



TOWER BELLS

February 2026

“Meaningful Conversations and Important Decisions”

Dear Church Family,

January has already brought meaningful conversations and important decisions that will help us grow in faith and service. Below is a summary of updates and actions from our recent Session meeting and ministry activities. We hope this keeps you informed and connected as we move forward in ministry.

The changes in leadership structure approved by Session are **Terry Albright**, was elected as Co-Moderator and will assist with day-to-day coordination. **Suzie Cornelio’s role** will shift to a more administrative focus to improve coordination. Her title changes from **Communication Associate** to **Administrative Associate**. These changes with others will bring the need for more volunteers to assist with routine tasks of the church.

Elder Training events have moved to the **4th Wednesday of each month**. Steve Crowley shared a draft of the Session Training Syllabus.

Ruling Elder Commissioner Appointment is **MaryKay** and will serve at the Winter Stated Meeting of St. Augustine Presbytery on **Feb. 7, 2026**.

Pam Browning reported that PW needs help setting up for events (tables, chairs, moving items). The new Building Associate is responsible only for janitorial duties unless authorized by church administration.

James Browning invited participation in creating a **pastor candidate profile** and assessing church leadership needs.

Building & Grounds Committee motion to remove port-o-lets near WM Hall **failed** on voice vote.

A motion passed to designate the church property as tobacco-free. Signage will be posted.

Steve Crowley shared updates on **ChEWY** projects under the Teens Inciting Change program: **Youth Public Art Initiative** on church property and **Youth Creative Expression Initiative** funded by Presbytery grant.

The Worship Committee has developed a preaching schedule until the end of May. We will be utilizing those within our congregation until June. Terry Albright will be delivering liturgical worship services as well through the seasons. (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, etc.)

Gladys Wade requested the return of **Arthur Rideout’s photograph** removed from its frame.

As we look ahead, let us continue to pray for wisdom and unity in all that we do. Thank you for your faithful service and commitment to our shared mission.

Blessings in Christ,
Suzie Cornelio

**170th Church Birthday Celebration will be held on
February 15th after worship.**

A special thank you to everyone that has volunteered.

February Birthdays:

Connie Thomas	12 th	Vicky Sharp	13 th	Renee Williams	20 th
Bobby Daley	23 rd	Thomas Johns	24 th		

The Brick Opportunity: *to build a space rooted in legacy, community, and faith, one brick at a time.*
(#28) We need to get our bricks ordered. Volunteers needed for marketing this opportunity. For more details go to our website fpcpalatka.com.

New Flatware: New flatware and serving utensils have been purchased/donated for the kitchen.

Session

Rev. Cliff Lyda, Moderating

Robert A. Mattson, Clerk

Class of 2026 Terry Albright, Dave Compton, Kim Daley, Wayne Bodiford

Class of 2027 Ron Bloor, Elliott Kane, Tony Marvin, MaryKay Payne

Class of 2028 James Browning, Sherry Tindall, Steve Crowley, Carolyn Faunce

Deacon Chair Sharon Flatter sflatter@windstream.net

Financials for November, 2025: – 2025 ended with a deficit of \$5,913. Total revenue in 2025 was lower than 2024. Remember that any contributions that come in specifically designated for Westminster Hall between now and the end of February will be matched up to \$40,000.

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Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”