

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 2019

Elders:

- 3rd Glenn Schore and Marty Ragland
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- 17th Glenn Schore and Marty Ragland
- 24th Glenn Schore and Marty Ragland

Stand-by Elder and Outside Greeter

Donna & Bob Vermillion

Deacons: *Jr. Deacon

[Unavailable at time of print]

Worship Leaders:

- 3rd Andrew Crawford
- 10th Nancy Hutchinson
- 17th Susan Kemp
- 24th Glenda Harper

Greeters:

- 3rd Kathy Yates
- 10th Shelly Zahn
- 17th Bob and Donna Vermillion
- 24th Gus and Vera Agosta

Acolytes:

- 3rd Kaitlyn Alvord and Jayden Harris
- 10th Nate Stevens and Aaron Burgess
- 17th Trinity Turrentine and Gabriel Harris
- 24th Zackary Harris and Rett Stevens

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Sunday February 24th CONCERT 3:00 PM

1908 E Fort King St., Ocala FL

Rev. Terry Harps...

"My Teacher, Let me see again."

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study continues to work our way through the Book of Mark. On January 23rd we entered a section of Mark's Gospel that begins in chapter 8 verse 22 and ends in chapter 10 verse 52. The section begins with the healing of a blind man at Bethsaida. The section ends with the healing of blind Bartimaeus.

The two stories of healing the blind that bookend this section are interesting in their differences. At Bethsaida Jesus makes a first attempt to heal the man with limited success. After the first try, the man can see shapes but people look like walking trees. So Jesus laid his hands on him again and the man looks real hard and then is able to see clearly. However, with Bartimaeus, Jesus calls the blind man who is persistent in his demands to get the attention of Jesus. Then, when Jesus finally asks him what he wants, Bartimaeus simply says, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus proclaims that his faith has made him well, and Bartimaeus regains his sight.

Mark makes a point in his Gospel to tell his story in a way that depicts the Disciples as hard headed blind people. Over and over again it is the evil spirits and the pagans who seem to recognize the power of Jesus while his own disciples keep missing the point.

In Chapter 8 verses 14-21, the story just before the healing in Bethsaida, Jesus goes into a rant against the Disciples because they are worrying about only having one loaf of bread. Jesus says, "Do you have eyes, and fail to see?" "And do you not remember?" They saw him feed 5000 people with five loaves and take up 12 baskets full of leftovers. They saw him feed 4000 people with seven loaves and take up seven baskets of leftovers. The Disciples are Blind.

Then comes the section that uses two stories of healing the blind as bookends. In the first story, we learn that the Disciples will make some progress but only receive partial vision. Upon a first try, the man at Bethsaida sees people, but they look like walking trees.

Now consider the story that follows the healing at Bethsaida. Jesus asks the Disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter says, "You are the Messiah." Praise the Lord! Peter sees, or does he? Next Jesus reveals that being Messiah means he will suffer and die and after three days rise. Peter takes Jesus aside and begins to rebuke him. To this Jesus says, "Get behind me, Satan!" No, Peter isn't seeing clearly yet.

Two more times, Jesus will talk about what will happen to him, and the Disciples will continue to give evidence that they don't see clearly yet. Then, Mark will tell the story of a man named Bartimaeus who used to be able to see but became blind. Now Bartimaeus longs to see again. Nothing will silence him from calling out to Jesus. Jesus restores his vision.

With that, Chapter 11 begins with the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. In Mark, the stories of the blind Disciples have come to an end.

Is it possible that there are times when Christianity finds itself walking the path of the Disciples from chapters 1-10 of Mark? We know what Jesus taught. We know what Jesus did, but do our words and actions run counter to who Jesus is? Will history look back and ask, "How could they support, believe and do the things they did and still claim to be followers of Jesus?"

During such times, Bartimaeus becomes our poster child as one who used to be able to see but somehow became blind. Like Bartimaeus if we can call out to Jesus with all our strength, then we can be sure that Jesus is able to make us see again. Look around at that which calls itself Christian and see if it withstands the test of Jesus' words and the example of Jesus' life. We may need to plead with Jesus to make us see again.

In Need of Prayers

In hospital: Linda Raines (Shands)

Among our people: Diana Baril, Suzi Robertson-Blomberg, Jim and Ramona Burgess, Dolly Dixon, Lola Duncan, David Gilbert, Marene Guare, Renn Hinton, Ty Hinton, Esther Hinz, Barbara Hunter, Bill Kerns, Basil Komas, Dick Marr, Jeannie Marr, Lois Philbrick, Rob and Phyllis Robinson, Bob Schrepferman, Bill Smedley, Harold Stancil, May Wakelin, Rob Windischmann, Andrea Wright, Eileen Zimmerman

In retirement/rehab residences and homebound: Marian Cope (Ocala Health), Claude Cray (Haven House), Claire Gauthier (Life Care), Dottie Hoffer-Ross (Hawthorne), Marie D'Orsi (Hampton Manor), Richard Lane (Timberidge), Carolyn Largin (Avante), Donna Lee (The Lodge), Grace McDaniel (Oakhurst), Bob Quackenbush (Brentwood)

Among our friends: Eric Brombaker (Judy Brombacker's son), Donald Chase (Esther Hinz's son), Bill Duncan and Pitts Duncan (Lola Duncan's sons), Virginia Edling (Donna Lee's sister), Dakota Fisher (Ashley Fisher's brother), Gary Gauthier (Claire Gauthier's son), Frank Griswold (friend of Bill Smedley), Kitty Hamm (Ruby Moore's sister), Edward Hazelton (Kaye Sullivan's son), Delanna Hess (Mary Kay Kerns' sister), Tom Hinds (Maxie Hotz's brother), Randy Hinz (Esther Hinz's husband), Mark Hotz (Maxie Hotz's son), Anne Hovendon (Kathy Yates' sister), Jimmy Hubbard (Sue Wright's stepfather), Jennifer (Judy Brombacker's niece), Bob Keith (Chuck Keith's brother), Tony Kerns (Bill and Mary Kay Kerns' son), Tim Manning (friend of the Harpers), Wayne Riggs (Ruby Moore's brother), Kay Tew (Bob Ringgold's sister), Doris Valdes (family of Jane Dunning), Tommy Wilkerson (friend of the Harpers), Geraldine Williamson (Daryl Williamson's grandmother), our military who are serving and those in harms way

(Please call the church office if someone needs to be placed on or removed from this list.)



Sundays at First Christian Church

Meditation Time
8:30-9:00 AM

Elders' Prayers in the Library
8:45 AM

Fellowship Time
9:00 AM

Sunday School
9:15 AM – (Nursery available)

Worship Service
10:30 AM

Office Hours
Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Closed for lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 PM

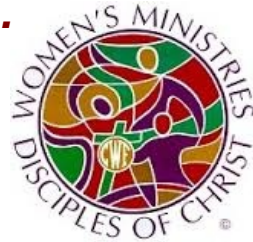
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Moderator Randy Alvord
Visitation Minister Kathy Yates
Administrative Assistant Lorraine Daniels
Director of Music Rev. Lori Lynn Wachter
Church Musician Cindy Warringer
Sunday Staff Jim Burgess
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Disciple Women's Fellowship News...



CIRCLE MEETINGS

- **Phoebe Circle** will meet on Monday, February 4th, at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.
- **Lydia Circle** will meet at 6:30 PM on Monday, February 4th, in Room 56 at The Retreat. Dinner provided by Mary Beth Harper.
- **Galatians Circle** will meet on Monday, February 11th at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall.
- **Miriam Circle** will meet on Thursday, February 14th, at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

BOARD MEETING

The DWF Board will meet on Monday, February 25th, at 9:00 AM in the Oden Building.

Interfaith Serving Schedule

February 28th Miriam Circle
 March 28th Discussion Class

Newsletter Deadline

If you would like something printed in the next newsletter please email or drop off your information to the church office by Tuesday, February 26th.

Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19th, at 7:15 PM in Fellowship Hall. A carry-in dinner will begin at 6:30 PM.

Please email your Board Reports to Leanna Dixon by Tuesday, March 12th.

Cabinet Meeting

The next Cabinet meeting will be held on Sunday, February 3rd, at 11:45 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Yard Sale Donations

Donations for the Yard Sale on June 15th are now being accepted. Items may be brought to the storage building on Sunday and Tuesday mornings between 8:00 AM and 12 noon. For pick-up of large items please call the church office.

Red Hats

Red Hats will meet at the Braised Onion on Wednesday, February 20th, at 11:30 AM.

Week of Compassion Special Offering

Collected February 17th and 24th



Interfaith Emergency Services is a community of faith called by God to offer emergency assistance without judgment to all persons in Marion County.

Interfaith Emergency Services provides a full range of services and assistance for residents of Marion County. Clients are referred to Interfaith by churches, synagogues, and public services agencies. We serve individuals and families in need, providing the basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, and much more to enhance the quality of life for families and individuals.

Needed Food Items

- Canned Vegetables and Fruit
- Peanut Butter (plastic containers best)
- Jelly or Jam (plastic containers best)
- Canned Meats (tuna, chicken)
- Canned Soup
- Spaghetti Sauce (like: Hunts 26 oz can)

- Macaroni and Cheese
- Cereal and Oatmeal
- Canned Beans
- Pasta and Rice
- Coffee or Tea

Needed Hygiene Items

- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products (pads)
- Diapers - all sizes
- Toothpaste

- Bar Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Combs
- Baby Wipes
- Toothbrush

Needed Food for Kids Items

- Macaroni and Cheese (boxed)
- Instant Oatmeal (single serve)
- Ramen Dry Noodle Soup packets
- Snack Bars (cereal bars, granola bars, etc.)
- Crackers (filled with peanut butter or cheese)
- Canned Pasta (Spaghettios, Ravioli, Beefaroni, etc.)
- Canned Meat (tuna, Vienna sausages, chicken, etc.)
- Snacks (pretzels, cookies, raisins – all single servings)
- Peanut Butter and Jelly (separate plastic containers)

- Fruit Cups (lunch box size)
- Pop Tarts
- Pudding Cups (lunch box size)

Note: Please no candy

Donations for Interfaith may be placed in the 'Lil Red Wagon (located on the sidewalk outside the Library) on Sunday mornings.

Christian Action Project

The Christian Action Committee is collecting toiletry items to support the Homeless Children of Marion County. Items can be: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc. A complete list is available in Fellowship Hall.

Donations may be placed in the little red wagon (located on the sidewalk by the library) on Sunday, February 24th before worship and also at the Eirinn Concert at 3:00 PM.

Evangelism Meeting

Evangelism meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 12:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Boy Scout Sunday

Boy Scout Sunday will be held on Sunday, February 10th. Troop 439 will present the colors and worship with us.

Indoor Yard Sale

Donations are now being accepted for the Men's Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, June 15th, beginning at 8 AM. Watch future newsletters for more information.

Thank You

Thank you for the many prayers on my behalf during my recent hospital stay. Thank you for the cards and phone calls, they were appreciated.

Bob van Goethem

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I would like to thank all the ones who thought enough to send me a card and Connie Combs for bringing me the poinsettia and also the carolers. They brought me a plant also. Both are thriving.

God Bless you All.

Sincerely,
Donna Lee

Winter Family Camp

February 1-3, 2019

Come join Mr. Popper, Captain, Stinky, Lovey, Loudy, Bitey and Nimrod as we learn to appreciate the important things in life.

Cost: Adults 18+ - \$150; Youth (12-17) \$100, children (4-11) \$75, 3 and under are FREE. Applications are available in the back of the sanctuary as well as online at <http://fldisciples.org>.

Where: The Retreat at Silver Springs, 6455 East Silver Springs Blvd., Silver Springs, FL

"Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.'"

Luke 15:4-6



Summer Camp 2019 Dates

All camps will be held at The Retreat at Silver Springs, the conference center of the Florida Disciples Regional Church.

Family Camp	for the whole family	February 1-3 and May 25-27
Young Adult Camp	H.S. Grad & older	May 31-June 2
CYF Conference	Grades 9-12	June 9-15
Midway Camp	Grades 6-8	June 16-21
High School Canoe Camp	Grades 9-12	June 23-29
Junior Camp	Grades 3-5	June 23-28
UNO Camp	Grades K-2 (with a loving adult)	June 28-30
Elementary Equestrian Camp	Grades 3-5	July 7-12
Spiritual Arts Camp	Grades 6-12	July 7-13
Middle School Outdoor Adventure Camp	Grades 6-8	July 14-19

Save the Date!!!

March 12-14, 2019

Senior Retreat

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Alan Smith, Disciples of Christ Minister

Applications are available in the back of the sanctuary as well as online at <http://fldisciples.org>.

FEBRUARY Calendar

- 1-3 Winter Family Camp at The Retreat
- 2 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
- 3 11:45 AM Cabinet Meeting (FH)
- 4 9:00 AM Stewardship Meeting (Oden)
10:00 AM Office Staff Meeting (Oden)
1:00 PM Phoebe Circle (FH)
6:30 PM OYS Rehearsal (MH)
7:00 PM Lydia Circle (Oden)
- 5 7:00 AM Property Breakfast
8:00 AM Property Work Group
9:00 AM Service and Crafts (FH)
- 6 5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 7 9:30 AM Bible Study (FH)
- 9 9:30 AM Big Book Step Study (FH)
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- 20 10:00 AM Retired Teachers (FH)
11:30 AM Red Hats at Mimi's
5:30 PM Wednesday at Well (MH)
6:00 PM AA Group (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 21 9:30 AM Bible Study (FH)
- 22-23 CYF Assembly at The Retreat
- 24 11:45 AM Handbell Rehearsal
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- 1 Bruce Hutchinson
- 2 Ted Schore
- 5 Rob Robinson
- 7 Lois Philbrick
- 12 Bob van Goethem
- 14 Gene Kutun
Benjamin Wood
- 18 Sarah Schore
- 20 Betty Adams
- 22 Janice Cole
- 24 Karen Reaves
Charles Rea

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- 1 Dick and Sue Marr
- 2 Jason and Marci Daniels
- 15 Rick and Mary Ann Harris
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- 19 Leo and Jackie Roy

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- 4 Mary Beth Harper
- 5 Betty Trotter
- 6 Adele Averbeck
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- 12 Bob Lewis
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