

TAMPA BAY E-NEWS

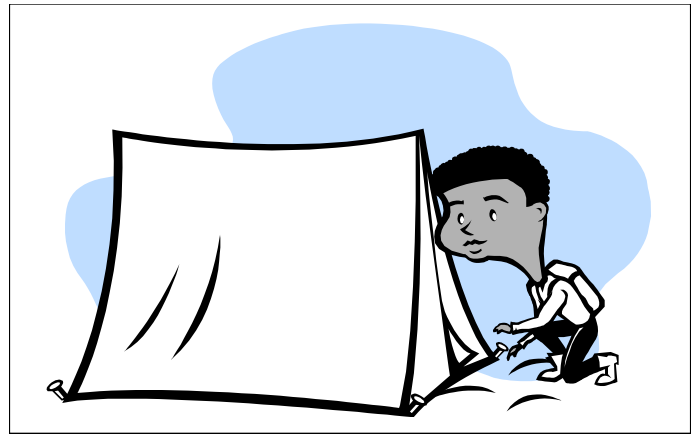
Possibilities for reflection and prayer and doing good:

- The Presbytery office will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr National Holiday.
- The selling of the Resource Center continues on Thursdays through January and February. For more information, please contact Sue Moore in the Presbytery office, 813-868-4800 or sue@pbty.com.
- Two additional "Standing Rules/Bylaws Seminars" will be hosted in Tampa Bay Presbytery: Thursday, January 23 from 11AM-12:30PM at First, Lakeland and Saturday, February 1 from 10AM-11:30AM at the Presbytery Office. The courtesy of an RSVP is **required**. Please call Ann Marie in the Presbytery office to make your RSVP 813-868-4800. Thank you.
- Please remember to forward payment to the Presbytery office for Board of Pensions Seminars by Friday, January 17, 2014. Thank you.
- Lost and found items are gathering at the Presbytery office, pleading for their rightful owner to come and claim them. Sound familiar?
- "Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord." Philippians 3:1

CEDARKIRK CELEBRATING FAMILIES AND SUMMER CAMPING

Are you seeking tools to help your family grow in their faith? Are you looking to strengthen your skills in family ministry? Are you seeking resources for our shared life together in faith? If so, please plan on coming to Cedarkirk for a day dedicated to families! This special event is designed for families and those who serve in family ministry.

Our day will begin at 9:00AM with registration and conclude at 5:00PM. Online registration is available, or you can contact Cedarkirk at (813) 685-4224, ext. 1. The cost for this event is only \$20 if registered by January 10th or \$25 after this date. Child-care will be available during the worship and study sessions, but children are expected to join their families for the fellowship portions of the sched-



Celebrating Families and Camping in Tampa Bay!

ule. This event is co-sponsored by Cedarkirk and the former Christian Education Committee of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay.

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Cedarkirk's Summer Camp registration is now available ONLINE at www.cedarkirk.org. Check out our website for all the programs we are offering this summer. You are invited to Cedarkirk

on February 1st for our OPEN HOUSE from 1:00PM - 5:00PM. Cedarkirk will open to everyone for a free afternoon at camp. This is a great opportunity to learn about our summer programs, see some of the facilities and activities used during summer camp, and get a feel for what your child will experience at camp. If you have any questions, please contact the camp office at 813-685-4224, ext. 1.

DATE EXTENDED FOR APPLICATIONS

The Nominating Committee has extended the due date for Teaching Elders to apply to be nominated as Commissioners to the 221st General Assembly, and for young people to apply to serve as Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly.

Applications can be found at the presbytery website. Completed applications are due in the Presbytery office by Thursday, January 23, 2014. Thank you for your kind attention.

The 221st General Assembly will be held from June 14-21, 2014 in Detroit, Michigan.



NEW BEGINNINGS COMING TO TBP

New beginnings are right at the core of the Christian message: new beginnings for hurting and broken individuals, new beginnings for the old religion of Israel, and a big new beginning for humankind in Christ.

We believe new beginnings are possible for us as individuals, but are they possible for our churches? Can we pour new wine into old wineskins? Can we grow again and become a vibrant witness to Christ in our community? What do we do from here? In order to help churches asking questions like these, the Office of Church Growth of the PC(USA) started

a program called "New Beginnings." This program is an intensive consulting process over a period of months that engages the entire congregation to determine what God is calling the congregation to next, to discern what their new beginning might be.

The process begins with a "Come and See" event, which our Presbytery will be hosting on March 29th. The Come and See event is an all day event that serves a no commitment introduction to the process, lead by national staff. After this event, interested churches have one month to decide if they will pursue New



WHERE IS YOUR NEW BEGINNING?

Beginnings or not. If you're interested in attending, please let the Presbytery office (annmarie@pbty.com) or the ECDC (pastordavidbaker@gmail.com) know, and be sure to bring as many decision makers from your church as possible!

A worship service celebrating the installation of a pastor has to do more with the ministry of the whole church than with any individual. Therefore, the Service of Installation is a ministry of the Presbytery, and all are invited to be present as a sign of our shared ministry in Christ's name and for the sake of His Church and His Gospel.

The "whole church" of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay is invited to the Service of Installation of Lauren Evans as Pastor at Lakeview PC, St Petersburg, on Sunday, January 26 at 3:00PM at the church located at 1310 22nd Avenue South in St. Petersburg.

Thank you.

FEBRUARY PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Presbytery of Tampa Bay gathers again on February 8, 2014, at Grace PC in Spring Hill. Here are a few special announcements related to that meeting:

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A TABLE for mission interpretation or open space networking and sharing information, please email the Charles Willard at statedclerk@pbty.com by Friday, January 31, 2014.

IF YOU REQUIRE CHILD CARE please contact Ann Marie in the office at office@pbty.com by Friday, January 31, 2014.

IF YOU REQUEST AN EXCUSED ABSENCE AS A MINISTER MEMBER OF THE PRESBYTERY you must contact the Stated Clerk at statedclerk@pbty.com

PRESBYTERY PAPERS will be posted after 4:00PM on Friday, January 31, 2014. However, we

are providing advance notification that the Final Draft of the Proposed Bylaws of the Presbytery will be posted after 4:00PM on Monday, February 3. Please note well that the final conversational seminar regarding the proposal is Saturday, February 1 and that gathering will be followed by the Team making final edits of substance (and an errata) for consideration by the Presbytery at its February 8 Meeting.

JANUARY CALENDAR IN TBP

Please visit the Presbytery website to view the most current edition of the calendar. As of this date, here's what is going on at the Presbytery Office site on Kelly Road in Tampa:

Thursday, January 16 at 9:30am Commission on Ministry Meeting

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Monday, January 27 at 8:30am BOP Seminar "Getting in Shape Fiscally"

Tuesday, January 28 at 1:00pm the Board of Trustees meets

Wednesday, January 29 at **1:30pm** the Nominating Committee is scheduled to meet



Feel the warmth of God's love this winter!

Thursday, January 30 at 9:00am BOP Seminar "Post-Retirement Seminar"

Thursdays in January include the selling of the materials in the Resource Center

And looking ahead....**Saturday, February 1** from 10-11:30am is the final "Standing Rules/Bylaws Conversational Seminar"