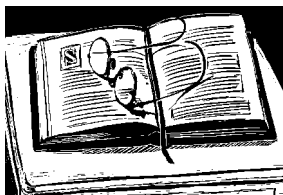


January 2009

# THE ROCK



Relying on Christ to illuminate our spiritual journey, we offer ourselves to God  
Partnering with one another and  
Creating ministries of compassion that transform the lives of



## *The Tattler* .....

By Pastor George

### January 4<sup>th</sup>:

Jeremiah 31:7-14;  
Psalm 147:12-20;  
Ephesians 1:3-14;  
John 1:1-18

### January 11<sup>th</sup>:

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29;  
Acts 19:1-7;  
Mark 1:4-11

### January 18<sup>th</sup>:

1 Samuel 3:1-20;  
Psalm 139:1-18;  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20;  
John 1:43-51

### January 25<sup>th</sup>:

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm  
62:5-12; 1 Corinthians  
7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Here's some curious ecclesiastical arithmetic for the new year:  $2000 + 500 + 7 = 2009$ . All this adds up to a celebration of three notable milestones in the coming months. Several denominations have designated 2008-2009 as "The Year of St. Paul the Apostle," in recognition of the 2000<sup>th</sup> (approximate) anniversary of Paul's birth. Presbyterians will commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> birthday of John Calvin, pioneer theologian of our Reformed tradition. And, closer to home, I will mark my 7<sup>th</sup> year of ministry here at RPC with a three-month sabbatical, tentatively scheduled for mid-to-late summer.

Before our 2009 calendars get too crowded, I suggest we brainstorm ways RPC can participate in these ecclesiastical anniversaries. In honor of St. Paul, I'm considering a sermon series entitled, "Ports of Call" based on the Apostle's missionary journeys which helped transform Christianity from an obscure sect into a world religion. Perhaps a short-course on the letters of Paul or his theology of the cross would pique some interest in this complex, colorful, passionate, and mysterious interpreter of the faith. Some among us might want to follow Paul's example and plan a missionary journey/mission trip to the Gulf Coast or some other region where we could share the gospel not just in word but deed! Or...

Since we have our own (John) Calvin Hall, what about setting up a display area featuring Calvin quotes and anecdotes, along with resources to help make this "father of the Reformed faith" more accessible to the congregation? By the way, did you know that the Calvin in the comic strip *Calvin and Hobbes* refers to our "own" John Calvin? Maybe we could all wear jeans some Sunday and be "Calvin-inKLEINed?" Or....

More than a three month vacation, my sabbatical offers me not just the opportunity to go away but also to return with renewed energy and commitment. I certainly hope that the time leading up to and following my sabbatical leave will bring us closer together and strengthen our partnership in ministry. To that end, we might want to create a "Post-It" Note board for sabbatical related comments, questions, or suggestions. How about special services to begin and end the sabbatical? Or...

$2000 + 500 + 7 = 2009$ . I'm counting on you to be part of this festive equation!

“The Rock” is a newsletter for and about the Rockledge Presbyterian Church



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

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### Deacons

Judy Anderson	Jane Rowe
Marty Lampson	Marge Ebbert
Cindy Mercer	Della Rose
Joyce Roth	Helene Munson
Carole McKinley	Marcia Wilcox
Shirley Beam	Hugh Parrish
	Rena Gilmore



### Session Elders

Tom Milsap	Richard Waters
Janice Everson	Phil Rose
Faye Bennett	Catherine Shelton
Kimberly Prosser	Steve Mercer
Kim Workman	

***Congratulations to Mrs. Ada Parrish***  
*who was honored this week by the Brevard County Commissioner with a proclamation for her 45 years on the Brevard County Historical Commission. Ada recently retired from her post on the panel. Ada is also a vital link to our church's history and is regularly called upon to provide information about RPC.*



**Resolution Ceremony on December 16, 2008.**

Front Row L-R: Gail Parrish, Hugh Parrish, **Ada Parrish**, Ann Downing. Back Row L-R: Jim Culberson, Steve Benn, Bob Gross, Ed Vosatka.

**Happy New Year!**

## NEW MEMBERS . . . . .

By Pat Baggott, Evangelism Committee

Seven people were introduced and commissioned as new members during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on November 30<sup>th</sup>. RPC welcomes each one of them to the church family. Be sure to add their names and their contact information to your church directory.

**Ken and Sue Franklin** called Michigan their home before moving to Florida. In 1988 they met in a single's group for widows and widowers in Rochester Hills. They dated for six months and then married. At that time Ken had been working as an electrician for General Motors Truck and Bus for thirty years. Sue meanwhile had pursued three different careers: public relations for the Michigan school system; office and exterior design work for Bordine's Nursery; and selling automotive production parts to the big three car manufacturers. She was one of very few women who were allowed to work with engineers on samples and prototypes. In 1989, as newly weds, they came to Florida, choosing Melbourne for its ocean location. After renting for four months, they decided to leave the cold weather of Michigan permanently and build a home in Suntree. In 2004, they moved to a new home in Grand Isle. During their twenty years of marriage, their large family has stayed close, even though all but one child lives outside Florida. Ken brought five children to the marriage, while Sue brought two. In all there are six grandchildren. Many interests keep the Franklins busy. Ken golfs, bowls, walks, and works out; Sue paints porcelain, quilts, hand stamps cards, and engages in charity work. She belongs to Seaside Piece Makers, an organization that makes and contributes quilts to groups such as the Boggy Creek Cancer Camp and Resurrection Ranch. She shows her porcelain at art galleries, the Eau Gallie Civic Center, and the King Center. The Franklins' address is 1585 Boca Rio Dr., Viera, 32940. Their telephone number is 255-9489. They joined RPC by reaffirmation of faith.

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The term *native Floridians* can almost be applied to **Dick and Jean Smith**. Born in Ft. Lauderdale, Dick and his family moved to Miami when he was one. Jean's family moved from New York State to Miami when she was eleven. High school brought them together, and they married in 1951. Dick graduated in the top third of his class from Georgia Tech with a degree in mechanical engineering, while at the same time Jean laughingly says that she earned her degree in "husband engineering." By graduation, they already had two children, Richard, Jr. and Deborah. Using his degree, Dick started his own successful business in Miami called Southern Wire Cloth Company, and using nine to ten looms manufactured fiberglass wire for patio screens; eventually his company became a three-plant operation. During this time, Dick discovered a love for aerobatic flying. Initially, along with another couple, they bought a Cessna 172. Dick took lessons and proved to be good at aerobatics. To support his passion, Jean and he purchased two more planes, entered contests, and won many trophies. Jean even got her pilot's license so that she could take over in case of an emergency when the family was flying. Another fun interest was water sports. They moved to Key Largo, a location which enabled them to boat, Jet Ski, scuba dive, and entertain guests at their home whenever they wanted. From there they moved to Ft. Lauderdale to be near their daughter and her three children. A friendship with the Downings, members of RPC, soon brought them to Rockledge for a visit. They liked Brevard so well that they decided to locate here. Now that they live in Rockledge, they are also closer to their son and his family who live in Fernandina Beach. The Smith's address is 14 Summer Place, Rockledge, 32955. Their telephone number is 632-7278. They joined RPC by reaffirmation of faith.

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New Members continued.....

Although born in Englewood, New Jersey, **Joan Crawford** spent much of her youth out of the States. Her father's connection with General Motors Overseas took the family to Hawaii, Mexico, and Venezuela where he had a dealership in Caracas. From there the family moved to Miami. Joan's college years began with two years at Skidmore College in New York followed by a transfer to the University of Miami. In Miami she worked in the editorial department of the *Miami News*. Because she was bilingual, she regularly worked with reporters who required her skills as an interpreter when interviewing exiled Cubans. While there, she met John Shepard who soon became her husband. Joan and John then transferred to St. Petersburg for two years and from there came to Brevard where he opened an agency for Merrill Lynch which he managed for seventeen years. Their marriage produced three children and six grandchildren, all of whom she remains close to. Son John and his family live in Jacksonville, while daughter Marilyn and son Tommy and their families live in the Brevard area. After her divorce from John, Joan married Claude Crawford, a CPA from Melbourne, and they lived for eighteen years in South Brevard until his death in 1987. To fill his loss, she became actively involved in real estate, working for Suntime 21 Agency. For twenty-three years she bought homes, fixed them up, and sold them. She now has retired and lives at Whitley Bay in downtown Cocoa Village. She plays bridge, likes interior design, has an interest in sailing, and is a member of Junior League. Her address is 93 Delannoy Ave., Unit 406, Cocoa, 32922. Her telephone number is 631-6173. Once a member of RPC until 1980, Joan has returned to the church by reaffirmation of faith.

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Although both are from Ohio, **Ray and Peggy Hess** actually met at Fairfax Virginia Hospital where they were working. Both just happened to be in the same field of diagnostic health care; they performed ultrasounds. After their marriage, their work continued at other hospitals. They were at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota and then at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. Peggy's family was instrumental in bringing them to the warmer climate of Florida and still later in influencing them to move to Melbourne where the family lived. Currently, Peggy and Ray work at MIMA (Melbourne Internal Medicine Associates). Ray specializes in echocardiograms and Peggy in general ultrasounds. Their marriage of eighteen years has been blessed with two children-- Hannah, fifteen, and Owen, thirteen. Hannah is a freshman at Viera High, and Owen is a seventh grader at DeLaura Middle School. Although the Hesses have been attending another Presbyterian church in the Brevard area, their children, encouraged by their friend Dana Higgins, joined the RPC youth group and have been active members for several years. Impressed by the youth program and RPC's church community, the Hesses eventually decided to become members by reaffirmation of faith. Because of their busy schedules, Ray and Peggy have time for only a few interests. Peggy likes to read novels while Ray likes listening to jazz and playing the saxophone. The family lives at 922 Spanish Wells Dr., Melbourne, 32940. Their telephone number is 255-5733.

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## POP UP FOR SOUPER SUNDAY

Join us as the Ground Hog makes his appearance and celebrate "Souper Bowl" Sunday, February 1, 2009, to sample delicious soups made by our own RPC members. \$5.00 and a can of soup, to be donated to the Sharing Center, will get you all the soup you can eat and a bowl to take home! Who knows, perhaps the ground hog will join us as well. All proceeds will benefit Air Mobile Ministry for the purchase of another Vortex water filtration system to be deployed to a disaster area.

If you would be interested in preparing a crock pot of soup, please let Terrie Franco know – [terriefranco@hotmail.com](mailto:terriefranco@hotmail.com) or 433-2225.

# **MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO ATTEND A SUNDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASS**

## **“Workshop Rotation” for PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders 9:30 a.m., Annex (Manse)**

The children begin a new study on January 11<sup>th</sup> entitled “Calling the Disciples.”

## **“The Tribe” for Middle and High School Youth (Grades 6 – 12) 9:30 a.m., Balcony**

The Tribe will be preparing a worship experience for January 18<sup>th</sup>. They have already begun preparing by reading the lectionary passages for that date and will decide which passage they would like to present during worship and in what form they will present it.

## **Women’s Bible Study Class for Women of All Ages 9:30 a.m., Parlor**

The class is studying “The Present Word,” Presbyterian adult curriculum. The group begins a new study on December 7<sup>th</sup> entitled “People of Commitment.” Unit 1--Commitment to the Messiah--includes the lessons for the four Sundays in December which feature Elizabeth, Mary, the Shepherds, and John the Baptist.

## **The Thoughtful Christian Class 9:30 a.m., Knox**

The Thoughtful Christian class, after merging with the Advent study class, will resume studies of current events. The class is for adults of all ages.

## **The Mixed Adult Class 9:30 a.m., Room 1A (outside Pre-school Director’s office)**

The Mixed Adult Class for men and women of all ages continues to meet for fellowship and Bible study.

In addition to our on-going adult Sunday school classes, we will revive our Video-Based Study series and our Presbyterian 101 series.

## **Video-Base Study “Saving Jesus” Beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m., Calvin Hall Led by Pastor George Wilcox**

Pastor George will introduce the series the first two weeks. Then the 12-week program, which includes a 20-minute video segment and guided discussion each week, will begin on January 21st. The study will be an exploration of the relevance of Jesus Christ for the third millennium. Topics include: “Who was Jesus?;” “The World Into Which Jesus Was Born;” and “Why Jesus is Worth Saving” to name just three of the twelve sessions.

**Christian Education continued.....**

**Presbyterian 101 Study on Presbyterian Worship  
Beginning January 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m., Library  
Led by Rev. Jim Tinsley**

This five-week study will be based on the book, "The Work of the People: What We Do in Worship and Why."

Worship is the work of the people of God. Patterns of worship shape how we pray and how we live. Despite its centrality to church life, worship is too often taken for granted as something a congregation experiences rather than collectively creates. The Work of the People explains the structure of worship, the actions and words we use in liturgy, the environment in which it all happens—in other words, what we are doing and why.

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**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.....**



The annual meeting of Church Women United in Central Brevard will be held January 9, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at Riverside Presbyterian Church, 3400 N. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach. The speaker will be Barbara Moore, President and CEO of Child Care Association. She has headed the Child Care Association for the past thirty-seven years. The organization has grown from nothing to fourteen daycare centers, serving 1500 children. We hope to see representatives from all the churches.

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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.....**

Look for the upcoming date! We will start to build early January 2009. We will be one of the six churches in the Apostle Build. We need volunteers for workers and to make lunches. Call Ginny Wright (433-0876) if you are interested.

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**OFFERING ENVELOPES.....**

2009 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up. They are on the counter in the south hallway. If you don't see yours or would like some envelopes, please see or call BJ Smith (452-0828) or call the church office (636-0811)

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**WHY DO WE NEED HURRICANE SHUTTERS??**

You may have noticed that, in addition to the new roof on Knox Hall, we have also had hurricane shutters installed on the main building. We also had sheets of Lexan placed on the hammered glass windows in the sacristy and the Special Gathering office.

The reason the Trustees recommended, and Session approved, this investment is that in April 2008, when our previous insurance company, Church Mutual, canceled all their policies within 50 miles of the ocean, we were able to replace the general liability coverage, but not insurance for windstorm damage. We discovered that the State sponsored insurance pool for windstorm coverage would charge an annual premium of \$40,000 and impose a deductible of \$100,000. We could not afford this expense, so we got bids from three hurricane shutter companies and selected Brevard Shutter here in Rockledge to install the shutters at a cost of \$32,000. Although Session considered a number of options to pay for the shutters, they were finally paid for out of savings.

The new roof on Knox Hall was paid for with a combination of funds budgeted for buildings and grounds and a generous gift from Mary Jo Foster. If you have questions on these projects, please contact Mary Ellen Weissinger, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.



# JANUARY 2009



- 1 **Happy 2009!!! Office Closed**
- 2 Office Closed
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**Sun 4 Sharing Center Sunday**

- 5 6:00pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm Corp. Admin.(L); 7:00pm Abigail (P)
- 6 6:30pm C.E. (L)
- 7 5:30pm Kid's Night; 6:30pm Lectio; 7:30pm Choir
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- 9 7:00pm AA (K)
- 10 8:00am RPC Men's Fellowship (RCC)

**Sun 11**

- 12 9:30am RPW Project Day (C); 6:00pm Scouts (C); 7:00pm Abigail (P)
- 13 7:00pm AA (K); 7:00pm Ruth; 7:00pm Book Club (P); 7:00pm Session (L)
- 14 10:00am Esther; 5:30pm Kid's Night; 6:30pm Lectio; 7:30pm Choir (K)
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- 16 6-9pm Audubon (C); 7:00pm AA (K)
- 17 8:00am Men's Fellowship (RCC); 6-9pm Spina Bifida (C)

**Sun 18 6:30-8:00pm Fellowship Dance Party(C)**

- 19 **Office Closed – MLK Holiday**; 6:30pm IPN
- 20 10:00am Mary Martha (C); 7:00pm AA (K); 7:00pm Ruth;
- 21 10:00am Ruby Wednesday; 5:30pm Kid's Night; 6:30pm Lectio; 7:30pm Choir (K)
- 22 **BIRP** at RPC 12:30-2:00pm
- 23 7:00pm AA (K)
- 24 8:00am RPC Men's Fellowship (RCC)

**Sun 25 Blanket Sunday; 12:00 noon Annual Congregational Meeting**

- 26 6:00pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN
- 27 7:00pm AA (K); 7:00pm Trustees (C); 7:00pm Deacons (P)
- 28 5:30pm Kid's Night; 6:30pm Lectio; 7:30pm Choir
- 29 9:30am CT (P)
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# **RPC STEWARDSHIP NEWS .....TIME, TALENTS, TREASURES**

## **STATUS OF PLEDGE GIVING FOR 2008 VERSUS 2009**

As we plan for our 2009 RPC financial and program year, below is a comparison of the pledge amount giving for 2008 versus the pledge amount giving (as of 12/28/08) for 2009. As you can see below, we are significantly lower in pledge giving for 2009 compared to 2008. To meet all the needs of RPC for 2009, we will need a 100% stewardship commitment from all of our church members.

**Pledges for 2008** – 125 pledged for a total giving of \$300,969

**Pledges for 2009** – 76 pledged for a total giving of \$226,760

## **HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR PLEDGE CARD FOR 2009?**

If you have not submitted your 2009 Stewardship Pledge Card, please turn in your pledge card either in the Sunday Worship Service offering plate or mail your pledge card directly to the church office. Your financial commitment is important to the mission programs at RPC.

## **DID YOU TURN IN YOUR TIME & TALENT COMMITMENT FORM FOR 2009?**

Please also remember to complete and submit your 2009 RPC Time & Talent Commitment Form. One form is needed from each of our church members. This information is important to our church committees to determine what time and talents are available from our congregational members that can meet the ongoing missions and programs at RPC. Extra Time and Talent Commitment Forms are located in the Church Narthex or in the Church Office.

Have you volunteered your time and talents to help our church with the many areas needed to run the church programs? If you have not submitted your 2009 Time and Talent Commitment Form, please turn in a form for each member of your family. Just place the form in the Sunday Worship Service offering plate or mail it directly to the church office.

**Thank you to all our church members who have submitted their 2009 Stewardship Pledge Card and their Time & Talent Commitment Form. Your faithful and continued support allows RPC to provide for all our important mission programs in 2009.**





# RPC Readers Book Club

**Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Parlor**  
***The Friday Night Knitting Club***

**By Kate Jacobs**

Once a week, an eclectic group of women comes together at a New York City yarn shop to work on their latest projects—an share the stories of their lives...At the center of Walker and Daughter is the shop's owner, Georgia who is overwhelmed with juggling the store and single-handedly raising her teenage daughter. When the man who once broke Georgia's heart suddenly shows up, demanding a role in their daughter's life, her world is shattered. Luckily, Georgia's friends are there for encouragement, sharing their own tales of intimacy, heartbreak, and miracle making.

**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Parlor**  
***The Shack***

**By Wm. Paul Young**

Mackenzie Allen Phillips's youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later, in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question: Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain? The answers Mack gets will astound you and perhaps transform you as much as it did him.

**Hope you'll join us for fun fellowship & thoughtful discussion!**

# Brevard Citrus Drive

Saturday, January 31, 2009

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We'll pick citrus in Central Brevard, box it, & load it for shipment to area food banks.



For Children,  
Youth & Adults.  
(Younger children must  
be accompanied by a  
parent or adult.)

We need folks with pick-up trucks or vans to drive  
in order to carry people and citrus

**The citrus collected during the Citrus Drive  
will be distributed to homeless shelters  
& food banks throughout Florida**

Please sign up on the sheet  
posted on the bulletin board  
in the South Hallway.

<http://www.endhunger.org>

## **BREVARD SHARING CENTER.....**

Another year has come and gone. The Sharing Center continues to see an increase in the number of clients seeking assistance. Due to the economy, many of these are new and have never asked for help before.

The kitchen is serving approximately 150 meals per day. Thanks to the volunteers and the dedicated cook, they are doing a good job. For many this is their only meal of the day.

Our church has continued to be a big part of the support for the many programs. Your food, clothing (greatly used), furniture, towels and financial contributions have been invaluable.

During the year, our youth groups have volunteered with food collections and sorting. As the New Year begins, please keep us in your thoughts. We will still be needing food, thrift store items (don't forget furniture), etc. Thanks again for all your help this past year! –BJ Smith

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## **FUNNY BONE.....**

**A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.**

**Four worms were placed into four separate jars.**

**The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.**

**The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.**

**The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.**

**The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.**

**At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:**

**The first worm in alcohol - Dead.**

**The second worm in cigarette smoke - Dead.**

**Third worm in chocolate syrup - Dead.**

**Fourth worm in good clean soil - Alive.**

**So the Minister asked the congregation - What can you learn from this demonstration?**

**A little old woman in the back quickly raised her hand and said,  
"As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"**

**Don't you just love little old ladies??**



# The Rock

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January 2009

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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

