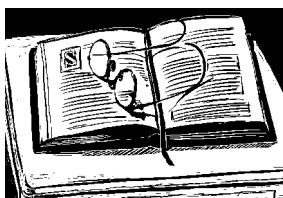


THE ROCK



*R*elying on Christ to illuminate our spiritual journey, we offer ourselves to God
*P*artnering with one another and
*C*reating ministries of compassion that transform the lives of those in need



Lectionary:

February 1st:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20;
Psalm 111; 1Corinthians
8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

February 8th:

Isaiah 40:21-31;
Psalm 147:1-11;
1Corinthians 9:16-23;
Mark 1:29-39

February 15th:

2Kings 5:1-14;
Psalm 30; 1Corinthians
9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

February 22nd:

2Kings 2:1-12; Psalm
50: 1-6; 2Corinthians
4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

The Tattler By Pastor George



Those of us who live in Florida know that the baseball season begins in February. It starts with Spring Training and the arrival of the Washington Nationals at Space Coast Stadium. Long before I moved here, my Catholic priest friend Jerry Kleba regarded the season of Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 25th) as “spring training for Christians.”

The word, “lent” comes from the Latin root for “spring,” suggesting a season of growth and renewal. Just as baseball players devote spring training to honing their skills and preparing for the upcoming season, so, too, Christians make Lent a time to recommit themselves to some spiritual practice or holy discipline in anticipation of Easter. So, instead of considering Lent a matter of “refraining,” (what will I give up?) why not approach it as a period devoted to “training” by building into your daily routine some intentional way of deepening your relationship with God?

The Session will spend the six Sundays in Lent exploring the book, *Prayer for Busy People* by Jamie Tyrrell. The course is not limited to Session members. Anyone who wants to participate in this Lenten study is welcome to attend; if you wish to do so, please call the church office to reserve a place. The class will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30 a.m.) in Knox Hall, beginning Sunday, March 1st.

Amidst the excitement leading up to the new baseball season, I look for signs that we, as disciples in training, will bring a similar enthusiasm to the Lenten season. If baseball fans believe that “hope springs eternal,” (yes, even Cubs’ fans!), then surely we who look to the resurrection of Jesus have all the more reason to hope and to heed this promising Lenten invitation:

Come and learn to listen for God and join in the flow of the Spirit. The Christian life is wonderful—full of deep relationships, loyal friends and the courage to take risks and receive comfort in failure and exhilaration in success. (from the forward to *Prayer for Busy People*)

Lord, we pray that we will enter Lent as baseball fans do the ballpark, marked as those who belong to you, not simply with gloves in hand but with hearts open to receiving the promised renewal of your Spirit, through a living relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.

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Deadline for articles *hand-written/typed* or *e-mailed to us in Word format* is the *20th of each month*. Articles will be accepted after the 20th but will be published only as room permits. To assure that your article gets in the newsletter please have them to us by the 20th.

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Janice Everson	Phil Rose
Faye Bennett	Catherine Shelton
Kimberly Prosser	Steve Mercer
Kim Workman	

Thank you

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, calls and expressions of concern during my recent illness. I really appreciate my RPC family! I am home now and improving every day. I hope to be back very soon and look forward to being able to play again.

- Myers Mason

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been postponed and will be held on February 8th after the 11:00 worship service.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Cathy Orr is proud to announce the engagement of her daughter Misty Spring Orr to Trent James Beagan. Trent and Misty met 3½ years ago in Phoenix, Arizona while watching Monday Night Football. Trent is a department manager with Lowes and Misty is project manager in an architecture firm. The two of them will be married on Feb. 28th at 2:00pm at Rockledge Presbyterian Church. A reception will follow in Calvin Hall. We welcome all of our RPC friends and family to join us for this special event.

Happy Valentine's Day

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its January 13, 2009 Stated Meeting, the RPC Session:

- Received, with concern the Treasurer's report which reflects a shortfall of approximately 5% in income for 2008. Expense control worked to offset the shortfall, with overall expenses coming in under budgeted amounts.
- Total estimated income for 2009 is significantly less than 2008 budgeted and actual amounts. 94 pledges for 2009 have been received totaling \$243,366; 125 pledges were received in 2008, totaling \$300,969.
- Approved a request for membership transfer for Cathy Krauss to the New Market Presbyterian Church in Alabama.
- Received and accepted with regret and much appreciation for her efforts and contributions to the programs and life of RPC the resignation of Janice Everson from the Session. Citing the increasing demands of her work and mission as a Community Organizer in Brevard County, Janice asked for understanding and prayers for her ministry in the community.
- Voted to devote the 6 weeks of Lent, 2009 to studying and following the prayer guide, *Prayer for Busy People*. The Session will meet during the Sunday school hour each Sunday during Lent. Participation is open to interested members of the congregation.
- Voted to adopt an every other month Stated Meeting schedule for January through June, 2009. Special Meetings may be called as needs arise.
- In recognition of the difficulties arising in the preparation of the 2009 Operating Budget and the economic situation, voted to consult with the Rev. Paige McRight, Executive Presbyter, Central Florida Presbytery on Saturday, January 17th for the purpose of gaining her insight and guidance in preparing an Operating Budget for 2009.
- Voted to form a committee consisting of representatives from each standing committee of Session to develop plans for the recognition and celebration of RPC's 125th anniversary.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.....

Our "Winter Gathering" and annual "Duval Home Shower" is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th at 10:00am. Our guest speaker will be Ernie Wohlenberd from Brevard Indian River Project (BIRP) Mission Conference. The mission focus this year is on Brazil. Please plan to join us. Bring a covered dish, something for Duval Home (toys, art supplies, books and tapes are appreciated), and your open ear and heart to hear what God is doing in Brazil.

February Circles:

Abigail:	Monday, February 2 nd	7:00pm (Parlor)
Mary Martha:	Tuesday, February 17 th	10:00am (Calvin)
Ruth	Tuesday, February 17 th	7:00pm (Home of Marty Lampson)
Esther	Wednesday, February 18 th	10:00am (Home of Barbara Ellis)

INVITATION.....

At the Blaze conference held in Montreat, a bunch of youth leaders were talking. It occurs to us that sometimes a church teacher will have to make up a lesson for the group to address an issue or other reason. Most of the time it is an okay lesson, but once in a great while we strike gold. The lesson is a big hit and we use it. Then what? We should be able to share our golden lesson with others. We now have designed a website to share our lessons. Starting now we are building a library. If you have a golden lesson filed away, send it to us. After a few months, we expect to have enough lessons to maybe help you in the future.

You are invited to check out the web site: <http://www.ourchurchlessons.com>

Questions may be addressed to Lynwood Everson e-mail at LynEverson@aol.com

Worship Committee News

Church Worship? Discover more of this intriguing subject as we continue our exploration of what goes into creating the church worship. Please attend even if you have not made any of the previous classes, the class starts at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Other members of the staff and committees will join Jim Tinsley as we search for the best ways to work our worship experiences. The peril in this kind of study is that it might suggest ways to amend alter or change our worship and work life here in this lovely and loving place. Give it a try!

Lay Leader Training – In February we will be conducting two brief sessions on how to be a Lay Leader. If you have never been a Lay Leader and wonder what it takes, give it a try, no commitment is required. Even if you have already been a Lay Leader please come as we would like to try some new things and would like to get as many people involved as possible. The two sessions are: Feb 19th (Thursday) from 7 to 8pm and Sunday February 22nd (Sunday) during the Sunday school hour 9:30 to 10:30am. Both sessions will be held in the Sanctuary. Any questions please contact Steve Mercer 639-4425 or smercer9@bellsouth.net

Communion at Home? - A suggestion was brought up to the committee about serving communion to those not able to attend church. We would like to find out about those people who would like the communion brought to their residence. Please let the office know if this is something you would like to do.

Upcoming events: **Ash Wednesday Service - February 25th**, Soup being served starting at 6:00pm, service to follow. This will be held in Calvin Hall. Please plan to attend this spiritually moving service.

Worship Service Changes: The worship committee has decided to try a few new things during the worship time. We initially tried a quiet time at the beginning of the service and did not do the meet and greet. We received mixed reactions so we would like to do the following: We would ask that you greet and meet as you walk into the sanctuary. Once you are seated then prepare yourself for the service. We will begin with announcements and then move right into the “Call to Worship” and then the rest of the service. The real change is we are going to do a meet and greet right after the Benediction. The Pastor will lead this as he will remain at the front and greet as he makes his way to the back of the church. At that time please greet one another and welcome those new to our church.

We are also changing the Bulletin format: going to a larger Tri fold layout. This provides us more room for announcements and a little different look. Comments are welcomed so please let the committee know what your thoughts are.

Lectio Divina: Listening to God in Scripture **Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Pastor’s Study**

Lectio divina means holy or divine reading, pronounced lek-see-oh deh-vee-na. “It is an ancient form of prayer that uses Scripture as a way to hear God’s word for us. At one time all Christians practiced this form of prayer.”

You ask, why pray the Scripture? “The Holy Scriptures are an amazing gift. They offer us not only our spiritual history but the richness of Jesus- who he was, how he related to people, the miraculous things that he did, what was important to him, and who he is for us – and the wisdom and the energy of Paul.

Through the words of Scripture, God reaches out to strengthen, heal, teach, and challenge. Scripture shows us the way to live and how we’re to relate to God and to one another. The beauty of *lectio divina* is that it offers the gift of Scripture as way to unite with God and to recognize that we are personally loved by God.” Jane Tomaine’s words from her book *St. Benedict’s Toolbox*, page 32

“In lectio we do not seek so much to enlighten the mind or to move the will. Rather we seek the immediate experience of God. We seek to be present to God, who is present in his inspired Word, and let him speak directly to us. It is a direct, immediate encounter with our Friend, our Guide, our teacher, whom we love.” – M. Basil Pennington

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

“ABOVE and BEYOND”

Status of Pledges and Giving

Pledges on Commitment Sunday (May 11, 2008)	# of Pledges = 52	Amount Pledged = \$269,052
Pledges before May 11, 2008	# of Pledges = 19	Amount Pledged = \$200,040
One-Time Gifts	# of Gifts = 9	Amount of Gifts = \$17,090
On May 11, 2008	Total # of Pledges/Gifts = 80	Total Amount Pledged = \$486,182
On January 11, 2009	Total # of Pledges/Gifts = 110	Total Amount Pledged = \$576,765
		Total Amount Given = \$147,073

Distribution of RPC Capital Campaign Pledges (3-Year Commitment)

Amount Range	#
\$1 - \$499	19
\$500 - \$999	12
\$1,000 - \$4,999	51
\$5,000 - \$9,999	12
\$10,000 - \$14,999	5
\$15,000 - \$19,999	4
\$20,000 - \$29,999	4
\$30,000 - \$44,999	1
\$45,000 - \$74,999	1
> = \$75,000	1
TOTAL	110

Please remember to write your checks for the Capital Campaign Fund with the words “CAPITAL CAMPAIGN” or “CAPITAL FUND” in the MEMO section of your check so that your giving may be properly credited.

If you have not submitted your Capital Campaign Pledge, please remember that it is a 3 year Capital Campaign commitment and you may either pay weekly, monthly, yearly or you may do a one-time gift towards our Church Capital Campaign.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE NEWS.....

The number of stewardship pledges for last year (2008) = 125 and the dollar amount pledged was \$300,969.

The number of stewardship pledges for this year (2009) = 94 and the dollar amount pledged is only \$243,366. We have 14 pledges that went down this year compared to last year and 27 pledges that went up. We also have 6 new pledges. But, we also have 31 church members who pledged in 2008 that have not pledged for 2009. This is a total of \$57,603 in missing pledge monies needed for this year's church budget.

If you are waiting to turn in your stewardship pledge for the 2009, we urge you to do so now so that we can plan our church budget for this year. Our budget projections are SIGNIFICANTLY below what we need to carry out what we would like to see accomplished at Rockledge Presbyterian Church in 2009.

Will you help us by saying:

“Yes – I will commit to my Lord and my Church”?

Not only do we need your help in giving of your treasure but we also will need many volunteers in many areas to help with the ongoing mission of our Church.

Please remember to submit your 2009 Stewardship Pledge card *PLUS* your Time & Talent form so that your commitment to our church can be properly recorded. Just place it in the Sunday Worship Service offering plate.

If God leads you to respond as a volunteer and would like additional information please contact the church office, or Pastor George, or Faye Bennett, the Corporate Administration Chairperson. We will help you get in touch with the appropriate committee chairperson who needs volunteers with your talents.

Thank you for your support of Rockledge Presbyterian Church.

SHARING CENTER NEWS.....

This congregation has been so generous with your gifts to the Sharing Center that we wanted to let you know the ways your gifts have been used during the year ending 12-31-08.

At the Sharing Center we:

Served 53,629 meals, provided financial assistance (rent, utilities, prescriptions) to 444 clients in the amount of \$102,766, provided client assistance (clothing, household items, furniture, hygiene items, bikes) to 10,473 clients valued at \$216,554, provided emergency groceries to 14,277 clients valued at \$499,695, provided 3,912 showers to homeless clients, provided 209 units of cold night shelter to homeless clients, provided holiday meals in a box to 255 families valued at \$9,450, gave Christmas stockings to 327 children valued at \$8,715, gave new shoes to 193 school children at a cost of \$2,395, partnered with Brevard Health Alliance mobile clinic allowing them to provide basic health services to 787 clients.

Please mark your calendars for the March 22nd Crop Walk. Plan now to be a walker or sponsor.




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Sun 1 “Souper” Bowl Sunday Bring food donations for Sharing Center
2 6:00pm Scouts (C); 6:00pm Fellowship (C); 6:30pm Corp. Admin.
3 6:30pm C.E. (L); 7:00pm AA (K)
4 10:00am PW Gathering (Duvall Shower) (C); 5:30pm Kid’s Night; 6:30pm Lectio;
7:30pm Choir
5 6:30pm RPS Board (L)
6 7:00pm AA (K)
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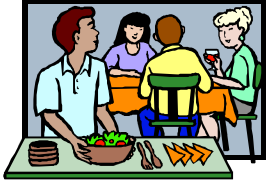
Sun 8 Congregational Meeting after 11:00 service
9 9:30am RPW Project Day (C); 6:00pm Scouts (C); 7:00pm Abigail (P)
10 7:00pm AA (K); 7:00pm Book Club (P)
11 5:30pm Kid’s Night; 6:30pm Lectio; 7:30pm Choir (K)
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13 7:00pm AA (K)
14 8:00am Men’s Fellowship (RCC); 6:00pm **Couples Valentine Dinner**



Sun 15   
16 **Office Closed – President’s Day**
17 10:00 Mary Martha (C); 6:30 Social Concerns (L); 7:00 AA (K); 7:00 Ruth
18 10:00am Esther; 10:00am Ruby Wednesday; 5:30pm Kid’s Night;
7:30pm Choir (K)
19
20 6-9pm Audubon (C); 7:00 AA (K)
21 6-9pm Spina Bifida (C)

Sun 22 Spaghetti Dinner/Auction Fundraiser after 11:00 worship service (C)
23 6:00pm Scouts (C)
24 7:00pm AA (K); 7:00pm Trustees (C)
25 **6:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY Soup and Salad dinner; 7:30pm Choir**
26
27 7:00pm AA (K)
28 8:00am Men’s Fellowship (RCC)





**Bread Breakers Dinner
Sat., February 28th – 6:00 pm
at the home of Kathy Kenny**

Kathy Kenny cordially invites you to her home for dinner!

Kathy provides the entrée – and the guests will be asked to bring part of the meal: appetizer, salad, vegetable, potato, dessert and beverage.

Seating is limited to 10 – A small gathering is a great way to get to know each other better!

Call Kathy – 735-6005 to reserve a place at her table.

Valentine's Day is Almost Here!

It is time to celebrate this most important day with a dinner sponsored by the Fellowship Committee. If you have been to our past dinners, you know what I'm talking about. The food will be great, the people will be wonderful, and we will have a marvelous time. If you haven't attended this event in the past, you are in for a real treat.

Who is invited? We feel that Valentine's Day is a time for romance. If you are a couple (two people in a relationship), this event is for you.

When is it? February 14, 2009 at 6:00 in the evening.

Where is it? The fellowship hall at Rockledge Presbyterian Church.

Do I have to dress up? Well, yes. This is a special day for you and your lover. Let's keep it special.

Is there babysitting? We will make arrangements for one of our youth to be at the Church to take care of your child care needs. This will not be included in the price.

And what does all of this cost? The Valentine's Day special is only \$15.

Alright, what is the catch? There will be a limit of 25 couples. There will be a sign up sheet in the South Hall on February 1st and 8th. Or you can call Janice Everson for advance sign up and answers to any questions. 321-960-0569 or E-mail her at JanEverson@aol.com.

Consider this:

Have you been struggling to find a place to celebrate Valentines Day?

Do you eat out so often that you need a new place to go?

Do you never eat out and don't know where to go?

Do you never get a chance to dress up and go out for dinner?

Have you forgotten what you did last Valentines Day?

Do you wish to make this Valentines Day one to remember?



If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then join us for an evening of fellowship and fun. Dinner will be a complete, fancy affair. The desserts alone will be worth the price of admission.

MILITARY MATTERS.....

Please pray for all military personnel serving our country. Contact Nancy Wingo, wingon@bellsouth.net, or the church office to add service members to our prayer list. See pictures of our listed military personnel on the "Military Matters" bulletin board in the south hall.

SGT HELM, PAUL
549th MP Co. 2nd Platoon

FOB Salerno

APO AE 09314

Harry Prosser's nephew, currently deployed to Afghanistan.

MC1 WILLIAM R. LOVELADY

P.O. Box 238242

Cocoa, Florida 32923

June Sullivan's son - currently deployed to an undisclosed location in Iraq.

SGT JENNIFER MITCHELL

HHC CO, 3D BSTB

3/10 FOB SHANK

SUPPORT PLT/DFAC SEC

TF SPARTAN

APO AE 09364

Nancy Wingo's daughter, currently deployed to Afghanistan.

SPC LAMONT MORRIS

HHC CO, 3D BSTB

3/10 FOB SHANK

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TF SPARTAN

APO AE 09364

Jennifer Mitchell's boyfriend currently deployed to Afghanistan.

PFC BRANDON JEWELL, Kimberly Prosser's cousin's son, is in the Army, stationed at Ft. Drum, NY

SGT. CHARLES "CHAS" MITCHELL, Jennifer Mitchell's brother, in the Marines, stationed at Quantico, Va.
Chas HAS served two tours of duty in Iraq.

LCpl JASON CHEN, is a family friend of Nancy Wingo. Jason is in the Marines, stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC.

SPC BENJAMIN BLIER

Ben is Cathy Trosset's nephew. Ben is now home from Iraq. THANK YOU, BEN, FOR YOUR SERVICE!



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RPC News
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Return Service Requested

Worship Services: 8:30am & 11:00am
Church School for all ages: 9:30am
Coffee/Fellowship in Calvin Hall: 10:30am

