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The Home Visitor

The Hand In The Puppet Philippians 4:13 and Isaiah 40:28-31

One of the joys in my high school days was being a member of a puppet ministry team. Each week, when team members gathered to practice, we would open the little suitcases in which our puppets resided and lift out that lifeless puppet. Then one after the other we placed our hands inside the puppets, and each character would come to life as each puppeteer enacted wake-up behaviors for their puppet's unique character. We would enjoy and would laugh together as each puppet transformed from lifeless to full-of-life at the touch of our hands.

Well, I want to have A WORD WITH YOU this month about The Hand In The Puppet.

When we finally stopped laughing, I remarked to my team members, "Actually, I AM a lot like a ventriloquist's Puppet. The Master puts His hand in me, and suddenly I'm able to do all kinds of things I could never do otherwise."

Our word for this month from the Word of God is found in Philippians 4:13, "I can do everything through Him (that's Jesus) who gives me strength." Things I could never otherwise do or be, I can do or be because of Christ's hand in my life, giving me His strength.

Isaiah 40:28-31, "The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary . . . He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." Notice, if you are at a point where you are weak, tired . . . or where you are really weary, then you are at the point where GOD takes over! You are that beloved puppet, eyes closed, head down, leaning lifelessly against the wall. And suddenly the hand of God moves in, takes over, and gives you His incredible surge of divine life and strength.

Apparently, we all are the weak or the weary at some time. "Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall. But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:30-31.

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SPECIAL NOTES:

Home Visitor article cut off
Monday, 4/15

CHURCH PICNIC Sat. 4/20
@1PM

Have you ever watched an eagle or a hawk or any other soaring bird fly?

They usually do not come out until later in the morning when the warm air starts rising and creating those thermal lifting currents. They travel, not by the strength of their flapping wings, but by catching the wind beneath their wings and soaring. What a beautiful picture of someone who has not been able to accomplish their tasks, no matter how hard they have flapped their wings . . . someone who finally relaxes into God's strength and lets God lift them to where they have not been able to take themselves —to where Soaring like an eagle! Running without growing weary! Walking without fainting!

Some of the most powerful words you can speak are these, "Lord, I can't. But You can."

You are exhausted — God is not.

You are weak — God is not.

You are out of answers — but God is not.

It is time for the ventriloquist miracle — when a lifeless puppet suddenly comes to life because the Master's hand has taken over.

Much like when we, as little children, sing, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but HE is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me!"

May the strength of the resurrected Lord and God, Jesus, infuse you with power to live, whether you soar, run, or walk!

For a heart after El Roi (Hebrew for 'the God who sees me')

Pastor Nathan Wheeler



Time for scholarship applications!

This generous congregation has been awarding scholarships to students for college since 1984. Our committee, Lynda Bonnicks, Jim Adkins, and Elizabeth Strong, select worthy candidates from our church members each year; the scholarship money is then sent to the college for their expenses. Students may re-apply each year for the full four years. Adults interested in furthering their skills to prepare for a different career are also welcome to apply.

Applications may be completed online beginning April 1. Other paperwork is mailed to the church. (Recommendation letters, official transcript) This year, applications must be completed by May 24, 2024- No late applications accepted.

There are two scholarship funds at our church—one is the Dorothy Summers and Bruce Haddad Memorial scholarship, which is funded by a yearly endowment. However, the OBPC scholarship is funded by donations from members of the congregation; therefore, we need your help to make this account grow. You can do this any time; just mark on your check to Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church: ***scholarship fund***.

Music Notes



We believe that the holy act of singing together shapes faith,
heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace.

The guiding stance of The Center for Congregational Song

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Tuned for Praise

Our Tuned for Praise concerts for 2023-2024 are already history! Thank you to all who participated and helped make the concerts happen. Your support of our concerts is needed and appreciated!

The 2024-2025 season is already under construction. Stay tuned for details!

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The Church Year—April 2024

April 7, 2023	Second Sunday of Easter	Color: White
April 14, 2024	Third Sunday of Easter	Color: White
April 21, 2024	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Color: White
April 28, 2024	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Color: White

The Youth Choir will present a mini-concert on Sunday, April 14 immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided and the concert will follow. Thank you for your support of our Youth and of the music at OBPC!!



Sunday, April 21 will be a special musical Sunday featuring our Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, and Glory Bells. Our worship will be centered around 2 Corinthians 4:7

*“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels,
that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.”*



ALLELUIA!

Fellowship, food & fun
CHURCH
Picnic



**All are invited, Saturday, April 20
at 1:00pm for a Church Picnic.**

We will gather at Bicentennial Park for food, fun and fellowship. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks will be provided. We are asking everyone to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Seating is limited so you are encouraged to bring folding chairs if you are able. Look for the sign-up insert in the bulletin beginning in April.

**63 pounds of assorted baby food was collected at
our Baby Bingo event held Friday, February 3 !!!!**

The donations were delivered to Halifax Urban Ministries.



Thank you to everyone that donated and we hope you had a fun evening of fellowship.



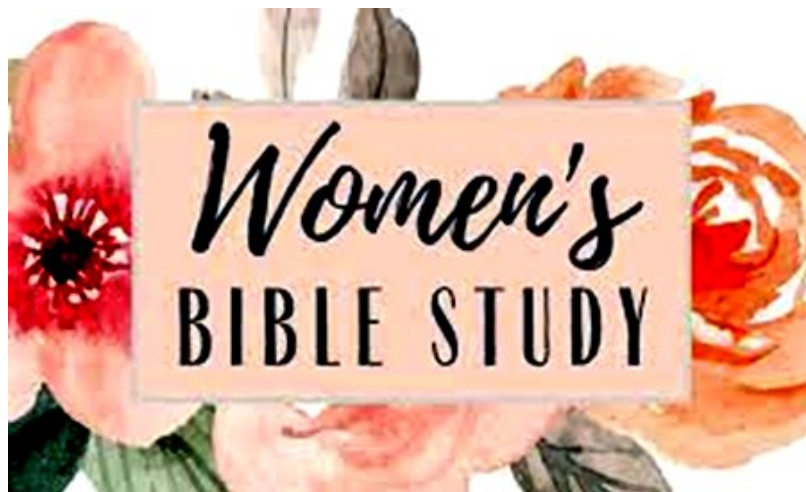
A BIG THANK YOU to all that helped make the Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday.
(Saturday, March 23 in Fellowship Hall) *Carolyn Williams*



Thank you to all of my friends at Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church who have been so thoughtful to reach out to me with prayers, phone calls, and by sending me cards. I am feeling better and getting stronger each day by the grace of God. *Elizabeth Strong*



All women are welcome to join us on April 6th for an Easter celebration. You are encouraged to wear a Spring hat for our fun Easter Bonnet parade—but it is optional. There will be a delicious brunch, prayer, word finds, raffle prizes, and a video conference by Women of Faith. We all have an amazing time together. We hope you will join us and perhaps bring a friend. April 6th Room 12 10:00-11:30 am.



Wednesday Women's Bible Study Group are taking a break. **Please join us for a new 6 week study on the book of Deuteronomy by Beth Moore.** There is a Listening Guide for \$11.00 but NO HOMEWORK! I can see those smiles already. Join us April 17th -May 29th in Room 12 from 10:00-11:45. All women are welcome even if you've never done a Bible Study before. It is an immense joy to open God's Word and draw closer to him. It is also a time of wonderful fellowship, food, and sharing!



The Session

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

In its Stated Meeting on Mon. March 11, 2024

- * April 1-4: Parking lot paving will occur with no access to the parking lot during that time.
- * Date change from April 5-June 5 to April 17 for 5 weeks for the “Be the Bridge: Pursuing God’s Heart for Racial Reconciliation” book study.
- * Date change from October 14, 2023 to April 27, 2024 for the “Food for Thought” youth activity.
- * May 19, 2024: Joseph Murrey from Thornwell for a Minute for Mission during the worship service followed by a luncheon presentation with a question & answer time.
- * OBPC will participate with Habitat For Humanity to invest through a fundraising campaign in the building of a home in the fall of 2024 to be completed in 2025. Will Akers and an OBPC committee will facilitate this project.



Welcome New Members



Nathon Thompson- 128 Sea Trail, Palm Coast, FL

Nathon Thompson comes to us by Affirmation of Faith. Nathon has been attending St. John's Baptist Church in Palm Coast, and is a Boy scout 2nd Class. He enjoys Fishing and video games. Nathon has already been active with the youth program here at Ormond Beach PC., and is actively becoming the adopted son of Tom and Elizabeth Liston who live in Palm Coast and are members of the family of OBPC.

Harry and Diane Wilson- 41 Newhaven Lane, Ormond Beach, FL 32174
Harry 609 335-5507 Diane 609 335-8434

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson (Diane) are joining us by transfer of Letter from Westminster By the Sea, Daytona Beach Shores. The Wilsons resided at Daytona Beach Shores before moving to Ormond Beach. Before retirement Diane worked as an office manager. She enjoys traveling. Harry was CFO of an Engineering Research Company, and is an Ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church and previously worked on the Finance Committee of Westminster By the Sea.

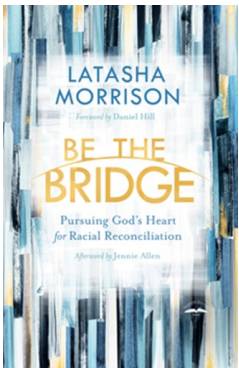


FAITH/JOY Circle

The April meeting will meet the **second Tuesday, April 9,** room 12, at 10:30 am. For more information, contact

Elizabeth Strong 386 441-4419 or

Marilyn Smarkusky 386 673-5518



Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation Book Study

Come Break Bread with Us

Please join us for fellowship, a meal, and study on Wednesdays, April 17 through May 15 from 5:30-7pm in the Haddad Fellowship Center.

Following a meal, Lisa Benitez, LMHC, Clinical Director of the Presbyterian Counseling Center and member of OBPC, will lead us in a discussion based on the book, Be the Bridge by Latasha Morrison. In an era where we seem to be increasingly divided along racial lines, many are hesitant to step into the gap, fearful of saying or doing the wrong thing. At times the silence, particularly within the church, seems deafening.

But change begins with an honest conversation among a group of Christians willing to give a voice to unspoken hurts, hidden fears, and mounting tensions. Be The Bridge presents a compelling vision of what it means for every follower of Jesus to become a bridge builder—committed to pursuing justice and racial unity in light of the gospel.

These weekly events are open to the congregation, our neighbors, and friends, increasing our presence in the community.

- Child care is available, please contact the church office to schedule.
- The book will be used each week in our study and discussion time.
- Books will be available after church in the Narthex

We continue to lift in prayer OBPC

Betty Buss

Phyllis Heller

Nancy Long

Nancy Robbins

Ella Mae Chadbourne

Carol Helmendach

Joana Maciel

Anna Roney

Betty Canard

Shirley Hinkle

Jill Moscoso

John Smarkusky

Aleta Dick

Elizabeth King

Alma More

Elizabeth Strong

Bruce Geelhood

Nan Lake

Ray Piller

Barbara Van Laningham

Prayer
LIST

We lift in prayer OBPC Families and Friends

Michael Pendergast-Brother-in-Law by Mary Kay Wagner

Jerry Bracken-Cousin by Mike Troutman

Becky Krenn-Friend by Sue Kim

Scott Winchester-Friend by Lynda Bonnick

Kevin Flick and Dan Palmer-Friends by Kirsten & Curtis Finley

Suzie Smith-Sister and Jim Thiede-Nephew by Rosie & David Perry

Sylvia Engelbrecht-Friend by Kassie Manza

Mary Smart-Friend and Gary-Daughter Ashley's Father-in-Law by the Johnson Family

Kathy Miller-Sister by Debbie Strickland

Matthew Eaton-Son, Lynn Baker-Sister, and Ali Owens and Carson-Friends by Heather Eaton

Richard Davis-Father by Wayne & Lisa Davis

Patti Rose-Cousin by Bruce Miller

Diana Robbins and Kathy Arbogast-Friends by Becky Navidomskis

Kevin Pierson-Son-in-Law, Elizabeth Gainsborough-Sister, Skip Banach-Brother, Sharon Kitts-Friend by Arlene Clark

Mike and Doreen Luciano-Sherri's Brother and Sister-in-Law, Susan Combs-Sherri's Sister, Michelle Pugh-Pastor Nathan's Sister, and Seanna Milam-Pastor Nathan's Sister by Pastor Nathan and Sherri Wheeler

Charles and Jane Nimmer-Friends by Jackie Joiner

Bobby Canard-Son and Matt Sweet and Brian Canard-Grandsons by Betty Canard

Brady Barry-Son, Trevin Barry, Henry Threatt-Grandsons by Susan Barry

Barbara Murray, Carolyn Kuehn and Alva Debiak by Candy Christman

AJ-friend by DeDee Blanchard



Prayers for Our Community and World

We pray to live and work as brothers and sisters.

We have a Church Prayer Chain.

Please call Joyce Fisher (570-772-6988)

if you have a prayer request to lift up by our Prayer Chain.

Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

N	I	A	R	P	R	O	P	H	E	T	S	Y	D	H
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H	E	A	B	R	A	H	A	M	N	U	H	N	O	V
S	A	C	R	I	F	I	C	E	S	A	D	V	L	A
I	P	E	U	B	S	L	M	A	W	R	T	O	C	C
K	E	E	R	T	U	D	E	R	E	H	T	A	G	J
N	D	O	P	N	N	R	K	D	R	E	S	S	E	D
F	O	R	S	A	K	E	N	Y	E	O	U	Z	T	O
K	R	R	M	V	C	N	I	T	T	E	I	I	O	
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C	F	N	G	S	L	E	S	L	A	V	J	J	P	A
U	Y	E	N	R	U	O	J	C	D	A	O	I	S	H
G	I	N	I	O	B	A	D	I	A	H	B	R	L	A
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| ABRAHAM | HUNDRED |
| AHAB | ISAAC |
| BAAL | ISRAEL |
| BLOOD | JEZEBEL |
| BROOK | JOURNEY |
| BULLOCK | KINGDOM |
| BURNT | KISHON |
| CARMEL | KNIVES |
| CAVE | LEAPED |
| CHILDREN | LORD |
| CLOUD | MOCKED |
| CUT | OBADIAH |
| DRESSED | PROPHETS |
| ELJAH | RAIN |
| ESCAPE | SACRIFICE |
| FORSAKEN | SERVANT |
| FOUR | SPIRIT |
| GATHERED | TRENCH |
| GROVES | WATER |
| COMMANDMENTS | |
| ANSWERETH | |

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Psalm 9



APRIL

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

Following worship service on Sunday, April 7, please join us in the Haddad Fellowship Center to recognize all who celebrate a birthday or an anniversary during the month of April. Desserts will be served.



April Birthdays

1	Harry Hackett	9	Dorothy Holbrook	23	Larry Zimmerman
3	Jean Ferry	11	Mike Wilson-Stovall	24	Elissa McCarthy
3	Lyle Neely	12	Colleen Sidwell	27	Miriam Ruby
5	Gordon Whitley	13	Gwen Williams	28	Ella Mae Chadbourne
6	Bruce Burge	19	Jim Adkins		
9	Claire Hiller	20	Debi Reilly		

Anniversaries



4/10	Jamie & Ken Hawes	25 Yrs
4/12	Pastor Nathan & Sherri Wheeler	39 Yrs
4/16	Diana & Larry Zimmerman	47 Yrs
4/17	Barbara & Wayne Bowden	53 Yrs





Every Sunday

- 8:45 Youth Choir, room 10
- 9:00 Adult Sunday School, Library
- 9:10 Adult Bible School, room 12
- 9:30 Youth Sunday School, rooms 8,9, & 14
- 10:30 WORSHIP 1st Sunday with Communion
- 11:30 PB & J Sandwich Making, HFC
- 11:30 Fellowship Coffee Time, HFC



2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><i>1</i></p> <p>8:00 TELLERS, 2nd Office 9:00 ACCOUNTING, LIB</p> <p>9:00 CANC COUNSELING 6:30 CANC BIBLE BELIVERS</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>9:00 CANC COUNSELING CTR, 7</p> <p>6:30 CANC DB CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>8:00 CANC MENS BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>9:00 CANC COUNSELING 6:30 WORSHIP COMMITTEE, HOME OF LYNDA BONNICK</p>	<p><i>4</i> 9:00 CANC. P&S MTG. 9:00 CANC. COUNS. CTR 10:30 CANC TAI CHI 4:00 GRIEF SHARE, OFF CAMPUS 6:00 CANC GLORY BELLS 7:15 CANC CHANCEL CHOIR</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>9:00 CANC COUN. CTR, 7</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 10:00 WOMEN'S GATHERING, ROOM 12</p>
OBPC PARKING LOT CLOSED FOR REPAVEMENT						
<p><i>7</i></p> <p>11:30 APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION, HFC</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>8:00 TELLERS, 2nd Office 9:00 ACCOUNTING, LIB 9:00 FINANCE MEETING, LIB 9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 10:30 FAITH/JOY CIRCLE, 12</p> <p>6:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL, 10</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>8:00 MENS BIBLE STUDY, 12 9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7</p> <p>6:30 SESSION, HFC</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 10:30 TAI CHI, 9</p> <p>4:00 GRIEF SHARE, OFF CAMPUS 6:00 GLORY BELLS 7:15 CHANCEL CHOIR, 10</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 9:00 YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE. TILL NOON, HFC</p>  <p>5:00 TEEN NIGHT, HFC</p>
<p><i>14</i></p> <p>11:30 MONTREAT FUND RAISER, HFC</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>8:00 TELLERS, 2nd Office 9:00 ACCOUNTING, LIB 9:00 H.U.M Volunteers</p> <p>HOME VISITOR CUT OFF</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 6:00 FELLOWSHIP-EVANGELISM, LIB</p> <p>6:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL, 10</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>8:00 MENS BIBLE STUDY, 12 9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 10:00 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12 10:00 PROPERTY MEETING, LIBRARY 5:30 BOOK STUDY, HFC</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 9:00 DEACONS MTG, HFC 10:30 TAI CHI, 9</p> <p>4:00 GRIEF SHARE, OFF CAMPUS 6:00 GLORY BELLS 7:15 CHANCEL CHOIR, 10</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 10:00 CHOIR & GLORY BELLS, SANCTUARY 10:00 DB CHORAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING, 10</p>  <p>1:00 BICENTENNIAL PARK</p>
<p><i>21</i></p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>8:00 TELLERS, 2nd Office 9:00 ACCOUNTING, LIB 9:00 H.U.M Volunteers 9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7</p> <p>6:30 OUTREACH MEETING, 12 6:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL, 10</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>8:00 MENS BIBLE STUDY, 12 9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 10:00 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12 4:00 C.E. MEETING, LIB 5:30 BOOK STUDY, HFC</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 10:30 TAI CHI, 9 4:00 GRIEF SHARE OFF CAMPUS 6:00 GLORY BELLS 7:15 CHANCEL CHOIR, 10</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 3:30 PRIV.PARTY USES OF PARKING SPACES RESERVED</p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 5:00 FOOD FOR THOUGHT, HFC</p>
<p><i>28</i></p> <p>3:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT, SANCTUARY</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>8:00 TELLERS, 2nd Office 9:00 ACCOUNTING, LIB 9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 7:00 BEL CANTO REHEARSAL, SANCTUARY</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 6:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL, 10 7:00 BEL CANTO REHEARSAL, SANCTUARY</p>	<p><i>5/1</i></p> <p>8:00 MENS BIBLE STUDY, 12 9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 10:00 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12 5:30 BOOK STUDY, HFC 6:30 WORSHIP MEETING, LIB</p>	<p><i>5/2</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 10:30 TAI CHI, 9 4:00 GRIEF SHARE OFF CAMPUS 6:00 GLORY BELLS 7:15 CHANCEL CHOIR, 10</p>	<p><i>5/3</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7</p>	<p><i>5/4</i></p> <p>9:00 COUNSELING CTR, 7 10:00 WOMEN'S MINISTRY GATHERING, 12 10:00 BEL CANTO REHEARSAL, SANCTUARY</p>

Please note: Since printing of this calendar changes may have been made. We would like you to visit OBPC web site at ormondbeachpc.org for the most current calendar and for other announcements.