

INCREASE CHRIST IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 30, 2011

PRELUDE *“Two Contemporary Songs and A Spiritual”* *(Shackley)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *Bill Maytum*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

People: God’s love endures forever!

Leader: God has come to God’s people with blessings and hope.

People: Praise God for the many ways God touches our lives. AMEN.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

HYMN *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”* *Pg. 110*

A PRAYER FOR COURAGE

Almighty God, who gives strength to the weak and upholds those who might fall, give us courage to do what is right, for those that trust in you have no need to fear.

Make us brave to face any danger which may now threaten us. Give us the help that you have promised to those who ask it, that we may overcome my fears and go bravely forward.

Fill us with courage, that nothing which is our duty to do, may be too hard for us. Let us put my trust in your power and goodness.

Thank you my Lord.

THE CHILDREN’S MOMENT (11:00 am Service)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT *Carolyn Arnold*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“Andante”* *(Mendelssohn)*

DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* *Pg. 95*

HYMN *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* *Pg. 474*

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *“Sing The Song Of The Lord”* *(D. Wagner)*
Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Joshua 3:7-17* *See Insert*

MESSAGE *“Courage to Cross Over”*
Rev. Betty Batey

HYMN *“Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”* *Pg. 463*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Postlude in F”* *(Otis)*

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*Flowers on the altar are in loving memory of my husband,
George Hawkins, from Dorothy Hawkins*

THANKSGIVINGS: We have had a wonderful pumpkin season. Thank you for all your work!

PRAYER CONCERNS For those in need of comfort and compassion.

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.

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. Study books are now available. Continue reading Chapter 5 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 “CHICKEN SURPRISE”, Salad and another one of Marianne’s delicious desserts. The cost for adults is \$5.00. Children and youth eat free.

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.

OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH – Please show your appreciation to our beloved Pastor Betty for her great leadership and gentle heart. From your Staff Parish Relations Committee

CONTINUE ICIYL – WORSHIP, STUDY, ACTION –

WORSHIP – Prepare your hearts to be receptive to the Spirit of God. 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: Joshua 3:7-17, Going into the Promised Land; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; I Thessalonians 2:9-13, Paul gives thanks; and Matthew 23:1-12, Greatest will be a servant.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY ARCHITECTS

Youth Ministry Architects (YMA) is coming to FUMC OF New Port Richey November 3-5, 2011. As a church member who is not a part of the youth ministry, why should you 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. YMA values the “outside” view that you can give.

Our listening (focus) groups will be meeting in the Wesley Room. You will have an opportunity to talk with Sara Bailey and Bob Blagg. An important part of the process is to listen to all of you share how you think we can have a sustainable ministry here at First Church and have a positive impact on our neighborhood.

Schedule for Listening Groups

Thursday, November 3rd

12:00 – 1:15 pm	Director of Youth Ministries, Ian Deane
1:15 – 2:30 pm	Congregation members
2:30 – 3:30 pm	Children’s Ministry Volunteer, Julie Calafiura
3:30 – 4:45 pm	High school youth
4:45 – 6:00 pm	Middle school youth
6:00 – 7:15 pm	Youth parents with dinner
7:15 – 8:30 pm	Church leadership

Friday, November 4th

8:30 – 9:45 am	Staff Parish Relations Committee
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If there is any other information you wish to share with us such as an alternate address or phone number, please write it in the space provided below.

If you have a spiritual gift or talent you feel would be helpful to our church, please let us know in the space provided below.

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.

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE NO.: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____ **ANNIVERSARY:** _____

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