



# TOWER BELLS

July 2025

## PREACHER'S BLEND

As the heat of summer fully settles in on us, I share with you that I will be taking some vacation time during the months of July and August. It will be an opportunity to rejuvenate and do some things I have put off or don't regularly do.

Taking time off is essential for everyone, and I hope all of you will find some time this summer for reflection, renewal, and the chance to step back and appreciate the blessings of your life. Summer 2025 will be mostly a "staycation" for me, with things to do at home, and children, grandchildren, larger family, and old friends to visit and enjoy.

As much as I love preaching, it is important for me to take a break and for you to hear other voices. We are blessed to have several skilled ruling elders who will be bringing sermons for us. Terry Albright, Ron Bloor, James Browning, and Tom Stone-Erdman bring a wealth of life experience, deep faith, and a true passion for God. I am delighted to entrust the Sunday proclamation to them while I am away. They will be assisted by our strong group of liturgists in worship leadership.

Pray for me while I am away from Palatka, and please be strong in welcoming our elder preachers to the pulpit. We are indeed a blessed congregation.

May the summer months bring you joy, peace, and abundant blessings.

Your transitional pastor and friend,

Cliff Lyda

### **July Birthdays:**

Terry Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sherry Mills	12 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy Clay	14 <sup>th</sup>	Makenzie Hutchinson	14 <sup>th</sup>
Linda Myers	20 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Crider	24 <sup>th</sup>	BJ Johns	24 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Hickenlooper	25 <sup>th</sup>
Cindy Mancino	31 <sup>st</sup>		Sadie Kerce-McClenithan				31 <sup>st</sup>



**New Member:** Let's welcome our new member Cathy Tinney to FPC.

**ChEWY:** Is working on some outing dates for our kids and parents. Please see Sherry Tindal in the nursery for more details and to sign up for these adventures every 6 weeks.

### **Presbyterian Women News:**

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study Circles will commence again in September 2025.



**The 2nd Sunday offering gives the opportunity to engage in Matthew 25 in our community giving.** This month we are supporting our Technological Evangelism costs to continue our mission in the community and around the world.

**Outreach Ministries:** The Putnam County Caring Coalition (PC3-TOSS) and FPC are hosting a warm weather shelter where you can escape the summer heat in air-conditioned comfort for adults 18 yrs or older in our basement. Volunteers are needed for M-F from 12-8pm.

***Almost there! We are just ironing out some last details.  
First Presbyterian Church of Palatka, FL Brick Opportunity***



“As hands join in purpose; we lay a legacy that speaks for generations yet to come.”

“Our mission is to build a space rooted in legacy, community, and faith-one brick at a time. Through this initiative, every engraved brick becomes a lasting testament to the lives, love, and shared vision that continues to shape our future in community. Together we are laying the foundation for generations to gather, grow and give glory to God.”

This Brick Opportunity offers you the opportunity to leave a lasting mark at the low cost of \$100 per brick for church members or \$200 for non-church members. The Session hopes to use the proceeds to develop an endowment dedicated to building maintenance and improvement. Whether honoring a loved one, celebrating a milestone, or supporting a meaningful cause, you can customize a 4x8 brick with 18 characters/spaces/3 lines or 10 characters/spaces with a graphic that will be proudly displayed. Go to [thatsmybrick.com](http://thatsmybrick.com) to look at the graphics you would like now and think about what your brick will say because orders will start soon. Suzie will set up a day and time to help with orders so stay tuned for more details.

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