, under the tree, or in the office, and \$5 per child are due by January 24.

Kids' Night Out

On January 29, kids in grades 3-5 are invited to come to Kids' Night Out from 5:00-8:00



p.m. They will help to prepare meals which will be frozen and distributed at a later date to families served by our Food Pantry. Thanks for your help kids! Registration forms, can be found online, under the tree, or in the office, and \$5 per child are due by January 24.

Family Fun Night

GO TEAM GO! Get ready for a football themed Family Fun Night in the Campus Center on January 21 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, kids, and neighbors come join us for a night of football themed activities and a movie. Bring your family team spirit!

For more information or to RSVP for children's events, please contact Debby Wendell, 924-1323 or email dwendell@churchofthepalms.org.

2011 Confirmation Class

The Confirmation/Commissioning process for 8th graders (or 9th graders who have not been confirmed) begins today with a parent/student orientation at 10:30 a.m. in Room 208/210.

Middle School Pulse

Middle school students and their friends are invited to join us for PULSE each Wednesday from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Come up to Room 208/210 for dinner, wacky games, and great conversations about things that truly matter. We are on an exciting journey together as we learn that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves! Bring a friend and \$5 for food.

High School Student Ministry

All high school students are invited to join us for Thirty-Three tonight from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Room 208/210 for connections, conversation, and fun as we explore the Biblical narrative. Bring \$3 for refreshments.

Encourage The Elderly Service Project

This is your opportunity to play BINGO with bright, smiling elderly folks at Sunnyside Nursing Home! Join student ministry on Saturday, February 5 to spread joy and youthful energy as part of our ongoing Isaiah 58 service project. Contact Derek Thompson or Moira Dunn for more information.

For more information or to RSVP for Student Ministry events, please contact Derek Thompson or Moira Dunn, 924-1323 or email dthompson@churchofthepalms.org and mdunn@churchofthepalms.org.

Family In-town Retreat

Don't miss the family in-town retreat on February 11-12 led by Family Builders facilitator, Tony Camp. The action-packed workshops will take place here at church on Friday night, and at the YMCA all day Saturday, including a wall-climbing/ropes course event. Tony will teach us the skills to keep parent-child communication open, fun, and loving! Children and student ministry is teaming up to bring families this exciting family bonding experience. Call 924-1323 for more details and to sign up!

Remember in Prayer

A newly revised weekly list of prayer requests is available on the literature racks, at the doors in the Sanctuary, the Campus Center, and the office. It contains people for whom there is a special concern as well as those who are serving in the military from Church of the Palms and a list of our supported worldwide and local mission projects and missionaries that appreciate our prayers. Our particular prayer request this week is to lift up our new Prayer Anchor efforts for the country of Nigeria as we partner in prayer with Wycliffe Bible Translators and our Wycliffe mission partners, Dale and Carole Hoskins, who work with 24 of the 231 Bible-less people groups in Nigeria.

A Prayer For Your Week

O Lord, Our God,

You are above all that is in heaven, on the earth or beneath it.
Keep our hearts and minds focused on you alone; that no person or thing
becomes our idol, more loved or important than you.

When temptations come and we know they will;
when challenges face us and doubt creeps in,
when the glitter and rewards of the world catch our attention
and consume our time and efforts,

Fix our priorities on You alone – your law and your love; so we reject any
false idols to which homage may be given.

Keep our love of you steadfast so we will be found ever faithful to your
commandments. Guide us as we bow and worship you only, Amen.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today, Sunday, January 9, 2011

8:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Study
8:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
8:45 a.m.	Childcare	Room 101
9:00 a.m.	God's Kids Rehearsal	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	See Page 7
9:00 a.m.	Faith Boosters (Children)	See Page 7
9:00 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
9:00 a.m.	High School Sabbath	Room 208-210
9:00 a.m.	Middle School Sabbath	Room 209
9:15 a.m.	Seeds of Faith (Adult)	Room 211
9:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Kids of the Kingdom Rehearsal	Chapel
10:15 a.m.	Later Service Childcare (ages 2-7)	Room 108
10:15 a.m.	New Member Orientation	Chapel Reception Room
10:30 a.m.	Christians Under Construction (Adult)	Room 209
10:30 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Orientation	Room 208-210
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	Financial Peace University	Campus Center
12:15 p.m.	Session Meeting	Chapel
2:00 p.m.	Honduras Mission Team	Chapel Reception Room
4:30 p.m.	Praise and Glory Singers Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
5:30 p.m.	Cry Out for Justice (Student Ministry)	Room 208-210
6:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University	Campus Center
7:00 p.m.	Thirtythree (High School)	Room 208-210

Monday, January 10, 2011

8:25 a.m.	Women's Exercise	Campus Center
9:45 a.m.	Priscilla Circle	Chapel Reception Room
9:45 a.m.	Women's Exercise	Campus Center
10:00 a.m.	Rebekah Circle	Room 209
10:00 a.m.	Joanna Circle	Off Campus
10:00 a.m.	Deborah Circle	Off Campus
4:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee	Chapel Reception Room
5:30 p.m.	Palm Singles	Campus Center
6:00 p.m.	String Class	Music and Arts Building
6:45 p.m.	Beginning Orchestra	Music and Arts Building
7:00 p.m.	Orchestra Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
7:00 p.m.	Worship, Music and the Arts	Chapel Reception Room
7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee	Room 205
7:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Committee	East Meeting Room

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE (continued)

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

7:00 a.m.	Men's Study and Breakfast	Off Campus
9:00 a.m.	Stewardship Committee	Chapel Reception Room
9:30 a.m.	Mary Circle	Room 209
9:30 a.m.	Rachel Circle	Room 208-210
9:30 a.m.	Naomi-Lydia Circle	TBA
12:00 p.m.	Children's Committee	Room 202
1:00 p.m.	Martha Circle	TBA
2:30 p.m.	Tutoring	Campus Center
3:45 p.m.	Ladies' Prayer Group	Room 211
4:00 p.m.	Building and Grounds Committee	TBA
5:30 p.m.	Creative Signers	Music and Arts Building

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Chapel Reception Room
8:25 a.m.	Women's Exercise	Campus Center
9:15 a.m.	Memorial Garden Board	Room 211
9:45 a.m.	Women's Exercise	Campus Center
4:00 p.m.	Faith at Work	Chapel Reception Room
4:00 p.m.	Administration and Finance	Room 211
5:00 p.m.	Dinner	Campus Center
6:00 p.m.	Pulse (Middle School)	Room 208-210
6:12 p.m.	Wednesdays @ 6:12	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Men's Ministry Committee	Chapel Reception Room
7:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, January 13, 2011

7:30 a.m.	ReHabitat Project	Off Campus
2:30 p.m.	Tutoring	Campus Center
6:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Team	East Meeting Room
6:30 p.m.	Companions in Christ	Room 209
7:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Rehearsal	Campus Center
7:00 p.m.	Sophomore Girls' Small Group	Off Campus
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building

Friday, January 14, 2011

8:25 a.m.	Women's Exercise	Campus Center
9:30 a.m.	Stretching & Strengthening Class	Campus Center
11:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Women Luncheon	Campus Center
7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Lock-in	Room 208-210

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE (continued)

Saturday, January 15, 2011

7:30 a.m.	ReHabitat Project	Off Campus
8:45 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Training	Room 209
9:15 a.m.	Mission Trip to ECHO	Off Campus

Sunday, January 16, 2011

8:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Study
8:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
8:45 a.m.	Childcare	Room 101
9:00 a.m.	God's Kids Rehearsal	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	See Page 7
9:00 a.m.	Faith Boosters (Children)	See Page 7
9:00 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
9:00 a.m.	High School Sabbath	Room 208-210
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9:15 a.m.	Seeds of Faith (Adult)	Room 211
9:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Kids of the Kingdom Rehearsal	Chapel
10:15 a.m.	Later Service Childcare (ages 2-7)	Room 108
10:30 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:00 p.m.	Honduras Mission Team	East Meeting Room
3:00 p.m.	Andrew Lapp in Concert	Sanctuary
3:00 p.m.	Book Group	Chapel Reception Room
4:30 p.m.	Praise and Glory Singers Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building

Congregational Meeting

January 16, 2011, at noon in the Sanctuary

Plan now to attend annual meeting of the congregation, set by the Session for Sunday, January 16, 2011, at noon in the Sanctuary. Normal business will be conducted, including the election of elders and deacons. In addition we will hear reports from the Foundation as well as on other matters of special importance, including the 2011 operating budget.