

# Alleluía Newsletter November 2016

#### From Me to You:

"Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness."

(2 Corinthians 9:10)

#### "GROW TO GIVE: GIVE TO GROW!"

is the focus for our 2017 Stewardship Season. Let's take that phrase apart for a bit...

"GIVE"—Scripture is very clear that we give, first of all, because we have received:

We have been given forgiveness, new and eternal life in the Gift of Jesus Christ (Romans 6:23). We have been given the Gift & gifts of the Holy Spirit to share & grow as the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:4).

We have been given the very resources of heaven and earth to "fuel" the Gospel's mission (Ps. 50:10).

We have been given all things to do what God says to do with His gifts to give Him the greatest glory in Christ! (1 Cor. 10:31).

#### "TO"—God gives us His gifts to accomplish His will:

We are stewards of God's gifts: we manage His resources according to His Word and plan (1 Pet. 4:10).

We are partners with God and His people, the Church, all over the world: our surpluses and especially our sacrificial giving encourages and provides for other parts of the body of Christ to grow too (2 Cor. 8:1ff).

We are investors with God in His coming Kingdom: we are to use temporal resources to make an eternal difference in the lives and destination (i.e., heaven) of others (Matt. 6:33).

#### "GROW"—God expects a return on His investments in and through us:

We should give faithfully, out of joy and love, because we show the world who Jesus is in our giving (2 Cor. 9:7).

We should give sacrificially, beginning with <u>the tithe</u>, because we declare God's worth in our giving, and so invite others to Christ (Malachi 3:10).

We should give expectantly, looking for *God-sized* results-- a bountiful harvest of souls brought to Christ as well as spiritual growth of those who give--as God will multiply our gifts beyond what we or the gifts are capable of doing, and so God gets all the glory (2 Cor. 9:10).

In advance of Commitment Sunday, a letter and **PLEDGE CARD** for our 2017 Operating Budget has been sent-out. Please *prayerfully consider* what the Lord is calling you to give to His Kingdom and mission through PPC for 2017. *Bring* your 2017 Operating Budget Pledge Card for dedication on November 13th (or you can mail it in or bring it to the Office by that date).

May Jesus be honored and exalted through our faithful use of all the gifts He has given us to give, to His greatest glory!

In Christ,



#### **SESSION DIGEST**

The Session met on September 27, 2016 for a regular monthly stated meeting. Elder Odom shared a devotional about how God supplies the needs of those who trust Him from 1 Kings 17:2-4. Shirley McLeod was introduced as the new Director of the Sonrise Pre-School. She shared about how God called her to serve Him at Pasadena Pre-School, about her family, about the faculty and the beginning of school, and about how excited she was to be here. The Session then gathered around her to pray for her, the school, and for her family. The Session discussed and/or acted on the following items during the remainder of the meeting.

Elder Gene Hammond was authorized to retain a real estate attorney for the purpose of investigating and subdividing the property along Burlington Avenue. Funding will come out of the General Reserve Money Market Account.

Pastor Crawford was authorized to retain Drew Crawford of Boswell & Dunlap in Bartow for reincorporating

Pasadena Presbyterian Church.

The contract for custodial services with Florida Maintenance will be terminated and a contract with Housecleaning by Vicki, Inc. for up to twenty hours per week effective November 1, 2016.

- ECO requires an application with Pasadena Presbyterian Church. That application has been developed with the appropriate answers. It was moved and seconded to approve and send the completed application for membership in ECO.
- A letter about becoming a charter covenant partner will be sent to the active roll members of Pasadena Presbyterian Church will be mailed after November 17, 2016.
- Reverend Gary Hofmeyer of ECO will be invited to conduct ECO training classes for anyone interested during eight weeks from January 8, 2017, during the Sunday morning Breakfast with Jesus class in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

November 13, 2016 was approved as Pledge Sunday with the theme, "Give to Grow".

-Larry Oline, Clerk

#### IMPORTANT PRAYER REQUEST

The Presbytery of Tampa Bay (PCUSA) meets on **Nov 17.** At that meeting, the terms of our dismissal will be voted-on. Please keep this in *prayer*—once Presbytery approves the terms, PPC will then vote to accept the terms, and to join the ECO. When all of the terms are fulfilled, we will be dismissed to and received by the ECO.

#### September 2016 Financial Report

General Fund Checking	\$	40,611.15
Designated Fund Checking	\$	84,740.13
PRESCHOOL Checking PRESCHOOL MM	\$ \$	52,600.57 50,728.99
OPERATING INCOME TOTAL*  OPERATING EXPENSE TOTAL*  OPERATING BALANCE (+ or -)		20,532.10 21,796.21 1,264.11
OPERATING INCOME YTD * OPERATING EXPENSE YTD * OPERATING BALANCE (+ or – YTD)*		205,476.12 186,515.83 18,515.83
Deacon's Fund	\$	3,415.31

<sup>\*</sup>Amounts are from QuickBooks reports reconciled to bank statements

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#### **STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

I was recently reminded of Proverbs 21:5 (TLB), "Steady plodding brings prosperity; hasty speculation brings poverty." I was studying in the context of individual finances, but it occurred to me that sometimes it might seem like pledges to the church are like steady plodding. They require thought and determination and effort to keep. They're not glamorous, and don't offer quick results. Still, they have for many years been used by God to keep us witnessing for Him, so that people can know and worship and grow in Jesus. As we come to Stewardship season, please pray and consider how God would have us use the energy and finances He has entrusted to our stewardship. You should shortly be receiving a letter with a pledge card, and we'd be honored to receive yours.

Thomas Smith IV Stewardship Ministry Chair

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES



- Breakfast With Jesus: Teacher: Larry Oline at 8:30a in Fellowship Hall
- College/Career Class—Moneylife: Teacher: Tom Smith IV at 11a in Fellowship Hall
- Elementary age children's Sunday school begins at 9:00a in classroom 3

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**PRAISE CHORUS** Is recruiting.

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

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#### **The Deacon's Developments**

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

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares of you." 1 Peter 5:6-7

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

God loves you and so do we!!

Barbara Gonzalez (343-8008) Julie Gull (522-2942) Threse Hammond (480-

1436)

Larry Hendry (479-6150) Michelle Loy (480-0442) Terry Odom (347-5754)

Please Remember The Dollars For Deacons Offering Envelopes in the Sanctuary.

#### FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2016

451 Households, 1207 individuals, 10,735 pounds of food given out

I am amazed what God continues to do in the lives of people through your Food Distribution Center. We have seen the power of God change the lives of people who come to visit us every month. Some of them have been healed, others have been helped. We see the smiles on faces of both men and women who were at one time distraught.

One man asked for prayer two weeks ago and came back last Saturday. He thought he was going to die of cancer. He had a negative test.

A mother of four continues to tell us that if it wasn't for the food she receives from your church, both she and her husband would not be able to make it, even with two jobs. It would be food or housing, not both.

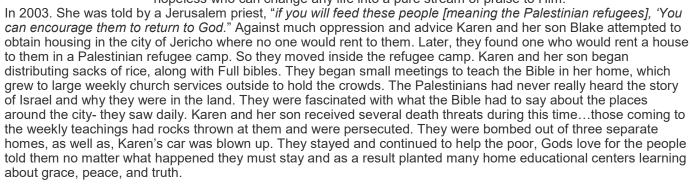
The above lady has a daughter who came to us and received Jesus. She is a teenager, and has dreams of becoming a paramedic some day. She had been told she wasn't smart enough. She is getting good grades and dreams of helping others.

Lives are changed and people continue to thank us and we convey their thanks to you.



#### **Evangemissions**

The heavens open and the angels sing when we say YES to the Lord. Luke 14:23 "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. Through Faith Promise our church gives prayer and financial support to Living Bread International Church. Apostle and Director Karen Dunham loves God and knows He is the God of the helpless and the hopeless who can change any life into a pure stream of praise to Him.



In July of 2007 Living Bread relocated their "corporate headquarters" from Jericho to Jerusalem, accepting an NGO\* status to duplicate the work that they were doing in Jericho in all 27 refugee camps. This was a huge door opening for Living Bread and the poor. They are now meeting with liaison officers and bringing education and aid in many cities and camps.

A broadcasting company took note of the "revival" that was occurring in Jericho and approached Karen a few years ago, suggesting that she begin a weekly television program. From that came the birth of the **Door of Hope** television broadcast, which was broadcast to 133 nations within the 10-40 window, as well as, in Israel, West Bank, Australia, America and Europe. Pastor Karen knows the promise of God will always come for you. He promised and it will happen, even if the promise comes for you inside a refugee camp. Living Bread is in many reconciliation projects throughout the land and keeps an office in Gaza, Jerusalem and Jericho. In United States the office is located in Cantonment Florida.



PRAISE KIDS CLUB AND YOUTH GROUP OFFER TIME FOR KIS AND YOUTH TO STUDY THE BIBLE We're teaching the Bible on Sunday nights to kids three and up (and giving parents a little time for themselves!) We teach the truths of the Bible through stories, games and crafts to the elementary and for older kids and those who have graduated, a discussion time. At 6 p.m. we offer a snack and time to gather and get to know each other. Then we break into groups to learn about Jesus. Even the kids in the nursery get an age-appropriate lesson. We end between 7:30 and 8 p.m.

Sometimes we have special events so keep up with us on our Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ppckidsandyouth/">https://www.facebook.com/ppckidsandyouth/</a>

Our thanks to Ann Garney for her tireless work in the church office and for her service to the Lord. Ann has been a counter for more than 15 years and has recently decided to pass the baton to pursue a long-deserved retirement. You are a blessing and inspiration Ann!

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - NOVEMBER 2016

Committee Meeting – Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.in the Boswell Room.

Communion at the Springs – Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m.

Rachel Circle - Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ann Carney. Sarah Circle - Is not meeting in November

As you notice, we have one day circle and one evening circle. This is not like a club—all women of Pasadena Presbyterian Church are invited to come to either of the circle meetings. 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. There is a copy of our budget for 2016 on our bulletin board in the hallway to the Boswell (or Patio). If you want more details regarding Women of the Church, please contact Pat Watts (727-302-0888).

The sock tree will in the Patio hallway from Sunday, November  $27^{th}$  thru Sunday, December  $18^{th}$ . These socks will be taken to Beth-el Farmworkers Ministry in Wimauma.

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

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6 Daylight Savings Time Ends Communion Sunday 8:15a Praise Band Practice 8:30a, 9:00a & 11a Sunday school 10a WORSHIP-Communion (contemporary style) 6p -7:30p Praise Kids	7 Sonrise 9a-2p M-F 9:45a WOC Communion at The Springs 7p Rachel Circle	8 6:30p Deacon's Meeting 7p EvangeMissions 7p AA Closed Meeting 7p Preschool Board Meeting	9 5:15p Praise 6:30p Praise
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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	3 10a Koinonia Meeting 6:30p Cub Scouts 7p Women's AA	4 9a CWU World Communion Day	5 9:00a-11:00a PPC Workday
Band Practice Chorus Practice	10 6:30p Cub Scouts 7p Women's AA	11 Church Office Closed	12 9:30a-1:30p Food Distribution
Band Practice Chorus Practice	17 6:30P Cub Scouts 7p Women's AA  PRESBYTERY OF TAMPA BAY MEETS TO VOTE ON OUR DISMISSAL!	18 Church Office Closed 9:00a-Noon Pre-K Feast	19
CH OFFICE Band Practice Chorus Practice	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! CHURCH FACILITIES CLOSED	25 Church Facilities Closed	26 <u>NO</u> Food Distribution
Band Practice Chorus Practice			

#### **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 6<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Our plans for a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm were finalized. A report will be in our next newsletter.

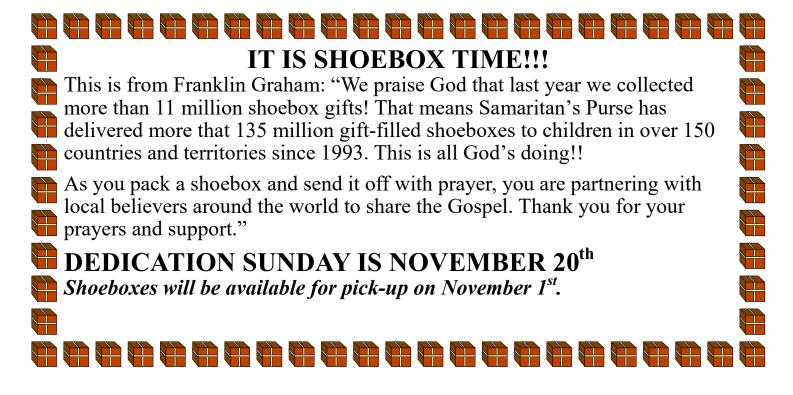
Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> we will have the shoeboxes collected during the service. The pre-school children and parents have been invited to this service. The children will be doing some singing early in the service and then go to the Fellowship Hall for bible stories, crafts and cookie decorating. Before the end of the service they will bring their shoeboxes to the front of the Sanctuary.

Other possible activities were discussed but nothing planned as of this writing. We are looking forward to work with the preschool in different activities and will keep you updated on upcoming events.

Praise Kids/Youth will meet Sunday evenings (the Fun Day Sundays they do not meet) from 6:00-7:30 pm, gathering in the Fellowship Hall for snacks and fellowship and then go to different classes. Volunteers are always needed Sunday evenings and if you are interested you can contact Laurie Smith @727/544-7237.

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

Pat Mancini, Chairperson



#### Sonrise ECLC

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Have you ever thought about what it means to be light? It only takes a tiny light to illuminate the darkness. Darkness is the absence of energy. Light is the presence of energy. In your life, no matter who you are or where you are, you carry the energy or spirit of Christ to all those around you. That spirit is passed on from person to person, illuminating the darkness of their life. Each of us is critically important to God. We are important because we are His way of getting His love into the world. The best way to be light is to choose to love. You carry the torch of God's Love so today I pray that you choose love and let God's light shine through you.

In the preschool, our children are learning everyday what it means to love others by learning to solve their problems with words rather than violence. We are thankful for all the staff and volunteers who choose to love with their lives by serving the children and showing them the love of Christ. We had a wonderful time at our fall festival and we are looking forward to our Thanksgiving activities. Several of the preschool children will be participating in a special Sunday service on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, we will see you there!

#### **Library News**

READING TRENDS DIFFER, DEPENDING ON GENDER AND CHRISTIAN STATUS
When Americans read for something other than work or school, they prefer fiction (53%)
rather than nonfiction (45%), according to a recent Barna Group survey, Christianity Today
reported in May 2016 (<a href="http://www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2016/may/will-christians-read-beth-moore-first-novel-saint-silvanus.html">http://www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2016/may/will-christians-read-beth-moore-first-novel-saint-silvanus.html</a>). However, practicing Christians want nonfiction Christian books (35%) (rather) than fiction Christian books (18%).

CT continues: "Women read more than men—...and about twice as many women as men reach for Christian books, according to Barna."

Although Christian fiction had been in a buying slump, sales were increasing. Religious presses sold 4.2% more in January 2016 than January 2015, according to statistics gathered by the Association of American Publishers (AAP).

AAP also reported that adult (secular) books sales went down 12.9% in the same period and childrens/young adult were down 20.4%. This was reported in the AAP June 27, 2016. <a href="http://">http://</a> newsroom.publishers.org/publishers-sales-down-at-the-start-of-2016-ebooks-decline

in the last five years, Bible and religious nonfiction sales are up 53%, Jonathan Nowell of Nielsen Books reports." While the previous five years had only 9% increase.

In case you were wondering, ebooks were down 24.9% in the January 2015-2016 time period. Even though paperback books grew 4.3%, the sales of all books were down 6.7%. AAP doesn't offer any reasons for the declines. "Despite the advance of the digital age, 7 out of 10 adults still prefer a physical book, and they get their books most often from brick-and-mortar stores (33%) or from the library (24%)," CT writes.

Whether you want Christian fiction or nonfiction, come to your church library. Laurie Smith, librarian

#### **COLLECT ALUMINUM DRINK CANS TO HELP YOUTH GROUP**

Please bring in your aluminum soda cans (rinsed) and put them in the blue recycling bin, opposite the church kitchen door, as you come in to the Fellowship Hall. These cans will be sold to a salvage business and the money will go toward our church youth group. Thank you!



#### PASADENA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EVANGELISM AND CHURCH PLANTING MISSION TRIP TO



Trinidad July 1-8, 2017 FAQS

**US Departure from:** Tampa

**Destination:** San Fernando, Trinidad

**Partners:** Pastor Anthony Oliver, Without Walls Outreach International

#### Plan:

- ⇒ receive training in cross-cultural evangelism and follow-up discipleship
- ⇒ serve with church partners in Trinidad, going door-to-door doing direct, personal evangelism, and in ministries to help strengthen the host church
- ⇒ participate with church partners in evening studies and services
- ⇒ help our partners start new Bible studies and house churches in areas void of evangelical witness and worship of Jesus Christ
- ⇒ be a part of a beginning church planting movement with a strategic outreach to the rest of the Caribbean and northern S. America
- ⇒ become more effective disciple-maker at home (USA) in your witness of and service to Christ!
- ⇒ Get to know Jesus better, love and serve Him even more!

#### **Documents needed:**

US Passport (also other notarized permits if under 18)

#### **Disease Prevention:**

Current Tetanus, Hepatitis A & B (recommended)

**Cost:** \$2,900

which <u>includes</u>: transportation from Tampa and in Trinidad, lodging & food in Trinidad, materials for evangelism and discipleship, follow-up funds for new and host churches

#### **Deadlines:**

Applications due <u>December 31, 2016</u> with \$200 *non*-refundable deposit\* 50% of outstanding balance due <u>March 1, 2017</u> 100% of cost due May 1, 2017

#### For More Information or to sign-up:

Contact Pastor Carl

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#### The Children of Thika

Allow me to introduce you to Violet Achieno (17). She grew up on the streets of Kenya and managed to escape sexual abuse several times. To survive, she sniffed glue every day and cried most of the time. Something in her heart (which we know to be the Holy Spirit) told her there was more to life than just surviving, so she looked for help. God sent John, our mission director. He brought her to our home exactly two years ago. He taught her of the Love of Jesus Christ, and she was baptized in April of 2015. She enjoys cooking for the other 21 children, and accepts a lot of responsibility for watching over the younger ones. She also enjoys composing songs and sharing God's Word.

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# Women of the Church Sock Tree Collecting November 27-December 18, 2016







Beth-El Mission All New Socks All Sizes For Women Men & Children

#### **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, <u>please</u> 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.

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, pleas call the OFFICE.

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

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Format for Submitting Information To Be Printed

- Submit information <u>2 weeks prior</u> to date needed <u>print ready</u>.
- Send information as an <u>Electronic File MS Word Format</u>.
- Newsletter articles are always due by the 15th of the month.
- Newsletter articles should be in Arial and <u>font</u> no larger than 10.
- Newsletter articles should be <u>titled with ministry, month and year</u>

i.e., "Library December 2016".

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One First Class

#### **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)

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

#### **November**



- 01 Barb Campbell
- 01 Chris Wyess
- 08 Linda Rice
- 10 John Stahley
- 11 Stephen Crawford
- 12 Flavio Vivas
- 15 Arlene Tomin
- 17 Logan Driggers
- 17 Victor Driggers
- 18 Abigail Bolden
- 22 Ethel Galloway26 Hazel Kirsch
- 26 Rob Taylor