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The Pastor's Pen

How deep is your love? Here's a story of love that goes beyond what we can imagine – the kind of love God gives to us each day. (Reprinted from "Thought of the Day", Pastor Mark Broadhead; origin unknown.)

Will Willimon, in a chapel address tells the story of a friend of his who, while in seminary, served briefly as a chaplain in a state prison. He received a request from a father of a young man who was interred in the prison. The young man had committed a robbery in a little town and had been sentenced to many years in jail. He was angry, embittered.

The boy's father came each week to visit him, but the lad steadfastly refused to see him.

The chaplain was asked to intervene, to plead with the boy to see his father. But the young prisoner refused to reconsider.

Despite his refusal, the boy's father took off work every week, boarded a bus, and traveled across the state in the hope of seeing his son.

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Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals Scripture Reference (Year C)

July 7

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kings 5:1-14
Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 30, Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 7:7-17
Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 82, Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 21

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 8:1-12
Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 52, Psalm 15
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 28

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hosea 1:2-10
Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 85, Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

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Events this Month

July 7
Fellowship dinner, 11:30 a.m.
July 14
Communion service, 10:30 a.m.

July Birthdays

David Bohannon	2	Jim Jones	22
Ann Hatten	5	Hazel Guimond	23
Linda Young	10	Dawn Merritt	24
Leslie Yandle	14	Ben Jones	27

Must Do List

Column repair
(Starts this month)

**August Luncheon hosted by
Jean and Nicole**

Every week. And every week it became the young chaplain's difficult task to ask the son, "Do you want to see your dad?" He then had to bear word of the refusal to the waiting father.

The father would thank the chaplain, gather his belongings, and head toward the door for the bus trip back home.

One day, after telling the father the same thing, that his son would not meet with him, the chaplain said, "No one would do what you are doing. Your son is an embittered, defiant young man. Go back home and get on with your life. No one would put up with this kind of rejection, week after week. Nobody would do this."

"God has put up with it for centuries," said the father, as he picked up his meager belongings and headed out.

And the young chaplain literally fell to his knees at this vision of the righteousness of God.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs." It's not vengeful or mean.

What kind of love do you give to others?

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.

Some have asked me about the collection of stamps for Duval Home. If you will get them to Linda Lade, she will make sure they get there.

Thank You Notes

A special thank you to everyone at church for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, notes, food and visits while I was in the hospital and house bound.

Love, Anne Hatten

My dear church family, Thank you for ALL the prayers, visits, cards and positive thoughts. This journey has been hard. Things are better now. "God is good ALL the time".

**Blessings and Love,
Tula and Bill**

Session Highlights

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MILTON, FLORIDA

Called Session Meeting

(To discuss proposal for repairs to church front)

June 20, 2013

Session members present

Brad Schild
Linda Lade
Nicole Frenk
Bill Kerrell
Jean Mourey
Leslie Yandle

Guests

Joan Weber
Val Maeris
Margaret Neustaedter
Terry Neustaedter
Maria Bailey
Tammy Mendiola
Betsy Dodson

Moderator

Pastor Jo Kublik

Welcome/Quorum/Call to order

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

Pastor Jo Kublik stated the sole purpose of this called meeting was to discuss the proposal submitted by Interior Construction Systems for repair of the columns, windows and concrete at the front of the church.

Betsy Dodson reported there is \$5642.04 in the restoration account with approximately \$1000.00 yet to come in. She reported that after receiving the proposal, she spoke with Ross Pristera, who had requested the proposal from Interior Construction Systems. As written, the proposal to provide labor and material to prepare and paint the columns and

two front windows would be \$5770.00. The cost to repair the front steps and landing is included in this proposal. Acousti submitted a bid for \$1800.00 for repair and painting of the columns. We could reduce this cost by \$160.00 if they do not do the window sashes.

A discussion followed. All questions were answered to everyone's satisfaction. Jean made a motion to accept the bid from Interior Construction Systems as written. Linda seconded the motion. The vote was three for and three against. Brad recommended we consider painting the columns ourselves. A discussion followed regarding the difficulties involved, such as renting a lift, completing the work in a timely manner, & who would be doing the painting. Bill, Brad and Leslie stated they had experience doing this type of work. Val and Joan stated they would help. The vote was again three for and three against.

Brad moved we have Acousti engineering do the proposed repairs to the concrete and Interior Construction Systems do the preparation work to the columns. Nicole seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Brad recommended we obtain more estimates for paint costs within our budget. Linda commented that the last painter used the wrong type of paint, causing peeling and flaking.

Brad recommended someone speak to the Historical Society regarding a recommended color for the concrete.

Betsy stated Interior Construction Systems can begin work in one to two weeks. Jo asked Betsy to contact Ross Pristera to begin work as soon as possible and Brad to acquire estimates for paint and painters. Brad agreed to be a second contact person if Betsy is not available.

OTHER BUSINESS

Brad arranged for Linda to be present at the church on June 21, 2013, to allow the air conditioning repairman access.

Betsy was recognized for the hard work she has done regarding the restoration project.

Linda reminded us that, due to the age of the church, this will be an ongoing project.

Jo closed the meeting with prayer.



Condolences

Bertha Christian
From the congregation who loved Bertha dearly, we extend our love and prayers to Wilburn Christian and her family who she loved dearly.

Marilyn Bloom Meyer Freeman
We extend our love and prayers to Leslie and Gerry Yandle on the death of Leslie's mother.

Rev. Cherie Isakson
We extend love and prayers to Cherie's daughter, granddaughter, and to her friends from Cursillo and Shalimar Presbyterian Church.

**2013 Upcoming Events
Events to Remember/**

July

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

August

- 8/4: Communion worship service
1st Sunday Fellowship Dinner
- 8/6: Bible study
- 8/11: Pastor Jo on vacation
- 8/18: Session meeting after worship

September

- 9/1: 1st Sunday Fellowship Dinner
- 9/8: Communion worship service
Session meeting after worship
- 9/10: Presbytery meeting at Marianna,
all are welcome
- 9/19-9/22: Cursillo
- 9/28: Pet Blessing/Fall Festival
- 9/29: Fifth Sunday Praise Service

The Church Gossiper

Mildred, the church gossip and self-appointed monitor of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business.

Several members did not approve of her extra-curricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused Frank, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old pickup parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She emphatically told Frank (and several others) that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing!

Frank, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just turned and walked away.

He didn't explain, defend, or deny. He said nothing.

Later that evening, Frank quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house, walked home and left it there all night.

(You gotta love Frank!)

Have a Few Laughs

I was in the 6 item express lane at the store quietly fuming.

Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So which 6 items would you like to buy?"

Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbor and his wife were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. "Young man, we're both 90 years old, we may not have 45 minutes." They were seated immediately.

The reason politicians try so hard to get re-elected is that they would "hate" to have to try to make a living under the laws they've passed.

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle.

They reached the altar and the waiting groom. The bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the priest smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.

Three friends from the local congregation were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?"

Artie said, "I would like them to say a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, a great family man." Eugene commented, "I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives." Sam said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord, "God, what does a million years mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A minute." Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A penny." Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?" The Lord replies, "In a minute."

John was on his deathbed and gasped pitifully, "Give me one last request, dear," "Of course, John," his wife said softly. "Six months after I die, I want you to marry Bob." "But I thought you hated Bob!" she said. With his last breath John said, "I do!"

A man goes to see the Rabbi.

"Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it."

The Rabbi asked, "What's wrong?"

The man replied, "My wife is poisoning me.

The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, "How can that be?"

The man then pleads, "I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me, what should I do?"

The Rabbi then offers, "Let me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know." A week later the Rabbi calls the man and says, "I spoke to

her on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?" The man said, "Yes" and the Rabbi replied, "Take the poison."

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 David Bohannon	3	4 th of July 	5 Anne Hatten	6
7 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30 Fellowship dinner, 11:30	8	9	10 Linda Young	11	12	13
14 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Communion worship, 10:30 Leslie Yandle	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30	22 Jim Jones	23 Hazel Guimond	24 Dawn Merritt	25	26	27 Ben Jones
28 Choir Practice, 8:45 Sunday School, 9:30 Worship, 10:30	29	30	31			

The 4th Of July

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