

THE NAVIGATOR
DELTONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



faithful people.² Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;

let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

³ Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp.⁴ For the Lord takes delight in people;

he crowns the humble with victory.

⁵ Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor

and sing for joy on their beds.

Psalms 149:1-5 (NIV)

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Setting The Course

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)



SUNDAYS ***10:30 a.m. – Worship Service***

MONDAYS ***9:00 a.m. – Baggers – Prep for Food Pantry – Meets in the Library, 9AM***

TUESDAYS ***9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Food Pantry – Fellowship Hall September 1, 15, 29***

WEDNESDAYS ***Choir Practice, 5PM***

THURSDAYS ***10:00 a.m. – Women’s bible study – September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th***

7:00 p.m.- AA –Room 1, FLC -- September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

Treasurer's Report – July

INCOME	\$16,973.00
EXPENSES	\$28,462.59
MONTHLY Net income	\$-11,489.59*

***Downpayment on new air conditioners.**

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Don't Miss Up Coming Events

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	Boy Scout Meetings, FLC
Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri	Girl Scout Meetings, FLC
Sept 1	Food Pantry, 9AM-11AM
Sept 7	Labor Day – Office Closed
Sept 13	Planning Team, 11:45AM
Sept 14	Finance Team Meeting, 10AM
	Buildings/Grounds/Security meeting 11AM
	Care/Missions Team meeting 12PM
Sept 15	Food Pantry, 9AM-11AM
Sept 23	Session Meeting, 4PM
Sept 29	Food Pantry, 9AM-11AM

September Mission

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Pastor's corner

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God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. (2 Timothy

Scripture is



DO NOT PLAY FAIR—PLAY RIGHT

Rev. Carmelo Mercado, DMin, ChFC®

There is a difference between playing fair and playing right. Playing fair often means responding to people according to how they have treated us: kindness for kindness, respect for respect, generosity for generosity. It sounds reasonable, even virtuous.

But life in a healthy community often calls us to something deeper. Sometimes the most psychologically and spiritually mature response is not to give people what they have given us, but to give what is right—even when they have not earned it.

Henry Cloud describes this kind of maturity in *9 Things a Leader Must Do: How to Go to the Next Level—and Take Others With You*. He observes that mature people can transcend the need for revenge. Their concern becomes the good of the other person, even when that person has not treated them well. Cloud calls this not playing fair but playing right.

That idea reaches far beyond leadership. It speaks to the way we live with one another: in families, friendships, workplaces, churches, neighborhoods, and communities. We all know what it feels like to be hurt, dismissed, misunderstood, excluded, or treated unfairly.

Our natural psychological response is often to keep score: You did this to me, so I will do this to you. Sometimes we call it justice when, underneath, it is really retaliation. We may not seek revenge openly, but we can withdraw affection, become intentionally cold, withhold encouragement, gossip, or quietly hope that the other person eventually gets what is coming to them.

The problem is that retaliation keeps us emotionally connected to the person who hurt us. We may believe we are punishing them, but we are still allowing their behavior to determine our behavior.

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Maturity offers another possibility: I do not have to become what hurt me. Playing right does not mean being passive. It does not mean pretending that harmful behavior is acceptable. It does not require us to remain in unhealthy relationships or surrender appropriate boundaries.

Forgiveness does not eliminate accountability, and grace does not require us to tolerate abuse. Sometimes playing right means saying No, speaking the truth, seeking justice, or creating distance. But it means doing those things without allowing resentment to become the organizing principle of our lives.

There is a profound freedom in reaching the place where we can say: I will do what is right because it is right, not because you deserve it. That is where psychology and spirituality meet. Psychologically, we become less controlled by the actions of others. Spiritually, we begin to practice a different way of being in the world. We no longer ask only, “What did they do to me?” We begin asking, “Who do I want to be in response?”

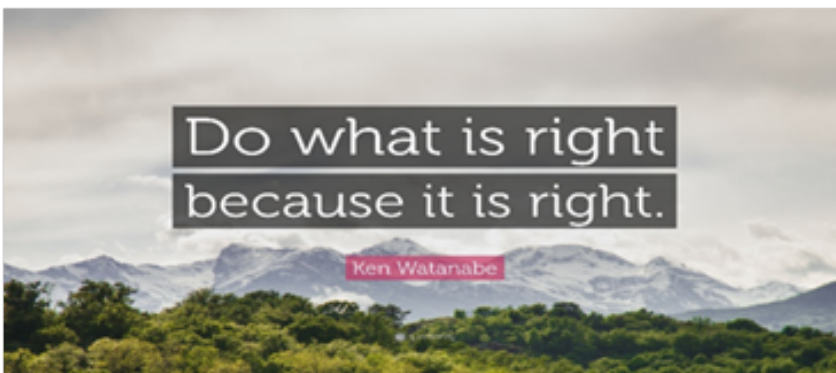
The Christian tradition gives this maturity a particularly challenging shape. Jesus calls us to love our enemies, bless those who curse us, and pray for those who mistreat us. That is not sentimental advice. It is an invitation to emotional and spiritual freedom. It refuses to allow another person's brokenness to dictate the condition of our own hearts.

Perhaps this is what it means to become spiritually grown-up: not that we stop noticing injustice, but that injustice does not determine our character. We can want accountability without wanting destruction. We can establish boundaries without cultivating hatred. We can acknowledge that someone hurt us without spending our lives trying to hurt them back.

And sometimes the healthiest prayer is not, “God, give them what they deserve.” It is simply, “God, make me the kind of person who can do what is right, regardless of what they do.”

We do not have to play fair.

We can play right.



Pathways to prayer

Psalm 150:1-6

1. Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens. **2.** Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. **3.** Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, **4.** Praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute, **5.** Praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. **6.** Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

Questions to Ponder:

- 1.** Do you play a musical instrument?
- 2.** Of what is the Temple an earthly symbol?
- 3.** What instruments provide the rhythm? Melody? Chords? Do people sit politely?
- 4.** What is significant of breath?
- 5.** Is your worship mostly mental appreciation? Emotion?
- 6.** Spend some time praising God aloud for each other.



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The Mission Field

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” (Matthew 9:37)

Dear Partners in Christ

August, 2026

Judi Nordass has been sharing the Gospel with teenaged boys and girls in a juvenile detention center in Seminole County, Florida for 26 years. The Seminole County Sheriff’s Office has recently recognized me as a faithful with an award to my service to these teens. Give thanks to God that these young people are hearing the gospel every Thursday night from 7PM to 8PM. Please pray that there will be much fruit for eternity because of the shared Gospel each week with six other volunteers.

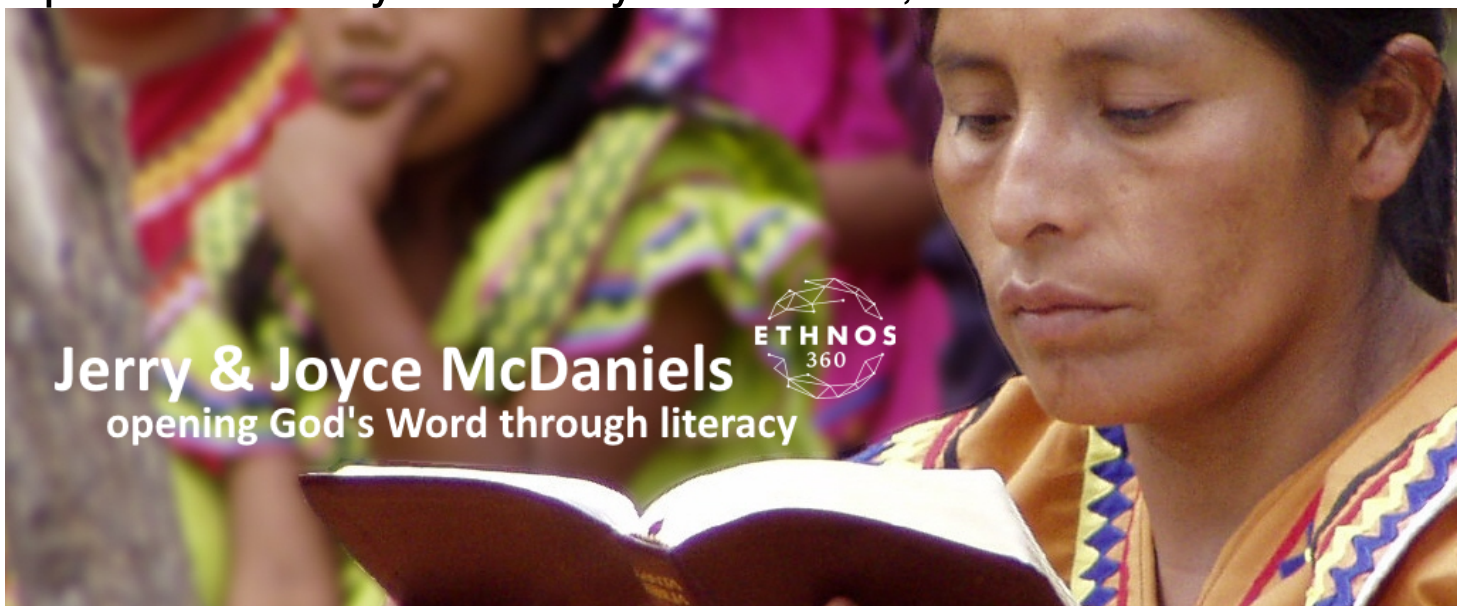
The HOMES of ETHNOS 360



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Update from Joyce & Jerry McDaniels, Ethos 360



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Hello Friends of Deltona Presbyterian Church!

We're getting ready for the literacy trip to Colombia that will fill the month of August, and the closer we get, the more the excitement builds. After landing in Bogotá on August 3rd, the next day we'll board a small regional flight that will take us near the Jiw community. With only 22 pounds allowed in checked luggage, we're already asking ourselves the big question: *what do we pack for a month of work when every ounce counts?* It's going to be hot, buggy, and simple living. Jerry will be staying stateside this time, keeping things moving on several ongoing projects and supporting our team from home. We appreciate your prayers for safety in travel, good health for everyone involved, and steady progress both in Colombia and in the work continuing here.

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While in that area of the Colombian Amazon, we'll also visit another team working with the Nukak people. This is a completely different language where we helped write literacy materials two years ago. Their literacy classes are ongoing, but there have been challenges with the nomadic life of the Nukak people. Please pray that our time with this team will bring encouragement, practical help, and fresh momentum. If you'd like a glimpse of their journey, here's a short video update: <https://youtu.be/IgRVILGyjrQ?si=BmJI1GzUBrZLbSR>

Thank you for standing with us. Your prayers and support make these trips possible—opening doors for communities to read Scripture in their own language and strengthening local teams who will carry this work forward for years to come.

Jerry & Joyce McDaniels
International Literacy Coordinators

DPC Monthly Mission

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" (Matthew 25:40)

**August Mission – Guardian Ad Litem.
Socks and undies**



Food Pantry Statistics July

Families Signed In: 252

Total Household Members: 1046

Total Number of Bags Distributed: 1071

New Families Registered: 173

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JULY'S MISSION – School Supplies for 2 local Friendship & Spirit Elementary Schools



Thanks to all of you who donated
Way to go DPC!!!!!!

THE FUN ZONE

“God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” (Genesis 21:6)

Name: _____

Date: _____

September

Word Search



September's here, and so is a word search packed with seasonal fun! Can you find all the hidden words scattered in every direction—forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal? Circle each word as you find it and cross it off the list.

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ACORNS

APPLES

AUTUMN

BACKPACK

BONFIRE

BREEZY

CIDER

COOLER

CORN

CRISP

EQUINOX

FALLING

FARMERS

FOLIAGE

FOOTBALL

GOURDS

GRAPES

HARVEST

HAYRIDE

LABOR DAY

LEAVES

MIGRATION



ORCHARDS

PUMPKINS

RAKE

SCARECROW

SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER

SQUIRREL

SWEATER



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FELLOWSHIP PRAYER LIST

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Joan David	Bernie Pitt
Teresa Narsh	Elaine Brown
Will Euverard	Kathy Hall
Bud Schwarz	Audry Ostwald
Dave Cooper	
Sarojini Persaud	Don Loveless
Dottie Grenier	Fran David
Randy Breedlove	David Lathrop
JR Scafidi	Cynthia Clark
Bill Morgan	Virginia Poczik
Sue Honaker	Raymond Hernandez

**PERMISSION IS REQUIRED TO PUBLISH A NAME
ON THE PRAYER LIST. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE
OR PASTOR WITH PRAYER REQUESTS**

MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Meg & Caitlyn McCormick (Family of Cheryl Bladt)
Barbara Miller (Karen Tegge's mother)
June & Gene Perry (Larry Perry's wife and son)
Rick's brother (friend of Angel)
Robbie Ross

ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL:**Army:**

Cory McClure (son of Connie McClure)
Clayton Herriford (Grandson of Emil R. Newby)

Air Force:

Tyler Conner (nephew of Connie McClure)

GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Martin & Bladt Families

September Birthdays

*If your birthday is not listed here, please contact
the church office to provide the date*

Cynthia Clarke	Sept 2
Teresa Nash	Sept 16
Sarojini Persaud	Sept 19
Sue Honaker	Sept 27