



Our Mission:

To identify and strengthen leaders so that every congregation makes new and mature disciples for Jesus Christ.

Presbytery Meeting Info

Is it so close to the end of February already? The Presbytery meeting is just over a week away! Everything you should need to know is in the Presbytery Packet below. Please review these materials and forward them to your Presbytery Commissioners if they are not already getting the eNews.

Download below:

[Presbytery Packet for February 27th](#)

The meeting will be held at [Beth-El Farmworker Ministry](#), and registration will begin at 8:15 am.

See you next Saturday!

Rev. Dave Baker,
Stated Clerk and Director of Communications
Presbytery of Tampa Bay



News From Around the Presbytery

Website Feedback Survey

Please take a moment to fill out this survey:

[Presbytery Website Feedback Survey](#)

This survey will help drive the conversation about how the Presbytery website can best help you and your church. If you're getting this newsletter, you're encouraged to take the survey, even if you're not a pastor or elder. It should take less than 10 minutes to do.

We'll also be conducting interviews with those who are most often using the website. We don't want this update to merely be a cosmetic upgrade, but a way to truly make the most of modern technology in support of our ministries. So if you have ideas or frustrations, or just want to be part of the conversation, I'd encourage you to take part in the online survey above and one of the feedback sessions (Presbytery breakout or webinar).

Upcoming Presbytery Meeting

The next meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay is coming up on Saturday February 27th. It will be held at [Beth-El Farmworker Ministry](#) from 9am to 3pm. This meeting will feature training by [Rev. Dr. Bill Carl](#), former President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, as well as leadership development oriented breakout groups. These Breakouts will include:

- Rev. Dr. Bill Carl
- Tour of Beth-El Farmworker's Ministry, Beth-El staff
- Spiral Dynamics as it relates to Church and Evangelism, Adam Balic
- Finding Ministry and Mission Opportunities, Zac McGowen and Robert Shaw
- Website Feedback Listening Session, David Baker and Tara Thompson

Childcare will be available (no fee), but only if reserved by February 25th. Please let either Beth-El or the Presbytery Office know if you need this.

Presbytery Devotional 2016

If you're looking for devotionals to do before a session meeting or personally, your fellow servants in Christ have got you covered.

This year, we're publishing a devotional for the Presbytery, by the Presbytery. Twelve generous pastors have each done a one page devotional for one month of 2016. You can download it below:

[Presbytery Devotional, 2016](#)

A big thanks to Rev. Robert Shaw for organizing this!

A Very Presbyterian Request

As so many of our churches seem willing to share their old musical resources, First Auberndale would like to request the accompaniment book to "Sing the Faith" for their organist. They have tried to order it but it is on backorder. Do any of our generous churches have a old copy that they are no longer using? If so, please contact the office administrator at FPC Auberndale, Nicole Smith: office@firstpresaub.com

Presbytery Forms for 2016

New forms for the new year! Find the new forms for reporting to Presbytery below, and on the website.

- [2016 F-1 \(Terms of call\)](#)
- [2016 Remittance Form](#)
- [2016 Mission Pledge Form](#)

Mission Opportunities

Honduras

The Presbytery of Tampa Bay has a covenant relationship with the Presbytery of Honduras. Your International Mission Partnership Committee (IMPC) acts as a liaison between the two presbyteries. We have learned the four year drought in southern Honduras shows no sign of letting up. The congregations in that area are suffering because of crop loss.

Other churches in the presbytery of Honduras offer some relief with bags of

staples, but their resources are very limited. The IMPC has sent money on your behalf to help but their resources are also limited. If you or your church feels led to help us feed our brothers and sisters in Honduras, write a check to your church and earmark it Presbytery of Tampa Bay Honduras hunger relief. Bendiciones!

Upcoming Workshops

Eckerk College Lectures

The Center for Spiritual Life invites you to attend the first Burchenal Lecture Series event of the spring semester at Eckerd College.

Thinking Again By Any Means Necessary

by Steed Vernyl Davidson

Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible, McCormick Theological Seminary

Thursday, February 25, 2016

7:30 p.m. in Fox Hall.

For more information, please visit the Eckerd web page at <http://www.eckerd.edu/csl/lectures/>

Prepare Enrich Training

If you're not familiar with Prepare/Enrich, it's perhaps the most effective tool for premarital and marital counseling that I am aware of. If you are a Teaching Elder, I would very highly recommend that you take advantage of this training, hosted by our own Rev. Bill Cooley.

There will be 2 opportunities to receive training: 9am to 3:30pm March 17th at the Career and Personal Counseling Center located at Maximo Presbyterian Church, and at a date TBD at the Presbytery Office. The total cost of the training is \$195, although the CCV has made scholarships available for Teaching Elders for 50% of the cost. Please contact Bill Cooley for more information: pastorbillhome@gmail.com.

RSVP at this link: [March 17th](#)

Learn more about Prepare/Enrich by clicking below:



Bi-vocational Ministry Conference

This event is for ministers serving or seeking to serve in a bi-vocational ministry context, as well as governing body or judicatory leaders who work with ministers who serve in such contexts.

April 15-16, 2016
Epworth by the Sea, St. Simon's Island, GA

For more info, please click on this picture to see the flyer:



Job Opportunities

Village PC Job Opening:

Custodian, Part-time up to 16 hours per week

General labor and cleaning duties so as to keep the facility buildings (church sanctuary & administrative buildings) as well as surrounding grounds in clean and safe condition.

Successful applicant must pass Level 2 Background Screening prior to hire, possess valid Florida driver's license, and have reliable transportation (with proof of insurance).

Send resumes to suegoldstein.vpc@gmail.com

Temple Terrace PC Job Opening:

Leader of Youth Ministry and Christian Education

Do you know someone interested in "reaching and inspiring youth, within our congregation and through community outreach by creative programs promoting Christian growth and spiritual development"?

Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church seeks to hire an enthusiastic individual as our Leader of Youth Ministry and Christian Education.

For more information see: <http://www.ttpresbyterian.com/new-leader-of-youth-ministry-and-christian-education/>

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