



Our Mission:

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

Presbytery Meeting Reminder

One final reminder: The Presbytery meeting is this Saturday from 9am to 3:30pm! 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.

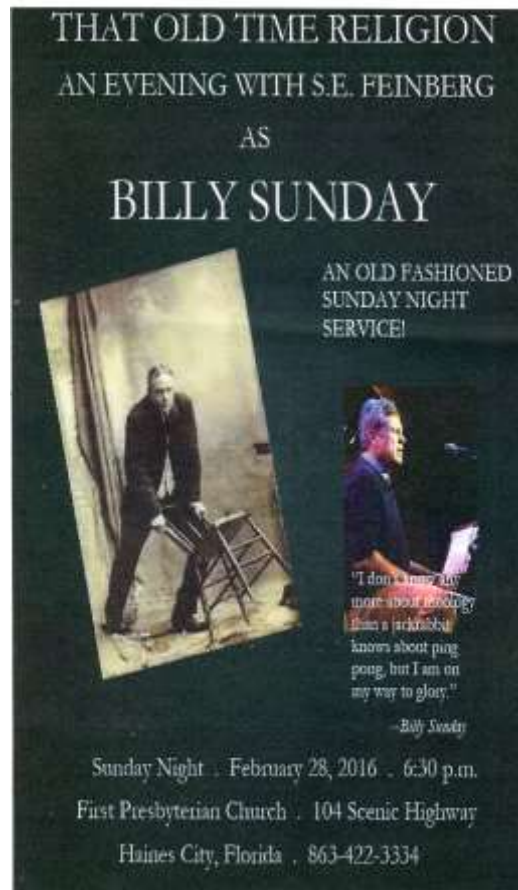
See you Saturday!

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



News From Around the Presbytery

Rev. Billy Sunday to Preach at FPC Haines City



On Sunday, February 28 the [First Presbyterian Church of Haines City](#) will have an old-fashioned Gospel service featuring Steve Feinberg imitating the fiery early 20th century evangelist, Billy Sunday. Billy Sunday was the precursor to Dr. Billy Graham. Feinberg, from Topanga, CA, travels the country helping congregations understand what church life and American culture was like in the early 1900s. The service will feature old-fashioned Gospel music led by FPC's choir and music director, Michael Smith. The service begins at 6:30 pm at 104 Scenic Highway (Hwy 544) in Haines City.

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!

Mission Opportunities

Syrian Refugee Crisis



Having a heart for those in the margins, I know that many of us would like to know how the Church can help alleviate the suffering of those fleeing from the crisis in Syria. I recently learned of a [set of resources](#) resulting from a partnership between Willow Creek and World Vision.

If you're interested in what your church can do, I'd encourage you to check out their [resource page](#) for small group materials, educational materials, and more.

Cedarkirk Traveling Camp



Cedarkirk *A place apart to build up
the body of Christ in love.*
CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

Cedarkirk is rolling out a Traveling Day Camp program for the 2016 summer camp season! They will partner with your church to provide exciting and engaging faith-based day camps for the children in your congregation and surrounding community. One of their giant vans will arrive with staff, supplies, games, Bible study curriculum, recreation equipment, and everything else needed to bring the transforming and experiential aspects of summer camp to you.

If your church is interested in hosting a Traveling Day Camp program, [contact Matt Shick](#), Program Director, for details, available dates, pricing, and answers to any questions you have.

Upcoming Workshops

Harvard Online Course on Religious Literacy



The study of religion is the study of a rich and fascinating dimension of human experience that includes but goes well beyond beliefs and ritual practices. In this religion course from Harvard University, learners explore case studies about how religions are internally diverse, how they evolve and change through time, and how religions are embedded in all dimensions of human experience. We'll explore these tenets through the lens of scripture and through themes such as gender and sexuality, art, violence and peace, science, and power and authority.

Class begins March 1st!

For more information, or to sign up, please visit the course page here:

[Religious Literacy: Traditions and Scriptures](#)

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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