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MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICE

March 5, 2017

10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland

Old Testament Lesson:

Proverbs 3: 1-10

New Testament Lesson:

Mark 12: 13-17

Sermon: "*Inscribed by God*"

THE PASTOR'S PAGE:

Dr. Sam Rutland, Temporary Stated Supply Pastor

Dear Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church Friends,

Let me share one of the best true stories I know. Jimmy Stewart, the Oscar-winning actor (think *Vertigo*, *Rear Window*, *A Wonderful Life*) was a faithful Presbyterian. One day he gave one million dollars to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir (think 10 M in today's currency). When his pastor learned of this extraordinary gift he went to visit his good member.

The pastor said, "Jimmy, you're a *PRESBYTERIAN*! Why did you give one million dollars to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir?!!" Jimmy Stuart quietly said, "Well, uhhhh, ... I guess... because they asked me".

This is one of the best stories I know. So I wonder? Why are we Presbyterians afraid to ask? Do we think we'll offend? Or do we think our people are "mind readers" and we shouldn't have to ask? It's interesting that Jesus was never afraid to ask—to ask his disciples, or anyone else for that matter to give their lives and

their resources sacrificially to make His Kingdom on earth come. To Jesus this was the most important thing on earth and in eternity.

This Sunday is Stewardship Commitment Sunday. The last few Sundays we've heard the personal testimonies of both Kathy Oldham and Terry McCloy. They shared what the church has meant to them and the joy of having God work through them. They invited us to join them in supporting HSCPC. Finally, we were challenged to increase our pledges! In other words, they asked! Through their quiet, thoughtful words, God asked.

Friends, since the earliest, infancy days of Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church there has not been a more important time for us all to support and pledge to the ministry of HSCPC. (I wonder if there might even be someone who decides to make a Jimmy Stewart-like gift—one that would change the future of this church forever!) But seriously, now more than ever, God is asking *all of us to prayerfully consider our pledge commitment*—and to make it a statement that says we take seriously God's call upon our life with gratitude for all He has done for us. God is asking.

I thank you in advance for your serious commitment. You *love* the Lord. You *love* your church. I'll see you in worship this Sunday! It is going to be one to remember!

Blessing and Peace,
Sam

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The next and final concert in this season's concert series will be held this coming **Tuesday, March 7th**. Mark your calendars and save the date for a classical guitar and piano concert to be held in our Church sanctuary. After arranging for this wonderful concert series, our music director, Brandon Glick, finally gets a chance to perform himself. If you have marveled at his musical talent during our worship services, you won't want to miss this special concert.

ROWDY CARLTON AND BRANDON GLICK TUESDAY, MARCH 7 AT 7:00PM

This classical guitar and piano concert will feature solos of music written by the great composers, as well as an exciting, jazz infused guitar concerto by Claude Bolling.

This event is offered free of charge, but guests will have an opportunity after the concert to make a contribution to our music program if they wish to do so.



2017 PIANO EXTRAVAGANZA

Brandon's next big project is as director of the 2017 Piano Extravaganza, which features a dozen talented pianists and six grand pianos on one stage. It is presented by the Faculty, Staff and Students of Hobe Sound Ministries.

It is held on the campus of Hobe Sound Bible College,
11295 S.E. Gomez Ave. Hobe Sound.
Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1
7 PM, (doors open at 6 PM.)
An offering will be received

In the past our church has arranged to get reserved seats if enough of our members and friends sign up to attend the event.

HSCPC MISSIONS OUTREACH

For many years one of our Church's mission projects has been providing backpacks and school supplies to the children in the Banner Lake community through the Banner Lake Club. Through this project, we have become familiar with the Banner Lake **BLAST** program (**B**anner **L**ake **A**fter **S**chool **T**ime). This program provides tutoring, homework help, and other activities for children to engage in when the school day ends.

This week, Pastor Sam Rutland, along with Banner Lake supporter Tom Fucigna and HSCPC Missions Chairman Catherine Hilton, spent some time at Banner Lake visiting with the children and learning about how our members and friends can further serve the community. We will be hearing reports of this visit in the near future.

This photo was taken in the community garden that is so carefully tended by the children in the BLAST program. Pastor Sam and Catherine Hilton are in the back row.



Coming Next Week: Back in 2006, Elora and Isabella Fucigna (then ages eight and six years old) created "EllieBellie's Sunshine Shop" as a way to merge their love of art, nature and community. These girls have been active participants in our

Christian Education Program over the years, and **in the MESSENGER next week** we will feature an article about their very special project which has grown to include a Sunshine Shop Lending Library bookshelf for the Banner Lake **BLAST** program. And this is only one of many projects they have developed throughout the Hobe Sound area. Elora is now a sophomore at Washington and Lee University in Virginia, and Bella is in 12th grade at The Pine School.

NEW AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM INSTALLED

Installation of the new air conditioning system has made quite an noticeable difference in the church Sanctuary. Many comments have been made about how fresh the air seemed during worship service last Sunday, and some even thought it was a bit too cool in there. While this was a large expense this year, we should no longer have the frequent need for repairs that have been necessary in the past few years and since it is a much more efficient system, our electric bill should go down as well.

BAKE SALE

The Deacons' **bake sale** last Sunday was a great success. Lots of goodies went home with hungry shoppers, and some were also enjoyed right there in the social hall during the fellowship hour following the worship service. \$338 was raised, and the proceeds will go to the **Deacon's Fund** to help finance the many Deacon services, especially the purchasing of supplies for future social hours.

BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Rutland is will be starting a Bible Study group this month. It will be a study of the book of Philippians. Starting on **Wednesday, March 22nd**, it will meet for 6 weeks on **Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM**.

FROM THE DEACONS: Starting this month, all of the birthdays for each month will be celebrated with a birthday cake during social hour after the worship service on the first Sunday of the month. This Sunday we'll be celebrating 15 birthdays!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- March 2** - Ruth LaPrise
- March 5** - Jody Dupuis
- March 6** - Arline Hollowy
- March 7** - Kris Cone
- March 11** - Lilly Rodrigues
- March 14** - Maura Beavers
- March 17** - Gwen Altman
- Jim Wiggin
- March 19** - Pati Higginbotham
- Ethan Rausch

- Stan Ball
- March 27** - Chad Beavers
- March 28** - Brandon Glick
- March 29** - Roy Dupuis
- March 30** - Zachary Anderson

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 2 - John and Connie Frazee

(If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so you can be included here for the rest of the month.)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- The Altman family
- Alex Lopez - Estrada
- Patrick Corr
- Angel Nichols
- Brian Tobin
- Joyce Spengler
- Family of Larry Liss
- Werner Jager
- Dawn Brown
- Joyce-Anne Hamlin
- Diane Atkisson
- Deborah Hobson and family
- Dave Reeves
- Jennifer Bellintoni
- Myrna Jubb
- Terry McCloy
- Josephine Scricca
- Jim White
- Barbara Gaus
- George Mulleneix
- Alicia
- Sylvia Ryan

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless a request is made to keep them on. This request can be made to Karen Metzger.

WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST: To request prayers through the Prayer Circle, for yourself or someone else, contact Jan Norrish, 772-486-5514, jannorrish@hotmail.com, To have a prayer request included in the Church Sunday bulletin, fill out the prayer request card found in the Church pews or contact Karen Metzger, 772 220-4678, or kmmetz@bellsouth.net.

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