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GOD'S TITHES, OUR OFFERING

Dear Westminster Family,

As October settles in and we begin to feel the rhythm of a new season, I've found myself reflecting on the joy of getting to know you—our staff, elders, volunteers, and congregation as a whole. What a gift it has been to witness the heartbeat of this church through the many hands that serve so faithfully.

There's a familiar saying: "Many hands make light work." And while I'm not sure who first coined it, I've seen its truth lived out here at Westminster. From Sunday mornings to weekday ministries, from behind-the-scenes preparations to visible acts of hospitality, the sheer number of people serving in the Kingdom is inspiring. If this is what we see within the walls of the church, imagine the multiplied impact as those same hands reach into neighborhoods, workplaces, and families. It's a glimpse—just a glimpse—of what the Lord is doing, and that's exciting to think about.

As I listen to our elders and staff dream big, I find myself asking, "Lord, what are You about to do on this little patch of S. Peninsula Drive?" Many of us have already seen His miraculous hand at work. Perhaps you've witnessed healing from cancer, restoration in a broken relationship, or the joy of a new great-grandchild. These moments remind us: God is not distant. He is active, present, and moving among us.

So I want to ask you—will you consider partnering with us in what God is doing here? Maybe it's your time: greeting guests on Sunday mornings, singing in the choir, or teaching a Sunday school class. Maybe it's your treasure: faithfully returning God's tithe and giving sacrificially when prompted. Maybe it's your talent: using your gifts to build up the body of Christ in ways only you can.

Whatever it is, I encourage you to ask, "Lord, what are You calling me to do in this community of faith?" Your commitment matters. Your presence matters. And together, our collective time, treasure, and talents become a beautiful offering to the Lord. Thank you for being a part of this journey. I can't wait to see what God will do next.

In Christ,

SESSION ACTIONS

Administration/Financials

- An Ad-hoc committee was formed to act as Human Resources
- To stay compliant with the new minimum wage of \$14/hr, effective 9/30/25 [noting that in September 2026, the minimum wage will rise again to \$15/hour], adjustment was made for those whose pay was below that rate

Operations

- Decision made to accept a quote and to authorize the replacement of the rotting wood in the area at the front of the church over the narthex.
- Quote for the caulking/upgrade of windows was approved

Worship

- Safety and Security: the division requested Session to support the action and direction to create Safety and Security plan and procedure and invite the local Sheriff's office to educate the leadership and staff on best practices; a task force was created to include Pastor John, Howard Mars, Doug Coleman, and Linda Jacobs
- Decision made that 'passing the peace' is not needed as there are plenty of opportunities for greeting before and after services
- To help reduce cost, will transition from red pew pads to a "Connection Card" which will be placed in the pew along with the giving envelopes.
- 'Hanging of the Greens' is Saturday, November 29th 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

RECURRING EVENTS

MAH JONGG

Wednesdays - 10 a.m.
Community Room- Room 9
Will teach you to play!

GAME TIME

Thursdays - 12:15 p.m.
Community Room - Room 9
Board games & card games!

BOOK CLUB

September Book:
Next Meeting: October 27 @ 3:30 pm
Contact: Kristin Downer -
386-235-0574

Men of Westminster

2nd Friday of the Month - 7am
Fellowship Hall
Led by Pastor John Joseph

Women of Westminster- Start 9/23

4th Tuesdays of the Month - 10am
Fellowship Hall

Looking for more? If you would like to meet outside of church on a Monday or Tuesday evening around 6:30pm please call the church office

ONE-TIME EVENTS

Port Orange Family Days

Saturday, October 11, 9am to 5pm
Come out to support promoting all the wonderful things happening in our church home to the community at this local event! Speak to Ashley Camp if you are interested.

INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT

Sunday, October 19: 12 p.m.
Join us during Fellowship time in Fellowship Hall for an intergenerational event with games, activities, and more. Led by DCE Ashley Camp.

FRIENDSGIVING

Thursday, November 20 @ 5:30 p.m.
\$20/person
RSVP Required by November 10
Sign up by calling the office or putting your name on the sign-up form in Fellowship Hall. Payments due by Nov. 10.



GROUPS

Caregivers Support Group
Sundays 8:45 am - 9:45 am
Library



MomCo
1st Friday of the month
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUPS

ACA: Mondays at 7 p.m

GA: Tues. & Thurs. at 7 p.m.

Al-Anon: Thursdays at 12 p.m.

OA: Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nursery

Newborn to Pre-K
Hours 8:30am- 12:00pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kindergarten to 5th Grade

Offered at 9:45am
Rooms 5&6

Children's Church

Following the Children's Message
at the 8:45am and 11am services
Rooms 5 & 6

Middle to High School

9:45am
Chip Kent
Beach Room in the CE Wing

Adult Sunday School

9:45am
Jan Toles
Room 12A



TEACHING IS A WORK OF HEART

Looking for ways to get more involved in our church home? We are seeking volunteer teachers for our K-5 Sunday School classes and Children's Church.

Don't worry, you won't be teaching every Sunday (unless you fall in love with it!) We use a rotation system because teamwork makes the dreamwork!

We're also looking for adults who may be interested in chaperoning Youth events such as Montreat or mission-based opportunities. Background checks are required.

If you'd like to learn more or get started please see or reach out to Ashley Camp

Text/Call: 386-843-3688

Email: acamp@wbts.org



CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK
AND INSTAGRAM POSTS!



We are beyond thankful for the Air Force Staff Sergeants Saure and Murg and all the recruits who joined us this past Thursday to paint our Christian Education wing! This was the third time they have come to help on our campus and each time they leave behind not only hard work but also lasting joy. They came, they painted, they cleaned up and one recruit even took a little time to test out one of the playground slides which was a part of the renovation projects they assisted with us before.

What a gift it is to partner with them in service and community. We are proud of their dedication and grateful for their impact here at Westminster by the Sea!

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#daytona_beach_air_force #servicetocommunity
#CommunityEngagement #grateful



Youth

EVENTS

October 11 from 9am-5pm Port Orange Family Days
1000 City Center Cir, Port Orange, FL 32129

November 16 at 9am Outreach Food Drive
circular drive out front

December Date TBD Senior Stocking Project