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The Pastor's Pen

Thank you. Two very small words that cannot express just how lucky I feel right now. Sometimes, as pastors, we wonder if people are listening not just to us who stand in the pulpit but to God. Because it is really God's voice that we want you to hear. And there's really no way to know if you are hearing than by seeing the acts of God coming out through you.

During the past months I have witnessed God at work. It is evident in so many different ways. Our May 4th Spring Fling was a huge success. Tammy, Sharon and Betsy worked tirelessly to organize this event, but many more people were involved. You were there at 7 a.m. setting up tents and tables, manning food tables, helping vendors and visitors alike and really showing what our wonderful church is all about.

You have contributed cans, aluminum, tin and helped demolish a trailer. You have donated your change and cash alike. You helped feed a group of college students when they came to inspect our sanctuary. You have shown pride in who we are and your love of God is a ray of light shining forth for all to see. *(continued on page 2)*

Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference (Year C)

June 2

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 18:20-21 [22-29] 30-39
1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43
Psalm 96
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10

June 9

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17:8-16 [17-24]
Psalm 146, Psalm 30
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

June 16

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 21:1-10 [11-21a]
Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15
Psalm 5:1-8, Psalm 32
Galatians 2:15
Luke 7:36-8:3

June 23

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-15a]
Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 42 and 43, Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 30

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20, Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51

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Sandi Harris	9
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Events this Month

June 1

Inclusive Church Training

June 2

Communion service, 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship dinner, 11:30 a.m.

June 4

Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.

June 9

Gerry Yandle leading worship
(Pastor Jo out-of-town)

June 16

Father's Day

June 30

5th Sunday Praise, 10:30 a.m.

Must Do List

Column repair

**July Luncheon hosted by
Leslie and Linda**

Session Highlights

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MILTON, FLORIDA
Session Meeting May 19, 2013

You have made trips to the hospital and to homes to visit our sick brothers and sisters in Christ. You have sent cards and made phone calls. You have epitomized “WWJD” through actions and words. You have prayed and God is answering your prayers.

You have volunteered and volunteered and I am just awed at your response to God’s voice. Children’s church is off to a great beginning and it will continue to grow! I have faith that it will!

You started a Bible study group and I am proud that you are comfortable enough to step out in this ministry!

And you have loved. Our congregation is a true reflection of Jesus and His works as there are no strangers who walk through our doors and there is more than enough love to go around. Time and time again I hear, “I’ve never been to a church that is so non-judgmental.” To respect and love all God’s children takes those who truly know how to trust and love and whose faith and hope are in great abundance.

With all that said, I believe the best is yet to come. God is indeed pleased with us but there is more to do. We have just begun to scratch the surface of where God is leading our ministry. And we must not slow down. We must continue to seek new ways to reach the “un-churched” and others who may not know Christ at all. Let’s continue to work together, to hear and understand where God is leading us and respond in kind. We are all God’s children and we have a purpose and a mission. Let us continue God’s work together! With abundant blessings, Jo



Short News Items

If you would like to schedule an appointment with Pastor Jo, please call 850-902-1653 to schedule a time and location to meet with her.

Do you need a ride to church or to a special event? If so, call Linda Lade at 623-0017 and she will either drive you or get someone else who can.

Session members

Bill Kerrell
Nicole Frenk
Linda Lade
Leslie Yandle
Jean Mourey

Members absent

Brad Schild

Guests present

Betsy Dodson
Remy Kublik
Gerry Yandle

Moderator

Pastor Jo Kublik

Welcome/Quorum/Call to order: A quorum was declared by Jo and the meeting was called to order with prayer by Jo.

Word-Share-Prayer: A discussion followed regarding our commitment to Christ’s answer to Simon Peter’s request, “Show me the Father, then I will believe.”

Ross Pistera (Historic Preservationist with West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc.) gave his report on repairs needed for the columns, steps and portico on the front of the church. After consultation with Mr. Quinta and Mr. Caldwell, it has been determined that Acousti Engineering Company would be selected as the sub-contractor to do the work. Mr. Pistera recommends that, even though the window repairs are included in the estimate, we should have the works on the columns and concrete done first. Betsy reported she has contacted Neil Brown with Architectural Concrete Designs who has inspected the area and given an estimate to grind and seal with aggregate for traction on the steps, ramp and porch of \$1800. She is going to check with a few other contractors to see if this is a fair price.

We discussed with Mr. Pistera the difference between having a contractor do the repair and painting of the columns versus the contractor doing the repair and volunteers doing the sanding and painting. As Brad could not be present today, it was decided to wait for his input before making a decision. Mr. Pistera also recommended annual maintenance inspections and repairs on the columns in the future. He also recommended we not wait more than a year to repair the windows.

Approval of Minutes: Linda Lade moved the minutes of previous meeting be accepted. Nicole Frenk seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Clerk's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: Betsy Dodson presented each member with a printout of the Budget and Income reports. She explained the figures for Spring Fling and for Restoration Funds were not correct as all monies have not been received yet. Betsy reported that Tammy Mendiola requests that \$400.00 of the proceeds from Spring Fling be set aside for future fund raising events.

Jean Mourey made a motion the request be accepted, Leslie Yandle seconded the motion and it carried.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education (Bill Kerrell): There was nothing new to report.

Stewardship (Linda Lade): There was nothing new to report.

Worship (Jo Kublik): Jo reported she will be away on June 9, 2013, and Gerry Yandle will lead the service on that date.

On June 23, 2013, she must leave immediately following the service in order to be in Bonita Springs that evening.

She also noted that she and her mother will host a Victorian Tea Party in the Fellowship Hall on November 3, 2013.

There will be no scheduled session meetings in June or July. If a meeting is necessary, one will be convened.

Membership/Mission (Nicole Frenk): There was nothing new to report.

Personnel (Leslie Yandle): There was nothing new to report

New Business

Bill Kerrell stated that an acquaintance had stopped attending our services because he objected to the phrase "Holy catholic church" in the Apostle's Creed. Jo said she will call this person and explain the meaning of the phrase. Jean suggested a notation be added to the bulletin asking attendees with questions or misunderstandings to bring it to our attention.

Adjournment

Gerry Yandle made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Bill Kerrell and the motion carried.

Gerry Yandle closed the meeting with prayer.

Jean Mourey
Clerk of Session

2013 Upcoming Events Events to Remember

June

- 6/1: Inclusive Church Training
- 6/2: Communion service
1st Sunday Fellowship Dinner
- 6/4: Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
- 6/9: Pastor Jo off
- 6/16: Father's Day
- 6/30: Fifth Sunday Praise service

July

- 7/4: Fourth of July
- 7/7: 1st Sunday Fellowship Dinner
- 7/14: Communion service

A Christian

Several years ago, a preacher from out-of-state accepted a call to a church in Houston, Texas. Some weeks after he arrived, he had an occasion to ride the bus from his home to the downtown area. When he sat down, he discovered that the driver had accidentally given him a quarter too much change. As he considered what to do, he thought to himself, "You'd better give the quarter back. It would be wrong to keep it."

Then he thought, "Oh, forget it, it's only a quarter. Who would worry about this little amount? Anyway, the bus company gets too much fare; they will never miss it. Accept it as a 'gift from God' and keep quiet."

When his stop came, he paused momentarily at the door, and then he handed the quarter to the driver and said, "Here, you gave me too much change."

The driver, with a smile, replied, "Aren't you the new preacher in town?"

"Yes," he replied.

"Well, I have been thinking a lot lately about going somewhere to worship. I just wanted to see what you would do if I gave you too much change. I'll see you at church on Sunday."

When the preacher stepped off of the bus, he literally grabbed the nearest light pole, held on, and said, "Oh God, I almost sold your Son for a quarter."

Our lives are the only Bible some people will ever read. This is a really scary example of how much people watch us as Christians, and will put us to the test! Always be on guard -- and remember -- You carry the name of Christ on your shoulders when you call yourself a "Christian".

Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not PROTECT you. Stay FAITHFUL and be GRATEFUL.

My Trial

After living what I felt was a “decent” life, my time on earth came to the end. The first thing I remember is sitting on a bench in the waiting room of what I thought to be a courthouse.

The doors opened and I was instructed to come in and have a seat by the defense table. As I looked around I saw the “prosecutor”. He was a villainous looking gent who snarled as he stared at me. He definitely was the most evil person I have ever seen.

I sat down and looked to my left and there sat MY attorney, a kind and gentle looking man whose appearance seemed so familiar to me I felt I knew Him. The corner door flew open and there appeared the Judge in full flowing robes.

He commanded an awesome presence as He moved across the room. I couldn't take my eyes off of Him. As He took His seat behind the bench, He said, "Let us begin."

The prosecutor rose and said, "My name is Satan and I am here to show you why this man belongs in hell." He proceeded to tell of lies that I told, things that I stole, and in the past, when I cheated others. Satan told of other horrible perversions that were once in my life. The more he spoke, the further down in my seat I sank.

I was so embarrassed that I couldn't look at anyone, even my own Attorney, as the Devil told of sins that even I had completely forgotten about.

As upset as I was at Satan for telling all these things about me, I was equally upset at MY attorney who sat there silently not offering any form of defense at all.

I know I had been guilty of those things, but I had done SOME good in my life - couldn't that at least equal out part of the harm I'd done?

Satan finished with a fury and said, "This man belongs to me, he is guilty of all that I have charged, and there is not a person who can prove otherwise."

When it was His turn, my attorney first asked if He might approach the bench. The Judge allowed this

over the strong objection of Satan, and beckoned Him to come forward.

He got up and started walking and I was able to see Him in His full splendor and majesty. I realized why He seemed so familiar; this was Jesus representing me, my Lord and my Savior.

He stopped at the bench and softly said to the Judge, "Hi, Dad!", and then He turned to address the court. "Satan was correct in saying that this man had sinned, I won't deny any of these 20 allegations. And, yes, the wages of sin is death, and this man deserves to be punished."

Jesus took a deep breath and turned to His Father with outstretched arms and proclaimed, "However, I died on the cross so that this person might have eternal life, and he has accepted Me as his Savior, so he is Mine."

My Lord continued with, "His name is written in the Book of Life, and no one can snatch him from Me. Satan still does not understand yet. This man is not to be given justice, but rather mercy."

As Jesus sat down, He quietly paused, looked at His Father, and said, "There is nothing else that needs to be done. I've done it all."

The Judge lifted His mighty hand and slammed the gavel down. The following words bellowed from His lips..."This man is free. The penalty for him has already been paid in full. Case dismissed."

As my Lord led me away, I could hear Satan ranting and raving, "I won't give up. I will win the next one."

I asked Jesus as He gave me my instructions where to go next, "Have you ever lost a case?" Christ lovingly smiled and said, "Everyone that has come to Me and asked Me to represent them has received the same verdict as you, ~Paid In Full~"

Stop telling God how big your storm is. Instead, tell the storm how big your God is!

Father's Day History

Father's Day was inaugurated in the United States in the early 20th century to complement Mother's Day in celebrating fatherhood and male parenting.

After the success obtained by Anna Jarvis with the promotion of Mother's Day in the U.S., some wanted to create similar holidays for other family members, and Father's Day was the choice most likely to succeed. There were other persons in the U.S. who independently thought of "Father's Day", but the credit for the modern holiday is often given to

Sonora Dodd, who was the driving force behind its establishment.

Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there. After hearing a sermon about Jarvis' Mother's Day in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June.

Dodd had the help of those trade groups that would benefit most from the holiday, for example the manufacturers of ties, tobacco pipes, and any traditional present to fathers. Since 1938, she had the help of the Father's Day Council, founded by the New York Associated Men's Wear Retailers, to consolidate and systematize the commercial promotion. Americans resisted the holiday during a few decades, perceiving it as just an attempt by merchants to replicate the commercial success of Mother's Day, and newspapers frequently featured cynical and sarcastic attacks and jokes. But the trade

groups did not give up: they kept promoting it and even incorporated the jokes into their advertisements, and they eventually succeeded. By the mid-1980's, the Father's Council wrote, "Father's Day has become a 'Second Christmas' for all the men's gift-oriented industries."

A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak at a Father's Day celebration and wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted, fearing that it would become commercialized. U.S. President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed by the nation, but stopped short of issuing a national proclamation. Two earlier attempts to formally recognize the holiday had been defeated by Congress. In 1957, Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers, thus "[singling] out just one of our two parents". In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

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April Nesting
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 March
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JUNE 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Inclusive Church Training
2 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Communion service, 10:30 Fellowship dinner, 11:30	3	4 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Joan Weber	5 Warren Hatten Bill Kerrell	6	7	8
9 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship service, 10:30 Pastor Jo gone Sandi Harris	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day 	15
16 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship service, 10:30 Father's Day Randy Bohannon	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship service, 10:30	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 5 th Sunday Praise, 10:30						

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SUMMER

Ants	Golf	Soccer
August	Green grass	Solstice
Barbecue	Hat	Sprinklers
Baseball	Hiking	Sunburn
Beach	Holidays	Sunglasses
Bees	Hot	Sunscreen
Bicycle	Ice cream	Sunshine
Blue Sky	July	Suntan
Boating	June	Sweat
Breeze	Mosquitoes	Swimming
Camping	No school	U V Rays
Fishing	Picnic	Wasps
Flies	Roller blades	
Flowers	Sandals	Water fights
Gardening	Skateboard	Watermelon