

**INCREASE CHRIST IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
LAITY SUNDAY
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 16, 2011**

PRELUDE "Hymn Arrangements" (Larson)

WELCOME Ian Deane

ANNOUNCEMENTS Bill Odom

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Odom

Leader: Lord, we have promised to uphold your church with our gifts.

People: Help us to give freely.

Leader: You have called us to serve one another with whatever gifts we have.

People: Help us to give freely.

Leader: We know that using the gifts you have given us brings glory to your name.

People: Help us to give freely.

Leader: Lord you gave each of us different gifts so that we may equip the saints and build up the Body of Christ.

People: Help us to give freely.

Leader: Jesus, we have freely received the gift of your love.

People: Help us to give freely.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

HYMN "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" Pg. 569

PRAYER OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA Bill Odom

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, except that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00 am Service) Ian Deane

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Bill Russell

OFFERTORY "Praying For You" (Whitworth)

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Pg. 95

HYMN "We Are the Church" Pg. 558

PASTORAL PRAYER Alex Grimberg

ANTHEM "Here I Am Lord" (Schutte/Hayes)
Chancel Choir

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 1:8-12 See Insert
Alex Grimberg

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 2:9 See Insert
Alex Grimberg

MESSAGE "Laity Sunday"
Alex Grimberg & Dorothy Cherry

HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" Pg. 593

BENEDICTION Bill Russell

POSTLUDE "To God Be The Glory" (Whitworth)

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*Flowers on the altar are in honor and celebration of
Fred and Betty Snell's 67th Wedding Anniversary
on October 18*

PRAYER CONCERNS –for all that are in need of comfort and healing.

PRAYER CONCERNS offered up by the Youth can be found on the insert in this bulletin.

Please help to keep us aware of our church family and how we may best serve their needs. Thank you. The Office phone number is 727-842-7674.

The ministry of the laity is to represent Christ and his Church *and* to bear witness to him wherever *one* may be. A very early tradition of preaching in the Wesleyan/Methodist churches was for a Lay Preacher to be appointed to lead services of worship and preach in a group (called a 'circuit') of meeting places or churches.

We celebrate today, the many Faith in Action ministries here at First Church. It is amazing what God has been doing through His servants here. Take a look: Radical Hospitality, Worship, Nurture, Trustees, Finance, Staff Parish Relations, Missions, Childrens' Home, UMCOR, Metropolitan Ministries (Joining Hands), Richey Elementary School, Evangelism, Outreach, Food Pantry, Chasco Fiesta, Fall Festival, Fellowship dinners, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Prayer Blankets, VBS, Gamblers Anonymous, AARP, children, youth, Van Ministry, shut-in visitors, greeters, ushers, UMW, and Church Council. We give praise and thanks today to God for the many God Sightings we see here. Maybe there is a place where you can plug into today.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – This fall, we are using the Immersion Bible Study on Galatians, Ephesians and Philippians. The groups will meet at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm at the Parsonage. Sign up to be part of one of the groups; or, if you wish, study on your own along with us. Study books are now available. Continue reading Chapter 4 for this week.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP DINNERS – Come and join us for dinner on Wednesday evenings and enjoy the fellowship along with a tasty meal. Dinner will be served from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The menu for this Wednesday is Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread and, you guessed it, another delicious dessert. The cost for adults is \$5.00. Children and youth eat free.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY – Please see Rev. Batey if you wish to become a

member of the First Church family next Sunday, October 23.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – “Change the World” with a focus on missions is our new study. This discussion and DVD-based class meets at 9:45 am in Room 1. The Wesley Adult Sunday School class continues to study the lessons from the Old Testament. This class meets at 9:45 am in the Wesley Classroom.

THE PUMPKINS ARE HERE!!!! – Thanks to all who helped unload the pumpkins. A special thank you goes to Vonnie and Bill Maytum for a delicious and much appreciated dinner. Sign up to help sell the pumpkins or work at the Fall Festival.

The **FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL AND COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE** is this Saturday, October 22nd. Please see the insert or check out the table in Narthex so that we can find the perfect place for you to be a God Sighting. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS** of candy, prizes, marshmallows and LOVE!!

APPLICATIONS FOR GARAGE SALE SPACE are available in the Narthex or office. The cost is \$20 (free for non-profit organizations). The church will have their own space available for items you would like to donate.

FLORIDA BLOOD SERVICES will be on site to take blood donations from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Donors 16 years and older will receive a free cholesterol screening, tee shirt and voucher for MOSI (buy one get one).

**YOUTH MINISTRY ARCHITECTS IS COMING
TO FUMC NEW PORT RICHEY, NOVEMBER 3-5, 2011**

Why Youth Ministry Architects?

At Youth Ministry Architects, we believe there is a better way, a better way than one-size-fits-all training events and quick-fix searches for superstar staffers. It all starts with building intentionally. So, like architects, we don't tell churches what they want to build. We start by listening and then show them a blueprint of exactly how they can move from where they are to where they want to be. Then, we walk alongside them to make sure that they build the kind of infrastructure they will need to create the youth ministry they dream of having. We have made it our mission to help churches establish *sustainable, deep-impact youth ministries, one church at a time.*

As a church member who is not a part of the youth ministry, why should I attend?

Faith formation is a community effort. It takes many folks to model the Christian life to young people. Members of the church set the example to youth on how to worship, how to follow Jesus, and how to serve Christ in others. As a member of the church, your feedback is significant in moving the youth ministry forward in a sustainable model. As Christians, we are called to nurture faith in our young people. Investing your time in a listening group shows the care that members of the church have for its teens. Youth Ministry Architects values the “outside” view that you can give.

CONTINUE ICIYL – WORSHIP, STUDY, ACTION –

WORSHIP – Make worship attendance a part of your weekly schedule. Invite a friend. Pray for your church. Pray for the families who will come to the Pumpkin Patch. Begin your day with the Upper Room.

STUDY – Join a study group on Sunday or Wednesday! The scripture lessons for next Sunday are: Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Moses sees the Promised Land; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; I Thessalonians 2:1-8, Paul encourages the Church; and Matthew 22:34-46, the Greatest Commandment.

ACTION – Thank you for your ongoing support of the Food Pantry. Be praying for the lives that are touched. Sign up for the Pumpkin Patch and Fall Family Festival!

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY (10/16) 11:00 am – 6:00 pm – Pumpkin Patch

MONDAY (10/17) 10:00 am Food Pantry
2:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Pumpkin Patch

TUESDAY (10/18) 1:00 pm Lydia Circle in Room 1
2:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Pumpkin Patch
6:00-7:30 pm Girl Scouts Meeting in Room 1
7:30 pm Rebekah Circle in Henderson Hall

WEDNESDAY (10/19) 10:30 am Bible Study at Parsonage
2:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Pumpkin Patch
5:00 pm Fellowship Dinner and Youth Activities

6:00 pm Bible Study at Parsonage
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (10/20) 10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Pumpkin Patch
7:00 pm Finance Meeting
7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 8 Meeting in Henderson Hall
7:30 pm Gamblers Anonymous in Room 1

FRIDAY (10/21) 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Pumpkin Patch

SATURDAY (10/22) 9:00 am – 9:00 pm – Pumpkin Patch
10:00 am – 2:00 pm – Petting Zoo
10:00 am – 4:00 pm – Fall Family Festival

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ian Deane, Bill Odom Bill Russell, Alex Grimberg and Dorothy Cherry
Organist/Pianist: Peg Davis

Greeters at 8:30 am Service
Gloria Peters & Betty Bushong

Greeters at 11:00 am Service
Marianne Falbo & Vilma Akucewicz

Ushers at 8:30 am Service
Gloria Peters & Betty Bushong

Ushers at 11:00 am Service
Rupert Bethel, Dana Zukunft,
Vance Faulkenberg, Warren Wilkerson

Sound Coordinator: Andy Zukunft



INFORMATION UPDATE

In an effort to keep up with the times, we are updating our files to include the email addresses of all those wishing to share theirs with us. We are also inputting the cell numbers as some are using cell phones only and no longer

have a home phone or land line. Do we have the date of your birthday and/or anniversary?

Please fill in your information below, tear it off and place it in the collection plate. OR, you can call Martie in the office at 842-7674 during the week.

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