

The Broadcaster



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***“The bricks have fallen down,
but we will rebuild with dressed stone;
the fig trees have been felled,
but we will replace them with cedars.”
Isaiah 9:10***

Last year many of us read Jonathan Cahn’s The Harbinger. In reading that book, we realized that while America prayed aplenty after the September 11th attacks, she did not repent, but instead became defiant, confident in her own strength. The path America followed in 2001 was the same pattern followed by ancient Israel -- the defiant oath to rebuild bigger and better in her own strength without considering what God was trying to communicate through remedial judgment. And, America has seen continued judgment ever since.

Perry Stone wrote about the various weapons we have in our arsenal to defeat Satan in his book called Putting on Your God Gear. These weapons include faith, prayer, and biblical knowledge. While these are all great tools, Perry said that what God desires from us most of all (and what Satan fears the most) is our obedience. So where do we turn at times like this – when everyone does what is right in their own eyes? What can we do when we realize that we’re off the narrow path on onto the wide road?

Repentance may well be what we need most in America today. Hear God’s promise to believers from 2 Chronicles 7:14-15: *If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.* God told Solomon that when the nation is judged for disobedience, four steps are required to return to a right relationship with Him: humility, prayer, seeking His face and repentance. These verses tell us that believers’ prayers go unheard *unless* we have turned from our wicked ways. Prayer without repentance is as helpful as a screen door on a submarine.

A day of prayer ends, but a day of repentance does. Repentance change lives, churches, and even our nation. True repentance brings revival. In his book Repentance, Richard Owen Roberts describes revival as a time when God comes close to man—a supernal work of *God* achieved *only* when we are in a right relationship with Him. Roberts says, “In repentance we clear our path to God; in granting us this repentance, God clears his path to us.”

As we approach the anniversary of September 11th, please keep these verses in mind. As we open a new chapter in our lives here at Faith Church, remember to seek God’s face for His plan for you and our church. Let’s not repeat the missteps put down in history for us by relying on our own strength without seeking God’s will for our lives. Please join us for an evening of prayer and repentance from 6-9 PM on Wednesday, September 11th. *The heart cry of God is most certainly, “Return to me, and I will return to you.” Malachi 3:7.*

~Annette Adams, on behalf of the Session

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Plan now to attend:

On Aug 25th following worship, Jim Becher began a class on “**The Wilderness Tabernacle**, God’s pattern for life and worship.” It will continue every Sunday in September, from 12:30 -2:00p.m.

He will be using a flannel-graph pictorial representation of the wilderness tabernacle. The tabernacle holds many spiritual truths for us today. Learn, among other things, how the tabernacle pictures the being of man (body, soul, spirit) and how it pre-figures (or points to) both Christ and the Church. You won’t want to miss a minute of this exciting class.

For planning purposes and so he can have enough copies of material, please let Jim or the church office know if you will attending.

Bethel Bible Study will start again on Sunday, **October 13** following the worship service. You can watch for more details in the bulletin and October newsletter but mark your calendar now. This course has been offered here for 20 years and Linda Purrington was one of the original teachers.

PRAYER GROUP



Prayer Group meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6:30 PM. For September, Prayer Group meetings will be the **8th and 22nd**.
Join us for these times of prayer with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us **September 21st at 6:00** for potluck dinner and a showing of the movie “42,” the inspiring story of baseball great Jackie Robinson. Robinson demonstrated tremendous courage and restraint to overcome racism. He let his talent on the field do the talking - ultimately winning over fans and his teammates, silencing his critics, and paving the way for others to follow.



~Judy Otto

FRIDAY NIGHT WITH FRIENDS

On **September 27th at 6:30**, our roving band of amateur epicureans will be visiting The Hurricane Grill & Wings at 10281 Pines Blvd. Known for its 30+ flavors of wing sauce, the restaurant uses all natural chicken, premium fresh beef that is certified Angus, and produce that is sourced directly from premium growers. The fun and relaxing ambiance of the restaurant will have you kickin’ back in no time and Ellen Bennet promises you will *love* their garlic parmesan fries!



~Judy Otto

Thank you for the cards and condolences we received following the death of my mother, Katie Bennett. Your kind words and warm thoughts really meant a lot to us!!

Sincerely in Christ,
George Bennett Family

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES

Sunday School classes for children ages 3 through Middle School will resume on Sunday, **September 8th**. They will be dismissed following the Message for Young Disciples.

Thank you to all those who have offered to be teachers.

~Steve Minikus

SEPARATION AGREEMENT

A Congregational Meeting was held on August 4, 2013 to vote on a recommendation by the Session to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Michel D. Yonts and Faith Presbyterian Church. There was a time for discussion and questions. A vote was taken by ballot and the recommendation was passed.

The terms of Pastor Michel's separation agreement include his full salary, housing and social security allotment for six and one-half months until the end of February 2014, and payment of their joint health insurance for one year until the end of August 2014.

Please continue to lift them up in prayer during this time of transition.

A FUND RAISER

Mary Ann Radler has provided the church with 150 "Ultimate Savings Books". The books are being sold for only \$10. On the 1st page there are 4 coupons for \$5.00 off a \$30 purchase that can be used at Winn Dixie or Publix. There are also coupons for Regal Cinemax, Buca diBeppo, Papa Johns, Jo Ann Fabrics, New York & Company and more.

Mary Ann has donated 150 books as a fund raiser for the church. Please see her to get as many as you can sell. Remember they are only \$10 per book—a real bargain!!

MAN ON A MISSION: **Meet Avinash Kanchan**

Avinash and his wife Anju and children Abigal and Adrian have been members of our Faith family for about two years. What's different about them? A lot!

Avinash is in this country on a religious visa. He cannot hold a regular job, resulting in a very limited income. Each week, it is his calling and his mission to visit those in our community that might otherwise be overlooked when it comes to Christian evangelism: Indians, Muslims and families from Bangladesh. Although Avi is without a vehicle, he manages to get around town by catching buses and riding his bicycle.

Avi has visited over 300 families so far this year, has led over 50 people to Jesus, and has baptized 15 people. Avi trusts God to protect him, because he frequently finds himself in hostile circumstances, where his message is perceived as threatening. He continues to trust in God to provide money for his visa, which expires in October. For those who want to support him in this critical goal, you may put cash or checks made out to Avinash in the collection plate.

Your prayers are also much needed. We appreciate all he does to bring the light of Christ into dark places.

~Judy Otto

BLOOD DRIVE

We Want Your Blood - AGAIN!

The next Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, **September 19th** from 2:30 until 7:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to donate. This is a wonderful opportunity to give "The gift of life" - signups will begin on September 1st.



~Jane Bodden

Secret Sister Ministry

» Ethel E. Thomas «



The Secret Sisters started their fifth Session on July 28, 2013.

They wasted no time in getting busy when a group of Sisters and friends were privileged to watch "JONAH," a religious production, at the beautiful home of Sister Amy Anderson, on August 10th.

The Sisters and friends joyfully thank Sister Amy for her gracious hospitality. It was a splendid afternoon that was enjoyed by all.

In their busy schedule, the Sisters have plans to see "The Butler" movie on Saturday, August 31st, followed with dining at the Sweet Tomato Restaurant. They will also be gracious hostesses for Fellowship on Sunday, September 22nd.

Thank you Secret Sisters! May you be abundantly blessed for being the integral part of this fellowship ministry!

"It is more about the praying and less about the giving"

GARAGE SALE

The date for the annual Church Garage Sale will be set at the next Administration Meeting. We are looking at one of the Saturdays in October.

Please start looking through your things now for donations. We ask that all donations be in good working order and have all needed parts. Clothing, shoes and linens be clean and in good condition.

We will need helpers during the week to sort and price and workers the day of the sale.



WOMEN OF FAITH

Eight women will be heading to Orlando for the Women of Faith Conference September 20-21. Thank you to Linda Purrington for getting this trip organized and the tickets ordered. Please keep us in prayer for safe travel.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Linda Purrington and Annette Adams for leading us in a study using the book "Forgiveness" by Adam Hamilton. We met for 4 Friday evenings in August. It was such a good study it may be offered again in the near future.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Sept 1	Jerry & Judy Poche
Sept. 3, 1983	Steve & Robin Secrest
Sept. 4, 1971	Harry & Jeanne Zitnick
Sept 11, 1971	Michel & Pauline Yonts
Sept. 26	Jonathan & Hyacinth Babb

COIN CONTAINERS to benefit the hungry are on the table in the Narthex. The cans are labeled "Food for the Famished". Please pick up a container today, take it home, put your coins/bills in it and bring it back the end of the month. Funds will stay locally and will help a variety of different needs.



PASTOR SAEED ABEDINI is an American citizen who was arrested while on an Iranian government approved visit to establish an orphanage. He is in prison for converting to Christianity. You can support and work for the freedom of Pastor Abedini by going on line to www.savesaeed.com and signing the petition for his release. Please help today and tell your friends.

FLOWER BEDS

Check out the poster on the wall going down the hall. There are a variety of opportunities for you to pick a flower bed and maintain it. Thank you to the many people who have been keeping their flower beds looking good!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 2	Fay Lindo
	Robin Secrest
September 5	Dianne Campbell
	Jane Minikus
September 6	Janet Hart
September 7	Jacob Walaschek
September 8	Mohan Brijlall
September 9	Marilynne Casterton
September 10	Kevin Witt
September 11	Elizabeth Flavell
	Chandra Nabi
September 12	Rafael Acevedo
September 14	Mary Beth Northrup
September 15	Sonia Brijlall
	Laura Clark
September 16	Leilani Morales
September 18	James Mack
	Emily Vanderlaan
September 19	Richard Evans
	Kyle Witt
September 20	Victoria Agate
September 22	Carlos Fernandez
	Cathy Musser
September 23	Rhoda Kondiah Brijanand
	Molly Minoo
	Devin Ossmann
	Callum Williamson
September 25	Ralph Acevedo
September 30	Joyce McMillan

EXTRA PACKAGES OF COOKIES— Do you ever get a coupon for buy one get one free packages of cookies? Please consider sharing your free one with the church Fellowship Ministry. One Sundays when there is no one signed up for Fellowship, it helps having some bags of cookies to pull out.

RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

There is a container in the Narthex where you can place your old cell phones, ink jet cartridges, digital cameras, working or non-working laptop computers, or ipods, portable DVD players, MP3 players, GPS devices, digital frames etc. This is a great way to help recycle unwanted items and a way for the church to make a little extra funds.

~Peg Royle

SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

LITURGIST:

Sep 1 Cynthia Isaacs
Sep 8 Linda Purrington
Sep 15 Ethel Thomas
Sep 22 Steve Minikus
Sep 29 Wayne Adams

COMMUNION-ELDERS/DEACONS:

1. Linda Purrington 5. Luz Porter
2. Jane Bodden 6. Ethel Thomas
3. Marge Bennett 7. Bob Bailey
4. Stacy Bennett 8. Ralph Acevedo

FINANCIAL COUNTING TEAMS:

Sep 1 Denise Calderon & Stacy Bennett
Sep 8 Ward Casterton & Stacy Bennett
Sep 15 Cheryl Fernandez & Cyril Williamson
Sep 22 Rick & Joyce Sackett
Sep 29 Stacy Bennett & Helpers

FLOWERS:

Sep 1 Jerry & Judy Poche
Sep 8 Chandra Nabi
Sep 15 OPEN
Sep 22 Robert & Bibi Kondiah
Sep 29 OPEN

FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

Sep 1 NEEDED
Sep 8 Chandra Nabi
Sep 15 Ellen Bennet & Judy Otto
Sep 22 Secret Sisters
Sep 29 NEEDED

CLOSER: Wayne Adams

USHERS:

Sep 1 Jane Bodden, Hyacinth Babb
Elvet Rhoden, Rick Sackett,
Joyce Sackett
Sep 8 Annette Adams, Judy Rodgers,
Cindy Vanderlaan, Gary Venema,
Jesse Walaschek, Sarah Walaschek
Sep 15 Peg Royle, Cheryl Fernandez,
Ken Stutz, Janet Stutz,
Ali Saladeen, Molly Saladeen,
Andre Khan, Angie Ebarle
Sep 22 Bob Bailey, Anna Levy,
Jennifer Hurst, Marlene Allen,
Dennis Morales
Sep 29 To be determined

MEMBER/STAFF PRAYER FAMILIES:

Families of:

Sep 1 Esther Whitwam
Cyril & Jane Williamson
Sep 8 Janet Writt
Jeanne & Harry Zitnick
Sep 15 Michel & Pauline Yonts
Rafael & Marina Acevedo
Sep 22 Ralph & Marilyn Acevedo
Wayne & Annette Adams
Sep 29 Anitra & Frank Agate
Marlene Allen

It is our desire to specifically pray for the families of the members and staff of Faith. Families are listed (2 at a time) in alphabetical order through the year. Please include these families in your prayers each week.

ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER BROWARD OUTREACH

Men's boxers, sizes M & L

CHURCH WEBSITE AND E-MAILS:

www.faithpembrokepines.com Check it out for upcoming events, the Pastor's sermon notes, and information about the church.

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SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. 10:30 Worship - 12:30-2:00 Class with Jim Becher	2. LABOR DAY — <i>Church office closed</i>	3. 7:30 Administration Meeting 8:30 A.A. Meeting	4. 7:30 Deacon's Mtg	5. 6:30 Worship Min. 7:30 Chancel Choir	6.	7.
8. 10:30 Worship - Sunday School begins 12:30-2:00 Class with Jim Becher 6:30 Prayer Group	9. 7:30 Youth Christian Growth Mtg.	10. 7:30 Mission/ Stewardship 8:30 A.A. Meeting	11. 12:30 FCDC School Board 6:00-9:00 Church open for prayer	12. 7:30 Outreach Mtg. 7:30 Chancel Choir	13.	14.
15. 10:30 Worship- Sunday School 12:30-2:00 Class with Jim Becher 3:00 Haitian Church Anniversary Service	16 7:30 Adult Christian Growth Mtg.	17 8:30 A.A. Meeting	18. 7:30 Session Mtg	19. 7:30 Chancel Choir 3:00-8:00 Blood Drive	20. Women of Faith Conference—Orlando	21. 6:00 Pot Luck Dinner & Movie Night
22, 10:30 Worship- Sunday School 12:30-2:00 Class with Jim Becher 6:30 Prayer Group	23. 7:30-9:00 Youth Service (Haitian Church) NO Fellowship Mtg.	24. 8:30 A.A. Meeting	25.	26. 7:30 Chancel Choir	27. 6:30 Friday Night With Friends-The Hurricane Grill	28 10:00-12:00 Fasting Service (Haitian Church)
29 10:30 Worship- Sunday School 12:30-2:00 Class with Jim Becher 6:00 Haitian Church	30.					