

THE NAVIGATOR

DELTONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Psalm 19:1-4 (NIV)

OCTOBER 2026

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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 – Meet in the Library, 9AM**

TUESDAYS **9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Food Pantry – Fellowship Hall October 13 & 27**

WEDNESDAYS **Choir Practice, 5PM**

THURSDAYS **10:00 a.m. – Women's bible study – October 1, 9, 16, 23, 30**

6:30p.m. – Bible Study

7:00 p.m.- AA –Room 1, FLC -- October 1, 9, 16, 23, 30

FRIDAYS **OFFICE CLOSED**

Treasurer's Report – August

INCOME	\$24,044.16
EXPENSES	\$23,729.13
MONTHLY Net income	\$ 315.03

Don't Miss Up Coming Events

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	Boy Scout Meetings, FLC
Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri	Girl Scout Meetings, FLC
Oct 11	Planning Team mtg, 11:45AM
Oct 12	Finance Team Meeting, 10AM
	Buildings/Grounds/Security meeting 11AM
	Care/Missions Team meeting 12PM
Oct 13	Food Pantry, 9AM-11AM
Oct 17	New Member/Baptisms Dinner, 6PM
Oct 21	Session Meeting, 4PM
Oct 27	Food Pantry, 9AM-11AM

October Mission

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PASTOR'S CORNER

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



MOVE YOUR FEET: YOUR VOICE. YOUR VALUES. YOUR VOTE.

Rev. Dr. Carmelo Mercado, ChFC®

The late civil rights icon and U.S. Representative John Lewis defined prayer with an African proverb: **“Pray, but when you pray, move your feet.”** There are times when our deepest values ask us to do more than think, talk, or hope. They ask us to “move our feet.” Spirituality is not merely what happens within us. It is also how what lives within us becomes visible in the way we treat our neighbor, our community, and the world around us. Whether we express that spirituality through faith, conscience, compassion, or commitment to human dignity, our values are meant to become embodied or lived out in our actions.

That is why **voting can be a spiritual act**. Voting is one way we bring our conscience into the public life we share with others. It is an opportunity to reflect carefully on the kind of community we want to cultivate and the values we want to see represented in our government. We do not all have to arrive at the same conclusions. But we can each take seriously the responsibility to become informed, examine our conscience, and participate.

For those shaped by the biblical tradition, **Scripture repeatedly calls our attention to people who can easily be overlooked**: the poor, the widow, the orphan, the foreigner, the sick, and the outcast. The concern is woven throughout the biblical story. We are reminded to care for the vulnerable, to welcome the stranger, to seek justice, and to pay attention to those whose voices and needs can be overlooked (Deuteronomy 10:18–19; Psalm 146:7–9; James 1:27; Matthew 25:31–46; etc.).

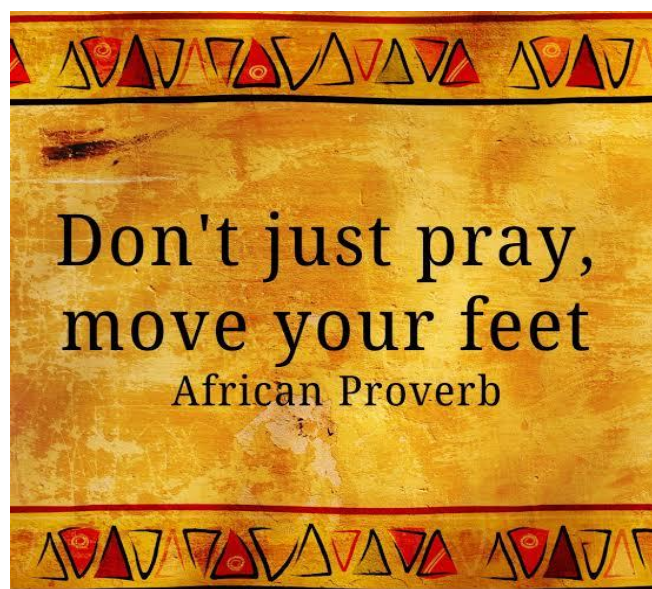
That biblical concern gives us a meaningful question to carry into the voting booth: **What do my values ask me to consider about the people who are most vulnerable in our society?** Voting our values does not mean voting according to someone else's instructions.

It means taking the time to learn about the candidates and issues, consider their positions and records, and make our own conscientious decisions. It means looking beyond slogans, personalities, parties, social media posts, and political noise. It means asking how our choices may affect real people, especially those who may have the least power, fewest resources, or smallest voice.

Our spiritual values should not remain abstract. **Compassion** should move our hands. **Justice** should move our feet. **Concern** for our neighbor should move us beyond indifference. And sometimes, “moving our feet” simply means going to vote. As we have seen, every vote matters.

We should **never take the right to vote for granted**. Generations of people struggled, organized, marched, sacrificed, and endured hardship so that more Americans could participate in our democracy. Their history reminds us that voting is both a privilege and a responsibility. So, as the midterm elections approach, **let us not withdraw** because politics can be frustrating, polarizing, or imperfect. Democracy has always been a work in progress, and our participation is part of that work.

Become informed. Listen carefully. Reflect deeply. Vote according to your conscience and your values. And especially for those of us shaped by the biblical vision to “love your neighbor as well as you love yourself,” let us remember the people that Scripture keeps placing before our eyes: those who are vulnerable, voiceless, vilified, discriminated against, and too often forgotten. Perhaps that is one way of understanding **what it means to “move our feet”: not simply to hold values, but to live them.**



PATHWAYS TO PRAYER

Psalm 19:1-6

New International Version

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⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

⁶It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

Questions to Ponder

1. What is your favorite dessert?
2. When did you last have it?
3. Do you like to read?
4. Who speaks in verses 1-4?
5. Is the truth about God in nature obvious to everyone?
6. Why don't some folks hear?

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

September 2026

Thank you for praying for me and for the prisoners that have turned their heart to Jesus. Pray they will choose to grow in Christ daily. The two prisons this past month have 40 turning their heart to Jesus and or renewed their faith. There were 40 men in each prison that made a decision for Christ. Jackson Prison had 1900 men and 300 in solitary confinement. Graceville Prison had 1600 men and 200 in solitary confinement. Pray for the Chaplain as he does follow-up on their decisions. These two prisons were six hours NW of Sanford.

I continue to work in the mission kitchen two days of the week with the assisted living people and also help with the church service at the neighboring nursing home each Tuesday at 3PM. Pray for the elderly people, they all need Jesus as the Gospel is presented.



Florida State Prison / Union CI
REGISTRATION CLOSES OCTOBER 7, 2026
Florida State Prison – Friday November 6, 2026 – 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Open Yard Event
Union CI – Saturday, November 7, 2026 – 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM Open Yard Event

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Update from Hersman's . . . Wycliff Bible Translators

Dear Friends,

By God's grace and your prayers, Lynda and I are doing well. As with many of us, as we age, we see ourselves slowing down some and visiting our local physicians more. That's certainly been true for us. We've been doing our best to keep the local doctors' children in college by contributing towards their tuition! But the good thing is that we are generally well and pushing on.

This past summer was especially fulfilling for us in that we got to see and visit with all of our kids and grandkids. We were spread in six states and two countries, but there were still opportunities to see everyone. God has blessed us with such a family full of bright and creative people. It is fun to just try and keep up with the next generation on their various social media choices.

A particular delight for me was that Lynda and I traveled together to Cyprus, Turkey, South Sudan and Kenya at the beginning of the summer. Cyprus was work... but fun work of meeting together as a large team committed to seeing God's Word translated into all the remaining languages, which are only about 500 now.

Then it was off to Turkey for four days of vacation in Istanbul. ... what a city full of antiquities and religious history! We managed to pack our days with visits to many of the antiquities and even fit in a three-hour water tour of the Bosphorus. The Grand Bazaar was the biggest marketplace I've ever seen, covering many city blocks. We enjoyed many cups of tea as vendors tried to get our business through their hospitality.



After that we went to Juba, South Sudan where we celebrated 50 years of SIL

(Wycliffe's primary partner) in Sudan. We arrived there 48 years ago and it had been 44 years since Lynda was last in Juba. It was hot and uncomfortable as Juba always is, but the celebration was really great. God has done abundantly more than we could ever have imagined 50 years ago.

The outbreak of Ebola happened in DRC while we were there and by the time we left to come back to the States, the U.S. government had put restrictions on all US citizens who had been in either DRC, Uganda or South Sudan in the past 21 days. We had to fly into one of only two permitted airports so we could undergo "enhanced Ebola screening"... hmmm. I wasn't sure if we were going to be waterboarded or what! Turns out it was only about a 15-minute interview and then we were on our way. We were exhausted by the trip, but exhilarated by seeing God's hand at work in so many places.

One of those places is the Yida Refugee Camp just south of Sudan in South Sudan. On the backside of this letter are some stories about real people who are friends of mine that I get to work alongside. They humble me with their faith and inspire me with their love for Jesus. We hope you are inspired too.

Thanks for being a part of our team that allows us to continue involvement in the Bible translation movement. It is such a privilege to be on the front line with so many faithful followers of Jesus.

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)

October Mission

We will begin our Operation Christmas Child boxes this month.



Food Pantry Statistics August

Families Signed In: 232

Total Household Members: 954

Total Number of Bags Distributed: 917

New Families Registered: 49

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)

FALL CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 2. The seed of an oak tree.
- 4. A team game played with a brown oval ball.
- 6. The parts of a tree that change colors in autumn.
- 8. A large bird that is cooked for dinner on Thanksgiving.
- 9. A common round red or green fruit that is made into pie or cider.
- 12. The first day of fall when the sun crosses the celestial equator.
- 13. A ride in a wagon carrying hay.
- 14. A very large yellow flower that can grow over 6 feet tall.

Down

- 1. A figure set up in a crop field to scare away birds.
- 3. An outer layer of clothing worn to keep warm on a chilly day.
- 5. A colorful fall tree that is grown for its sap that is made into syrup.
- 7. A large round fruit that is carved with faces for Halloween.
- 10. A grain plant that yields kernels set in rows on a cob.
- 11. A yard tool used to gather and pile leaves.



FELLOWSHIP PRAYER LIST

<u>MEMBER CONCERNS:</u>	<u>MEMBERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS:</u>
Joan David Teresa Narsh Will Euverard Bud Schwarz Dave Cooper Sarojini Persaud Dottie Grenier David Lathrop Cynthia Clarke Virginia Poczik Raymond Hernandez Bernie Pitt Elaine Brown Kathy Hall Audrey Ostwald Carol Loveless Don Loveless Randy Breedlove JR Scafidi Bill Morgan Sue Honaker Crissy Algerbrite	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 <u>ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL:</u> Army: Cory McClure (son of Connie McClure) Clayton Herriford (Grandson of Emil R. Newby) Air Force: Tyler Conner (nephew of Connie McClure)
<u>PERMISSION IS REQUIRED TO PUBLISH A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE OR PASTOR WITH PRAYER REQUESTS</u>	<u>GRIEVING THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES</u> Martin & Bladt Families Schwartz Family

October Birthdays

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

Gertrude Clark	Oct 4
Paula Johnson	Oct 5
Martha Tylor	Oct 19
Evelyn King	Oct 24
Gabriel Johnson	Oct 27
Donna Lowe	Oct 29
Will Euverard	Oct 30
Beverly Seegobin	Oct 30

Happy

Birthday!!