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ACTS

THE UNSTOPPABLE POWER OF THE GOSPEL



The mission of First Presbyterian Church of Bartow is:
making it simple for people to find and follow Jesus
by being **IN**, **OF**, and **FOR** Bartow forever.

- ♦ We are grateful to be strategically positioned **IN** the middle of downtown Bartow.
- ♦ We desire to steward the gifts and influence **OF** our church family and resources to serve Bartow.
- ♦ We believe our church should be known in Bartow for what it is **FOR** and not just what it is against.

As a church family, we are committed to being people who **LOVE**:

1) Jesus 2) God's Word 3) One Another 4) Our City 5) Families 6) Stewardship

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WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Alban Nelson and Lily Music

*SONGS OF PRAISE

"Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)"

Praise is rising, Eyes are turning to You; We turn to You;
Hope is stirring hearts are yearning for You; We long for You;
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna, hosanna, You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises;
Hosanna, hosanna, come have Your way among us;
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You; We turn to You;
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new;
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day;
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away.

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"How Great Is Our God"

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God!
Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!
And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God!
Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God!

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"Prepare The Way"

We've heard the revival stories of ancient and old time glory. Spirit of God come do it again.
Miracle-working power moving in signs and wonders, Spirit of God come do it again.

Chorus: Prepare the way; He's coming through. Ready or not, our God's on the move.
We're gonna see heaven on earth. Come Holy Spirit, awaken Your church.

God, You're just getting started, A testimony of more to come. Spirit of God, come do it in us.
We join in the faith of heaven and prophesy Your kingdom here on earth. Spirit of God, come do it in us.

Fire fall, wind come blow; We're ready for more, ready for more.
Break down the walls, push back the doors; We're ready for more, (ready for more).

We've heard the revival stories of ancient and old time glory.
Spirit of God, come do it again.

Bethany Wohrle, Chris Cleveland, Dante Bowe, Ethan Hulse, Justin Amundrud
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*PRAYER

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

After Children's Moment, children K-5th grade may be excused to Club Foundation

VIDEO

SERMON

Paul and Silas Praise God in Prison

Rev. Josh Roberts

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Acts 16:4-40

PRAYER

SONGS OF RESPONSE

"Run To The Father"

I've carried a burden for too long on my own. I wasn't created to bear it alone.
I hear Your invitation to let it all go. I see it now. I'm laying it down. And I know that I need You.

Chorus: I run to the Father, I fall into grace. I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, My soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh, oh, oh.

You saw my condition, had a plan from the start. Your Son for redemption: The price for my heart.
I don't have a context for that kind of love. I don't understand, I can't comprehend. All I know is I need You.

Repeat Chorus

Oh, oh. Again and again and again and again Oh, oh, oh. Again and again.

My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath. Running into Your arms is running to life from death.
I feel this rush deep in my chest. Your mercy is calling out. Just as I am, You pull me in, and I know I need You now.

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"Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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***CLOSING PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**



Volunteer Opportunity Sunday, October 8th

Bring a change of clothes and stay after church to help with some spring cleaning and classroom beautification. We will be cleaning, painting, moving furniture, and organizing. Help us make our classrooms a happy place to learn about Jesus!

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WELCOME TO MORNING WORSHIP! — Let us know you're here! Sign the red fellowship pad located in each pew or in the Narthex. Tap or click the QR code to be taken to our online attendance page. **TAP OR CLICK →**



HOW ABOUT A CUP OF COFFEE — Join with friends every Sunday before morning worship for a cup of coffee and connect with your church family. Coffee is served in the narthex of the sanctuary every Sunday morning before service.

INFO CENTER — After you get your coffee, stop by the **Info Center** in the narthex of our sanctuary for helpful brochures, handouts, service-time cards or just to say hello! Our Hospitality Team Members are available to help provide more information or help you navigate our church campus. Look for the light blue lanyards!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! — We are looking for volunteers to pickup and take home kids, students, and adults who may need a ride to church on Wednesday evenings for Growth Wednesday. Volunteer drivers need to be available from 4:30 - 5:30 PM for pickup and from 7:15 - 8:15 PM for take home. Contact Michelle Dye at Michelle@fpcbartow.org or write ***I can drive*** on the red attendance pad next to your name when you sign in.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER — Katherine Arnold, Reggie Arnold, Mica Barrington, Laurie Benton, John Bianco, Wayne Blount, Dr. Bill Brown in China, Wayne Canady, Charles & Kathi Colvin, Deborah Draper, John Dye, Cliff & Lena Ellis, Tiffany Fogleson, Bonnie Forgar, Tim & Debra Gensch, Kathy Grimes, Sarah Hallock, Dot Harris, Joyce Hatch, Travis Hoover, Lawrence & Josephine Hunt, Matthew Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Linda Keene, Andy & Jane Laurent, Fred & Sheila Lepley, Barbara Lewis, Richard Lewis, Courtney Maniatis, Lyle Mathison, Bill Morgan, Frank & Monette Munroe, Mike Murphy, Becky Arnold Pate, David Patt, Willene Pawley, Porter Reed, Angie & Albert Reese, Caroline Schulz, Jack Schulz, Ron Shaler, Lisa Shenson, Mike Sherrer, Curtis Smith, James Spoon, John Stansel, Leila Thompson, Debbie Turbe, Wanda Tyson, Karen Vadala, Piper Vanderlee, Debbie Warren, Billy Whitaker, Luke Whitaker, Glenda Wiggins, Serlie Williams, Our Pastor & his family, Our Elders, Our Children & Youth, Our Military & their families, Our Nation & Leaders, Our Community, and Our Church.

TODAY'S PRAYER PERSON — Jan Heidel

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? — Let us know! Prayer request cards are located in the back of each pew and in the Narthex at our Info Center. Drop your request into one of the baskets which will be passed during our morning service.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP MONDAY AT 1 PM IN THE CHURCH OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM — Join us in person or via Zoom. The Zoom link, meeting ID and password to join are: **Meeting ID:** 912 609 0774 **Passcode:** 3ZAi6F

Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9126090774?pwd=61dfXxjgGSesig1nGLJqAT4U0hSTui.1>

THE BONUS ROUND TUESDAYS AT 12:00 NOON — FPC Bartow's weekly podcast streams live on our website Tuesdays at noon. Go to fpcbartow.org and click **Watch Worship Live** at the top of the page. You can also watch on **Facebook**, **YouTube**, and **X** (formerly known as Twitter). Have questions or comments about this week's sermon? Email Josh@fpcbartow.org Pastor Josh and Lloyd Harris will discuss and answer questions during the podcast.

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THANK YOU FOR GIVING — Thank you for your continued support of the mission & ministry of First Presbyterian Church! We have been truly blessed by the spirit of generosity in our church! Your gift helps us live out our mission of connecting every life to Jesus.

Ways for you to give:

- 1) **at church** - during morning service,
- 2) **by mail** - PO Box 1412; Bartow, FL 33831,
- 3) **online** - [CLICK HERE](#) to go to our secure giving portal or go to **fpcbartow.org/give**.

MANNA BAGS — Pursuit Youth Ministry has assembled Manna Bags — bags containing personal care items such as shampoo, toothpaste, etc. as well as service times for our church. The bags are for those less fortunate or homeless in our community. The Youth would like to invite the Congregation to participate in this evangelistic opportunity by taking a bag and giving it away to someone in need.

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — 7:30 AM every Thursday at PalletOne Corporate Office, 6001 Foxtrot Ave., Bartow. All men are invited to come.

THURSDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY — 9:30 AM every Thursday in the East Room of the Fellowship Hall. The Group is studying Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn From Them by Liz Curtis Higgs. All ladies are invited to attend.

GROWTH WEDNESDAYS AT FPC BARTOW — Each Wednesday from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. we invite you to grow as an individual and as a church family by joining together for a time of community, learning, and fellowship. Coming together as a church family is encouraging, fun, and helps us love one another so we can be a light for Jesus to others. We will begin each week by sharing a meal together at 5:30 p.m. After supper we will break into different classes: Wednesday Warriors, Pursuit Youth, Handbell & Choir Rehearsals, Made for More Life Coaching (by appointment), and *The Chosen* Season 1 Small Group Study for Adults. Invite a friend and join us as we grow individually and together.

GROWTH WEDNESDAYS WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

- **5:30 - 6 p.m. — Supper** served in the Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation - \$5 per person.
- **5:30 - 6 p.m. — Handbell Choir Rehearsal**; Choir Room (*Adult Classes & Choir Rehearsal will begin at 6:15 pm to give Handbell members an opportunity to grab some dinner*)
- **5:30 - 7 p.m. — 'Made for More' Life Coaching with Deena Fussell**;
10-15 minute appointments available; text (863) 327-5007 to make an appointment
- **6:15 - 7:30 p.m. — Pursuit Youth Small Groups**; Youth Rooms upstairs, Education Building
- **6:15 - 7:30 p.m. — Wednesday Warriors Kids Ministry**; Rooms West 3 & 5; Downstairs followed by **King's Kids Choir from 7 - 7:30 pm**;
- **6:15 - 7:30 p.m. — Adult Small Group Study**;
The Chosen Season 1 with Jim & Karolyn Nunnallee; Sanctuary
- **6:15 - 7:30 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal**; Choir room



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STUDENT MINISTRY SUNDAY GATHERING — All middle and high school students are invited to **Sunday Gathering** every Sunday from 4:30 - 6:30 PM here at **FPC Bartow**. Bring a friend!

Join Us For

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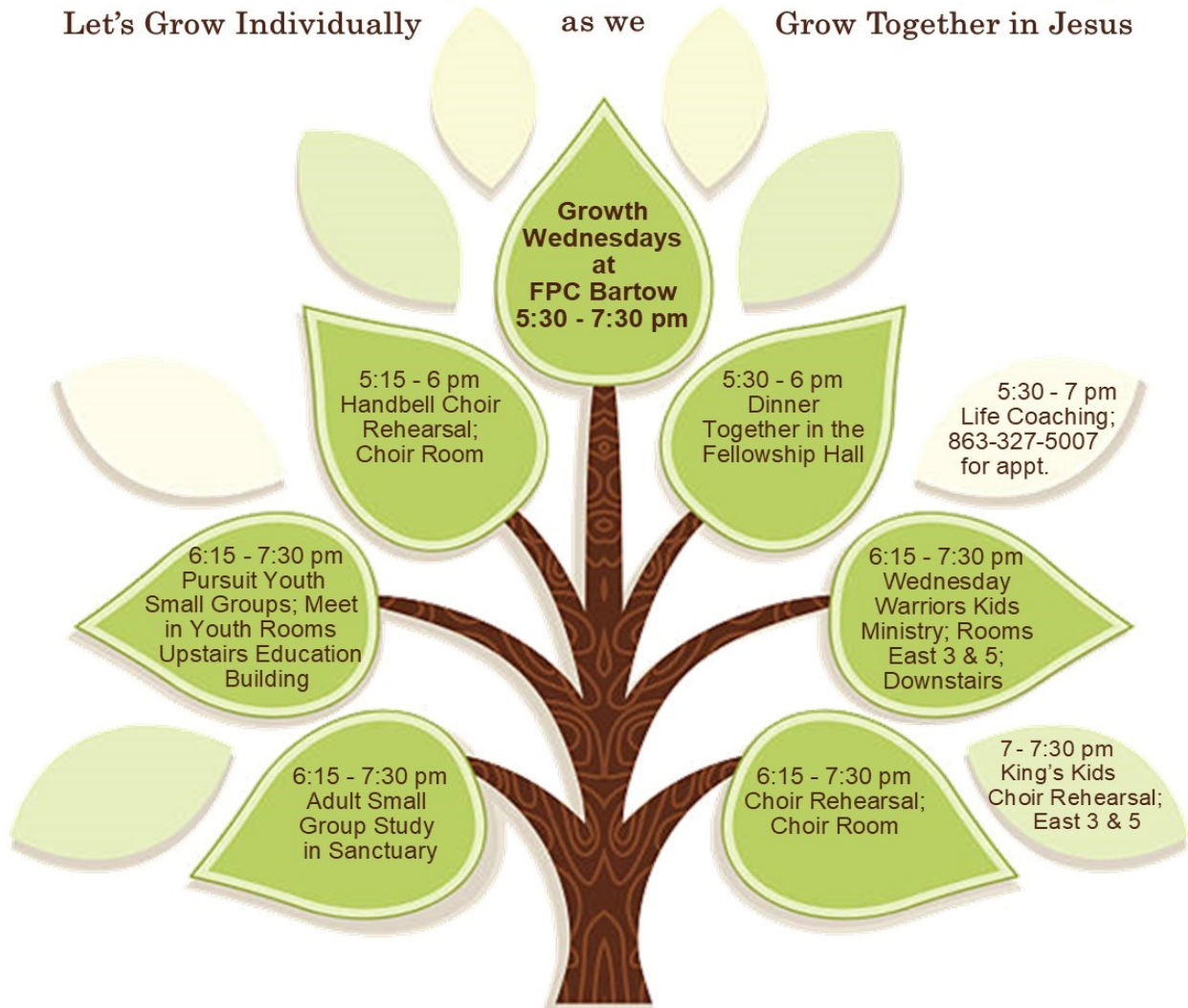
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Let's Grow Individually

as we

Grow Together in Jesus



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Sept. 6; Tyler & Kyndra Eden share their testimonies in Sanctuary
Sept. 13; **The Chosen** Season 1 begins in Sanctuary with Jim & Carolyn Nunnallee
- **6:15 - 7:30 p.m.** — **Choir Rehearsal**; Choir room