

PULSE

*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

January 2018



January
6th



Oasis
Resumes
January
10th



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Congregational
Meeting
Jan. 28



Session Meeting
Jan. 21st



Baptism of the
Lord
Jan. 7th

Happy New Year!!!



Have you made any resolutions yet? These days when I ask that question, folks usually roll their eyes and say "What for?".

I will tell you what for. So we can be like Jesus. "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52

How can we grow in wisdom and in favor with God and with each other unless we continue to improve our mind and our attitudes? For some of us this means getting rid of some bad attitudes first. One very bad attitude is self doubt or self degradation. I hear this from the youth. The belief that they cannot learn or are just a bad person so why try.

This idea is straight from the devil who is the author of lies. God made each of us in His image. Therefore we are each capable of learning something new. Granted it is easier to learn new things when we are younger. As we get older we have to rely on God more for the help in learning.

Starting Jan.7th, I will be leading a basic adult Bible study on Genesis. In the beginning....

We can each learn and grow in wisdom regarding the Word of God. So be daring, make a New Year's resolution. Remember that God loves you enough to meet you where you are, but loves you too much to leave you there. Your sister in Christ, Pastor Grace



Genesis...IN THE BEGINNING

What: Adult Bible Study

WHEN: Sundays. 3-5

Where: Pastor Grace's House

Starting Jan 7th. I will be leading a basic Bible study on Genesis. Join me in looking back at our heritage from the beginning.

Christian Education

by Barbara Wilkinson



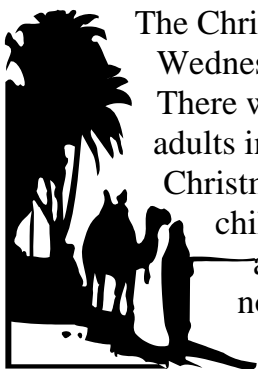
The study on the book "Just Walk Across the Room" has been completed. This was a really exciting study for leading people to God. The session has approved the study we are now doing which is with the Book "A Framework for Understanding Poverty". This book is not Bible based, but will aid us in working with children coming from homes other than Middle Class. We will learn a little bit about the way they think and why they live their lives the way they do. We will have a better Idea for expectations of the children and the parents. This is another avenue that we can learn for leading people in our community to God. Sunday School is still meeting at 9:00 every Sunday morning in the room right next to the kitchenette.

We are revisiting the idea of trying to have Sunday School for grades 1-6. More Information will come.

GENEVA CAMP

We are looking at sending children to Geneva Camp this summer. This is a Mission that, we, as a church can use to allow neighborhood children to have an experience that they may never experience at any other time or with anyone else. They would be learning about God in a very relaxed and exciting atmosphere. Please give to this very worthy cause. You can put your gift in the Sunday Offerings and earmark to the Geneva Camp Fund.

OASIS



The Christmas Celebration was on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. There were around 50 children and 30 adults in attendance. We played a Christmas Trivia Game and the children learned some things about Jesus' Birth that they did not know. Each child left with a Christmas Gift Bag. We will hand out bibles to all 4th

graders at the next Oasis Night on January 10th, 2018.

FAITH BIO

God is so faithful and does not give up on anyone, including me, Barbara Wilkinson. I grew up in church. But never really understood the personal relationship you can have with God. I never understood the Peace and Joy God gives us when we take our problems to him. I never understood that he is constantly showing us where he wants us. I never understood that God has a specific plan for me, and that it was my choice to get to understand and follow this plan. During my high school years and my early life, I was definitely living the way of the world. I made bad decisions based on where the world was taking me. I now understand God does want the best for me. Every aspect of my life, going back to when I was a child, God is using for good. I am so glad the Holy Spirit is with me daily, helping me to figure out what I need to do in order to fulfill God's Best Plan for me.

Congregational Life

by Sally Schmidt, Tammy Moss

The Congregational Life Committee will have a planning meeting on Thursday, 02/08/17 at 6:00 at the church. Please bring your thoughts and ideas to share

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop

The Mary-Martha Circle will not meet until March for our regular Bible Study. However, we will need to meet occasionally for a business meeting. We need some volunteers to help at the thrift shop Please see me to volunteer



Thrift Shop Schedule for January

The Mary-Martha Circle needs

Thrift Shop workers:

Saturday, Jan. 6: Cashier

Saturday, Jan. 13 :Tags

Saturday, Jan. 20: Tags



Worship Committee

by Terry Langston

As the New Year has begun, so have new members of your session. I would ask that you please pray for all session members and the pastor as they work together to run the church. We are such an important part of the community and it takes everyone working together to accomplish the great things God has in store for us. New ideas are being considered and it will require an open mind to see how we go forward and spread the good news of Jesus. Please, look over the usher and scripture lists for 2018 on the bulletin board in the elevator room. If there are any changes or corrections to be made, please contact Beth, our church secretary.

Love and blessings,
Terry



Usher Schedule

Jan. 7 Kevin & Martha Clark
Jan. 14 Kevin & Martha Clark
Jan. 21 Bob & Ann Brown
Jan. 28 Bob & Ann Brown



Nursery Volunteer for January

Martha Clark

Scripture Readers for January

Jan. 7 Bill Kearns, Joe Moss
Jan. 14 Terry Langston, ??????
Jan. 21 Barbara Wilkinson, Susan Hollis
Jan. 28 Laurie Brower, Gerry Hollis

Session Leaders

Laraine MacLauchlan- Clerk
Terry Langston- Worship
Tammy Moss & Sally Schmidt-
Congregational Life
Barbara Wilkinson- Christian Ed.
Joe Mayfield-Trustee

*Answer: A (See John 8:11.)

Be sure to check out the Facebook page for updates and upcoming events.

Office Hours

Tuesday 8 -12

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Any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to let me know.

Bible Quiz

At the start of a new year, we remember that God continually gives us new chances. What does Jesus say to a woman caught in adultery?

- A. "Go, and from now on sin no more."
- B. "Not even in Israel have I found such great faith."
- C. "Peace be with you."
- D. "Tell no one what I have done for you."

*Answer on page 4



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Worship 10:15, Sunday School

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B=Birthday

Usher and Scripture Readers on Page 4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2	3	4	5	6 Epiphany B=Kathy King
7 	8	9	10	11	12 B=Brenton Lee Jackson	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17	18 Annual Reports Due!!!	19	20 B=Jane Bishop
21 Session Meeting	22	23 B=Terry Langston	24	25	26	27
28 Congregational Meeting	29	30	31			