

Calendar

December 31, 2023

January

- **Monday, January 1** – Daily Bible Reading (DBR) begins **TOMORROW!**
- **Wednesday, January 3**
 - **Quarter 1 begins** – See Matt Hinely with curriculum material questions
 - Porch Meeting sign-up sheets available
- **Sunday, January 7** – Shepherds, Deacons, and Preachers Bible Study at 2:30 pm at the building

- **Sunday, January 14**
 - Shepherds Review and Budget Presentation
 - H2H Winter Session sign up sheets available
 - Elders, Deacons, and Preachers Meeting at 2:30 pm

- **Saturday, January 20 – Sunday, January 21** – Porch Meetings
- **Sunday, January 28**
 - Visitor Sunday (Who will you invite?)
 - H2H Winter Session Begins (January 28th – March 7th)

March

- **Sunday, March 10** – RTL Meeting at 2:30 at the building

Elders, Deacons, and Preachers – in addition to the meeting above on January 14, please note the meetings schedule for the entire year:

Sunday, April 7, Sunday, June 23, and, Sunday, September 29

These dates are different than what was discussed previously but these dates will remain fixed and will not change

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

Do you need a ride?

Don't let a lack of transportation keep you at home. If you need a ride to any service, H2H, RTL, or other gathering, coordinate your ride with Rory.

(Please let Rory know if you are able and willing to provide and help with transportation)

Giving to God

For our visitors, we are encouraged by your attendance, but we do not seek your money as the collection is a work of the members here. If you choose to give, there are a few options to do so:

- A collection is taken up after the prayer of praise is given in the third hour of our worship on Sunday mornings.
- There is a collection box in between the doors in the foyer into which you can place your contribution.
- A check can be sent to the building at 620 Palm Springs Drive, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
- You may use Zelle to give your contribution. One option is to go to your bank's app and log in to initiate a Zelle payment. Please use psdsgiving@gmail.com as the payee.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for
2 Corinthians 9:7





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“... pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord our of a pure heart” 2 Timothy 2:2



Greetings in the Lord!

The following is a summary of what took place during October and November of 2023 in the work in Duluth.

As we're getting close to the end of 2023, I'm starting to realize just how many new faces we have in our church that were not there at the beginning of the year.

To follow up from my last report, Brian and Mary Gould (and their daughter Aletheia) ended up moving to our area and started attending with us. Also, Paul and Julie Engebretson have expressed the desire to become regular members at our church. We are currently getting to know each other better.

Also, *another* family has moved to the area this last month (about an hour out from us) and is talking about becoming regular members here.

Also, I have had some recent conversation with a former member named Lynda Olsen, who is thinking about coming back to the Lord. We have tried to set up a Bible study, but have not yet been able to work each other into our schedules.

My heart is encouraged by all of this. I pray that we will grow in our faith together and stand with one mind for the gospel.

Teaching Efforts

As I always note, teaching the Scripture is my main job here (2 Tim 3:14-4:2). Here's how we have been doing in the last couple of months.:

- During these months, I have been teaching the adult class on Ecclesiastes.
- My study with Dyrek on Wednesday mornings is continuing through 2 Samuel. We are nearly finished.

- I have resumed my Wednesday morning study with Mike Calaman. The topics in this one tend to be less “set,” but he has been doing lots of Bible reading on his own, and we have been having lengthen discussions on his questions.
- I am in the process of trying to resume my study with Janelle, but a lot depends on her work schedule.

Joe and I have begun planning out our teaching strategy for next year. I think we will end up doing some “back-to-basics” / “overview” things to help align and orient ourselves with our new families here.

Through all of this, I feel like I spend a lot of time “fishing”—going to public places or coffee shops, reading the Bible, and occasionally striking up conversations with people I meet. These conversations are sometimes interesting, but I haven't had much lasting contact materialize from them (at least not yet). I pray that something I say or do might encourage them to draw nearer to Jesus.

In the meantime, I want to convey my deepest thanks to those of you who send support, and to all who pray for me. I thank God for loving brethren like you who share in our common salvation and our common hope. These have been, on the whole, encouraging months for the future of the work here, and I am happy to share the news with those of you who have shared in my struggle.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

In Christ,
Wayne

Sunday Worship Services

9 a.m. Lord's Supper Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Class
10:45 a.m. Praise & Preaching

Wednesday Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

Elders

Herb Hinely 407-339-4805
Jeff Hunt 407-739-5266
Joe Rimmer 407-414-7393
Dave Weaver 407-782-1112
Tim Welsh 407-670-8279

Deacons

Bobby Burns, Daniel Fritz,
Matt Hinely, Terry Petty
Erik Quist, Rory
Salimbene, Emory
VanCleef

Evangelists

Brian Messerli 407-300-2517
Dwayne Gandy 214-724-5375
620 Palm Springs Drive
Altamonte Springs, FL
407-831-3230

Announcements

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Please email all new announcements to announcements@psd.church.

MEMBERS HEALTH ISSUES:

Erik Quist – has completed his doctor's appointments and they were generally positive but still are awaiting test results. Let's continue to pray for Erik's Parkinson's diagnosis.

Deeanne Quist – continues working through health issues is having problems sleeping. Continue praying for Deeanne.

Patsy Holt – says her breathing is getting better but does not feel well. She is also waiting to begin a series of shots for her asthma. Her next appointment with the Pulmonologist is scheduled for January 19th. Let's continue to encourage Patsy.

Clara Hutchinson – remains at the Divine Assisted Living Facilities (533 E Citrus St, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701) in hospice. Cards are encouraged for Clara.

Jimmy Ryan – went back to work on Dec 26th and it went well. He will start the first of two procedures on Jan. 4th to determine where stents will need to be placed to help his circulation.

Retha Tucker – has returned to work! Though it was tiring she is glad she can get back to work. Let's keep praying for her.

Wayne Tucker – had successful neck surgery and continues resting at home though the cold is not helping him. Let's pray this procedure will relieve Wayne of his pain.

Rodney Rubright – had a minor chainsaw accident last week but is recovering quickly.

Aaron and Mari McKibben - are improving but still under the weather with Aaron testing positive for the flu. They are recovering at home.

Anne Dickson - has been diagnosed with Lymphoma. She is currently being diagnosed to determine the extent of the tumors which include a recent PET scan that she will be getting the results of on January 17th. A bone scan will be scheduled soon to help with the overall diagnosis and treatment. Please pray for Anne Dickson as she continues with more tests and treatment with her doctors.

Anna Marcotte – will be having outpatient surgery on Friday the 4th.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PSD:

Deborah Bolton, the mother of Christina DeStefano and the sister of Kathy Lodge, completed her first round of chemotherapy with the next one scheduled for Tuesday, January 2nd. She has had some side effects. The family continues to ask that the treatment is bearable and effective in treating the disease.

Paisleigh Niccum, Wayne and Retha Tucker's granddaughter had successful double eye surgery and continues to improve. Please pray she continues to heal.

Sue Price, a dear friend of Anna Marcotte, passed away Sunday. She had a stroke and a heart attack. Anna requests prayers for Sue's husband and two grandchildren who lived with her.

TRAVELING:

Kathy Lodge is still in Kentucky caring for Macy and encouraging Deborah.

Brian Messerli is leaving for Tampa this afternoon and will be gone for a week returning December 31st.

Jeff and Julia Hunt are traveling in Kentucky and Tennessee and will return January 6th.

The Mortons are in Texas.

SHUT-IN:

Anne Dickson, Geny Harrison, Lynna Davis, Pat Steele, Bea DeBoe, and Clara Hutchinson

PHYSICAL NEEDS:

The McClenny's "take them a meal" link is <https://takethemameal.com/PWAZ2432>

If a password is needed use 620PSD

Additional announcements on Page back page!

God's Outrageous Idea to Save the World

Wayne Welsh

Text: 1 Cor 1:18-2:5 **1:18** For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." **20** Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? **21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. **22** For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; **23** but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, **24** but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. **26** For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. **27** But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; **28** and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, **29** that no flesh should glory in His presence. **30** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God — and righteousness and sanctification and redemption — **31** that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord." **2:1** And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. **2** For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. **3** I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. **4** And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5** that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. NKJV

Three "Foolish" Ideas:

1 – A Foolish _____ (1:18-25)

Also see Isa 29:14

2 – A Foolish _____ (1:26-31)

Also see Deut 7:7-8; 9:4-5; Jer 9:23-24

3 – A Foolish _____ (2:1-5)

Also see Acts 18:1-13

Three "Outrageous" Applications for Us:

1 – Outrageous _____

2 – Outrageous _____

3 – Outrageous _____