



TOWER BELLS

October 2025

PREACHER'S BLEND

The Session of First Presbyterian Church has approved a project to redesign the Memory Garden outside of Westminster Hall. The concept is to build a beautiful space using bricks to create a dignified and attractive courtyard area. Such courtyards can be seen at colleges and universities, hospitals and medical centers, and other public spaces where institutional memory is valued. The Brick Opportunity has a threefold aim. The obvious goal is the beautification of the area outside Westminster Hall, making it a more attractive space on the downtown riverfront. The second outcome is the opportunity for grateful remembrance. The bricks that will grace the courtyard are memorial pieces purchased and dedicated to loved ones, friends, or memories related to FPC or to Palatka. The third outcome is what will be called the Legacy Fund, an endowment dedicated to the maintenance and improvement of our historic church building that will be funded through the brick purchases. The endowment fund will ensure that resources will always be available to keep our buildings up to date and in good repair.

Elliott Kane is leading the Session in promotion of the project. Suzie Cornelio has produced promotional material and has coordinated with the brick manufacturer and a local contractor that will install them. Both Elliott and Suzie will be available to answer your questions and assist you in participating in the project.

I am pleased to purchase several bricks to honor members of my family and to give thanks for the opportunity I have had to serve this wonderful congregation. I hope you will join me in making this undertaking a success for the beauty of our garden, the remembering of those we love, and the preservation of our historic buildings.

Your pastor and friend,
Cliff Lyda

October Birthdays:

David Vezzetti	2 nd	Sara Josephson	17 th	Peggy Field	28 th
Mischa Johns	3 rd	David Clapp	24 th	Ann Beale	14 th
Linda Gillen	16 th	Anne Hartwig	24 th	John Grant	29 th



Our special loved one Jackie Bodiford passed away Saturday, October 4th. Please keep Wayne and her family in your prayers. There is no more information at this time.

ChEWY: Stay tuned as Advent activities are working their way on the calendar. Also don't forget about our grant TIC for high schoolers for \$700. We have had two applicants so far. You can find the information on our website fpcpalatka.com.

Special Luncheon:

On Sunday, September 7th Sherry and Robert Tindall, provided a special luncheon for Jordan Cornelio for the soon arrival of her son, River James Branch, and Suzie



Cornelio 2nd grandson. A great big thank you to them as well as BJ Johns for the balloon arch and Penny Hutchison for working the nursery and helping with the clean up. Thank you everyone who stayed for the luncheon and brought She received over 1,000 diapers, over 3,000 wipes, and over \$500 in gift cards. We are truly blessed and will now be more prepared for this little gift from God.

Presbyterian Women News: The Presbyterian Women welcomed September 2025 with an evening Gathering at Westminster Hall. The speaker was Jeannie Mayer, founder of ARK, an animal rescue group based in Crescent City. ARK's county wide spay and neuter project was the highlight of her talk.

The 2nd Sunday offering gives the opportunity to engage in Matthew 25 in our community giving. This month we are supporting outreach through technology. The communications team are always in need of software updates, maintenance, and repairs. Help FPC reach out to others through technology.



First Presbyterian Church of Palatka, FL Brick Opportunity is up and running. Ordering is currently available with brochures (I made large print ones.), our website fpcpalatka.com, the brick website thatsmybrick.com/FPCPALATKA, and personal help through appointment. The Session hopes to use the proceeds to develop an endowment dedicated to building maintenance and improvement. Call Suzie for help if needed.

New Opportunity: **Ascend Praise Worship Services**-contact Felicia Nelson at 470-800-5367 or pinkorchidsjfn@aol.com. Interviews and auditions starting Sat., Oct. 11th and Mon., Oct. 13th.

Session: Rev. Cliff Lyda, Moderating, Robert A. Mattson, Clerk
Ruling Elders Class of 2025 Wayne Bodiford, James Browning, Rick Mills, Gladys Wade
Class of 2026 Terry Albright, Dave Compton, Kim Daley, Jackie Bodiford
Class of 2027 Ron Bloor, Elliott Kane, Tony Marvin, MaryKay Payne
Deacon Chair Sharon Flatter sflatter@windstream.net

Financials for October, 2025:

September goal: \$30,000

September received: \$26,184

October goal: \$33,816

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