



### Hurricane Irma Special Edition of the Inspire

Dear First Presbyterian Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who calmed the waters of raging storms!

As Hurricane Irma approaches the state of Florida, we are in prayer that you are making all of your own arrangements to manage your home and health in the event the storm hits and causes some distress in Ocala and Marion County. As a church family, we are responsible for ourselves and for each other in times of greatest need, and your session and deacons are taking steps to make sure all of us are cared for as needed. At the present time it appears that the storm will not reach Ocala (if it comes to us at all) until late in the day Sunday or early Monday. We are proceeding to worship on Sunday normally and look forward to seeing you all in worship as you are able. If the situation changes and demands that we alter our worship schedule, we have plans to contact everyone to let you know. As of now, all will be normal and usual at the church on Sunday.

The elders and deacons of the church will be making some phone calls in the next few days to check on folks, see how you are preparing if we believe that you might have some issues that should be addressed. If you do not hear from someone by the end of the day on Friday, it likely means that your shepherd believes you are not in need of any special assistance. If, however, you are in some need and would like to get some assistance from the church, you should call your shepherd and let him or her know that. We will NOT necessarily be providing direct assistance but can advise you where to turn in the city for aid. The city and county have a wonderful plan for how to weather the storm and we do not need to try to compete with them. You can find that information in the *Ocala Star Banner* or at their website [Ocala.com](http://Ocala.com).

After the storm passes, we also have plans in place to be in touch with each of the members of the church to find out what needs may exist in our family, and react appropriately to those needs. We pray for everyone to come through the storm safely and able to be the hands of God in assisting any of our neighbors who need us. In the meantime, if you are the person in need, please do not hesitate to be in touch with your shepherd or the church office during business hours. We hope to be open for business as usual on Monday, ready to serve and glorify our God.

Peace and grace,  
Your session and diaconate

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This Week's Daily Bible Readings					
God's Faithful Word of Wisdom					
			Wednesday	September 13	1 Corinthians 1:1-17
Sunday	September 10	Matthew 22:15-33	Thursday	September 14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Monday	September 11	Matthew 23:1-12	Friday	September 15	1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Tuesday	September 12	Matthew 23:13-28	Saturday	September 16	1 Corinthians 3:1-23

## **A NOTE FROM DAVID BEDENBAUGH... MUSIC MINISTRIES**

We do have some very special music planned for this Sunday and hope you will brave the weather to come and worship with us. The Chancel Choir sings an anthem written by master composer J.S. Bach, "O Lord my God, You Are My Refuge", a timely piece of music that speaks to our confidence in God's care and watch-keeping. Our Cross & Crowns will leads us in heart-felt modern choruses that will keep you in step with God's work in your life and the world at large. Please join us this Sunday!

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My office hours next week will be: Monday: 1:00-6:00 p.m.; Tuesday: 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.;  
Wednesday 11:00-7:00 p.m.; Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

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## **A NOTE FROM SARAH OVERFELT...CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

Next [Friday, September 15](#), is our second **PARENT'S NIGHT OUT**, you will be able to find us in room 26 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Also, I am trying to see if there is enough interest to do a Christmas play. If your child is interested please email me at [soverfelt@fpcocala.org](mailto:soverfelt@fpcocala.org). Please stay safe with this storm! Prayers for all!

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Next week I will be in the office: Tuesday: 3:10-4:30 p.m., Wednesday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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## **THOMAS DRAKE...YOUTH MINISTRIES**

Hey, hey FPC! Things are going to be great this month of September, we have games and a great message planned for these next few weeks. We will be digging into what is the vision of Kaleo and what we want to do to help the church community.

Please keep an eye out for information about youth this up coming Sunday, September 10. With the storm coming it is important for us that we have wisdom and we will be available to help however we can.

As always thank you for your prayers and support, and we will be praying as a church for safety and wisdom as this storm moves to us.

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Next week I will be in the office: Tuesday & Wednesday most of the day

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**God In Our City Event—Saturday, September 30, starts at 9:00 a.m. in Veteran's Memorial Park.**  
Volunteers needed for the walk day—set-up, clean up, transportation... and of course, donations!  
Contact: Stephen Antoine (352-354-2207) or [Stephen.Antoine@hdsupply.com](mailto:Stephen.Antoine@hdsupply.com)

The church office is open  
Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.