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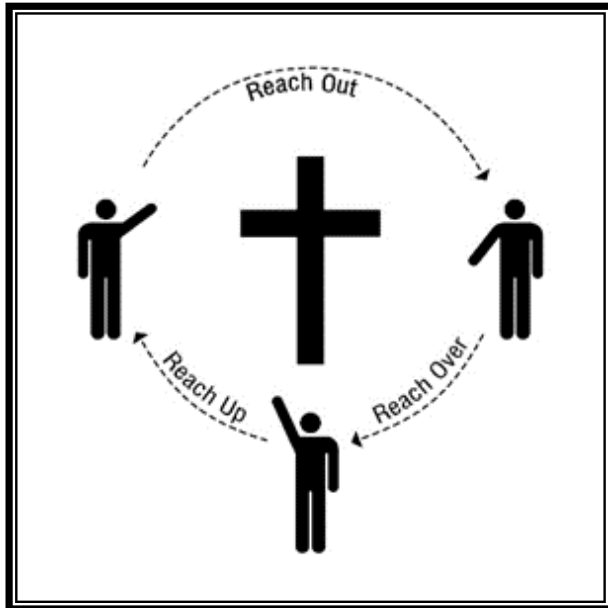
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## Pastor's News and Notes

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31*

### FPCS 2024 Renewal Theme

#### Reach Out, Reach Over, Reach Up



Our 2024 theme comes from the Great Commission that Jesus gave His church:

Jesus said:

Proclamation: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Reach Out: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,

Reach Over: baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Reach Up: teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

Promise: And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

*Matthew 28:18-20*

### Knowing God

Our current study series of First John comes to a conclusion at the end of the month. Like a chime on auto control, John continuously stresses the things about God that we know. We know about Him because God has revealed himself to us. Knowing God in every way is a lifelong pursuit. If you are interested in knowing God more fully come join our Life Explored class coming in October (see below).

Here is a list that has been around the internet, composed by an unknown author, demonstrating that Jesus can be more fully known throughout Scripture:

### Jesus in Every Book of the Bible



- In Genesis, Jesus Christ is the Seed of the woman
- In Exodus, He is the Passover Lamb
- In Leviticus, He is our Great High Priest
- In Numbers, He is the Pillar of Cloud by Day and the Pillar of Fire by Night
- In Deuteronomy, He is the Prophet like unto Moses
- In Joshua, He is the Commander of the Lord's army
- In Judges, He is our Judge and Deliverer
- In Ruth, He is our Kinsman Redeemer
- In I & II Samuel, He is our Ebenezer Stone of Help
- In Kings and Chronicles, He is our Eternal King and the Seed of David
- In Ezra, He is our faithful Scribe and Restorer
- In Nehemiah, He is the Rebuilder of the Broken-Down Walls of Human Life
- In Esther, He is our Mordecai, our Advocate
- In Job, He is our Ever-Living Redeemer
- In Psalms, He is our Shepherd

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- In Proverbs, He is our Wisdom
- In Ecclesiastes, He is our Meaning for Life
- In Song of Solomon, He is our Loving Bridegroom
- In Isaiah, He is our Prince of Peace
- In Jeremiah, He is our Righteous Branch
- In Lamentations, He is our Weeping Prophet
- In Ezekiel, He is our Watchman on the Wall
- In Daniel, He is the Fourth Man in the Fiery Furnace
- In Hosea, He is our Faithful Husband
- In Joel, He is the Outpourer of the Holy Spirit
- In Amos, He is our Burden-Bearer
- In Obadiah, He is our Judge and Savior
- In Jonah, He is the Great Missionary sent by God
- In Micah, He is the Ruler of the World from Bethlehem
- In Nahum, He is our Stronghold in the Day of Trouble
- In Habakkuk, He is the Lord in His Holy Temple
- In Zephaniah, He is Lord Mighty to save
- In Haggai, He is the Desire of Nations
- In Zechariah, He is the Branch of David; the One Pierced for Us
- In Malachi, He is the Sun of Righteousness Rising with Healing in His Wings
- In Matthew, He is the King of the Jews, the Messiah, the Christ
- In Mark, He is the Servant and the Miracle Worker
- In Luke, He is the Son of Man who has Walked in your Shoes and Feels What You Feel
- In John, He is the Son of God, the Living Word; the Way, the Truth and the Life
- In Acts, He is the Savior of the World; the Ascended Lord
- In Romans, He is our Justifier and the Righteousness of God
- In I & II Corinthians, He is our All-Sufficient Giver of Grace
- In Galatians, He is our Redeemer from the Curse of the Law
- In Ephesians, He is the Head of the Church
- In Philippians, He is the Joy of our life
- In Colossians, He is our Completeness and the Glue that Holds our World Together
- In I & II Thessalonians, He is our Soon and Coming King
- In I & II Timothy, He is our Mediator between God and Man
- In Philemon, He is the One Who Paid Our Debts
- In Titus, He is our Blessed Hope
- In Hebrews, He is the Author and Finisher of our Faith
- In James, He is our Great Physician
- In I & II Peter, He is our Chief Shepherd and Chief Cornerstone
- In I, II & III John, He is God in the Flesh
- In Jude, He is the Foundation of our Faith and our Eternal Security
- In Revelation, He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the One Who is Coming Again!



### October Sermons

- October 6: 1 John 4:1-6 – Communion Sunday
- October 13: 1 John 4:7-21
- October 20: 1 John 5:1-13 – Fellowship Sunday
- October 27: 1 John 5:14-21 – Reformation Sunday

### Palms Meet and Greet

Mark your calendars. On Oct 15, at 1pm, we will be hosting a meet and greet at the Palms with our neighbors next door. We need as many folks as possible to come and join us in this outreach opportunity. A smiling friendly face is all that is needed, so come and get to know your neighbors across the street.



### Florida Presbytery Meeting

Please keep the Florida Presbytery in prayer as we gather in the name of Christ at our fall meeting on Oct 22, 2024. May God bless us and lead us as we conduct the business of the Presbytery.

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### Small Group Bible Study



Starting October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Wednesday Small Group will be studying the teaching series called Life Explored. It is a video series that exposes the little gods that promise us so much happiness, yet deliver so little.

As it explores the Bible story of creation, fall, redemption, and new creation, Life Explored shows how our deepest desires for happiness can only be satisfied in one person. The best gift God can give us is himself. You can preview the class [here](#).

Here are the lessons we will be studying:

Lesson 1: The Good God

Lesson 2: The Trustworthy God

Lesson 3: The Generous God

Lesson 4: The Liberating God

Lesson 5: The Fulfilling God

Lesson 6: The Life-giving God

Lesson 7: The Joyful God

This is a great Bible study to bring a friend to so that they too can come to know God as He truly is. We will meet in the classroom each Wednesday from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

# Benediction+

## October Benediction

*Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in every way.*

*The Lord be with you all.  
2 Thessalonians 3:16*

Pastor Karl



The hymns we sing in our churches are prayers. Just as the book of Psalms was and is the hymnal and prayer book for the Jewish people. The hymns, more than sermons last in our memories. If you don't believe me, try to remember the last three sermons you heard, and then remember your three favorite hymns. We remember "In the Garden" when we need to be comforted by God's presence; "Rock of Ages" reminds us of God's saving acts. "Let There Be Peace on Earth" is an anthem that gatherings in churches and in communities unite to sing as a prayer of hope. I'm sure you can think of other hymns that have meaning for you. Think of how you would feel if you were in exile and were forced to sing these songs by your captors so that they could mock you. And then how you would feel if all of this was your own fault. The psalms have been kept alive for us so that we can relate to our ancestors in faith and know that we have a God who understands us as he understood them.

Submitted by Frank Busch



Please use these specific requests to guide your prayers for our church during your personal prayer time.

- ◆ Pray that the Lord would draw people from the community to our Life Explored class. Pray for guidance about inviting someone to join us.
- ◆ Pray that more people would be willing to join our Outreach Committee and help us explore new ways to reach our community with God's love.
- ◆ Pray for our Meet and Greet at the Palms. Ask the Lord to draw specific people to the event so we can get to know them and invite them to worship with us.



# OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 CCW 10:00	4	5
6 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 with communion	7	8	9 Life Explored 4:00	10 Outreach Committee 2:00	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00	14 Deacons 4:00 and Session Joint Meeting	15 Palms Outreach 1:00	16 Life Explored 4:00	17 Men's Fellowship 8:30 am Oscar's Restaurant CCW 10:00	18	19
20 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 	21	22	23 Life Explored 4:00	24	25	26
27 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00	28	29	30 Life Explored 4:00	31		

# OCTOBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

- ◆ 9 Janine Hart
- ◆ 12 Pat Villere
- ◆ 17 Ellen Waldock
- ◆ 19 Nancy (Mrs. Don) Davis
- ◆ 26 Nelson Wood
- ◆ 30 Jeanette Stypa

### Anniversaries

- ♥ 5 Don & Linda Childress

# NOVEMBER

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

- ◆ 1 Cal Lomelino
- ◆ 5 Kristie Busch
- ◆ 17 Jack Breed
- ◆ 19 Mary Lommelino

### Anniversaries

- ♥ 4 Richard and Earleen Jumont
- ♥ 14 Hugh and Debbie Donahue
- ♥ 20 Daniel and Jeanette Stypa
- ♥ 26 Barney and Janine Hart

*Note: We have started doing this for people who are organized and like to plan ahead. Next month we will publish November dates again and December.*

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