



# FIRST NEWS

*Your weekly news from  
First Presbyterian Church  
St. Petersburg*

**May 24, 2019**

## This Sunday's Worship Services at FPC *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

### **Worship Services:**

8:15 AM - Communion Worship Service, Chapel

9:00 AM - Contemporary Worship Service, Fellowship Hall

11:00 AM - Classic Worship Service with Choir, Sanctuary

Pastor Dawn's sermon for this Sunday is "God's Welcome Mat"

Scripture: [Psalm 67](#) and [Acts 16:9-15](#)

[Click here](#) for Sunday's bulletin and announcements.

## **Honduras Mission Trip (June 9-16, 2019)**

In just a few short weeks, 19 missionaries from FPC (including 4 youth) will travel to Honduras to conduct community health screenings for the New Hope Clinic and to provide children's outreach activities. They will also provide hygiene kits to adults and dental kits for kids. They are collecting the following:

### **DONATIONS NEEDED**

- \* Tooth brushes (adults & kid sizes)
- \* Band-aids
- \* Dental floss
- \* Quart-sized Ziploc bags
- \* Gallon-sized Ziploc bags
- \* Soccer balls & pumps
- \* Checks



Collection containers are available in the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, and Chapel. The team also welcome monetary donations to purchase supplies in Honduras for things like soap & toothpaste, which are difficult and heavy to transport. Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church and write "Honduras" in the memo area.

**The last day to bring your donations for the trip is this Sunday, May 26.** Checks can be put in the offering plate or mailed to the church office at 701 Beach Drive, NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. Your support, donations and prayers are greatly appreciated!



## New Beth Moore Bible Study

### *When Godly People Do Ungodly Things*

*Arming Yourself in the  
Age of Seduction*

June 11 – July 23

You are invited to join us in  
the Youth Center on either

#### Tuesday mornings

9:15 - 11:30 AM

or

#### Tuesday evenings

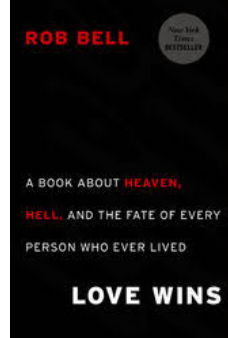
6:30 - 8:45 PM

(a light dinner will be served)

This 7-week study examines why devoted followers of Christ fall into the traps of Satan. The study is written in 3 parts. The 1<sup>st</sup> part is a warning to believers, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> shows women how to prepare for attack by the Enemy and the 3<sup>rd</sup> part is for those who have been snared by seduction, and point the way back to God.

Workbooks will be available for \$20. No previous Bible study experience is needed. Free childcare is available by reservation – email [childcare@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:childcare@fpc-stpete.org) or call/leave a message with child care at (727) 828-3971 (sign up for all 7 weeks or call on Tuesday morning if you are unable to come).

Questions? April Hussung:  
727-420-1758, [stapler39@aol.com](mailto:stapler39@aol.com)



## New Rob Bell Bible Study

### *Love Wins*

June 12 - July 31  
Wednesday mornings  
10:00 AM  
in Room N123

Rob Bell boldly wrestles with questions that Christians have asked – and feared – throughout the ages:

Who will be saved?

What do we have to do to be saved?

Will we see all the people we've ever loved when we go to heaven, or will some of them not make it there?

How can heaven be a joyous place for us if those we love are in "the other place?"

Come and consider questions about the Good News, the really, really Good News of the salvation that Christ offers.

For more information, please contact Rev. Ruth Elswood (727-822-2031, [relswood@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:relswood@fpc-stpete.org)).

*Please bring a copy of the book with you. Amazon has the paperback for around \$12.*

**We've been working on the sound  
system in our sanctuary!**

## DID YOU KNOW?

**DID YOU KNOW** that our sanctuary was designed and built for choral music (multiple sounds blending together)? It was not designed with solo singers or speakers in mind! Add modern amplification devices to the mix, and...well, you have heard some of the results!

David Aumack (our Youth Ministry Coordinator) officially accepted oversight of the sound system in February of this year. Since then, **several items have already been addressed** ([read more...](#))

## VBS at FPC! June 17-21



### Traveling Day Camp

Cedarkirk Camp is bringing their Traveling Day Camp to FPC for Vacation Bible School this summer! During this fun-filled week, children will be led through Bible studies and activities which will help them discover God's *agape* love for us, learn that not only are we to respect ourselves, but others as well, and discover how to put love for others into action.

Please click [here](#) for more information, or click [here](#) to register.

## Faith Day With The Rays



Join fellow FPC friends for a day of fun at the Ballpark!

Tampa Bay Rays vs. Los Angeles Angels on Saturday, June 15. Game time is 1:10 PM, and doors open at 11:40 AM. Lower-level tickets are only \$30 per person (\$60 value). Each ticket includes a Rays hat.

A Post-Game Event features Rays players speaking about how faith impacts their daily lives and how it has gotten them to where they are today.

Contact Amy G. (727) 822-2031 or [amyg@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org) no later than June 3.



## A Choir Rehearsal to Remember (She Said Yes!)

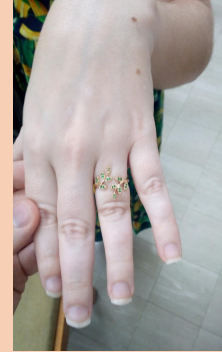
Last Sunday morning was a normal Sunday morning. In preparation for the 11:00 service, the choir was already dressed in their robes, ready to warm up and run through the anthem for the day. Matt announced that it was new choir member, Jessica's, birthday, and we all

prepared to sing to her. Not so unusual – birthdays happen and are celebrated in choir. As we sang, Jessica's boyfriend, Andrew, who has recently also joined the choir, got up from his seat in the bass section, and headed over to where Jessica sat with the sopranos, carrying a lovely birthday cake. How charming, we all thought, that he would do this for her. Andrew handed a card to Jessica. She opened it and was reading it as Andrew dropped to one knee, reached into his pocket – not easy to do when you're wearing a choir robe – and produced the ring. The proposal was written on the card, and, much to the delight and relief of the entire choir, Jessica said, "Yes!"

Jessica Lawson and Andrew Lehman have recently moved here from Naples, Florida, and first came to worship here on Palm Sunday. Although we haven't had much time to get to know the young couple,

we learned from the first day she came to rehearsal just how important singing in the church choir is to Jessica. She told us she had sung in her home church at every level since she was a young child. Belonging to her church choir, she said, was like having an extended family of aunts and uncles who cherished and cared for her throughout her early life. They have certainly, after a few short weeks, already endeared themselves to our own choir here at FPC St Petersburg.

Jessica and Andrew plan to be married in Naples during a Sunday morning worship service. Congratulations to them both and may God grant them a lifetime of joy and song.



## Men's Meal Ministry Needs Your Financial Support

Thank you to those from First Pres who volunteered during the last several weeks to assist with cooking and serving meals for Pinellas Hope. This outreach is a meal ministry supplying 175 balanced meals once a month to feed homeless persons. The cost is kept to just over \$2.50 per meal.

Currently we need financial support! We have a deficit balance in the meal account. Please consider a monetary contribution. Simply note on the check or online gift that its designated for the meal ministry. For more information, please contact [Peter Bardin](#) or Brad Hussung.

## 8:15 AM Worship Service

The final 8:15 AM Communion Worship Service until October will be this Sunday, May 26.

**PLEASE  
NOTE:**

## FPC Calendar At A Glance

[Click here](#) to view the full church calendar online.

### Coming up in May

- [May Birthdays](#)
- [May Parent Calendar](#) for Child Care
- **May 27** - Memorial Day; Church Office closed
- **May 28** - Meditation For Christians, 7 PM, Chapel

### Coming up in June

- [June Birthdays](#)
- [June Parent Calendar](#) for Child Care
- **June 9-16** - Honduras Mission Trip. Contact [Susan Schlecht](#) for details.
- **June 11** - Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel
- **June 11** and following Tuesdays through July 23, Beth Moore Bible Study, Youth Center. Contact [April Hussung](#) for details.
- **June 12** and following Wednesday mornings through July 31, Rob Bell Bible Study, Room N123. Contact [Rev. Ruth Elswood](#) for details.
- **June 15** - Faith Day with the Rays, game time 1:10 PM. Contact [amyg@fpc-stpete.org](mailto:amyg@fpc-stpete.org) for details.
- **June 17-21** - Vacation Bible School, 8:30 AM - 5 PM daily. For more information, click [here](#); to register online, click [here](#).
- **June 25** - Meditation for Christians, 7 PM, Chapel



## Do You Have News?

If news of your FPC activity isn't covered in "First News," please be sure to submit a short news item as well as pictures within the deadline below.

Items for "First News" should be submitted as early as possible with a cut-off for any Friday's "First News" being end of day the Tuesday before publication. Send copy to [Mary Johnson](#), [Diedra Flora](#), and [Amy Grossenbacher](#).

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