

The background features several vertical, wavy lines in shades of blue and grey, some with dashed patterns. Scattered throughout are various decorative elements: blue and pink snowflakes, red and pink hearts, and small red starburst shapes. The word "February" is written in a large, light blue, rounded font with a dark blue outline, resting on a dark red oval shadow.

February



The Church Mouse



Chatting with Charlie – January, 2017

In our current small group study, we recently reflected on what we had learned from studying the first eleven chapters of the book of Genesis. I wanted to share a few of them with you. First, God is real and can be trusted. When you open your Bible, God is there and was there before the Bible was written or the universe was created. God is not only eternal but also wise and powerful. So great is His power that He only has to speak to make things happen. And yet our great God is a personal God, who pays attention to us and wants to be our Lord and Friend.

He is a holy God who does not condone sin. He judged the personal sins of Adam, Eve, and Cain, and also the corporate sins of the antediluvian population and the people at Babel. But at the same time, He is a God of love who created us in His image and longs to have fellowship with us and reveal Himself to us. Our sins grieve Him, but in His grace, He forgives those who trust Him and will give them another chance.

God has a plan for mankind. He promised to send a Redeemer who would conquer Satan and bring salvation for the human race. He fulfilled that promise in sending Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to die on the cross for the sins of the world. You don't really know God until you have trusted Jesus Christ to save you from your sins.

Obedience is the key to usefulness, joy, and blessing. Our first parents disobeyed God's Word and plunged the entire human race into sin. Cain disobeyed and became a wanderer. Noah obeyed and God saved him and his family from destruction and blessed them after the flood was over. Whenever we disobey God, we break our communion with Him and lose the joy of His presence. Obedience is the key to blessing; disobedience is the way to unhappiness and chastening.

Living for God is the most rewarding life possible. He has a different purpose for each of us to fulfill and enables us to fulfill it as we trust His Word and obey His will. Whatever He calls us to do can be done to the glory of God. While there are times when it seems like the righteous are suffering and the wicked are succeeding, in the end, the righteous will get their eternal reward and the wicked their eternal punishment. The Christian life isn't always the easiest life, but it is the most satisfying and rewarding life.

These are just a few of the basics found in Genesis 1—11 and illustrated and explained in the rest of the Bible. I pray that you will reflect on them and build a solid foundation for yourself that can't be moved.

Your brother in Christ, Charlie

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

January, 2017

- ⇒ The Session elected Church officers and representatives for 2017. They are:
Treasurer: Elaine Morris
Assistant Treasurer: Sara Jane Vincent
Clerk of Session: Sue Cordle
Commissioner to Presbytery: Brian Farley
- ⇒ Annual Reports are due to the Church office by 1/31/2017.
- ⇒ The next small group study will focus on the book of Mark.
- ⇒ A discussion was held on the Church cemetery. The Session voted to allow Church members only to be able to use plots in the cemetery.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Cordle

Annual Congregational Meeting February 26th

The Annual Congregational meeting of all active members will be held after worship on February 26th to receive as information and accept the financial report for 2016, the 2017 budget and the annual reports from the other organizations of the church.



A copy of the 2016 Annual Report packet will be provided to each member family after worship on Feb. 12th and 19th in the Narthex for your review and study prior to the meeting.



KELTON WILEMON--EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Sunday, February 12th, is the date Kelton Wilemon will receive his Eagle Scout status at a Court of Honor held at our church at 3PM.

Kelton was responsible for redoing the playground and putting up fencing at the Lake Hermosa Church of God on 466 west of Lady Lake.

Join his family and friends in the celebration of his promotion to Eagle Scout.

**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY
SPAGHETTI DINNER
FEBRUARY 5th**



\$5.00 tickets are available for the Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 5th. Get them from a scout; he gets to keep a portion of the money for every ticket he sells to put toward a scouting event.

The meal will be served immediately following the worship service, or you can pick it up at the Scout Hut after the service and take it with you.

OUR CHOIR

It is great having our choir participating in our worship services again and having our choir director Pauline Grippin back with us. Thanks again to Frani Moir for directing the choir in Pauline's absence.

The choir rehearses on Thursdays from 5:30 to approx. 7:00PM. There is a lot of room in the choir loft for more voices to join in.



HARVEST HAPPENINGS



Harvest Happenings is being scheduled for this Fall. Sandy Karlein is getting a committee together to start organizing and planning the event. The group will begin meeting on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month from 10AM-1PM. All are needed and welcomed. Sandy asks that if you have anything you want to donate, please call her and see if it can be used for the craft fair. She will pick it up for you. You may call Sandy at 352-259-6293 for further information.

**FEBRUARY WORSHIP
PARTICIPANTS**

Head Usher: Cindy Strategos
 Liturgist: Feb 5 Boy Scouts
 Remaining Sundays: Jim Bowers
 Communion Set-up Feb 12th: Jan Woody
 Communion Servers Feb. 12th: Carol Everman,
 Diana Harris, Ilene Newton, Starr Patterson,
 Linda Spence

As always, if you are unable to serve as listed above, **PLEASE find a substitute.** And, thank you for your willingness to serve our church!

**COMMUNITY OF GRATITUDE
Last Quarter of 2016**

Total Individuals	1,523
Number of Households	900+
Children 1-17	635
Adults over 60	480
Equivalent	13,709 meals

The pantry is continuously low on peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, canned meats, veggies, All-in-Ones and soups. And please don't forget food for the pets. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 1st



Soup Supper 6:00 PM

Call Diana Harris at 625-6021 or 425-4351 if you can bring a pot of soup or bread and crackers.

Worship Service 7:00 PM



Please pray for our church family and for our United States of America.
May GOD BLESS us all !!

PRAYER CHAIN INFORMATION

If you have a prayer request or are interested in helping on the prayer chain, please call **Ann Myers** at 352-653-3319 or **Marlys Forbrook** at 352-430-1727.



Remember our friends who are homebound or in a care facility by sending them a card to brighten their day:

Robert & Maisie Lipsner
800 Lake Port Bld. Apt C505
Leesburg, FL 34748

Eleanor Redding
13704 101st Trail
Bellevue, FL 34420

ALTAR FLOWERS



The new year is upon us and there are many available Sundays in need of altar flowers. Upcoming dates include February 26, March 12, 19 & 26 and April 9, 16, 23 & 30. If you would like to contribute, the green altar flower order forms are in the Narthex. Take one, fill it out and drop it in the offering plate with your payment. If you write a check, please note that it is for the flowers. The flowers are still only \$25.00.

FELLOWSHIP



The new year's calendar for hosting Fellowship is hanging in the kitchen in Douglas Hall. Stop by and choose a Sunday. The light snacks are appreciated while we visit after the worship service.

You may also call Carol Everman at 352-750-6444 to sign up or get help with suggestions.



The sewing group for Operation Shoebox meets in Douglas Hall to sew ditty bags and Christmas stockings at 9:00 AM on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month.

Diana Harris is the coordinator for our sewing group and delivers the items to Operation Shoebox. For further information, she can be reached at 352-425-4351 or at 352-625-6021.

February 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 Boy Scouts 7:30PM	2 Wom. Bible Study 10AM Choir Rehearsal 5:30PM	3 Women's Grp. Study 10AM	4
5 Food Pantry Sunday NO Grp. Study Men/Women BOY SCOUT SUNDAY Worship 10:30AM Fellowship Spagnetti 11:30AM	6	7 TTO 11:30AM	8 Boy Scouts 7:30PM	9 Wom. Bible Study 10AM Choir Rehearsal 5:30PM	10 Women's Grp. Study 10AM	11 DEACONS Meet 9AM
12 Grp. Study Men/Women 8:55AM Worship & Fellowship 10:30AM Court of Honor - Kelton Wilmon at WPC 3:00PM	13 Operation Shoebox Sewing Group 9AM	14 TTO 11:30AM	15 Senior Singles 5:00PM Boy Scouts 7:30PM	16 Wom. Bible Study 10AM Choir Rehearsal 5:30PM	17 Women's Grp. Study 10AM	18
19 Grp. Study Men/Women 8:55AM Worship & Fellowship 10:30AM SESSION Meets 11:45AM	20 Presidents' Day	21 TTO DEADLINE Newsletter Articles to Office	22 Boy Scouts 7:30PM	23 Wom. Bible Study 10AM Choir Rehearsal 5:30PM	24 Women's Grp. Study 10AM	25
26 Grp. Study Men/Women 8:55AM Worship & POTLUCK Fellowship 10:30AM Congregational Meeting 11:30AM	27 Operation Shoebox Sewing Group 9AM	28 TTO 11:30AM	1 ASH WEDNESDAY Soup Dinner 6PM Worship Service 7PM	2	3	4

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**Our Mission:
Bring People to Christ
Develop our Discipleship**



Weirsdale Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM
Fellowship: 11:30 AM

Study Groups:
Sundays 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School