

# Faithful Times

*Continuing Christ's Work in the World*



## From the Pastor's Window

### A Window on The Word of God

A lot of the conflict and confusion in what passes for the mainline denominations today, may be addressed using one very specific question: **"Is the Bible the Word of God?"**

2 Peter 1:16-21 (NKJV)

*For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.*

*And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

You can tell a lot about the theology of a pastor, a congregation or a denomination by how they answer the question above.

An orthodox Christian pastor (or church) holds that Holy Scripture is the inspired and inerrant word of God and our only infallible rule for faith and living. The operative word in that statement is, **"IS."**

A progressive Christian pastor or church almost always says something along the lines of: "Scripture contains the word of God, but..." This is a clear signal that they place other things before the sovereignty of God.

God is so completely different - *holy* - from us that the only way we can know Him is that He has chosen to reveal Himself to us in two ways: Through creation and through specific and recorded interactions with prophets and apostles. These are clearly and truthfully revealed to us in Scripture.

The Westminster confession explains it as follows (excuse the Elizabethan English):

*Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men unexcusable; yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of his will, which is necessary unto salvation. Therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal himself, and to declare that his will unto his church; and afterwards, for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing: which maketh the Holy Scripture to be most necessary; those former ways of God's revealing his will unto his people being now ceased.*

The Bible isn't politically correct. What does that mean? Simply that it is important that we make sure our beliefs about God are rooted in God's revelation of Himself and not in our insufficient human

speculation about God. This is why we must trust the Bible as the only *infallible rule* by which all beliefs about God are measured.

Church councils and confessions have a lot to offer us in understanding and in communicating our Christian faith. **But the 66 books of the Bible are the only writings which are God breathed.** These books are God's own revelation of Himself.

*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.* 2 Tim. 3: 16-17

Written revelation can be traced back to the time when God inscribed the Ten Commandments on stone tablets and instructed Moses to write Israel's Law and history in the first five books of our Bible.

Living according to this written revelation has always been the central tenet of God's Covenant people. Both leaders and laity were expected to know God's written Word, to obey it, and to teach it to the next generation. To manipulate the word in order to feel better about our sins and failures is an offense against God.

The Bible is not merely the *infallible rule of faith* in things pertaining to God, it is also the *infallible rule of Life.* (The Westminster Confession)

Jesus and the apostles believed the Scriptures they had – our Old Testament – to be divine revelation, to be studied and obeyed. When Satan tempted Him, Jesus responded with the written Word (Matt. 4). When two disciples were on the road to Emmaus, Jesus revealed Himself to them with the words of Scripture.

The Church correctly regards the apostles' written teaching about Christ to be the completion of the testimony of God begun by Moses. This is the basis for one of our "Five Solas"; Sola Scriptura – Scripture Alone What the Bible says, God said. All that the Biblical writers wrote should be received as the infallible revelation of God and God's direct – and unchanging --instructions to His people.

When a person (e.g. pastor, elder, member) or a body (e.g. congregation, presbytery or denomination) says: " I know what scripture says **but, I think...**" what they're really saying is I think I know better than God. Ouch.

*Pastor Jim*

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Through the first several weeks of May, we will continue to collect packs of men's and women's underwear and socks in the bin located in the Narthex. Especially for men, smaller sizes are the item of the day (small and medium for underwear). Please know that as the hot weather of summer approaches, the need becomes much greater for those items. Thanks from your Sending Team!

## WE PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

### ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Tish Bardin (recuperating from hand surgery)
- Christine Berry's niece, Angela (health concerns)
- Bill and Ann Best's friend, Sharon Boyer (health concerns)
- Blume family friend, Robert (bone cancer)
- Michelle Blume's friend, Vivian Corvo (breast cancer)
- Tom Bowden (health concerns)
- Roger and Linda Cantor's grandson-in-law (stationed in US Air Force Base near Adana, Turkey) and Linda Cantor (health concerns)
- Marilyn Elzinga (hospice care)
- Mike and Lynn Lemon's daughter, Ashleigh (recuperating from surgery)
- John McCall and his ministry in Taiwan
- Karen Morelli's niece, Gina (recovering from surgery),
- Carolyn Perry (recuperating from surgery)
- Linda Schuyler (recuperating from surgery)
- Reggie Wilson's sister, Cherrie (health concerns)
- Alice Yearsley's sister-in-law, Ginny McKeen (lung cancer)
- Service Personnel
- Our Missionaries
- The Jobless—The Hungry —The Homeless

### NURSING HOME/REHAB

- Ruth Albright—Carrollwood Care Center
- Margie McCall—Spring Arbor of Salisbury
- Don Manguson—Cloverdale in Lutz
- Dalia Parker—Emeritus at Carrollwood

### WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO:

- Ginger King and family on the death of her husband, David King.
- Sally Chaplinski and family on the death of her father.

# Kingdom Care

## The Faithful Times

### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

#### Women's Circle (formerly Presbyterian Women)

All of the women of the church are invited to bring a friend and come to our annual Salad Luncheon, which will be held in the sanctuary on Monday, May 9th at 11:30 a.m. Bring your favorite salad dish or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. We look forward to seeing you!

#### Et Ceteras

Our Et Ceteras group, which makes crafts for Meals on Wheels, is on hiatus until the fall. For more information, please call Marge Anke at 813-374-4357.

#### Connecting Threads

This small group of women who sew, crochet, or knit is active all year and meet on the first and third Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2. If you would like to learn free-motion quilting, please bring a sewing machine. If you enjoy sewing, knitting, or crocheting – beginners and experts alike, join us. Bring your project, start a new one, or learn to sew. Contact Betty Brady at 813-961-4070 for more information.

#### FALL CRAFT FAIR

Our 3rd Annual Fall Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We will be meeting soon to plan for the event. If you would be interested in volunteering or putting together some crafts to sell, please contact Kathy Feicke at 813-962-4063, gfeicke1@verizon.net.

#### COFFEE WITH JIM AT PANERA

Coffee and great conversation can be found each Thursday morning at Panera Bread. Jim will be there from 7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m. each Thursday. Relax, enjoy a cup of coffee and great fellowship around the table.

#### VILLAGE GUYS

Village Guys will meet at Bob Evans (16314 N Dale Mabry Hwy) on the fourth Wednesday of the month at noon until further notice. All men of the church are invited! Please contact Lyle Sutherland for more information at joyly150@msn.com.

### CEDARKIRK

Summer Camp for Cedarkirk will be held weekly from June 19th-August 5th, 2016. The theme this year is "Fearless Faith" and there are many camp options for different ages, abilities, and interests. There is also a scholarship option and different pricing options for varying budgets. Please visit Cedarkirk's website, [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org) for more information.

### 211 ASSISTANCE

There is a helpful Telephone Reassurance service that 211 provides for elderly people who live alone. You can call the Elder Helpline at 813-964-1577 and tell them your living situation and ask to be assigned an assistant to check in daily by phone in order to make sure that there are no emergencies and to make sure you are able to answer the phone.

### A BIG THANK YOU!

A big "Thank You" to our VPC family for all the prayers, cards, and kind words after the death of my mother, Winifred Kreitzer. We appreciated the hugs and support. ~Karen and John Morelli

To all the wonderful folks at VPC. I enjoyed the cards, calls, and visits with you all and really appreciate all the care and thoughts you sent to me. I think I am about to get back to normal again. I was removed from the care of the wound center today, so all I have to do is maintain all the exercise that I have been taught to do. Many thanks to all the members of the Care Team, and also Jim, Sue, and June. Sincerely, *Pegi Seibert*

Dear Jim, Michelle, Elders, and Members of VPC, Thank you so much for your gift through the Outreach Foundation to support the mission work in Taiwan. As my home church and the church where I was ordained, it means so much to be partners in mission.

You are helping me to mentor, equip, and nurture a new generation of leaders for the church in both Taiwan and China. It's a thrill to see the future and current pastors come alive to God's dream for their churches and communities.

In this Easter season, I am grateful for Village's commitment to join God in sharing the Resurrection News with the world. Gratefully, *John McCall*

## FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES

### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY KEEPS ONE HEALTHY

**Physical activity is good for people of all ages. Staying active can help:**

- Lower your risk of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, and some types of cancer
- Improve your strength and balance so you can prevent injuries and stay independent
- Reduce symptoms of depression
- Improve your ability to think, learn, and make decisions

#### **Before you start...**

If you have a health problem like heart disease, diabetes, or obesity, talk to your doctor about the types and amounts of physical activity that are right for you.

#### **Then...**

- Aim for 2 hours and 30 minutes a week of moderate aerobic activities. If you were not exercising before, start slowly. Begin with 10 minutes of aerobic activity and gradually build up to doing 30 minutes at a time.
- Aim for 30 minutes of aerobic activity on most days of the week.
- Choose aerobic activities – activities that make your heart beat faster – like walking fast, dancing, swimming, or raking leaves.
- Tell your doctor if you have shortness of breath, chest pain, or unplanned weight loss.
- Do strengthening activities 2 days a week.
- Try using exercise bands or lifting hand weights. You can also use cans of food as weights. Breathe out as you lift the weight, and breathe in as you lower it. Don't hold your breath – holding your breath can cause unsafe changes in your blood pressure.
- Do balance activities 3 or more days a week. Practice standing on one foot (hold onto a chair if you need to at first).
- Stand up from a sitting position without using your hands.
- Learn tai chi (“ty chee”), a Chinese mind-body exercise that involves moving the body slowly and gently.
- Sign up for a yoga class, or try following a yoga video at home.

It is never too late to start an exercise regimen. Even sitting in a chair and moving every joint helps keep you limber and gets your muscles moving. The body is meant to be in motion. Simply sitting (inactivity) all day is an invitation for chronic health problems. So get your body moving today!

## DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUPS

If you or someone you know is experiencing symptoms of dementia or is caring for a person with dementia, there are resources available to help you cope. Below is a list of area support groups. There is also information about these and other available resources online at [www.alz.org/flgulfoast](http://www.alz.org/flgulfoast) or you can phone the 24/7 helpline at 800-272-3900. In addition to the groups listed below there are online message boards at [www.alzconnected.org](http://www.alzconnected.org).

### Caregiver support groups

*(An \* indicates that Free Day Care is provided by the support group host facility during the support group meeting. Please call in advance for reservations)*

\*Arden Courts, Carrollwood Support Group for Spouses 14950 Casey Rd, Tampa 33624  
2nd Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. Facilitator: Teresa Jackson (813) 963-6100.

\*Brookdale/Northdale 3401 W. Bearss Ave, 33618  
2nd Monday, 10:00 a.m. Facilitator: Cindy Kladakis (813) 961-1044.

\*Inspired Living, Tampa 5430 Kelly Rd, 33615  
4th Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Facilitator: AJ Cipperly, (813) 739-0007.  
Rocky Creek Village, Library 8606 Boulder Ct, Tampa, 33615 2nd Thursday, 6:00 p.m. Facilitator: Morgan Langley (813) 884-3388 Ext. 237.

### Veterans Support Groups

James A. Haley, VA Hospital, Support Group for Veterans or Caregivers for Vet, 13000 Bruce B Downs, Trailer 82, 33612 Every Friday, 2:00 p.m. Facilitator: Nicole Gagliano (813)998-8000 Ext. 5740.~from your Congregational Care Team

## CHURCH OFFICE NEWS

June De Nadai's last day working in the church office is April 28. June and her husband, Alex, will be moving to Jackson, Mississippi where Alex will be completing his internship for his PhD. June and Alex will both be missed here at Village. We wish them well in Jackson.

Our new Office Assistant and Director of Technology will be Ryan Goldstein. Ryan has been working here as a volunteer for over two years. Ryan has a Bachelor's degree in Geography and a Master's degree in Human Geography. Ryan's job will include the Office Assistant position and also handle technology for the church (prepare power point slides, maintain the church website and the Community Food Pantry website, produce videos, provide audio/visual technical assistance, provide technical assistance for the office, create and lead the VPC tech team, and various duties as assigned. Please welcome Ryan to the staff at Village!

# Sending

## The Faithful Times

### COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

*"When they had all had enough to eat, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.'" John 6:12*

The Community Food Pantry continues to support the hungry in North Tampa, Lutz and Odessa by providing supplemental groceries. We continue to serve clients twice a week and feel privileged to be able to serve our friends in our community. Contact us anytime through the church office or: [villagecommunitypantry@gmail.com](mailto:villagecommunitypantry@gmail.com) or visit [www.villagepresbyterian.com/pantry](http://www.villagepresbyterian.com/pantry)



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ***GIVE DAY 2016 – Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016***

Join us in taking a bite out of hunger by remembering the Community Food Pantry on Give Day Tampa Bay on May 3<sup>rd</sup>! Visit our website at [www.thecommunityfoodpantry.com](http://www.thecommunityfoodpantry.com) or go to [www.GiveDay.org](http://www.GiveDay.org) and find us under the Community Improvement tab to make an online donation, May 3<sup>rd</sup> any time between midnight and 11:59 p.m. Early riser? Please go to [thecommunityfoodpantry.com](http://thecommunityfoodpantry.com) and make your donation online between 7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m. to help us win the \$2,500 Sunrise Prize! Our GiveDay Cookout for a Cause will be at VPC from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Come enjoy a hotdog or burger, donate, or just fellowship!

The Community Food Pantry strives to end the physical and emotional hunger of families in a dignified manner. The Community Food Pantry helps feed 15,000 of your friends and neighbors each year: parents who have trouble making ends meet, seniors on fixed incomes deciding between medicine and groceries, individuals who have lost a job or are underemployed. Almost 4,000 local families visited our pantry last year to receive groceries, a gracious welcome, and emotional support as well as blood pressure screenings and information on social services. We anticipate providing groceries to 17,000 people this year, a third of whom are children.

### OUR NUMBERS ...

The Pantry has already served over 1200 families in 2016! The demand continues to increase for food as it does for those seeking services outside of the pantry. We are extremely grateful for the support of the Village Presbyterian Church members as volunteers, financial supporters, and friends of the mission as we continue Christ's work in the world.

### CONTINUED OUTREACH OF THE PANTRY — YOUTH TAKE OVER THE PANTRY SUMMER PROGRAM

The Youth Take over the Pantry summer program begins on Wednesday, June 15, 2016. We will be maximizing our efforts this summer to not only support the pantry, but other local ministries. We will have a meeting on Saturday, June 11, 2016, to discuss the plans for the summer. If you have a youth interested in participating in this program this summer, please have them attend the meeting. Time and location to be announced in May.

### FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES

The Faith Community Nurses of Village Presbyterian Church continue to see clients every Wednesday morning during the pantry hours. They provide counseling, advice, blood pressure checks, and helpful resources to clients in need. Elaine Richard and Pam Thompson continue to see the numbers grow each week.

### VETERAN ASSISTANCE TO PANTRY CLIENTS

Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist & Career Source Tampa Bay is joining the pantry for the next few months offering services such as resume writing, job training, and veteran benefits for veterans and their dependents. There are job opportunities and employment counseling available to non-veterans as well. This program continues to be a blessing to the CFP.

### THANK YOU—TAMPA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The 44 student athletes of the Tampa Catholic High School Women's Lacrosse team served in the pantry on Sunday, March 6th. In addition to their service, they made over 300 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the PB & J ministry of Tampa and made hygiene bags for the homeless. Job well done, girls!

**JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB—ongoing through May 2016**

The Key Club of Jesuit High School will be joining the pantry the last Sunday of each month to serve the clients of the pantry. Thank you to this gracious and generous group of young men for staffing volunteers to serve the hungry. Your presence is moving.

**GUARDIAN AD LITEM TRAINING**

Thank you to those volunteers who went through the training and are now certified Guardian ad Litem! You will make such a difference in the life of a child. If you are interested in getting involved with this mission, additional trainings are upcoming throughout the Tampa Bay area. Please contact Rev. Michelle at michelleb.vpc@gmail.com for more information.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL**

During Lent, we kicked off our first online daily devotional, using messages from Anne Weems’ book, *Kneeling in Jerusalem*, and scripture reflections. These devotions were shared throughout Tampa Bay and multiple churches across the country! Thank you to all who participated as readers, and especially to Ryan Goldstein for making this possible!

**SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA**

The Spring Extravaganza was held (before the rain came crashing down). Thanks to the wonderful volunteers who braved the weather and shared God’s love with the community! Thank you all!

**SPRING FLING AT A KID’S PLACE**

On April 23rd, VPC went to A Kid’s Place—a group foster home and threw a wonderful spring party for the children of all ages. Thank you to all who came out and shared God’s love with children in great need.

**WORSHIPPING (Cont. from page 8)**

**MUSIC AT VILLAGE**

Join us in making music at Village!

The Chancel Choir continues to bring beautiful music to each Sunday service, and we would love for you to join us! We rehearse on Wednesday nights at 7:30 and Sunday mornings at 9:40. No auditions are required, just bring your singing voice!

The Praise Team is another way to get involved. If you enjoy the more contemporary side of worship, we would love to have you sing and play with us. We are in special need of a guitarist. If you play or know someone who plays guitar, please let me know! Rehearsals are Sunday morning at 9:00. Come join us as we continue learning how to lead the church in worship through music.

The Village Brass is always welcoming new members. So, if you play or used to play a brass instrument, let us know! We would love to get you started!

It’s been a while since we’ve had the Village Strings join our service. No worries, though! Their performance schedule has been busy this spring, but they will be joining us again in July. If you play a string instrument and would like to play with them, the Village Strings would love to have you join their group. Let us know, and we will get you set up with music and practice times.

We are always looking for ways to grow the worship experience at Village, so if you play an instrument or are interested in providing some special music in our services, please let me know. There is room for everyone in the music ministry!

Singing for our Savior,

*Brittany Bozeman*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS & FRIENDS**

**May Birthdays:**

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 01 Bob Kerns         | 19 Bob Pettit      |
| 03 Jim Bardin        | 20 Lindsay Jimison |
| 03 Tim DeBoer        | 20 Bruce Wilkinson |
| 03 Andrew Smith      | 20 Shannon Edinger |
| 03 Suanne Wesselhoff | 21 Helen Harkins   |
| 10 Kim Lemke         | 22 Chad Wiley      |
| 12 Beth Dhondt       | 23 Kathy Feicke    |
| 13 Aaron Jimison     | 23 Elaine Richard  |
| 17 Jim Yearsley      | 25 Aria Beachy     |

**June Birthdays:**

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 01 Jonathan Ezell  | 16 Diane Smith     |
| 04 Kevin McIntosh  | 23 Susan Brandley  |
| 05 Roger Cantor    | 26 Shirley Gilbert |
| 07 John Harlowe    | 27 Bernice Hull    |
| 13 Lyle Sutherland | 29 Duke Perry      |
| 16 Justin Ezell    |                    |



# Equipping

## The Faithful Times

### WEEKLY EQUIPPING EVENTS

#### Sunday School for Adults (9:00 a.m.)

- **Present Word** ~*Fullness of Faith* (the third unit of *The Gift of Faith*)—May; *Judgment and Salvation* (the first unit of *Toward a New Creation*)—June. Join us in the Conference Room—AH.
- **Bethel:** An overview of the New Testament. For more information, please contact Michelle. ([michelleb.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:michelleb.vpc@gmail.com)). We will be on hiatus in the summer—dates to be determined.

#### Sunday School for Children & Youth

On Sunday nights, kids will make a SPLASH Singing \* Playing \* Learning \* And \* Serving \* Him!

- Children's Sunday School—3 years—5th grade (Rm 3):  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Room 3)  
10:10 a.m. SPLASH Junior Church, meeting upstairs in the balcony.



- Youth Sunday School—Middle School and High School—Discussion and doughnuts Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m.

**SPLASH Support**—We are always in need of more volunteers to assist with our kids at SPLASH. The lessons are prepared for the volunteer and all the supplies are provided. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rev. Michelle Blume ([michelleb.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:michelleb.vpc@gmail.com)).

### DRAMA TEAM

Our second annual Dinner Theatre was held on April 17th. Thank you, Drama Team, for your tireless practices and effort for the production. You truly gave so much of yourselves and it was greatly appreciated. The production would not have been possible without the behind-the-scenes servants and our wonderful director, Ginger King. Thank you to all who attended and participated in the auction. Over \$2,000 was raised through your abundant generosity.



### BOOK CLUB

The VPC Book Club meets every second Thursday, at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of Anderson Hall. Our May book will be *When God Doesn't Fix It*, by Laura Story. The Book Club will then take the summer off and meet again in September, when we will discuss *The Eighty-Dollar Champion* by Elizabeth Letts. Please come and enjoy this great time of discussion and friendship. It is a wonderful time of fellowship and is a great way to invite new people to Church! The book club is open to anyone who would like to attend. If you have any ideas or would like to participate, please let Michelle know ([michelleb.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:michelleb.vpc@gmail.com)).

I ♥  
Book Club

### MOM'S GROUP

Is in full swing and meets in Room 7 on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. They are studying *Daniel* by Beth Moore. All moms of VPC are welcome to join! Please contact Michelle for more information at [michelleb.vpc@gmail.com](mailto:michelleb.vpc@gmail.com).

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is well underway—the date has been set, decorating has commenced, teachers have been secured, and the website is up and running. As of Friday, April 8th, 30 participants have signed up! We anticipate another large turnout this year, so please be sure to tell your family and friends to register as soon as possible via our website at [www.villagepresbyterian.com](http://www.villagepresbyterian.com). There is a direct link to the website which will allow them to register and pay at the same time!

Our team will be doing the shopping this year, so if you are able and willing to donate to this amazing outreach, any amount would be appreciated. We have a donation box located in the Narthex. Or, you can give cash or check to us in person! Thanks, in advance, for your support. And, we are looking forward to sharing the light of Jesus with the children, the community—and you!

# Worshipping

## The Faithful Times

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICES** ~ Village Presbyterian Church lives its faith in the world by giving and serving others in the name of Jesus Christ. Those acts of mercy and justice rise out of our worship experience. Become a regular part of that experience. Join us each Sunday. Our worship service is as follows: 10:10 a.m.—Welcome and Announcements and Worship at 10:15 a.m.

### PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

Please take a few minutes each week to prepare your heart and your mind for worship. Listed below are the Scriptures or subject matter that will be used in worship for May and June.

#### May 1

Psalm 67

John 5:1-9

*Hanging out at the pool*

#### May 8

Psalm 97

Acts 16:16-34

*Down to the River to Pray*

#### May 15

##### **Pentecost!**

Genesis 11:1-9

Acts 2:1-21

*What did you say?*

#### May 22

**Rev. Blume preaches**

#### May 29

Psalm 96

Luke 7:1-10

*Finding a Good Man*

#### June 5

Psalm 30

Luke 7:11-17

*Get Up!*

#### June 12

Psalm 5:1-8

Luke 7:36-50

**LOVE!**

#### June 19

Psalm 42

Luke 8:26-39

*10 More!*

#### June 26

**Rev. Blume preaches**

### DAY OF PENTECOST—May 15, 2016

The Holy Spirit fills the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost.

The day of Pentecost marked a turning point in the early Christian church. Pentecost, a Jewish feast, was celebrated 50 days after Passover and pilgrims had come to Jerusalem from all over the world to celebrate the event.

The 12 apostles were gathered together in a house when a terrific wind came from heaven and filled the place. Tongues that looked like fire separated and came down on each of them. Immediately the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit who caused them to speak in tongues. The crowds of visitors were astonished because every pilgrim heard the apostles speaking to him or her in their own foreign language. Some accused the apostles of being drunk.

The Apostle Peter stood and addressed them, saying they were not drunk. Then, empowered by the Holy Spirit, Peter preached boldly to them, explaining about Jesus Christ and God's plan of salvation.

The crowd was so moved when Peter told them of their part in Jesus's crucifixion that they asked the apostles, "Brothers what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). Peter told them the right response was to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. He promised that they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. They took the gospel message to heart. About 3,000 people were baptized and added to the fledgling Christian church on that Day of Pentecost.

*By Jack Zavada*



# Foundation

## The Faithful Times

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### *Continuing Christ's Work in the World*

#### OUR VISION STATEMENT

Village is a community of Christians who by the authority and power of Jesus Christ will meet the needs of all who come here. It's a place where anyone can find the gifts of God's grace, including love, acceptance, help, hope, forgiveness, and guidance.

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#### OUR CHURCH LEADERS

##### Session

Moderator, Jim Yearsley      Clerk of Session, Kathy Sandy  
Treasurer, Cheryl Blume

##### Elders

Class of 2016:	Cheryl Blume, Mark Brandley, Elaine Richard
Class of 2017:	Marge Anke, Terri Balzer, Joyce Short
Class of 2018:	Tina Antram, Mike Schuyler, Tim Wright

##### Deacons

Class of 2016:	Lindsay Blume, Peggy Bryan, Robert Pettit, Monica Wilson
Class of 2017:	Jeri Lopez, Marcia Shemo, Pam Thompson
Class of 2018:	Linda Cantor, Don Hitchcock, Linda Schuyler