

Christian Education Corner

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VIEW FROM THE PEW

Or a View from Afar

I like to use this column to educate. This time we'll actually be sitting in the pews and looking toward the right corner of the sanctuary. There is a banner there. This week someone asked me about that banner and what it meant. We realized that people who have been in the church less than 10 years may not know! The banner was made for our 50th anniversary celebration. We wanted to capture the history of the church from its founding at the Wilbur By-The-Sea Boathouse in 1955 so we had a picture printed on canvas that was touched up with paint. The river where the boathouse is located flows forward on the banner toward our current building. It finally flows on to the sea. We took an actual photo (printed on canvas) of the cornerstone of the sanctuary and it is being held in God's hands. The long strips of fabric depict the waves that crash near our church with a few little sea creatures thrown in for fun. The long strips are designed to come out much further, but they keep getting shoved backward while people vacuum or are afraid of tripping hazards! We threw in other things like the palm trees and the sea gull. The week we celebrated the 50th anniversary there was a recording of crashing waves playing behind it. It was made by a group of women, several of whom have moved away or died but there are a few of us left that worked on it. It was truly a labor of love. And now you know!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

NURSERY

Sunday, March 25th, the nursery children will participate in the palm parade at both services. This is a fun and meaningful way for them to learn about Palm Sunday. Our nursery friends should plan to be in the nursery 15 mins before services so we can walk to the Narthex and gather

our palms. We will return to the nursery afterwards.

Love and Blessings,

Ms. Sherry, Ms. Denise, Ms. Aileen, Ms. Courtney

ELEMENTARY

Join us as we study "Growing in Grace and Gratitude." This quarter we are studying Lent and Easter, as well as how to be a follower of Jesus. Come join us in rooms 5/6. We have stories, music, crafts, and other fun activities each week.

YOUTH CLASS

The combined middle/high school class continues to meet in Room 3 – the Beach Room – each Sunday using the Submerge curriculum. Join Cecil and Chip for these fun-filled and inspirational classes each Sunday. Yes, there are usually donuts!

LAST SUNDAY

We aren't quite sure what we'll be doing just yet so stay tuned for March 25.

ADULT CLASSES

The Bible From Scratch

Tobias Caskey, Peninsula Hall

We are continuing The Bible from Scratch (the New Testament). Come join us as we bone up on our scripture, break old habits, and learn from each other to become closer as the Church of God. This study will take you into different practices with old ways of studying and new ways of thinking with old traditions of thought. Please come join us!! Books are \$7.00 and are available in class.

Exodus

Jan Toles, Room 12A

"Weaving together the stories of Moses, the nation of Israel, and the God who rescues and liberates, Exodus becomes a story for our time, a story about seeking and finding a redeeming God

in times of separation and sin, hopelessness, and oppression." Interpretation Bible Studies (IBS) offers solid biblical content in a creative study format. This class is for adult men and women of all ages. Books are \$7.00 and are available in class.

YOUTH GROUP

Denise & Jim Mueller and Cecil Rice

Upcoming dates:

Saturday- March 24 Time to be determined...

(meeting to bake a few items for the bake sale)

Sunday, March 25- Palm Sunday Bake Sale (We need youth to help out at the bake sale!)

Sunday, April 22 Car Wash Fundraiser at noon

June 10-15, 2018 The 2018 Summer Mission Trip reservations have been made for the Raleigh Youth Mission in North Carolina.

Be sure to get your forms in ASAP!

CONFIRMATION

The class is busy leading the prayer services and helping with the Lenten dinners. Class will begin at 4:45 during those weeks. There is no class on March 14, but if you're in town please plan to come at 5:10 for the service and dinner.

DISCIPLE

Disciple 2, part 1 meets at 10:00 in Room 12A. This class will meet with Jeff Sumner from November through March for 2 years.

Disciple 5 with Pete Zahn meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. The study is Jesus in the Gospels and is a comparison of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

WESTMINSTER INSTITUTE

These are classes for us, by us. We hope you'll pick up an Institute brochure and join us for classes that interest you!

OUR GOOD OLD DAYS

Kitty French

Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 1:00

The Garden Room

You are probably like me with too many photo albums filled with old pictures that span the history of my 84 years. You may also wish there were more black & white photos because those early color photos didn't weather too well. The last 6 years the number of photos has dwindled. They are all on family members' iPhones. My family may never open these albums when I am gone but that's OK. I have enjoyed my travels down "Memory Lane" so many times, remembering all our family times together. You will need a lot of these pictures as you write your life story. These stories will mean more to them when they are much "OLDER". Actually, my daughter did mention my book & several grandchildren have used the info for school papers. So you better get going. Every family has a history that needs to be passed along. It doesn't have to be anything formal or fancy. My publisher was STAPLES. Look through those albums for inspiration. Stop by & just listen. TRY IT YOU'LL LIKE IT!!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Jeff Sumner

Wednesdays at 11:00 am

Fellowship Hall

We are continuing with The Present Word. Our book this quarter is "Acknowledging God" It focuses on ways God's people have acknowledged the greatness of their God. The quarter begins with guidance for following God. Then, with Easter, the quarter turns to ways Jesus provided a channel for giving God glory and honor. The quarter concludes with a look at times when the Hebrew people sang praises to God. Unit I, "Follow in My Ways," provides four sessions, drawn from Genesis and Second Chronicles, showing how Abraham and Solomon acknowledged God by following God's guidance. Books are available in class for \$4.50.

CREED

Jeff & Mary Ann Sumner

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm through 3/21

Fellowship Hall

Our Lenten study, Creed, is after the Prayer Services and potluck dinners. This six-week

study will take us through the Apostle's Creed to learn what all those difficult phrases mean to us.

GUITAR CLASSES

Michael Williams
Mondays, 2-4 pm
Fellowship Hall

We have one-to-one instructors (former students of mine) for beginning students, and a portion of the lessons set apart for the advanced students to show what they know. The second hour will be open for people who want only to observe and listen. In other words, we'll have three groups: students (beginners), pickers (advanced beginners), and "Grinners" (those who wish only to watch and listen with) no obligation to pick up an instrument of any kind. We do, however have plenty of guitars for those who just want to give it a whirl, nothing to lose. In addition to teaching guitar this year, I'm also repairing and maintaining guitars and offering periodic seminars in "Guitar Maintenance, Repair, and Restoration.

For more information contact Michael Williams (386-589-4276)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Planning ahead for summer 2018 – we will need to do VBS in July again because of scheduling conflicts.

VBS July 9-13 from 9:00 – 12:30

Set up July 2-6 (skipping the 4th!)

Our theme is Rolling River Rampage!

Mark you calendars and plan your vacations around it!!!!

Thanks to all of you who donated Christmas trees. We now have a forest! We'll probably be asking for more items so watch this column.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The \$3000 Westminster Youth Scholarship is given each year due to the generosity of Earl Killian in memory of his wife Ruth. The deadline is April 30. The application is available at our website - www.wbts.org. Here are the requirements for the scholarship:

- Must be a member of Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church for at least 4 years
- Must have completed WBTS Confirmation program
- Must have been accepted by a college or university for the upcoming fall semester.
- Should demonstrate good Christian character. Church activities such as worship, Sunday School, Youth Group, church fellowship activities, and mission trip attendance will be considered, with emphasis given on church activities in high school and middle school.

The Port Orange Ministerial Association is giving a bigger scholarship this year for graduating Seniors who are Port Orange residents. It is now named the Richard Hills Memorial Scholarship and it is for \$1000! Our own Casey Timbs received the \$500 scholarship last year. The deadline is Easter, April 1. A thousand dollars will surely help with college expenses! If you would like an application please ask Denise Mueller, Cecil Rice, or Mary Ann Sumner.



Way to Go!

A shout out to Ethan Alves and his Creekside Middle School Math Counts team who recently won first place in their Chapter Competition. They will be moving on to the State Competition this month!

A shout out to Arla Swenson as she was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the International Nursing Honor Society. She attends the University of Florida.