

# The Broadcaster



**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**1700 N.W. 98th Avenue**  
**Pembroke Pines, FL**  
**November 2013**

## **"The Power of Thanksgiving" (and vice versa)"**

We are soon to celebrate once again the National Holiday known as "Thanksgiving day." We do this every year. Every year we gather together with friends and family for a feast of plenty and, hopefully pause to give thanks for all our bountiful blessings. But thanksgiving should not be relegated to only one day a year. In Psalm 107, it says over and over again, "Oh that men would give praise the Lord for His goodness" We should be thankful every day for the blessings God has given us. By giving thanks, we acknowledge God as a power greater than ourselves. We can see the handiwork of the creator around us in many ways every day. As Paul puts it in Romans 1:20, "the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by things that are made, so that they are without excuse." And yet, some of us fail to acknowledge Him, which failure, as Paul goes on to explain in verses 21-24, results in inevitable spiritual and moral decline. These verses reveal a slippery slope which starts with unthankfulness. Unthankfulness leads to confused thinking and pride which in turn lead to idolatry, which leads to moral impurity and depravity and ultimate separation from God.

If all we were left to was our own selves and our own abilities, we would be quite limited indeed. Human beings are finite and limited, but God is infinite and unlimited. He has endowed all of us with special talents and abilities, but we must admit that these are from Him, and that they, although wonderful, are limited. The only being with unlimited power and resources is God. By being thankful, we acknowledge His sovereign control over our lives and His power to change situations and give us more power and ability. To be unthankful to Him is limit our own potential even further than it already is, while to be thankful can cause an expansion of our abilities. That's something to think about.

-----James M. Becher

## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Bethel Bible Study has begun on Sunday lead by our dedicated teacher Linda Purrington. Thank you Linda!! Other opportunities for study will also be coming soon so watch for further updates on studying God's Word and plan on attending!

### DEACONS ELECTED AT THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We welcome and thank the following members for their willingness to serve God as Deacons here at Faith. Please encourage the following in their ministry:

**Class of 2014:** Elvet Rhoden and Janet Witt

**Class of 2015:** Amy Anderson and Ava Cotton

**Class of 2016:** Marge Benentt, Janet McGahee, Joyce Sackett, and Sandy Venema

They will be ordained/installed during the worship service on November 3rd.

### ELECTION OF ELDERS

The Nominating Committee is busy preparing a slate of Elders to serve God here at Faith.

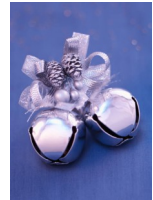
The Elder nominees will be examined on Wednesday, **November 20th** at 7:00 pm followed by a Session Meeting at 7:30 pm.

On Sunday, **November 24th** following the worship service a Congregational Meeting will be held to elect the Elders. Please lift this process up in prayer.

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday, **November 16**, we'll be getting in the Christmas spirit by enjoying the recently released DVD "**Silver Bells.**" Before the lights go down, we'll enjoy a delicious pot luck dinner as always.



Here's a quick synopsis of the movie: A competitive sportscaster wants his wife to win their neighborhood's Christmas decorating contest and his son to be the star of his basketball team. But when he scuffles with his son's coach, he's "sentenced" to managing a Salvation Army kettle during the holidays. Will something as simple as ringing a bell transform his life?

We meet at 6:00. Hope to see you there - - with "bells" on!

### FRIDAY NIGHT WITH FRIENDS

**Friday Night With Friends** is scheduled for **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will be dining at



"The Field - Irish Pub and Eatery" located at 3281 Griffin Road (east of 441 - look for the huge Banyan tree out front).

The Field was recommended by the Secretsts and is charming and quaint like a piece of Ireland frozen in time. From "fish and chips or shepherd's pie" to "prime rib" everything is delicious.

Come join your friends - - you will soon look forward to our monthly Friday nights.



Come join us on Sunday, **November 10th and 24th** for Prayer and Praise.

## MEN'S BARBECUE

Men of all ages are invited to a barbecue at the home of Steve Nash, 5157 S.W. 87 Avenue in Cooper City. The Nashes have a beautiful home on the lake so there will be all kinds of activities going on.



This event will be held on Saturday, *November 9th* starting any time after 3:00 pm. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill. Everyone is asked to bring their own beverage and if you want a side dish.

You are also welcome to bring a friend. If you have questions or want directions, please see Steve Nash or George Bennett.

(The men had a great time this month at their breakfast and then attending the car museum.)

## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

There will be a Thanksgiving Eve Service on *November 27th* at 7:30 pm. Please join us as we gather on the eve of our national day of thanks to give thanks where it belongs—to our Lord and our God.

Following the service we will put on some Christmas music while we prepare the Sanctuary for Advent.

## OUTSIDE WORK DAY

The Administration Ministry has scheduled an Outside Work Day on Saturday, *November 16* starting at 9:00 am. They hope to “spruce up” the outside for the holidays. If you have some time—no matter how much—come on over and give a hand.



## MY HOPE WITH BILLY GRAHAM

### COMING TO FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>...

Rev. Graham will be celebrating his 95th birthday this November by sharing a new message called "The Cross" as part of *My Hope America with Billy Graham*, a nationwide evangelistic outreach.

Over the past several months, he has been working with a video crew in his home to film a brand-new telecast that will air beginning *November 7*—his 95th birthday. It's a tremendously powerful program that has his message interwoven with captivating testimonies of lives changed by the living Christ. Join Billy Graham, music artists *Lecrae* and *Lacey Sturm* as they share the common thread that led them to true happiness.

Please join us on **Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church to hear this hopeful and inspirational message.**

In honor of Rev. Graham's birthday, following the program there will be a reception in fellowship hall, complete with birthday cake!



**VETERANS DAY**

Remember to say a prayer of thanksgiving for our Veterans every day, but especially on Monday, **November 11th.**

**REMEMBER!!** Daylight Savings Time ends on November 3rd. SO, be sure and put your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2nd!!

The Stewardship Luncheon was held on Sunday, October 27th. My Ministry forms and pledge cards were handed out. The Stewardship Dedication will be Sunday, **November 10th.** Please bring your completed forms with you to worship that Sunday. Following is an article Annette Adams wanted to share:

A Minute for Stewardship from Parish Publishing

*“Money is deeply and significantly symbolic. It isn’t just a silver coin or a piece of engraved paper; it represents our time and our talents as well. It is symbolic because when we give of our money, we are giving of ourselves. And the contrary is also true; when we withhold our money, we are withholding of ourselves.”*

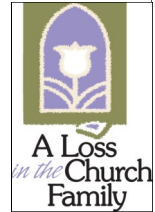
Real stewardship means more than giving money for God’s work on earth. It involves offering all that we are and all that we have to serve our Creator who is the Giver of all in the first place: body, mind, spirit, talent and energy. Stewardship is fulfilling God’s plan for us as we live, serve, and give our all for the one who made us and keeps us here on earth.

There is a story about a man who understood the requirements of being a faithful steward. Another man observed his seemingly tireless work on behalf of his church and the community asked the man why he did so much to serve God and needy people in the town where he lived. The worthy steward replied by saying that he believed God was Lord and King over all the earth. He believed it was a privilege to serve as a servant and use his life to work on behalf of the kingdom of God. He might also have said that we Christians often pray for God’s Kingdom to come and for God’s will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. If that is so, shouldn’t we try to help make the prayer come true by being worthy servants of the Lord here and now?

Prayer: Lord of us all, make us restless until we find rest by loving and serving you. Help us to remember daily that Jesus lived on earth as one who served. Guide us so that we may do the same. In his name. Amen.

~submitted by Annette Adams

Our beloved Robert Hamilton went to be with the Lord on October 3rd, 2013. After cremation he was buried at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth.



Bob had been a very active and dedicated member since December 8, 1985, married his sweet wife Vi here at Faith in November 2000 and was a faithful Elder of the church for years. He had a real heart for our Child Development Center. He was Chair of the FCDC Board for many years and was so supportive and encouraging of the staff.

His sweet smile and gentle spirit is definitely missed.

**LOST:** A Dillard’s bag with a 3 piece large train was left in the kitchen. If you happen to find it, could you return it to Mary Ann Radler or leave in the church office. Thanks.

## Ask “Faith”

Feeling unsure about our church or have questions about Christianity in general? If so, email your questions to [askfaith@outlook.com](mailto:askfaith@outlook.com). Faith will carefully research your questions and do whatever legwork is required to hunt down the truth. Each month we’ll select two or three questions for the newsletter. The questions for this first column came from Faith’s fertile imagination.

**Q: Hey, what’s up with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday now? In the past, we had a Prophetic Perspective.**

**A:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month is no different than any other Sunday now. While some sermons will no doubt address prophesy, which is a very important aspect of Christianity, there is no plan to reinstate this segment of the service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or any other Sunday.

**Q: Without a pastor, aren’t we like a ship without a sail? Who is steering the boat? Are we sinking?**

**A:** Faith Presbyterian Church is blessed to have a dedicated and focused group of Elders. They are working diligently to provide us with substitute pastors while continuing to search for a permanent pastor, who will be a good fit for our church. Sunday morning Bible studies are continuing and the Bethel classes have just started up. The Men’s group is reemerging and a monthly Women’s Bible study class is planned. We are not sinking; on the contrary, attendance is up, as is giving. While no one can know for sure what kind of sea lies ahead, we are setting our sails for a strong, vibrant future for Faith.

**Q: Thanksgiving sounds like a Christian thing. Were the Pilgrims Christians?**

**A:** The Pilgrims did indeed have a very strong belief in Jesus and followed the teachings of the Geneva Bible, England’s most popular Bible at the time (1560-1644). As for Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims felt blessed that the Indians had befriended them and taught them to survive, so they threw a big party and feasted for three days. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national day of Thanksgiving ... “and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.” Every year, this holiday gives us an opportunity to thank God for our many blessings, for the freedom we have in this wonderful country, and for turkey.

**Other Q’s I could ask, but don’t have the A’s for:**

Dionisio and Kristin are such talented musicians. Do they give lessons?

I hope Avinash was successful in obtaining enough money for his legal battle. What is happening with him?  
(created by Judy Otto)

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all those who helped and supplied items for the Church Garage Sale on October 12th. We had beautiful weather, a lot of outside vendors and lots of sales. We made over \$2000.00



A special thank you to Cindy Nash who was the cashier for the entire day. There were so many who came during the week and helped sort and arrange things on tables. We appreciate each of you!! Pricers were mainly Mary Ann Radler and Cindy Nash. Thank you both!

Saturday morning we had a good number of “movers and shakers” who brought all the treasures to the side parking lot. Thank you all for getting up and being here at 6:30 am to get all that done. Thank you to Sandy Venema who organized the food booth and all those who donated items of food. Marilyn & Ward Casterton were a big help with the food items.

The outside vendors all seemed happy. We talked about doing garage sales a little different in the future—they are so much work. So look for some different suggestions for future garage sales.  
~Marge Bennett



## YOUTH OF ALL AGES



### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our practice has begun! We are meeting in the Fellowship Hall immediately at the beginning of service. Please try to be on time.

The program will be on **December 8th**, which means we only have 5 weeks of rehearsals left!! See you there!

~Sandy Venema

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes for children ages 3 through High School have resumed. Because of the Christmas Program rehearsal the elementary age children are dismissed after the rehearsal. Middle School are dismissed before the sermon and the High School students are dismissed after the sermon.

Thank you to all our Sunday School teachers!!! You are greatly appreciated!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP FELLOWSHIP

has resumed with 16 youth at their last meeting!! Come join in for food, fun and fellowship from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Wednesday **November 6** and Wednesday, **November 20** in the Youth Room. (dates changed because of Thanksgiving) Remember to bring a friend - it's your ticket to fun (and discipleship)!

At their last meeting the youth dressed up as Biblical characters and the Youth Leaders were challenged to guess who they were. A couple of them stumped leaders Mirta Flavell and Marilyn Acevedo.

They are excited about the events they have coming up in the next couple of months and invite all Middle School and High School youth to join them.

See you on November 6th & 20th!!

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

#### A WONDERFUL PROJECT FOR ALL AGES TO PARTICIPATE IN

Our annual Shoebox Project has begun. You can do a cardboard red and green box, which are available and do not have to be decorated, or pick up a plastic "shoebox" at the dollar store. If you do this, please wrap it so that you can not see inside (top and bottom separate.) Fill the boxes with items, and mark if it is for a girl or boy and the age group. I have the labels and lists of items.



Please if possible include the \$7.00 shipping and handling—either cash, check, made out to Samaritan's Purse, or pay online and "follow your box." This is such a great project and requires very little time and money.

Bring in your box anytime in November, with the last date being Sunday the 24th. Put a smile on a child's face this Christmas, show them the love of Jesus through a shoebox.

Sandy Venema

# Secret Sister Ministry

» Ethel E. Thomas «



**Blessings Secret Sisters!**

It is so gratifying to see how our **Secret Sister Ministry** is progressing. In addition to our praying, caring and sharing, so far this year, we have seen two movies followed with dinner, attended the production of JONAH at Sister Amy's home, were hostesses for Fellowship on three occasions, and have continued our **Sisterly Love Beyond the Secret Sister Circle**, including our *first* six-month Reveal Luncheon in June.

Since we elected to have two six-month sessions for 2013, the *second Reveal Luncheon* is fast approaching. This will take place on **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** - [potluck style] – from **1:00 to 3:00 pm**, when you will reveal your identity to your **Companion Sister**. For this Luncheon you are required to bring a dish to share, dessert and/or beverages, as well as, a final **gift** for your **Companion Sister**.

Let's make this a very festive afternoon with excitement, fun and make plans for 2014, when the Program will have a one-year time-frame.

Close to the Reveal, you will be reminded, accordingly.

Thank you for being such wonderful and dedicated **Secret Sisters**. You always, so graciously, rise to the occasion when called upon.

With thoughts and prayers,



**Ethel**

**Good Luck !!! Be Creative !!! Have Fun !!!**

Dear, dear Family at Faith,

I didn't have the opportunity to say it in person, so I am writing to thank you again for the prayers extended for Krystle when she was taking the bar exam in late July. You probably know by now, after 3 months of waiting to hear, she did pass the bar!

Wow, we were so very relieved and happy!! When we received the news, I could not even speak to her, I had to wait, I was so choked up with emotion the words would not come... The whole idea of the bar exam seemed so very daunting to me, I can barely imagine what the two months of studying and then the actual taking was like for her or for anyone that was taking this exam. We all know as parents what it feels like when something so important has been accomplished, we are beyond thrilled...

Next comes the licensing, the bar number (she already received it), the swearing in (on Nov. 13th), the job interviews, and the unbelievable student loans that will take a lifetime to pay!! Her love & trust in the Lord is strong so we will see where He takes her from here.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers,

Cheryl & Carlos Fernandez & family



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Nov. 14	Rafael & Marina Acevedo
Nov. 17, 1973	Steve & Jane Minikus
Nov. 26	Larry & Lya Moler

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 2	Robert Flavell
November 7	Thomas Nash
November 9	Andre Khan
	Charlotte Perrucci
November 11	Doris Evans
November 14	Laura Clavijo
November 15	Mirta Flavell
	Ruby Martin
November 21	Marie Slaughter-Brown
November 22	Monique Crawford
November 25	Jonathan Babb
	Mary Black
November 26	Angelita Ebarle
	Ernie Perrucci

**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.



Fellowship Ministry has scheduled going to PPTOPA (Pembroke Pines Theater of the Performing Arts) presentation of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat".

The suggested date is Sunday, **November 24<sup>th</sup>** matinee starting at 2:00 pm Tickets are \$18 for students or seniors, and \$24 for adults.

This is one of the world's most performed musicals originating in 1968 with lyrics written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. We recommend that you book your tickets early.

## SAVE THIS DATE

Our annual Christmas Dinner and auction will be held on **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. That is one of the favorite events of the year—you won't want to miss it. Bring a dish to share and one wrapped gift marked girl, boy, house, etc. Mark it on your calendar now! More details to follow.



**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 use.

## 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 NOVEMBER 2013

## **LITURGIST:**

Nov 3 Cheryl Fernandez  
Nov 10 Marilyn Acevedo  
Nov 17 Luz Porter  
Nov 24 Wayne Adams

## **FINANCIAL COUNTING TEAMS:**

Nov 3 Denise Calderon & Stacy Bennett  
Nov 10 Ward Casterton & Stacy Bennett  
Nov 17 Cheryl Fernandez & Cyril Williamson  
Nov 24 Rick & Joyce Sackett

## **FLOWERS:**

Nov 3 OPEN  
Nov 10 OPEN  
Nov 17 Luz Porter & Angie Ebarle  
Nov 24 OPEN

## **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:**

Nov 3 Carolyn McClain  
Nov 10 OPEN  
Nov 17 Acevedo Family  
Nov 24 Ellen Bennet

**CLOSER:** Ward Casterton

## **USHERS:**

Nov 3 Jane Bodden, Hyacinth Babb  
Elvet Rhoden,  
Nov 10 Annette Adams, Judy Rodgers,  
Cindy Vanderlaan, Gary Venema,  
Jesse Walaschek, Sarah Walaschek  
Nov 17 Peg Royle, Cheryl Fernandez,  
Ken Stutz, Janet Stutz,  
Ali Saladeen, Molly Saladeen,  
Andre Khan, Angie Ebarle  
Nov 24 Bob Bailey, Anna Levy,  
Jennifer Hurst, Marlene Allen,  
Rick Sackett, Joyce Sackett  
Dennis Morales

## **MEMBER/STAFF PRAYER FAMILIES:**

Families of:

Nov 3 Stacy Bennett  
Mary Black  
Nov 10 Jane Bodden  
Esseline Brandon  
Nov 17 Rhoda & Jay Brijanand  
Mohan Brijlall  
Nov 24 Tamara & David Brown  
Vera Burke

*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 NOVEMBER BROWARD OUTREACH**

Mashed Potatoes	Green Beans
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Drinks
Cranberry Sauce	Coffee
Creamer for Coffee	Sugar
Dried Milk	Water

## **CHURCH WEBSITE AND E-MAILS:**

[www.faithpembrokepines.com](http://www.faithpembrokepines.com) Check it out for upcoming events and information about the church.

E-mail address for the church:  
[thefaitchurch@bellsouth.net](mailto:thefaitchurch@bellsouth.net)

# NOVEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3. 10:30 Worship – Install Deacons 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Bethel Study	4. 7:30 Administration Meeting	5. 8:30 A.A. Meeting	6. 6:30 Middle & High School Youth Group 7:30 Deacons Meeting	7. 6:30 My Hope with Billy Graham	8. 6:00 Girl Scout Troop	9. 9:00 Work Day– Haitian Church 3:00 Men's Barbe- cue-home of Steve Nash
10.. <i>Stewardship Dedication Sunday</i> 10:30 Worship- Communion 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Bethel Study 6:30 Prayer Group	11 Veterans Day <i>Church office closed</i>	12	13. 7:30 Mission/Steward- ship Meeting	14. 6:30 Worship Mtg 7:30 Outreach Mtg. 7:30 Chancel Choir	15. 6:00 Girl Scout Troop 6:30 Friday Night With Friends-	16. 9:00 Outside Work Day 10:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 Pot Luck Din- ner &Movie Night
17. 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Bethel Study	18. 7:30 Adult Christian Growth Mtg.	19. 8:30 A.A. Meeting	20. 6:30 Middle & High School Youth Group 7:00 Elders examined 7:30 Session Mtg	21. 7:30 Chancel Choir	22. 6:00 Girl Scout Troop 6:30 Friday Night With Friends-	23. 10:00-12:00 Fasting Service –Haitian Church
24. 10:30 Worship- 11:00 Sunday School 12:00 Congregational Meeting-elect elders 12:30 Bethel Study 1:30 PPTOPA 6:30 Prayer Group	25. 7:30 Fellowship Mtg.	26. 8:30 A.A. Meeting	27. 7:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service	28 <i>Church office closed</i> <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>	29. <i>Church Office closed</i>	