



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

“Seeking to know Christ and make Christ known”

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### JANUARY 2018

REVEREND JOHN BROCK

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ELDER ON CALL

Choir Director/Organist – Steve Hawkins  
Clerk of Session – Zoe Powell  
Treasurer – Al Peak  
Newsletter – Barbara Osburn  
Sexton – Veronica Curry

ELDERS – 2018  
Ruby Burggrabe  
Bobby Dixon  
Al Peak

ELDERS – 2019  
Wayne Fiquett  
Doug Metz  
Mickey Straughn

ELDERS – 2020  
Terry Honan  
Richard Martin  
Karen Sterling

### News from Reverend John Brock

Dear Friends,

So I went to visit my mother for a few days before Christmas. We were sitting in her living room, and she was looking for something to watch on television. She stopped on some Reba McEntire Christmas Special and watched it for maybe ten minutes before looking at me and saying, “I like country music but they sure do butcher Christmas songs!”

Now I happen to completely agree with my mother’s sentiment. I don’t particularly enjoy country music carols, but I do love Christmas music. And we have a few more days to appreciate them all. The one that is running through my head is “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year.”

Now in many ways, this song hits the feelings of the season right on. But many of us also mourn during this season. We may have lost loved ones, or miss friends and family. So as we move into the New Year, let us be mindful of our friends and family, who are going through a season that is NOT the most wonderful time. Let us be Christ’s hands and feet to these people whom we love.

Grace, Peace, and Love,

John

## FIRST PRES HAPPENINGS

Thank you to the “retiring” elders of the Class of 2017...Arnie Cutchen, Terry Honan and Barbara Osburn. They have served their terms with faithfulness and have added greatly to the works of the church.

Did you know Barbara has been sending birthday and anniversary cards to everyone for over 3 years and for the last couple of years has prepared every Sunday bulletin and monthly newsletter. Terry came on the Session to complete the term of Fred McWaters and has chaired the personnel and evangelism committees and currently chairs PNC which has met practically every week for over a year searching for a new minister. Arnie has chaired buildings and grounds and has kept the church in top shape with repairs to the sanctuary, plumbing, heating and air, etc. etc. He has overseen upgrades to our operating systems which has trimmed our expenses and he continues to fix everything and anything.

Their hard work is appreciated and it has been my pleasure to serve with them!!!

Zoe Powell  
Clerk of Session

Persons may enter into active church membership in the following ways:

- a. Public profession of faith, made after careful examination by the session in the meaning and responsibilities of membership; if not already baptized, the person making profession of faith shall be baptized.
- b. Certificate of transfer, when a person is a member of another Christian church at the time of transfer.
- c. Reaffirmation of faith, for persons previously baptized in the name of the triune God and having publicly professed their faith.

Yoga classes with Nicole Olszyk are Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 in our Fellowship Hall. \$10 per class. Bring a yoga mat, water and an open mind. Yoga is good for your body and good for your soul. Nicole Olszyk (334.695.5448)

## **PRAYERS and HEALTH CONCERNS**

### **HEALTH CONCERNS**

Dan Beouy, Shannon Foy Beouy, Mary Frances Clark,  
Pam Culberson, Gladys Flake, Eddie Hinds, Wes Ludlam,  
Eric Maddox, Jane Nix, Hannah Norton, Jane Pody, Crawford  
Perninci, Leslie Umstadd, Lisa Weaver, Sam Williams

### **WORSHIPERS AT HOME**

Pegge Abraham, Bette Bland, Emma Foy  
Barbara Morrison, Jane Price, Van Smith,  
Bobby and Lanette White

**Prayers and/or Health concerns - please send the  
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### **MISSIONARIES:**

Zamorano family  
(YWAM in Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic)

Charles & Sarah Kaye  
(The Bridge in Granada, Nicaragua)

### **MILITARY SERVICE:**

Reed Burggrabe, Lamar Flowers,  
Brooks Welk, and Taylor Welk

### **NINE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE WITH LIVING WATERS:**

Los Higos, Hatillo, Matagorda, Limonal, Mata de Plantano,  
Los Corrales, Piedra Blanca Abajo, La Quebrada, Pasa Bajito

The deadline for submissions to the February newsletter is Friday,  
January 26<sup>th</sup> at **NOON**.

Contact Barbara Osburn [beosburn33@gmail.com](mailto:beosburn33@gmail.com)

# JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:00 Eufaula Art Scene	3 4:00 PNC 5:15 WOW	4 5:30 Yoga	5	6 8:00 Men's Breakfast
7 Baptism of the Lord 9:15 Worship Committee Meeting 11:00 Worship Service and Ordination of Class of 2020 elders	8 5:30 Yoga	9	10 Noon Prayer Group 4:00 PNC 5:15 WOW	11 5:30 Yoga	12	13
14 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 9:15 Session Meeting 11:00 Worship Service	15 5:30 Yoga	16 6:00 Circle Meeting	17 Noon Prayer Group 4:00 PNC 5:15 WOW 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	18 5:30 Yoga	19	20
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28 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 11:00 Worship Service CENTS-ABILITY collection	29 5:30 Yoga	30	31 Noon Prayer Group 4:00 PNC 5:15 WOW 6:30 Choir Practice			



## ANNIVERSARIES

1<sup>st</sup> – Karen Sterling & Rick Steadham  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – Marian & Fred McWaters  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Callie & Russell Strickland  
 28<sup>th</sup> – Mary & Bobby Dixon, Sr.



## BIRTHDAYS

10<sup>th</sup> – Ann Hawks  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Barbara Morrison  
 12<sup>th</sup> – Wayne Fiquett  
 16<sup>th</sup> – Franke Speak  
 29<sup>th</sup> – Nan Metz  
 31<sup>st</sup> – Beth Townsend

Sunday worship services are televised on Wednesday and Sunday nights at 8:00 pm on Channel 97 with Cable. If you have a flat screen with no cable box, tune in to 115.5. The services are also on Eufaula TV1 YouTube and are broadcast one week after the actual service.