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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

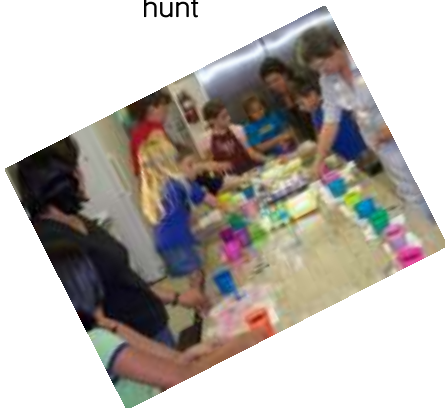
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Grace, mercy and peace to you,

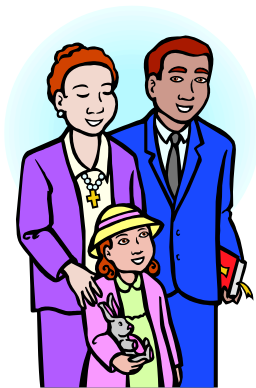


# WHAT A BLESSED EASTER SEASON

Coloring  
eggs for the  
hunt



A Wonderful  
turnout for our  
early  
service



Breakfast  
for all

*And the celebration of our risen  
Christ*





## Building One Another A Letter of Encouragement I Thessalonians 5:11

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Dear Friend,

April 28, 2009 Volume 8, No. 17 Helper

Imagine you are Wile E. Coyote tearing down a road after the Road Runner when all of a sudden the Road Runner with a "Beep Beep" zips straight up just as a glass wall pops up on the roadway and you smash right into it - and you slowly slide down the glass and on to the roadway.

That is how it feels when you are running along in life and suddenly something just wipes you out. It could be a health or work or relationship issue or any matter that is important to you that suddenly goes awry.

What do you do? **First, remember the nature of our God: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort." II Corinthians 1:3\***

God is the God of all comfort - and the word comfort comes from a word that literally means one who comes along side to help! **When trouble comes, this God "gets it" and as the Psalm wonderfully puts it, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1**

And what do we do after we walk through a trouble with the God who comes along side to help?

**This is the God "Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." II Corinthians 1:4**

Do you know someone who has hit some invisible glass wall and is sliding onto the road? Go alongside and help. Our Lord will love them through you!

With joy - E. Stanley Ott

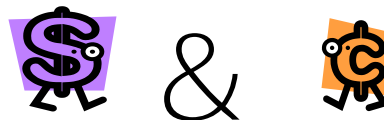
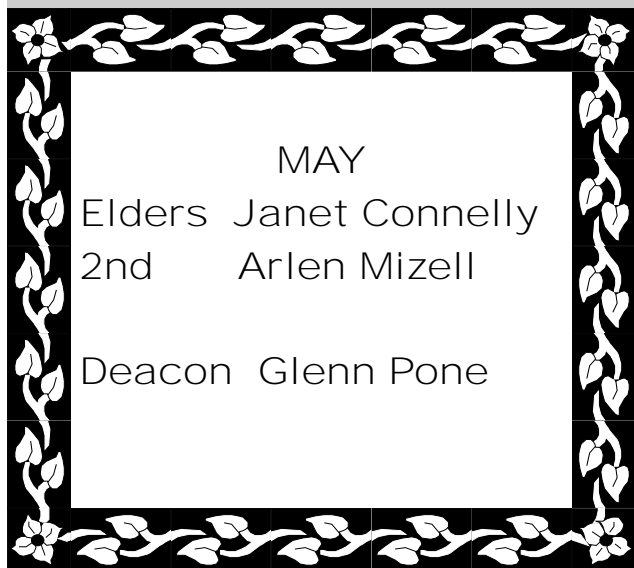


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## El der/Deacon Of the month

## FINANCIAL REPORT



April Income \$ 12,702

April Expense \$ 13,026

## Session High lights

## What's Cooking?

Treasures & Pleasures Cook Book

### STATED SESSION MEETING March

### *EIGHT LAYER SALAD*

- A welcome to our new members, Marianne Cartee ; Brian and Kerri Sox.
- **It is great to see our new directory's out.** Thanks to the deacons for all their hard work.
- It Is great to have our Web site up and running **If you haven't checked it out go to [www.fpcapopka.org](http://www.fpcapopka.org)** .
- Kerri Sox will be directing VBS this summer July 27—31. Please mark your calendars . Sure it will be a fantastic time for all
- A big thank you to all who helped in any way to make our Easter Celebration special.
- **There will not be a newsletter for June**

1 head of lettuce  
1/2 cup celery, chopped  
1 cup green pepper, chopped  
1 small onion, chopped  
1 pkg frozen green peas (uncooked)  
1 cup mayonnaise  
4 ounces grated cheese  
6 slices breakfast bacon, cooked and crumbled

Break lettuce into bite-size pieces and layer in glass bowl. Layer other ingredients on lettuce in order given. Let set 24 hours covered in refrigerator. Toss 10 minutes before serving.

Variation: Layered salad by Linda Parrot add 3 tablespoons of sugar to the mayonnaise

Sharon Heard

# BIRTHDAYS

## MAY

Date	Name
2	Breanne Bekemeyer
5	Nicole Buell, Elizabeth Alderson
16	Presbyterian Women
19	Til Otterbacher
20	Amy Harper
22	Jeff Heard
25	Dottie Andrews



# QUILTERS



Don't forget about our "Quilting and Sewing" group on alternating Thursday Nights in the Fellowship Hall. Even if you are not a "sewer", you can bring a jacket that needs a button and join in with the others – who knows, you might pick-up some helpful tips from the others! If you are interested, please contact Joann Little 407-464-0872 for time and dates.

# EVENTS

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 27—31

**Mark these dates on your calendar and watch for more details in the coming weeks.**



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One of our members, Morgan Anderson is a Apopka High senior this year, was very active in dance competition earlier this year, cheer-leading and currently a member of the Apopka HS Girls Varsity Flag

Football Team . 30 girls make up the team and their current record is 13-1 (the 1 loss was to Evans, which they beat Wednesday night for the District 6 Championship). They are playing the District 5 Champion (Daytona-Mainland) at AHS Saturday @ 4:00. The winner of that game plays the winner of the District 7 (Boone) vs. District 8 (Harmony) on Tuesday, 05/05 (Apopka has already beaten Boone this season 21-0). Quarter, Semi and Finals will be played 05/08-09 in Boca Raton. You may see Morgan on Sunday morning working in the nursery, give her a big congratulations for her teams accomplishments!

# Sis morton pw circle

## YOU ARE INVITED

To

Join us on Tuesday

May 19th

11:00 AM - Ranson Hall

For

Bible study and fellowship, and Lunch  
All women of the church and friends are welcome.

Hope to see you there.

For more information call Bev McClure  
407-889-7133

## MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE "NEWS"

Many thanks to those of you who have saved their cancelled stamps, Campbell soup labels and General Mills cereal box tops.....keep it up! This is an ongoing mission to help **Duvall Presbyterian Home and Thornwell Home for Children**. Please save these items and give to Flo Nelson or Mary Cae Livingston, or place in the tin cans made by Kathy Vaive.

**Feeding The Homeless**, as you know, is a newly created ministry of our church. We are in a trial basis of feeding the homeless one (1) Friday a month. Many thanks to Arlen & Brenda Mizell, Glenn Pone, Dot Neill, Norman Ustler, Flo Nelson, Ginny Mapel, Laura Taylor, Sabrina Parsons, Mary Cae Livingston, and many others. On Friday, March 13, we fed fifty (50); on Saturday, April 11, we fed ten (10); and on Sunday, April 12 (Easter Sunday), we fed five or six (5-6). We are calling and e-mailing other local churches to join and hope to have many other churches offering **this ministry as well. We'll keep you posted on how this new ministry is coming along!**

**Loaves & Fishes Annual Walk For Hunger** was held on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. They raised \$11,652.00 plus for this wonderful mission. Thanks to Norman, Beth and Mary and all the others that participated. Norman Ustler **won the "Grand Prize" by having 109 sponsors and collecting \$2,275.00.** God Bless you, Norman!!!

**Loaves & Fishes Special Needs:** URGENT! URGENT! URGENT! They are in grave need for non-perishable food items. They are currently helping over 500 families per week with supplemental food boxes.

### Loaves & Fishes Monthly Needs:

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Canned Meat       | Soup                |
| Tuna              | Canned Fruit        |
| Peanut Butter     | Jelly               |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Rice/Pasta          |
| Canned Vegetables | Hamburger Helper    |
| Shampoo           | Deodorant           |
| Dish Soap         | Pine Cleaner        |
| Disposable Razors | Diapers (All Sizes) |

You can take your donations directly to Loaves & Fishes at 206 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, or bring to our church and place in the box at the back of the sanctuary. If you need assistance, please call Norman Ustler (407-886-7673) or Mary Cae Livingston (407-464-2292).

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Special Offering** was held on Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. You'll be glad to know that you, our congregation, donated \$664.02 to this wonderful mission. Thank you all and God Bless!

### SUMMER 2009 MISSION TRIPS if you are interested:

**Youth Mission Trip** – minimum 16 yrs. old and adults (5:1 ratio) Hurricane recovery work  
Presbyterian Volunteer Villages  
June 28 – July 4, 2009, Louisiana  
Cost: \$20.00 per night per person (includes meals and lodging)

**Father/Son Week Mission Trip** – minimum 14 yrs. old  
Hurricane Recovery  
Olive Tree Presbyterian Volunteer Village, New Orleans  
June 21 – 27, 2009  
Cost: \$20.00 per night per person (includes meals and lodging)  
Please contact Mary Cae Livingston if you are interested at 407-464-2292 **as soon as possible as these fill up quickly.**

**CARING FOR GENERATIONS Special Offering** will be on **Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>**, 2009. This offering helps support the Florida Presbyterian Homes and Westminster Communities of Florida to meet the retirement needs of our older adults by providing them with the care you expect and their residents deserve. Please prayerfully consider giving to this mission that provides a safety net so residents who have outlived their financial resources can continue to receive the basics of life.

## ----- *Christian Education*

**ATTENTION: SAVE THESE DATES-- JULY 27-31.**

**Vacation Bible School** is always a highlight of the summer; there will be classes for adults as well as for children. That will be a great time for grandchildren or nieces and nephews or neighborhood children to visit so that they too can enjoy Vacation Bible School. Each session will begin with a light supper at 5:30 (no dishes to wash for five days!); classes and activities will follow from 6:00-8:00. Further details will be forthcoming--stay tuned.

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## **A Stewardship Minute**

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**MAY 2009**

In the early days of our country, grist mills ground grain for various foods. Many mills were powered by water wheels until gasoline engines replaced them. The water-powered mill could not work during the dry season when the flowing water was not powerful enough to turn the wheel. The gasoline-powered mill, however, worked steadily, supplying ground grain consistently.

As followers of Christ, we can only fulfill the mission of the church if we are consistent and faithful in doing the work of the Lord. The work of the Lord is dependent upon us being reliable in the use of our talents, time, energy, and financial resources. The church can only be as fruitful as we Christians enable it to be, therefore our dependability is as important as it is with the grist mill.

An article in the May issue Stewardship describes these two grist mills. The author makes the point that the mill powered by gasoline was more dependable than the one which relied on water-power because of the varying levels of the water in the river; therefore, the gasoline-powered mill consistently met its goals!

St. Paul wrote the following words to the Christians at Corinth: “Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord you labor is not in vain.” (I Corinthians 15:58) “Excelling in the work of the Lord” should be our goal and mission!