

E-Blast News

September 13, 2026– September 20, 2026

Dear Saints,

Last Sunday Dave Bremer warned us it was time for the dreaded September return of the Love Bugs. At first I thought he was wrong - I drove home from church - 43 miles - no bugs! That was good - no bugs! Then today, September 9, bugs in abundance! I drove slow - still bugs. I drove fast - still bugs. Then I was unhappy - not those Love Bugs!! What earthly use are they?

I remember a seminary professor from Chicago saying he had found a great lesson in traffic jams when everything ground to a halt. Rather than getting upset he viewed it as a gift. He kept his phone off. He kept total silence and thanked God for all the good in his life. He seemed infinitely wise to be turning frustration into a gift.

Now I am looking for the gift in Love Bugs to be-splattering my windshield. Is it to teach me patience? Is it to spread the wealth with car wash owners? Is it to make me get my hands dirty?

Then I thought "I am not a native here. All the good people in the church and in Arcadia must know the answer! They've had years to figure it out."

So I beg of you, what is the message here? What is the good? I eagerly await your wisdom!!!

Will

A treasurer's request

All general offerings should be a separate check by itself to the church. Any other offerings such as Per Capita, Christmas Joy, or Samaritan's Purse can be on one check. This is so your donations can be correctly and accurately tracked.

Thank you,

Edward, Treasurer

Buckingham Presbyterian struck by lightning

Buckingham Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers burned Friday, August 28. The building is a total loss. Three different fire districts (6 units) responded to the fire as the local district called for additional units to assist. It has been determined that the fire was started by a bolt of lightning. Unfortunately, Interim Pastor Tim Stewart was out of state on a planned trip while all this was happening, but remained in contact with congregants and Stated Clerk Randy



Moody during the week-end.

Members of the congregation gathered on Sunday morning, August 30, as scheduled, but rather than entering the sanctuary through the double wooden doors, to be



seated facing the chancel, people gathered under the shade trees in chairs to pray, remember, sing, and heal. Randy Moody led the service.

Thank you from Marlou

Dear Session members and Congregation,

I was overwhelmed by your proclamation honoring me.

It's been a joy to be part of First Presbyterian for over 50 years, so I will miss everyone who has been such an important part of my and my family's life.

Marlou

Card Class

The monthly card class will meet in the church office at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15th. If you plan to attend, contact Edie at 863-558-2155 (call or text) or see her after church.

After class, those who wish will go to MyShelly's for lunch.

PS. We will be using scissors on our project so if you have some you might want to bring a pair to use as I only have 3 pairs for the class.



Look what's coming...

Sunday	September 13	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service
Monday	September 14	10:30 Bill's Paper Angels dist.
Tuesday	September 15	10:00 Card Class
Wednesday	September 16	12:30 Bible study
Friday	September 18	TBA
Sunday	September 20	10:30 Choir practice 11:15 Worship Service Ctr. 4 Needy

If you are interested in joining First Presbyterian Church of Arcadia, we would love to have you do so.

Please speak with Rev. Dr. Will Browne or Clerk of Session Mitzie McGavic

Contact information

Homebound members' addresses

For those sending cards...

Jackie Combs	9408 Rochester Rd., Minerva, OH 44657
Peggy Dees	1346 NE Hansel Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266
Norma Fisher	1013 E. Gibson St., Arcadia, FL 34266
MaryAnn Treadwell	11741 Lake Aston Court, Apt 113, Tampa, FL 33626
Skip & Terry West	1224 SW Scott Dr., Arcadia, FL 34266

Military

CM1 Ryan Maassen	13972 Shields Bridge Rd., Belle Haven, VA 23306
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Church prayer list

FPC - MEMBERS: Becky Delahunty, Brian Harris, Jackie Harris.

FPC - FAMILY/ FRIENDS: Charlaine Adams, Lance Andrewsen, Dan Bailey, Debbie Collins, Esther Harvell, Ansley Head, Ernie Hewett, Bjorn Jiskoot, Donna Jones, Lisa Letson, Pastor Sam Letson, Thomas & Jane Mooney, family of Lucky Muse, Amanda Nunez, Julie Nunez, Sharon Shatney and family of Cindy Trawick.

FPC - CONTINUING CONCERN: Ellen Abraham, Tom & Arlene Anderman, Barbara Bennett, family of Joan Brady, Marsha Browning, Shirley Cullom, Peggy Dees, Mary Dow, Sue Fender, Earl & Kay Frierson, Jane Hayward, Gina Green, David Kersey, Ted Land, Jimmy Lanier Jill Logan, Keith Markey, Cary Mercer, Dan & Gail Morgan, Kenny O'Neal, Judy Onofri, Jim Reinhart, Stephanie Rohling, Gene Scott, Robert & Judy Smith, Emmie Titus, MaryAnn Treadwell, Debbie Webb, Terry West, Margaret White and Laurie York.

MILITARY LIST: Julian Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; Sean Davis, U.S. Army Medical Corps; E6 Curtis Johnson, U.S. Navy Medical Corps; CM1 Ryan Maassen, U.S. Navy Seabees ; Airman Roland Phelps.

Missions at work

Bill's Paper Angels

Collection for Bill's Paper Angels is the 1st Sunday of the month.

Oct. 4 (next collection date) Sept. 28 (next distribution date)

NEEDED: plastic grocery bags

Arcadia Center for the Needy

Collection for Arcadia Center for the Needy is the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Next collection date: September 20, 2026

NOTE: You may donate at any time. If donating by envelope, please put Arcadia Center for the Needy in the memo section. We also collect cans with pop up tops. These can be dropped off at the office.

Church information

Attendance/Offering

Attendance: 25

Offering: 8-30-2026- **\$2,255.00**

9-06-2026- **\$3,380.00**

Viewed on Facebook: **18**

Year to Date: **\$104,345.44**

Session

2026: Jeff Adams, Ellie Sutphin, David Maassen, Don Knoche

2027: Jackie Harris, Donnie Knoche, Tyler Maassen, Edith Wildt

2028: Dave Bremer, Becky Delahunty, Sue Maassen, Mitzie McGavic

Catch us on Facebook

Be sure to sign up for our Facebook page and **like** our page.

Also, visit our website www.firstpc.church we have information, pictures, services that you can listen to if you can't make it to church. If you have questions, or problems call the office. 863-494-4434.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEBSITE

Type in www.firstpc.church

You will see the sermon on the main page now, so just click on it.

Celebrations



September birthdays

September 4—Paulette Raschella

September 8— Mary Ann Treadwell

September 9— Linda Hollingsworth

September 13—Edith Wildt, Maybelle Lebbert

September 22—Kenny Pepper