

The Home Visitor

“You Are Witnesses” by Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.” Isaiah 43:10

I have always enjoyed being near, on, and in the water. Sound familiar? The Gospels are packed with such accounts, including **“Getting Out of the Boat”** and **“Following Jesus”**, which can be found in our panels. Mature faith hears Christ calling us in life to come to him, Jesus calls Peter to get out of the boat and walk toward him amid a raging storm and if Peter kept his eyes on Jesus, he discovered the power to do what he thought was impossible. Following Jesus is a lifelong journey that begins the day that Jesus first calls us by name and invites us to follow. His invitation to us is the same as it was for them **“follow me and I will make you fish for people.”**

With a quick response, AI produced an answer to my question as to how many times the word witness can be found in the Bible. The word "witness" and its variations (witnesses, witnesseth, wit) appear a total of over 400 times in the Bible, according to The Bible Project. In the King James Bible, "witness" is used 135 times, "witnesses" 49 times, "wit" 21 times, "witnesseth" twice, and "wit's" once, according to the King James Bible Dictionary.

Darrell Guder, a leading voice in encouraging congregations “to go therefore”, voices that for the church to serve God faithfully the church must be Christ’s witnessing people. He provides these words of opportunistic challenge by saying: “Mission is not just a program of the church. It defines the Church as God’s sent people. Either we are defined by mission, or we reduce the scope of the Gospel and the mandate of the church. Thus, our challenge today is to move from church with mission to missional church.”

Many times, I have found myself being reminded of, as well as, reminding others that you are a witness, whether you like it or not, and you are either a good or a not-so-good witness, but either way, you are a witness (in both word and deed).

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SPECIAL NOTES

June Session will meet Monday 6/16

Jesus assigned the Great Commission as the clarion call for the Church: ***“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”*** Matthew 28:19-20a

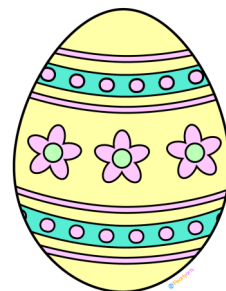
According to the Pew Research Institute, religiously unaffiliated adults (“Nones”) account for 29% of the population. And while one third may not seem alarming, other indicators suggest we may see further declines in the American religious landscape in future years. Namely, younger Americans, who remain far less religious than older adults (For example, 46% of young adults surveyed identified as Christians, compared to 80% of older adults).

As we move beyond Pentecost, we find ourselves once again in “Ordinary Time”, which is provides an opportunity for growth, both inward and outward, as well as upward. Wherever this season finds you, be reminded, ***“that whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*** Colossians 3:17

What a great Saturday April 19 morning,
with OBPC family and friends for our annual Easter Egg Hunt!



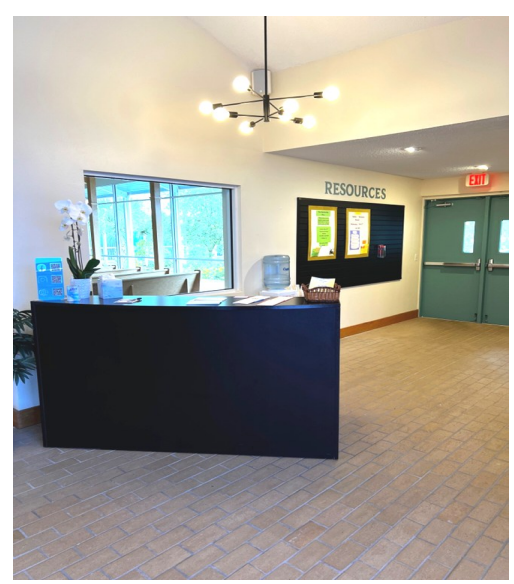
EASTER MORNING EVERYONE WAS TREATED TO A DELIOUSIOUS EASTER BREAKFAST!



EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP APRIL, 20, 2025



WELCOME to OBPC "NEW Narthex" ! With our own interior designers, and **BIG THANK YOU TOO**, Colleen & Jeff Sidwell, Corrin and Chris Stoop and Amanda Wilson-Stovall for all your hard work, turned the Narthex into a wonderful welcome center for all (Adults, teens and little ones), Greeting information booth & wall, sign-ups and lock box's for donations and prayer cards and sitting area.



The topic for Saturday May 10 “Teen Night” was *God as the ever creator, who shapes and molds us everyday.*



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**The fellowship/evangelism committee will host a trip
to Jackie Robinson Baseball Park on
Wednesday, July 30 to see the Tortugas play!**

Reserved seats are \$11.00; the game begins at 5:35 pm. Sign ups in the Narthex.
Don't miss out on this fun opportunity!

Participants can eat before at Stavro's or nearby restaurant, or purchase a food voucher at the ballpark. Standard food voucher is \$6 and includes Choice of hot dog, corn dog or slice of pizza, chips or popcorn and a bottle of water. Premium food voucher is \$9 and includes choice of chili cheese dog, hamburger or cheeseburger, fries, and a bottle of water.

We are excited to share that in recent weeks, additional donations have come in to support student sponsorships for Haitian students. Thanks to your generosity, we've raised another \$1,000 – bringing our total to 34 students that OBPC will sponsor for the 2025–2026 school year.

Thank you so much for your continued support of this meaningful and much needed project. Your contributions are making a real difference in the lives of these students.

On Sunday May 4, we said goodbye to our dear friend Phil Londal.

Phil has been an integral part of our church family, even though he was never a formal member. For over five years, he faithfully participated in the PB&J Project. Each week, Phil prepared the peanut butter and jelly at home and then joined volunteers from OBPC to assemble sandwiches. Together, they make approximately 350 sandwiches every week to help feed the homeless in Daytona Beach.



The Session

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS In its Stated Meeting on Wed., May 14, 2025

- All are invited to attend brunch at Halifax Plantation on June 4 at 11:30 a.m. Everyone pays their own check.
- The Rev. Dana Waters of the Presbyterian Foundation will present a program on Legacy Giving. It will be after worship on Sunday, September 14. A light lunch will be served.
- The loose change collected on the first and second Sundays of the month will go into the Good Samaritan Fund. This fund needs to be replenished. It is used to support our mission partners. They are the Pace Center for Girls, Habitat For Humanity and the Rose Marie Bryant Center.
- All are invited to attend a baseball game at Jackie Robinson Ballpark on July 30 at 6:30 p.m. "Bring A Friend to Church Day" is scheduled for September 21
- There are two upcoming Amsden Academy events, August 20 will be a program on heart health, with a cardiologist. October 25 will a program with a master gardener.



Thank you OBPC for your prayers, as I healed from surgery. I feel very blessed and grateful for the "very special" prayer shawl brought by Bonnie Thompson, the Deacons, and prayer group. The shawl holds me close to God and the warmth of our congregation. Special thanks to Lynda & Wray Bonnick, Sherri, Candy – well, all of you! Most of all, I thank God, my family in Heaven and on Earth. My grandsons, Nathan and Hunter Sharpe, have been my Everything – taking care of me every day. I am so proud and truly blessed. Thank you. Grandma Judy Sharpe.



Summer Schedule for Sunday Classes

Adult Library class will not meet in July or August, they will resume in September.
Jeff Sidwell's Sunday morning class will continue through the summer.
All Children's classes are canceled for the summer.
Nursery will be open 10:00am to 12:00 on Sundays.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 23-27, 2025 9:00a.m.-12:00

Kindergarten through Grade 5 Older students can help
Theme: Alaska—True North! Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Lighthouse Christ Presbyterian Church 1035 W. Granada Blvd. We encourage our children to attend this wonderful Summer Opportunity. VBS includes worship, prayer, Bible Story time, music, games, snacks, crafts and so much more. We would also like our teens to volunteer to help. For more information to register contact: www.lighthousecpc.org sery will be open 10:00-12:00 on Sundays.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

MEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BILBLE STUDY WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

WOMEN'S GATHERING WILL RESUME OCTOBER 4, 2025

Corner Deacons Dish Up Make It and Take It Meals

Deacon's

One activity by which our Deacons carry out the ministry of service is the preparation of Make It and Take It meals. The meals are prepared from homemade recipes and are delivered once a month to those in the congregation who are alone or who may find it challenging to prepare meals.

To help sustain this ministry, the Deacons are asking for volunteers to deliver the meals. If you could help once a month, contact Kassie Manza, Candy Christman, or call the church office (386) 441-0300.

Hurricane Readiness – Let's Get Prepared

Predictions still estimate that an above-average storm season is ahead of us.

We should update our lists of who to call if a storm is approaching.

American Red Cross (800 RED CROSS) 800-733-2767
Flagler County Emergency Management (386) 313-4200
Flagler County Sheriff Non-Emergency (386) 313-4911
Flagler Special Medical Needs Registration (386) 313-4200
Pets: Flagler Humane Society (386) 445-1814
Halifax Humane Society (Daytona Beach area) (386) 274-4703
United Way of Volusia-Flagler Counties (386) 253-0563
Volusia County Emergency Management (386) 258-4088
Volusia County Hotline (active during emergencies) (866) 345-0345
Volusia County Sheriff Non-Emergency Daytona Beach (386) 239-8276,
New Smyrna Beach (386) 409-8276, West Volusia (386) 943-8276
Volusia Special Medical Needs Registration (386) 254-1500
Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church (386) 441-0300
Leave a message if you need assistance



OBPC Habitat Home update

The past two months things have really been moving along at the “Legacy Woods” development on Flomich Avenue. The infrastructure is almost complete. The streets are paved, sidewalks are in, a big cul-de-sac, water, sewer, storm water drains, and underground power lines! A few small projects remain, and then, there are numerous “approvals” and “permits” to be attained – from the state, the county and the city, so, we may be looking at September before “our” house can begin.



Go and see for yourself at the far west end of Flomich Avenue in Daytona. Pictures don’t do justice to the scope of this project.

Keep this Habitat for Humanity project, and all the families looking for safe permanent homes in your prayers.

Habitat and Outreach Committees.

On Sunday, April 27, Tuned for Praise Concert Series held its final concert for the 2024-2025 season. The Magic of Bronze brought the British Invasion to our sanctuary with a full range of music genres; classical, musical, television, The Beatles, and more! It was an experience like no other and one we hope to experience again in the further.



We continue to lift in prayer OBPC Members.

<i>Barbara Bowden</i>	<i>Carol Helmendach</i>	<i>Susan Parisi</i>	<i>Anne Sutton</i>
<i>Charlotte Burge</i>	<i>Shirley Hinkle</i>	<i>Cynthia Pfleiderer</i>	<i>Barbara Van Laningham</i>
<i>Bruce Burge</i>	<i>Joana Maciel</i>	<i>Ray Piller</i>	<i>Cindy Watkins</i>
<i>Ella Mae Chadbourne</i>	<i>Sue Mitchell</i>	<i>Marilyn Silver</i>	<i>Gwen & Earl Williams</i>
<i>Aleta Dick</i>	<i>Bruce Miller</i>	<i>John Smarkusky</i>	
<i>Bruce Geelhood</i>	<i>Alma More</i>	<i>Marilyn Smarkusky</i>	
<i>Phyllis Heller</i>	<i>Jill Moscoso</i>	<i>Elizabeth Strong</i>	



We lift in prayer OBPC Families and Friends

Kimberly Pyne-Daughter and George Keefer-Friend by Sharon Carter
Audrey Pentz, John Harkrader, and Kevin Flick-Friends by Kirsten and Curtis Finley

Steve Struble-Friend by Bill and Bonnie Thompson

Hiro Hirumi-Father by 2c Hirumi

Betty Colburn-Mother by Sandy Johnson

Becky Krenn-Friend by Sue Kim

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

Jerry Bracken, Vince O'Conner, and Darlene Rathmell-Cousins by Mike Troutman

Scott Winchester-Friend by Lynda Bonnick

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

Sylvia Engelbrecht-Friend by Kassie Manza

Kathy Miller-Sister by Debbie Strickland

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

Elizabeth Gainsborough-Sister, Skip Banach-Brother, Sharon Kitts-Friend by Arlene Clark

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

Matt Sweet and Brian Canard-Grandsons by Betty Canard

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

Carolyn Kuehn and Alva Debiak by Candy Christman



Prayers for Our Community and World

We pray for peace in all corners of the world.

We have a Church Prayer Chain

Please call or text Candy Christman (386-956-5924) if you have a prayer request
to lift up by our Prayer Chain.



We are happy to offer an evening of Backyard Bible School for our children **this summer**. This is a time for Prayer, songs, Bible lesson, and games. Here are the details: **Who?** Pre-k---Grade 5 **When?** Wednesday, July 9 5:00-7:00 p.m. **Where?** Lynda Bonnick's house at 49 Colonial Circle Ormond Beach 32176. Looking forward to a wonderful evening with our young disciples.



OBPC again, overwhelmed The Pregnancy Center with your generosity of baby supplies, and cute baby outfits.

Thank you to all that made this possible and to everyone for their donation(s). **GOD BLESS !**

MAY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



Following Sunday worship on 6/1 we recognized all who celebrated a birthday or an anniversary during the month of June. We will also recognized graduating high school senior, Trevor Madero. Desserts were served.

June Birthdays

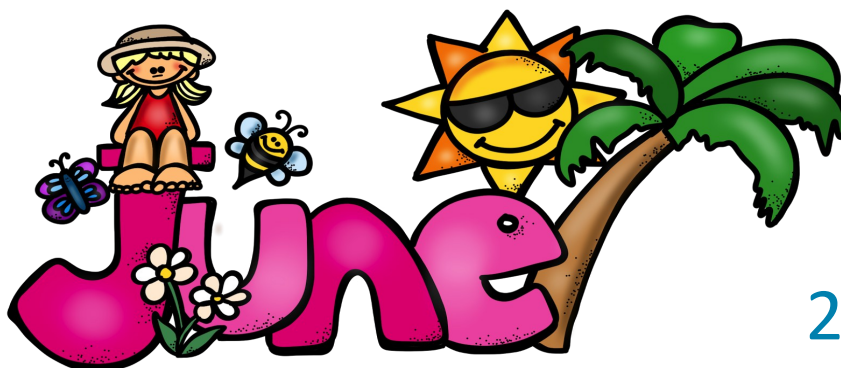
2	Barbara Cole	16	Ashley Lecas
3	Pamela Morgan	17	Sandy Johnson
3	Jill Moscoso	17	Kaye Schroder
3	Sherry Thiems Lee	19	Jeff King
5	Fernando Benitez	20	Ken Derbenwick
5	Hyssop Gibby	23	Lynda Bonnick
5	Claire Stoop	25	Diamond Gibby
6	Sharon Carter	27	Frosty Brandon
7	Anne W. Sutton	30	Pat Finn
10	Brooke Johnson	30	Ken Hawes
10	Dave Schroder	30	Hunter Sharpe
11	Tom Fischer		

Anniversaries

6/5	Terri & Harry Hackett	16 yrs
6/6	Carol & Dan Roll	39 yrs
6/18	Amy & Robert Deahl	14 yrs
6/19	Gwen & Earl Williams	65 yrs
6/21	Heather Eaton & Jake Niceley	10 yrs
6/26	Betty & Tom Fischer	22 yrs
6/30	Marcella & Dan Barton	8 yrs
6/30	Tim & Kim Watson	34 yrs

Every Sunday-June

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



2025

Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church Calendar

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 current announcements.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11:30 MAY Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations, HFC	2 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7	3 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7 6:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL, 10	4 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7 6:30 WORSHIP, LIB	5 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7 9:00 PLANNING & STAFF, 12 10:30 TAI CHI, 9	6 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7	7 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7
8 	9 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7 9:00 FINANCE MEETING, LIB	10 9:00 COUNSELING CENTER, 7 6:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL, 10	11 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7	12 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7 10:30 TAI CHI, 9	13 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7	14 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7 5:00 TEEN NIGHT, HFC
15	16 HOME VIITOR CUT OFF 8:00 HUM VOLUNTEERS 9:00 PRES. COUNSELING, 7 6:30 SESSION, 12	17 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7 6:30 FELLOWSHIP/EVANGELISM LIBRARY 6:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY	18 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7 10:00 PROPERTY MEETING, LIB	19  Juneteenth June 19 Celebrate Freedom! 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7 9:00 DEACON MTG, HFC 10:30 TAI CHI, 9	20 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7	21 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7
22	23 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7	24 9:00 COUNSELING CENTER, 7 6:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL, 10 6:30 OUTREACH MTG, LIB	25 9:00 COUNSELING CENTER, 7 6:30 C.E. MEETING, LIB	26 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7 10:30 TAI CHI, 9	27 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7	28 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7
29	30 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7	7/1 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7 6:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL, 10	7/2 9:00 COUNSELING CENTER, 7 6:30 WORSHIP MEETING, LIB	7/3 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7 9:00 PLANNING & STAFF MEETING, 12 10:30 TAI CHI, 9	7/4 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7  4TH OF JULY OFFICE CLOSED	7/5 9:00 PRESBYTERIAN COUNSELING CENTER, 7 4:00 Private Wedding, Sanctuary