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of Milton

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## OUR MANY BLESSINGS

- The freedom to worship our God without fear of retribution or recrimination
- A loving and welcoming church family
- Opportunities to serve our Lord in our community and around the world

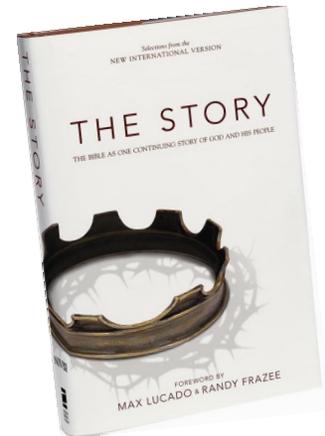
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## Church Wide Study

On Sunday, August 16, First Presbyterian Church of Milton will begin a church wide study of *The Story*, an abridged, chronological Bible that reads like a novel. All members of our congregation will be provided with a complimentary copy of *The Story* so that we can all participate in this study together.

*The Story* is available in versions for every age from preschool through adults, enabling us to all walk through God's word together. Our Sunday School classes will all be studying from this curriculum, and Pastor Jo's sermons will also follow this program. Prepare yourself to be immersed in God's word like never before!



Many churches are finding *The Story* is a powerful way to engage people in Bible reading. *The Story* has been found to benefit churches in the areas of personal Biblical literacy, family cohesiveness, church unity, and community outreach.

Pastor Jo and the members of your session are looking forward to sharing this exciting journey with all of you!

## Cursillo News

APC #34 will take place September 17—20, 2015 with Thom Fultz as Moderator and Kim VanBrimmer as Observing Moderator. All members of the 4th Day community should be praying for folks to invite as pilgrims.

If you are interested in attending Cursillo as a pilgrim this year, please speak with one of our Cursillistas about this amazing opportunity! (Pastor Jo Kublik, Margaret Neustaedter, Betsy Dodson, Linda Lade, Tammy Mendiola, Jean Mourey, or Maria Bailey) *cont'd on page 2*

## Pastor's Pen



From Tony Evans' Book of Illustrations, Evans, pg 94

"If there is a design, there is a designer. If there is a painting, there has to be an artist."

If there is an earth and a universe, there has to be God.

Blessings, Jo

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."*  
John 15:12

## Mission Spotlight

Our Women's Bible Study group is making plans to sew pillowcase dresses for *Little Dresses for Africa* this year! *Little Dresses for Africa* collects and distributes simple pillowcase dresses to young girls in Africa as well as other countries around the world. They also distribute dresses in South Dakota and the Appalachian Mountain regions.

If you would like to participate in this mission there are many ways you can help! We will gratefully accept donations of bright, colorful cotton fabrics, extra-wide double fold bias tape, 1/4" elastic, and thread. And everyone is welcome to join us for a sewing

party in late summer/early fall (date will be announced soon)!

You don't have to know how to sew to help on that day! We will need people who can cut and iron fabrics, and then fold and pack the dresses as they are made. This will be a fun day full of joy and fellowship as we work together to share God's love with children all around the world. We hope you will choose to join us!



A young girl in Uganda modeling her new dress.

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## Cursillo News (cont'd)

Ultreya will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at noon at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 1100 E. Nine Mile Road in Pensacola. Join us for a potluck lunch, fellowship, singing, and encouragement! (Council meets at 10:00 a.m.)

# Session Highlights

**First Presbyterian**  
Milton, FL  
Session Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2015

members present	members absent
Margaret Neustaedter	Betsy Dodson
Tammy Mendiola	
Linda Lade	
Jean Mourey	

Moderator Jo Kublik

Welcome/Quorum/Call to order

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order with prayer given by Jo.

The scripture reading was from Proverbs 29.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting have been read. A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: As the treasurer was absent a copy of the latest report was given to each member. The report was discussed. A motion was made to approve the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Clerk's Report: Jean reported that she has been attempting to contact Nancy Model with the Methodist church regarding sponsoring a food box with One Harvest.

Jean discussed having the July fellowship meal as an outdoor picnic style meal. The idea was accepted and we will proceed with plans.

Jean passed a suggestion from the Women's Bible Study group that the liturgist stand with the greeters until Margaret begins playing and then speak to the congregation asking them to prepare for worship in silence. Following discussion a decision was made to have someone help the greeters. The choir will enter the sanctuary from the back giving the congregation time to settle. Margaret will speak with Cheryl regarding this de-

cision.

Jean reported she has information regarding grants through the Presbyterian Historical Society to preserve records. She will research this further and report her findings at a later date.

## Committee Reports:

**Property:** Tammy read a report prepared by Betsy.

Lights replaced and paid for

Windows repaired and paid for.

Fire extinguishers need to be replaced. Betsy is waiting on an estimate from Hiller Systems. Jo requested comparative estimates be obtained.

Exit lights and one emergency light not working need batteries. A technician will come to find out what kind of batteries are needed.

Terry repaired the water heater in the Ladies room. Thank you Terry.

**Christian Education:** Tammy will order new material for small group.

**Stewardship:** Linda had nothing to report.

**Worship:** Margaret reported that Brad Schild will lead the service on June 7, 2015. A payment of \$100.00 will be provided to him to cover the cost of his travel expense and preparation. Duties of the liturgist when a guest preacher is in the pulpit were discussed. The liturgist will coordinate with the guest preacher. Jo has requested to be away August 9, 2015. Tammy will check her calendar to see if she will be available to preach that day.

**Membership/Mission:** Beverly Sands wishes to become a member of the church. She will be accepted into the congregation May 24, 2015.

**Personnel:** Linda had nothing to report.

## Old Business:

Jo stated Youth and Open Hearts Appreciation was a big success.

# Session Highlights (cont'd)

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”  
*Jeremiah 29:11*

The session agreed to not meet again until August. As this will make the August meeting longer it was agreed to begin the meeting at 4:30 PM on August 13, 2015.

Tammy confirmed the Holiday Faire date as December 4 & 5, 2015, noon to 8:00 PM Friday and 9:00Am to 3:00 PM Saturday. She has begun signing vendors.

**New Business:**

Jo has requested to be off December 27, 2015. Margaret will arrange for a pulpit supply to preach on that date.

Jo will look for sign up sheets for the retreat at Montreat this year.

Tammy brought up the idea of having a fall yard sale. A suggestion to hold a vendor event was discussed and rejected. Jean suggested having an indoor yard sale September 11 & 12, 2015. She volunteered to organize this. A motion was made to approve this. The motion was seconded and passed.

Tammy reported she and Anne Smith are trying to start a support group for parents of special needs children. They would like to hold an organizational meeting in the Fellowship Hall May 28, 2015. This was approved.

Tammy reported that Jane Simmons with Vision of Hope has requested to use our Fellowship Hall for activity nights that require a larger space than is available to them now. They would like to hold a sock hop for adults with disabilities June 4, 2015, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A motion was made to approve this event. The motion was seconded and passed.

Tammy has told Jane Simmons she will help make a camp happen for Vision of Hope the week of August 10 - 14, 2015. A motion was made to approve this. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jo noted that Betsy will need to find out if our liability insurance will be sufficient.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed. Jo closed with prayer.

EMERGENCY BIBLE NUMBERS	
UPSET	JOHN 14
WEAK	PSALM 18:1-29
LONELY	PSALM 23
SINNED	PSALM 51
WORRIED	MATTHEW 8:19-31
ANXIOUS	PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9
UNHAPPY	COLOSSIANS 3:12-17
IN DANGER	PSALM 91
DEPRESSED	PSALM 27
LACK OF FAITH	EXODUS 14
NEED COURAGE	JOSHUA 1
NEED DIRECTION	PSALM 73:21-26
SEEKING PEACE	MATTHEW 11:25-30
LEAVING ON A TRIP	PSALM 121
STRUGGLING WITH LOSS	LUKE 15
STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY	PSALM 37
DISCOURAGED WITH WORK	PSALM 126

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# JULY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## Schedule of Events

- July 4—Independence Day
- July 5—Homecoming Sunday  
Potluck Picnic
- July 8—6:30 p.m. Open  
Hearts
- July 12—Communion
- July 19—Mission Moment
- July 22—6:30 p.m. Open  
Hearts

## July Birthdays

- 2—David Bohanon
- 5—Anne Hatten
- 9—Jay Lea
- 10—Linda Belote
- 14—Leslie Yandle
- 24—Dawn Merritt
- 27—Ben Jones

# Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

### July 5

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13  
Ezekiel 2:1-5  
Psalm 123

### July 12

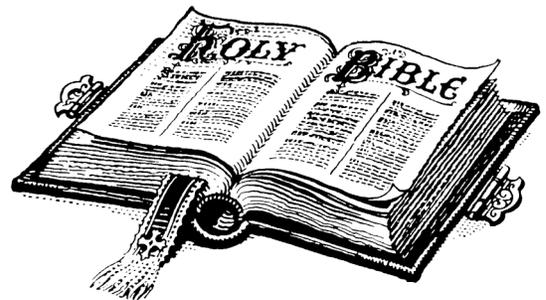
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29  
Amos 7:7-15  
Psalm 85:8-13

### July 19

2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
Psalm 89:20-37  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56  
Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 23

### July 26

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21  
2Kings 4:42-44



## Fourth Of July

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell an Abraham Lincoln quotation.

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 BALLOONS  
 BARBECUE  
 BASEBALL  
 BEN FRANKLIN  
 BETSY ROSS  
 CAKE  
 CARNIVAL  
 CELEBRATION  
 COLONIES

CONCERTS  
 DECORATIONS  
 DEMOCRACY  
 FIREWORKS  
 FLAG  
 FLOATS  
 FREEDOM  
 GREAT BRITAIN  
 HAMBURGERS  
 HISTORY

HOLIDAY  
 HOT DOGS  
 INDEPENDENCE  
 JOHN ADAMS  
 LIBERTY  
 NATIONAL ANTHEM  
 NATIONHOOD  
 PARADE  
 PARTY

PATRIOTIC  
 PHILADELPHIA  
 PICNIC  
 RED WHITE BLUE  
 STARS AND STRIPES  
 STREAMERS  
 THOMAS JEFFERSON  
 USA  
 WHITE HOUSE