

THE NAVIGATOR
DELTONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through Holy Spirit—2 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were cursed and off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, 4 the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. 5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen." (Romans 9:1-5 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 August 4 & 18

WEDNESDAYS Choir Practice, 5PM

THURSDAYS

10:00 a.m. – Women’s bible study – August 6, 13,20, 27

7:00 p.m.- AA –Room 1, FLC -- August 6, 13,20, 27

FRIDAYS

Treasurer’s Report – June

INCOME	\$19,071.49
EXPENSES	\$20,498.88
MONTHLY Net income	\$ -1,427.39
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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
August 4	Food Pantry, 9AM-11AM
August 9	Planning Team, 11:45AM
August 10	Finance Team Meeting, 10AM
	Buildings/Grounds/Security meeting 11AM
	Care/Missions Team meeting 12PM
August 18	Food Pantry, 9AM-11AM
August 19	Session Meeting, 4PM

August Mission

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Pastor's corner

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



SMALL HABITS, REAL CHANGE
Rev. Carmelo Mercado, DMin, ChFC

Engaged listening shapes how we relate to one another in community life. It influences the quality of our conversations, the strength of our relationships, and the sense of connection we share. Yet many people feel that others are not fully listening or are not truly present. Some feel interrupted or misunderstood, while others sense a lack of empathy. Honest reflection often shows that **listening is an area where growth is needed.**

A familiar reminder is that *we have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen more than we speak.* Even so, **listening can be difficult.** Distractions, assumptions, and the urge to respond quickly often get in the way. At times, people focus more on what they will say next than on understanding what is being said.

This matters because **listening is at the heart of meaningful communication.** It is through listening that people feel recognized, respected, and valued. When individuals experience being truly heard, it fosters trust and openness. When listening is lacking, misunderstandings increase, and relationships can become strained.

As Paul Falcone explains in *New Managers: Mastering the Big 3 Principles of Effective Management*, **effective listening** involves actively absorbing what another person shares, showing attentiveness, and offering feedback that confirms understanding. It ensures that communication is clear and accurate. **Engaged listening**, however, goes further. It means listening not only with one's ears but with a posture of respect, care, and empathy. It calls us to be fully present, to set aside distractions, and to approach each conversation with genuine curiosity. It invites a genuine effort to understand another person's perspective before responding. Rather than rushing to judgment or solutions, engaged listening creates space for identifying with the experiences and emotions of others.)

Practicing **engaged listening often requires intentional effort**. It may involve slowing down, allowing moments of silence, and resisting the urge to interrupt. It includes paying attention not only to words, but also to tone, body language, and what may be left unsaid. Simple responses such as, *“Help me understand”* or *“What I hear you saying is...”* can signal openness and encourage deeper sharing. These practices communicate that the speaker matters and that their voice has value.

Engaged listening does not require agreement. It calls for understanding. Even in disagreement, *listening with respect* helps maintain trust and keeps conversations constructive rather than adversarial. Over time, it contributes to an environment where people feel safe to express themselves honestly.

When practiced consistently, engaged listening strengthens relationships, reduces conflict, and fosters a deeper sense of belonging. It reminds us that **communication is not only about being heard**, but also about making space for others to be heard.

“Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear” (James 1:19, The Message).

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this:



Everyone should be quick to **listen**,
slow to **speak** and
slow to become **angry**,

because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. (James 1:19-20 NIV)

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Recent Activities at DPC

We've been busy here at DPC, Lots of landscaping to pretty up our grounds, painting the church, and the steeple.



Thanks to all who came out to help

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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)

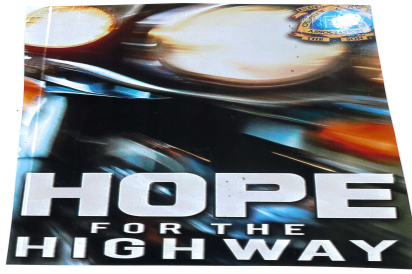
Dear Partners in Christ

July, 2026

Thanks for your prayers and for the prayers for the teens in Seminole County Detention Center in Sanford. These are girls 12 to 18 and the same age is for the boys that come to hear the Gospel on Thursday nights from 7pm-8pm.

HOPE for the Highway New Testaments. There are four testimonies of motorcycle riders that have been in to drugs, alcohol and sex before giving their heart to Jesus.

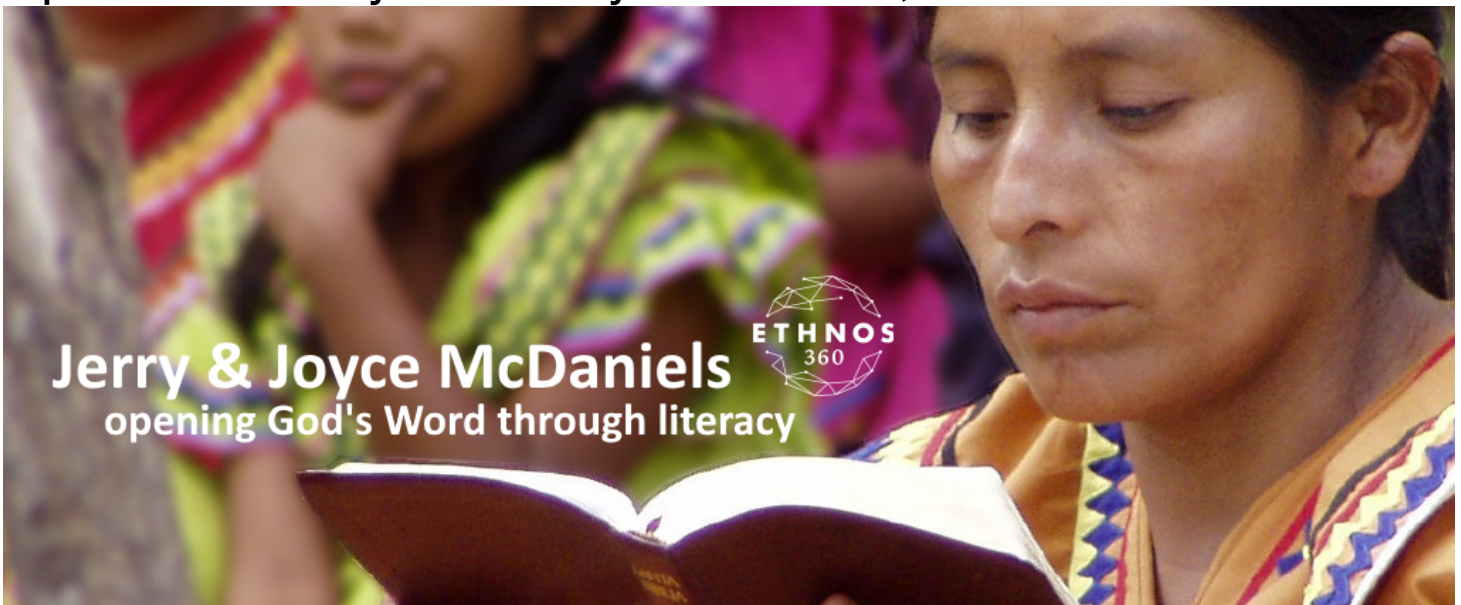
I have a paper that says: BIBLE = Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth. They each write down a prayer request with their name and we pray for them now and then and later.



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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 elementary schools



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

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THE FUN ZONE

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

AUGUST

*August
national days
word search
printable
from Always
the Holidays*

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POTATO DAY
MEAD DAY
PLAY BALL DAY
LAZY DAY
DOG DAY
WAFFLE DAY
DOLLAR DAY

PROSECCO DAY
RUM DAY
LION DAY
VINYL RECORD DAY
BOW DAY
WATERMELON DAY
IPA DAY
OYSTER DAY

DOLL DAY
DINOSAURS DAY
CBD DAY
KIDS DAY
GEORGIA DAY
CAT DAY
GOSSIP DAY

MEMBER CONCERNS:

Joan David	Bernie Pitt
Teresa Narsh	Paddy Martin
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**August Birthdays**

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

Gail Sorce	August 6
Kori Harstad	August 9
David Lathrop	August 9
Crissy Argabrite	August 15