

Alleluia Newsletter

November 2017



From Me to You:

"Those who offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving honor Me."
(Psalm 50:23)

What do we give up for Thanksgiving?

Oh, you're thinking, "he's confused: we usually only give up things—like chocolate—at Lent."

No, I'm *not* confused: as the Lord in Psalm 50 (above) says, we honor Him by offering to Him a "*sacrifice of thanksgiving*;" So, what *are* we sacrificing to honor God?

Usually, about the *only* things sacrificed on Thanksgiving are a turkey and our diets!

A "*sacrifice of thanksgiving*" historically and Biblically was one of the many types offered at the Temple. It looked a lot like all the other sacrifices going-on: the *difference* was in the attitude of gratitude it reflected from the forgiven and restored heart of the giver. Colossians 1 says:

"Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share
in the inheritance of the saints in Light;
For He rescued us from the domain of darkness,
and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:12-14)

The sacrifice we thank God for is the gift of His beloved and Only begotten Son!

Jesus died on a cross to forgive and wash away all our sins—past, present and future!

And He rose again, to bring us into life through faith in Him: new life with and for Him now—we are new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), and life forever--as citizens of His eternal Kingdom and inheritors of eternity with God!

What then do we *sacrifice* to thank and honor God with?

God, of course, doesn't need anything from us; as Pastor John Piper once noted: idols demand things—*life*—from their worshippers; the *true* God, made known and knowable in Jesus, *gives* things—*life*—to worshippers! Jesus is the only One who gave His life *for us*!

SO, what do we give and give-up—*sacrifice*-- to give thanks to and honor *Him*?

Certainly, around PPC now, we have many ways to show and share Christ and His blessings: we can give of ourselves, our time and resources by pledging to support our 2018 budget, or participating in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, or giving Toys for Trinidad, and helping serve in and supply our own on-going Food Distribution Center. The key is: pray about it, and ask the Lord what He wants to do through *you*! I'm *sure* He will answer, because ***by our giving, we thank and honor God!***

"When we take your gifts to those who need them,
they will break out in thanksgiving to God.
So two good things will happen—needs...will be met,
and they will joyfully express their thanksgiving to God.
You will be glorifying God through your generous gifts."
(2 Corinthians 8:12-13)

Giving thanks to Jesus our Savior and Lord with and for you, His precious saints at and as PPC—thanking Him for your generous, sacrificial giving and serving the Lord, now and always, to His greatest glory!

In Christ,

Carl

REMINDER: Pledge Dedication Sunday is Nov. 12!

September 2017 Financial Report



General Fund Checking	\$ 17,639.97
Designated Fund Checking	\$ 45,859.98
 PRESCHOOL Checking	 \$ 32,122.44
PRESCHOOL MM	\$ 25,806.69
 OPERATING INCOME TOTAL*	 \$ 27,259.00
<u>OPERATING EXPENSE TOTAL*</u>	<u>\$ 37,019.99</u>
OPERATING BALANCE (+ or -)	- \$ 9,760.99
 OPERATING INCOME YTD TOTAL*	 \$ 204,883.35
<u>OPERATING EXPENSE YTD TOTAL*</u>	<u>\$ 217,717.62</u>
OPERATING BALANCE (+ OR -) YTD	-\$ 12,834.27
 Deacon's Fund	 \$ 1,380.81

*Amounts are from QuickBooks reports reconciled to bank statements

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY



It's almost time for stewardship season again, the season where we remember that the things we have are gifts from our Father that we should take care of and use in His ways. I'm reminded of Matthew 24:45-46, where Jesus talks about how we should act in light of His return: "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes." Since we don't know when Jesus will return, let's make sure to be faithful with what He's given us all the time!

Thomas Smith IV

Stewardship Ministry Chair **REMINDER: Pledge Dedication Sunday is Nov. 12!**



WISH LIST UPDATE

Session has approved adding a new **VIDEO PROJECTOR** for our sanctuary to the WISH LIST. If you would like to donate to this project, please make your check out to PPC, designated "Wish List Projector."

Please bring in your plastic grocery bags for the our Food Distributions.

PRAISE KIDS CLUB AND YOUTH GROUP

PRAISE KIDS CLUB AND YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS ARE NOW MEETING SUNDAY AFTERNOONS!

We are now meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. each Sunday.

Praise Kids Club (PKC) and Youth/Young Adults offers Bible study, games, snacks and crafts, focusing on learning what the Bible says about living a life with Jesus as our Savior. Age appropriate lessons will be given in classes from 3 years old on up to young adults.

Leaders are Laurie Smith and Heather Smith (elementary), Nancy Nottoli (Preschool age); Gina Driggers and Mac Boyd 6th grade and up).

PRAISE KIDS CLUB AND YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS SEEKS PRAYER WARRIORS AND SUBSTITUTE VOLUNTEERS

The leaders of Praise Kids Club and Youth/Young Adults invite you to become prayer warriors for the groups or be on a substitute leader list in case of illness. The prayer warriors would pray at specific times before, during and after, the Sunday gathering. We also need those who could substitute teach to volunteer.

Please contact Laurie Smith, Gina Driggers, Nancy Nottoli, Heather Smith or Mac Boyd if you feel you can fulfill any of these positions. Thanks!

Keep up with us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ppckidsandyouth/>



KOINONIA MINISTRY

Scripture commands us to be devoted to one another.

Romans 12:10 states, "Be devoted to one another in love.

Honor one another above yourselves". NIV

"Koinonia's" primary meaning is "fellowship, sharing in common communion". The first occurrence of koinonia is in Acts 2:42. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer". Believers in Christ are to come together in love, faith and encouragement.

Koinonia Ministry met October 5th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Praise Kids/Youth will be meeting Sunday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 pm, gathering in the Fellowship Hall for snacks and fellowship and then go to different classes. Volunteers are always needed Sunday afternoons and if you are interested you can contact Laurie Smith @727/544-7237.

Friday, September 29th we had an all church/preschool fall fest in the Fellowship Hall. A great time was had by all. It was good to meet the preschool families and to see the children interacting in different games that they had and just having fun. It was a very good night!

Members of our Koinonia Ministry are: Mac Boyd, Cookie Cottrell, Vicki Danz, Gina Driggers, Ruth Gey, Sandy Moore, Nancy Nottoli, Terry Odom, Alma Oline, Shirley Phillips, Laurie Smith and Pat Watts.

Pat Mancini, Chairperson

Jan's Mission - Kenya

Our Breakfast with Jesus Sunday school class and the Women of the Church are generously providing money for food, toiletries, and school materials for Wendy (16), who is in 8th grade in Heights Primary School in Landless, Kenya. She will be facing a life-changing event in the next month as she prepares to take Kenya's national exam. Her performance on this exam will determine if she will be accepted into a high school when the new school term begins in January. If she does well on the exam, schools will welcome her in order to boost their ratings. Wendy needs your prayers. I'll keep the congregation updated.

God led many friends to donate to our water tank project, and it has been installed. The children are excited because they now will have a source of water to drink, cook with, and bathe with when the seasonal rains don't come and the city cuts off our water.

There are still thousands of children fighting to survive on Kenya's street, so our next project is to convert the chicken house into a dormitory with toilets and showers.

Jan Hinkle



The Deacon's Developments

The Deacons serve Christ by serving others for His glory and purpose

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest
in the shadow of the Almighty.” Psalm 91:1

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN PRAY FOR YOU!!!

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!!!

God loves you and so do we!!

Barbara Gonzalez (343-8008)
Larry Hendry (479-6150)

Julie Gull (522-2942)
Michelle Loy (480-0442)

Threse Hammond (480-1436)
Terry Odom (347-5754)

Please Remember *The Dollars For Deacons Offering*

Evangelism Ministry

Evangelism and Discipleship

The good news invites us into rest, but also involves the high and costly call to follow—and to invite others on the journey. So, as we think about evangelism, we're disinclined to separate it from discipleship. Rightly understood, they are inseparable.

So, we imagine, instead, the interlocking ideas of incarnation—through faith, Christ is born in us. Influence—as his disciple we are privileged to leave his footsteps throughout our world. And our influence is truly his impulse moving through us—his life within us, and the world tastes redemption because we serve it. But invitation follows influence, because it is unimaginable that we should stop short of explaining the wonder of Christ in us and throwing wide the door to all. Evangelism.

It's such a small thing to use our words. Who would think they had the power to change someone's eternity and spark a celebration throughout the halls of heaven? But they do.

From Outreach Magazine Nov – December 2015.

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE 2017 USA + CARIBBEAN Toys for 1,500 Under-privileged Children Boys + Girls Ages 1-13

Boys:

Remote cars & trucks
Toddler toys
Board games
Basket ball
Soccer balls
Football
Water blasters
Tennis racket sets
Doctor play sets
Boy figurine
Lego set
Boy tool set
Back pack
CD Walkman
Pocket radio
Electronic games
Watch
Skate board
Scooters
Bicycles (UNASSEMBLED)
Tricycles (UNASSEMBLED)

Girls:

Dolls (black or white)
Soft dolls
Toddler toys
Board games
Play sets (kitchen & tea)
Doctor play sets
Lego set
Tennis racket sets
Back pack
CD Walkman
Pocket radio
Electronic games
Watch
Tricycles (UNASSEMBLED)
Bicycles (UNASSEMBLED)
Skate Boards
Scooters

Do not include: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers.

Include with your donation: a gift of \$5 or more (make checks out to **All Nations Global Discipleship Ministries**) to help cover shipping & other project costs. Total cost of shipping is \$700.00.

Deadline is NOVEMBER 17th



Drop off toys at :

PASADENA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
100 PASADENA AVE N, ST. PETERSBURG, FL
(HOURS 9:00am-1:00pm M-TH)
Or Call Pastor Anthony (727) 564-1338 or (727) 322-3794
EMAIL: oliver_a67@hotmail.com

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	W
			1 5:15p Praise 6:30p Praise
5 8:15a Praise Band Practice 8:30a Sunday school  10a WORSHIP-Communion 10:30a TULIP Worship-Chapel 3p –5p Praise Kids/Youth	6 Sonrise 9a-2p M-F 9:45a WOC Communion at The Springs	7 7p AA Closed Meeting 5p & 7p Tuesday Night Live!-Chapel 6p TNL Dinner-Boswell	8 5:15p Praise 6:30p Praise
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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Band Practice Chorus Rehearsal	2 9a-4p ECO Evangelism Conf. 10a Koinonia Meeting 6:30p Cub Scouts 7p Women's AA	3 Church Office Closed 9a Nancy's Scrapbooking	4
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OFFICE CLOSED Band Practice	23 THANKSGIVING DAY  CHURCH OFFICE & ALL FACILITIES CLOSED	24 Church Office Closed	25
Band Practice Chorus Rehearsal	30 6:30p Cub Scouts 7p Women's AA		

TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE

HOSTED BY *Tulip* FELLOWSHIP
IN THE CHAPEL

The people of Tulip Fellowship invite all of our Pasadena Presbyterian Church friends to join us, so that we can grow in Christ together.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE STUDIES

5-6pm: "Galatians: The Majestic Grace of God"

Teacher: Rev. Gary Hofmeyer

6-7pm: Dinner with Vicki Danz

(Cost: \$5 per person, & \$10 per family)

7-8pm: "Galatians: The Majestic Grace of God"

Teacher: Rev Gary Hofmeyer

OR

"What is Reformed Theology?"

—An RC Sproul Video Series

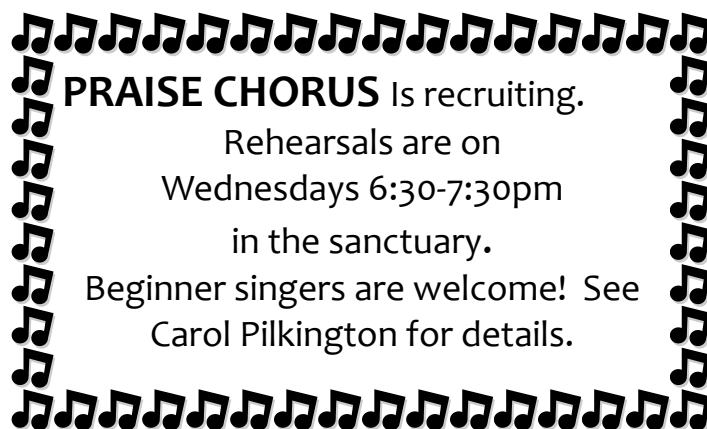
Led by Bill Hornbeck

***SIGN-UP FOR DINNER IS REQUIRED.
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE 345-0148
BY MONDAY OF EACH WEEK
TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE!***

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY
SCHOOL
BY YOU

**Breakfast With Jesus:
Teacher: Larry Oline at
8:30a in Fellowship Hall
(Study of Romans)**

 **PRAISE CHORUS** Is recruiting.
Rehearsals are on
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm
in the sanctuary.
Beginner singers are welcome! See
Carol Pilkington for details.



Library News



WHAT ARE YOU CELEBRATING IN THE COMING WHIRLWIND OF ACTIVITIES?

Here it comes again: That enthralling, mind-numbing holiday rush which Americans celebrate at the end of each year—the Thanksgiving-Christmas-New Year's roller coaster ride. Ever since George Washington scheduled a day of thanksgiving in 1789; and Abraham Lincoln ordered a day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens" in 1864; and Franklin D. Roosevelt pegged it on the last Thursday in November, Americans have been celebrating an organized Thanksgiving day. Next comes Christmas and New Year's Day, of course.

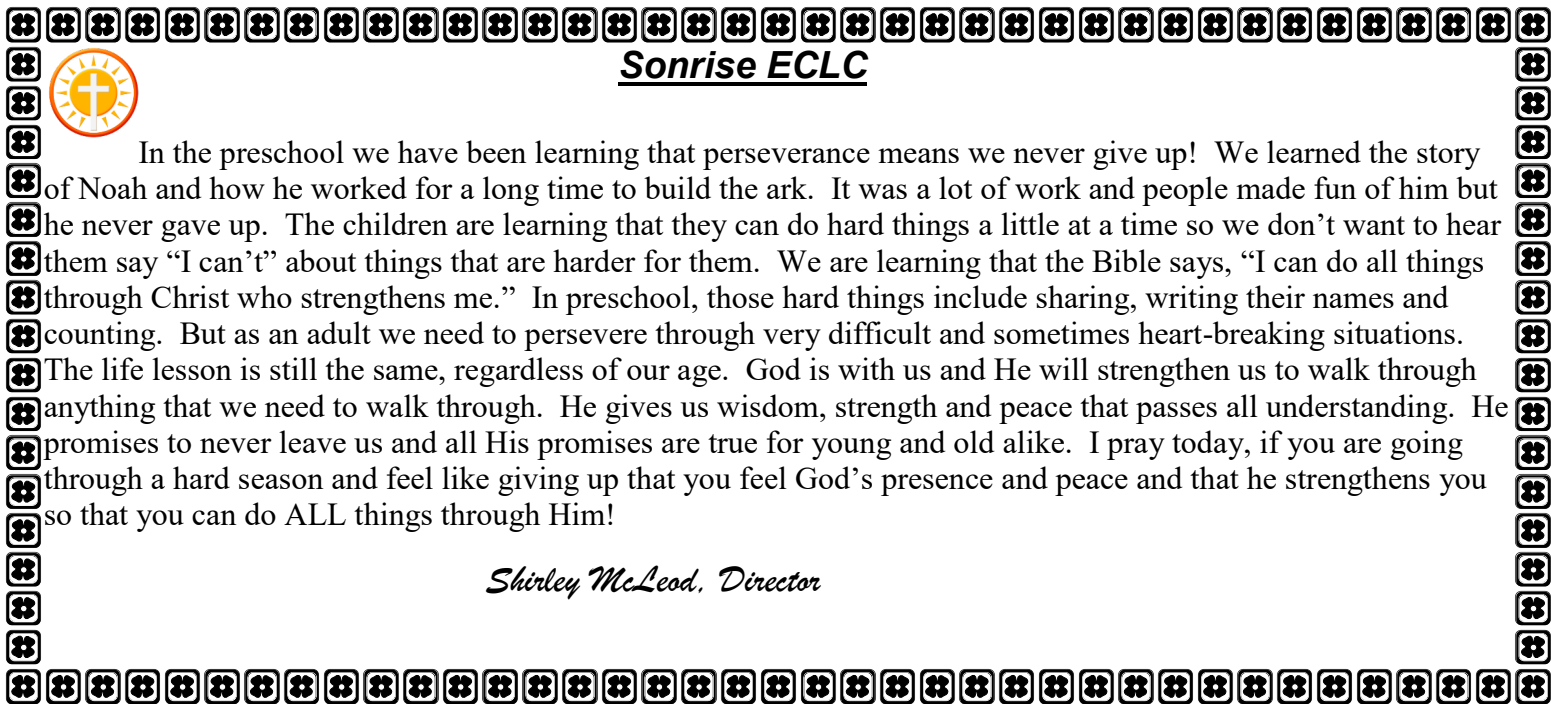
But how are you doing? We can help you focus on what you are doing and Whom you are thanking at Thanksgiving and whom you are preparing for with the coming of the Christ Child.

Another season is carried on at the same time of year by many Christians and it is called Advent and lasts from Sunday, Dec. 3 to Dec. 24. It is a time of preparing spiritually for the birth of our Savior. You'll see a candle lit on a wreath in church each of the four Sundays to remind us of the sacredness of this time.

Books such as Timothy Keller's *Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ* can help us focus during the week between these Sundays. Another help is *Family Celebrations during Thanksgiving* by Anne Hibbard; and for kids various Berenstain Bears and other books are available about thanking God and learning about Christmas.

Slow down for a bit to find the real meaning of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day after picking out a few resources at the library.

Laurie Smith, Librarian



Sonrise ECLC

In the preschool we have been learning that perseverance means we never give up! We learned the story of Noah and how he worked for a long time to build the ark. It was a lot of work and people made fun of him but he never gave up. The children are learning that they can do hard things a little at a time so we don't want to hear them say "I can't" about things that are harder for them. We are learning that the Bible says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." In preschool, those hard things include sharing, writing their names and counting. But as an adult we need to persevere through very difficult and sometimes heart-breaking situations. The life lesson is still the same, regardless of our age. God is with us and He will strengthen us to walk through anything that we need to walk through. He gives us wisdom, strength and peace that passes all understanding. He promises to never leave us and all His promises are true for young and old alike. I pray today, if you are going through a hard season and feel like giving up that you feel God's presence and peace and that he strengthens you so that you can do ALL things through Him!

Shirley McLeod, Director



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH – NOVEMBER 2017

Communion at the Springs – Monday, November 6th at 9:45am.

Rachel Circle – Monday, November 13th @ 7:00 p.m. at the home of Arlene Tomin.

Sarah Circle – Tuesday, November 14th @ 12:00 noon @ the Home of Aristeia Sowa.

At our Committee meeting in October we discussed having the sock tree again this year and we decided to do this again and it will be in the Patio hallway the first 3 Sundays in December. These socks will be taken to Bethel Farmworkers Mission in Wimauma as we have done many years in the past. Please bring your new socks (mens, womens and childrens) and place them on the tree.

Also, the women of the Church and Koinonia will be having a Christmas Luncheon on December 10th following our worship service. We will have a variety of finger sandwiches, fruit, cheese and crackers, and dessert. All are invited to attend.

We have one day circle (that meets either at 12 noon or 1:00 p.m.) and one evening circle (that meets either at 6:30 or 7:00 p.m.). This is not like a club – all women of Pasadena Presbyterian Church are invited to come to either of the circle meetings. They are open to all women. We have bible study, fellowship and light refreshments. We do have a budget for each calendar year and your offerings help us to contribute to the missions that we support, local and foreign. If you want more details regarding Women of the Church, please contact Pat Watts (727-302-0888) for further information.

“Serve one another in love” (Gal. 5:13) and “Encourage one another”
(I Thess. 5:11; Heb. 3:13)



IT IS SHOEBOX TIME!!!
***“Go therefore and make disciples
of all the nations...” Matthew 28:19***

This is from Franklin Graham:

“We praise God that last year we collected more than 11 million shoebox gifts! That means Samaritan’s Purse has delivered more than 146 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in over 150 countries and territories since 1993. This is all God’s doing!!

As you pack a shoebox and send it off with prayer, you are partnering with local believers around the world to share the Gospel. Thank you for your prayers and support.”

DEDICATION SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 19th

***Shoeboxes will be available for pick-up
on November 1st.***

Please note: toothpaste and candy will not be allowed as contents this year

PRAYER REQUESTS

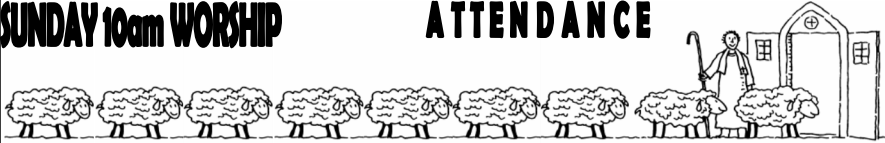
We try to stay on top of prayer requests and concerns. If you know of someone who is ill in our church family, please let the office know. Even if the office is closed you can still leave a voice mail. If you have a pastoral emergency, you can always leave a voice mail at the Manse at 727-368-5588.

In the event that Pastor Carl is on vacation, we always record the substitute's name and telephone number on our outgoing voice mail message.

Thank you for your help.

SUNDAY 10am WORSHIP

ATTENDANCE



Oct. 1 82

Oct 8 74

Oct 15 65

PLEASE HELP KEEP GOD'S FACILITIES NICE!

PLEASE DO NOT PUT PAPER FLYERS OR
ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE WALLS!

WE HAVE BULLETIN BOARDS FOR OUR VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND
GROUPS TO USE TO POST ITEMS.

IF YOU NEED SOMETHING POSTED,
PLEASE CHECK WITH THE
APPROPRIATE MINISTRY OR GROUP OR
THE CHURCH OFFICE.

If your address or phone number has changed, please let the office know. This includes your cell phone number and email address. Many times we are not informed of your new contact information and either we in the office are trying to get in touch with you or one of the elders or deacons have information to bring to you and cannot contact you due to the wrong information. Please drop your new contact information on a slip of paper and place it in the offering plate or just call the office with an update.

Format for Submitting Information To Be Printed

- ◆ Submit information 2 weeks prior to date needed print ready.
- ◆ Send information as an Electronic File MS Word Format.
- ◆ Newsletter articles are always due by the 15th of the month.
- ◆ Newsletter articles should be in Ariel and font no larger than 10.
- ◆ Newsletter articles should be titled with ministry, month and year
i.e., "Library May 2017".

FACILITY USE NOTICE

PPC facilities are **not** ordinarily open in the evening for meetings or groups on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and all-day on Saturdays**. If your meeting or group is affected by this new policy, you need to contact the church office to reschedule your use of the facilities to **Tuesday or Thursday evenings until 8:30pm**. If your group can't change to meet on the nights when PPC is now open, you will need to contact Pastor Carl to get keys and codes—you will be responsible for locking up and setting the alarm—or find another location off site.

Emails to the Church

If you are attempting to contact us at PPC, please make sure you are using the correct email address for us as listed in the weekly Flyer.

If you send an email to us, but do not receive a reply, please call the OFFICE.

If you are not receiving emails from us, please make sure we have YOUR current email address.

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St. Petersburg, Florida 33710

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ALLELUIA NEWS

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

PPC'S MISSION STATEMENT *"GLORIFY GOD, BEAR MUCH FRUIT, SHOW OURSELVES
TO BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST" (John 15:8)*

Church Office: 727/345-0148 Preschool: 727/344-1584 Fax: 727/347-6836

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Please remember Pasadena Presbyterian Church in your prayers, your will and your estate planning.

NOVEMBER



- 1 Barbara Campbell
- 1 Chris Wyess
- 8 Linda Rice
- 10 John Stahley
- 11 Stephen Crawford
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