

# PCPC MARCH NEWSLETTER

## Lent with Bonhoeffer



by David Mauldin

This year during Lent we will be reading scripture with Dietrich Bonhoeffer. We will be learning with this martyred German theologian how to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Bonhoeffer remains a fascinating figure and one of my heroes. (I know every person has flaws so any hero will let you down. I believe, however, that we need people to look up to and emulate.)

Lent with Bonhoeffer will feature several components:

- **A sermon series** based on key New Testament passages. Sermons will include some of Bonhoeffer's thoughts on the issues raised in the passages. His life will also be used to illustrate them. Dale and Sandy Larsen wrote a Christian Classics Bible Study for InterVarsity called *Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Costly Grace*. That inspired my series. I used the passages and titles they selected, but the content will be all my own.

- **A Wednesday evening class.** We will read and discuss *Life Together*, a book Bonhoeffer wrote about his underground seminary. Classes meet 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Lower Langill. See the schedule elsewhere in this newsletter. Each week I will speak for 40 minutes, followed by 20 minutes of guided discussion at tables.

- **E-blasts and newsletter articles.**..like this one!

### Why Bonhoeffer?

1. Bonhoeffer knew Jesus and lived his faith. Given the time and place he lived, both these characteristics were so unlikely that we must recognize God's grace at work. Bonhoeffer was educated in the liberal German academy, where the Bible was dissected

but never seen as the living Word of God. He preached and taught in Nazi Germany, where true Christianity was under attack. Standing up for the truth of God's Word was costly.

2. Bonhoeffer was a theologian and pastor who thought deeply about basic questions such as: What is the church? What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? His writing and life help us answer these important questions.

3. He opposed Hitler and the Nazis. When most of the church in Germany was jumping on the Nazi bandwagon, Bonhoeffer stood against them. He provided leadership to the Confessing Church, the part of the church that resisted Hitler. Bonhoeffer later ran a seminary for Confessing Church pastors. He is an inspiration for everyone who resists the spirit of the age.

4. He gave his life for his faith. Shortly before World War II broke out, Bonhoeffer was safe in America and free from Nazi tyranny. But he felt God wanted him to return to Germany to bear faithful witness and share in the suffering of his people. He returned, participated in the failed plot to assassinate Hitler, and was executed in a concentration camp just weeks before it was liberated by the allies.

5. Bonhoeffer had a heart for young people. He often ministered with youth and had a gift for connecting with them. He took over a confirmation class of notoriously rowdy boys, and it became a life-changing experience for many of them (see photo). I think he has something to say to people of every age, but especially young people who face big decisions about life.

## Children's Ministry

by Becky Nicholson

Sunday School is an exciting place to learn about the Patriarchs. We have been studying the book of Genesis chapter by chapter. Right now, we are learning about Jacob and how he came to trust God. The children also memorize Bible verses and receive a gift at the end of every 13 weeks. The Preschool children are taught

by Coral Vanderwiele and Kayla Winterhalter, using Christian Publications material.

On Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., we have been discovering the names of God, and enjoying many different crafts and games. If you would like to volunteer to help, please email me at [becky@palmcitypres.org](mailto:becky@palmcitypres.org).

## BE IN THE KNOW

How can you stay up to date with the latest happenings at PCPC? There are several ways!

- Sign up for weekly e-blasts by calling our church office (772-286-9958) or emailing [janet@palmcitypres.org](mailto:janet@palmcitypres.org).
- Read the newsletter. Our newsletter is posted on our website under "Resources." Hard copies are available in the church office, Sanctuary narthex, HFLC lobby and Langill Hall lobby.
- Visit our website: [palmcitypres.org](http://palmcitypres.org).
- Like us on Facebook. On Facebook you will find previews of the upcoming sermon; photo and video coverage of church events/activities; upcoming events, classes, bible studies and VBS; and inspirational posts.



**PCPC Youth**

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Church



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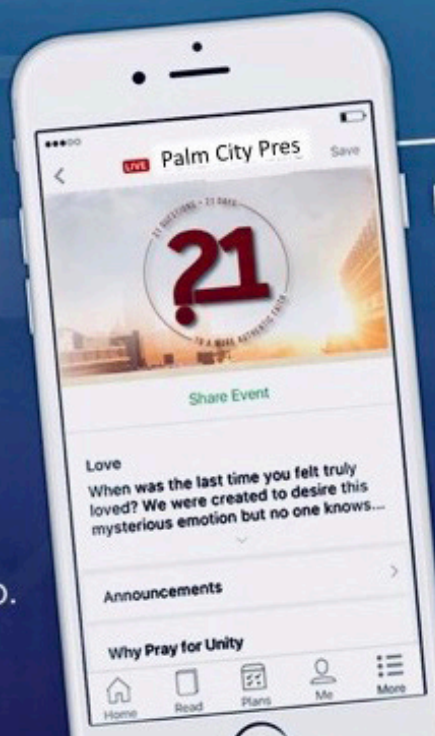
## We're in the Bible App.

- Follow along
- Take notes
- Reference the Bible



Download the latest version of the Bible App.

[www.bible.com/app](http://www.bible.com/app)



## HOW TO FIND US.

- 1) Make sure location settings are 'on'
- 2) Click the 'more' tab
- 3) Select 'events' to

**Palm City Presbyterian Church**



## Florida Presbyterian Pilgrimage

Renew your faith, discover the Father's love for you and His will for your life.

Pilgrimage #14  
 March 28-31, 2019  
 The Retreat at Silver Springs  
 Ocala, Florida

Pilgrimage is three days long, yet the experience LASTS A LIFETIME.

Brochures are available in the display racks located in the church office, Langill Hall, and HFLC.

Visit the website for more details:  
<http://floridapresbyterianpilgrimage.org>

## ANGEL OF THE MONTH

by Janet Sallman

This month we have a “dynamic duo” as our angelic ambassadors. They are both deacons and give double the dose of caring and concern to our members here at PCPC. On Sunday mornings, you will find them greeting you at the door: making a point of introducing themselves to everyone they visit with and making them feel welcome. They make PCPC an enjoyable and pleasant church experience for everyone they meet.

Our angel duo has the gift of hospitality that reaches well beyond our church doors. They also visit church members who are in the hospital and again at home once they are discharged, keeping in touch to make sure all is well and that they are on the road to recovery.

Our angels are lovely people who are a joy to be around, and each has a beautiful Christian heart. Our “dynamic duo” is the team of Miller and Miller—that is Judy and Bill Miller!





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### Why read *Life Together*?

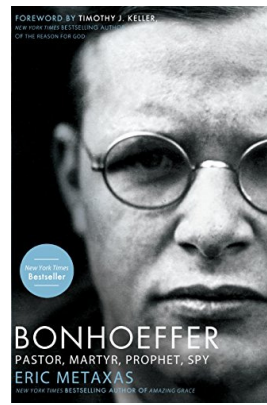
Bonhoeffer earned a doctorate in theology at an early age, and he was always torn between ministry in the church and in the university. It was natural, therefore, given his gifts, that he was asked to head a seminary to train pastors for the Confessing Church. In 1935 he began this work. He organized his seminary in a unique way. At the time, German seminaries focused solely on academics. Bonhoeffer did not, although the curriculum was academically rigorous. The students' day began and ended with worship. Each student meditated on scripture for half an hour alone. Afternoons and evenings featured recreation, such as soccer or table tennis. One rule at the seminary: A brother could not be discussed in his absence. Students were paired with what we might call an accountability partner. Bonhoeffer also gave his students opportunities to preach in churches.

The book *Life Together* is about how to worship and read scripture. It tells us how to get along with other believers and how to correct a brother (or sister) lovingly. It contains gems like this one: "The more isolated a person is, the more destructive will be the power of sin over him, and the more deeply he becomes involved in it, the more disastrous is his isolation" (p. 112).

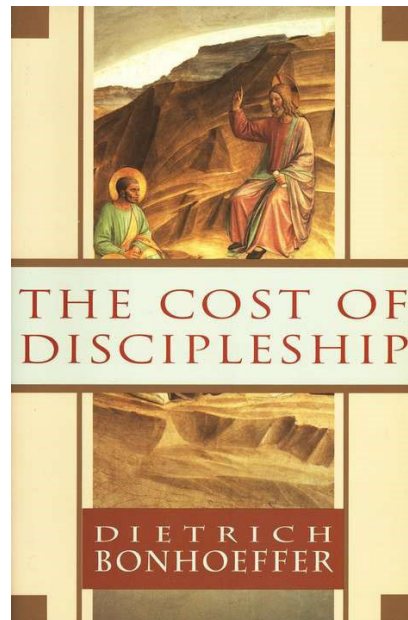
In 1937, the Gestapo shut down Bonhoeffer's seminary. He continued to train pastors in secret, moving from place to place where students worked illegally in churches. He also continued to mentor them through circular letters.

Excited? Want to learn more?

If you want to learn more about Bonhoeffer, I recommend the following resources:

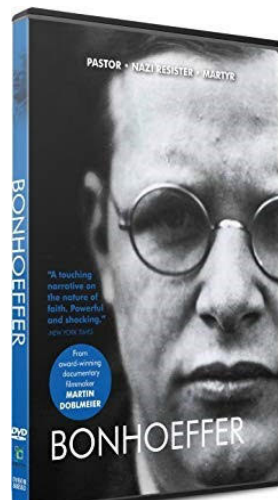


*Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*, by Eric Metaxas. A popular biography that describes Bonhoeffer's life and times. It is also available in abridged and student editions.



*The Cost of Discipleship*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. A classic that has changed many lives. Bonhoeffer described the difference between cheap grace and costly grace. "The only man who has the right to say that he is justified by grace alone is the man who has left all to follow Christ. Such a man knows that the call to discipleship

is a gift of grace and that the call is inseparable from the grace. But those who try to use this grace as a dispensation from following Christ are simply deceiving themselves." (p. 51)



*Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Nazi Resistor, Martyr* (DVD) This documentary is Dove "faith-friendly" for ages 12 and older.

# ART-is-IN



## People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?”

ART IS IN is returning to PCPC to put on another fabulous VBS Drama Camp with our children! Camp will be held daily June 17th - 21st from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$125.00 for the week. (All participants receive a T-shirt. Snacks are included; please bring lunch.) This year's production, "Journey to Tahinoahu," is a musical South Seas adventure about the amazing love of God. Camp participants will put on a free performance for the public on the evening of Friday, June 21st in the Huizenga Family Life Center.

Registration forms are available in our church office and on our website: [www.palmcitypres.org](http://www.palmcitypres.org). Online registration is also available. Space is limited; register as soon as possible.

Please direct questions to our interim Children's Ministry Director, Becky Nicholson.  
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One way to put it is Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
  - ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left, and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
  - ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
  - ... *after* the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”
  - ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
  - ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
  - ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one has been led away.
  - ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
  - ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
  - ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.
- Stephen Ministers are the “After People.” They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed. Open to all, not just PCPC members.

Do not suffer silently; speak to a Stephen Minister or contact the church office at 772-286-9958.

# YOUTH NEWS, Mar. 2019

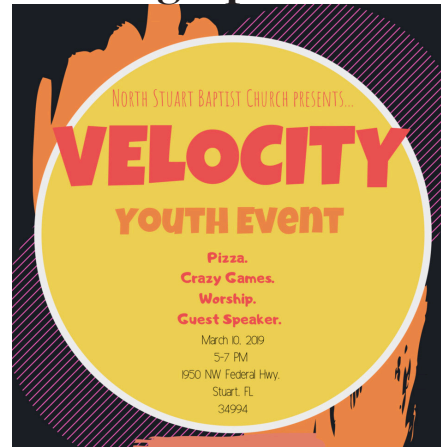
-Jason Pridmore

## Rock the Universe, February 1st-3rd

We had an amazing time at Rock the Universe in its new, cooler season. Thirty of our middle school, high school and college students joined us for a great weekend of fun and fellowship, listening to performances by the Grammy-nominated Christian rock band Skillet, Grammy award-winning hip-hop artist Lecrae, and chart-topping artists Bethel Music, Matthew West, Francesca Battistelli and Crowder. Rock the Universe is now happening in January/February every winter, and we would love for families to consider joining us for this weekend next year. What a great time we had with our students and with some new friends!



## Coming Up:



### Velocity Youth Event, March 10th

To kick off Spring Break, several of the area youth groups and friends are getting together on Sunday, March 10th from 5-7p.m. at North

Stuart Baptist Church for an evening of ecumenical youth fun, crazy games, worship and PIZZA!!!! Guest speaker, Christian apologist, and NY Times best-selling author Charles Martin will share from his new book, *What If It's True?* This will be a wild night, but one you will want your friends to attend with you...especially if they have questions about Christianity...especially if you have questions about Christianity. We will be heading there/meeting there instead of our regularly scheduled High School Youth Group. This is an event for both high school and middle school. If you are interested, need a ride, have more questions, or already know that you are going, please text Jason @ 714-809-5065, so we can get a proper head count for PIZZA. This event is FREE of charge.

### Important Dates:

Wednesday, 3/13 NO Middle School Youth Group (Spring Break)

Sunday, 3/17 NO High School Youth Group (Spring Break)

Middle School Youth Group meets Wednesdays 5:30pm-7pm for games, fun, food, and conversation. High School Youth Group meets Sundays 6-8pm, for all the same as Middle School youth with twice the fun.

In His service and yours,

Jason Pridmore  
Youth Ministry

# The Unaltered Tour, February 6th

Eight of our middle and high school students attended the Unaltered Tour event at First Baptist Church in Jensen Beach on Wednesday, February 6th. It was an enlightening evening filled with funny skits, games, worship, and most importantly a message about purity—purity of our minds, our speech, our actions, our relationships, and our faith. The college students and young adults who put this on shared testimonies and taught from scripture and real-life situations. All eight of our students made commitments to living an “unaltered” life, by living intentionally the way God intends for us all.



For more information regarding ongoing and upcoming youth events and activities:



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the number “81010”

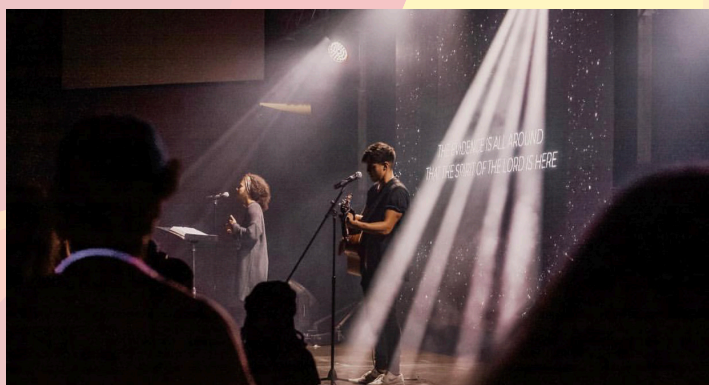


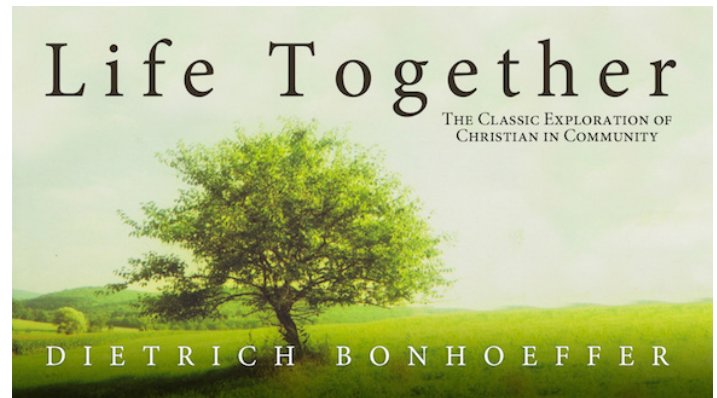
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To connect with Jason or to receive parenting resources and youth updates via email, please contact him directly.  
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Call or Text: (714) 809-5065





## March Prayer Theme: Listening to and Obeying Jesus, Our Shepherd

The Lord, the Psalmist's Shepherd.  
A Psalm of David.

*"The Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, to guide and to shield me], I shall not want. He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still and quiet waters. He refreshes and restores my soul (life); He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the [sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort and console me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You have anointed and refreshed my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, And I shall dwell forever [throughout all my days] in the house and in the presence of the Lord." Psalm 23 (AMP)*

Starting Wednesday, March 13, Pastor David will lead a six-week class on the book *Life Together*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer is the German pastor who was executed for his role in the plot to assassinate Hitler. This book describes how he led an underground seminary in Nazi Germany. It is not simply of historical interest, however. It is about how Christians live together in homes, communities, and churches. Bonhoeffer had studied Christian community in monasteries, seminary dormitories, and churches from Rome to Berlin to Harlem. Both practical and inspiring, this short book is best read in a group.

The book is available in the church office. A suggested donation of \$11 is appreciated. It will also be available at the first class.

The class meets Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00pm in Lower Langill.

Sign up online at [www.palmcitypres.org](http://www.palmcitypres.org)

Reading schedule:

Before March 13—Introduction & Chapter 1

Before March 20—Chapter 2

Before March 27—Chapter 3

Before April 3—Chapter 4

Before April 10—Chapter 5

Before April 17—Chapter 6





# Lent with Bonhoeffer

During Lent this year we will read scripture with Dietrich Bonhoeffer. His life and writings will help us grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. This series is based on an InterVarsity Christian Classics Bible study by Dale and Sandy Larsen.

**Mar 10**  
**Matthew 7:15-29**  
“Who Is a Disciple?”

**Mar 17**  
**Matthew 14:22-23**  
“How Can I Be Good?”

**Mar 24**  
**Philippians 3:7-14**  
“The Cost of Discipleship”

**Mar 31**  
**Romans 5:1-11**  
“Suffering with Patience”

**Apr 7**  
**Romans 12:3-21**  
“Life Together”

**Apr 14**  
**Hebrews 10:19-25**  
“The Source of Happiness”



## Women's Bible Study

Thursdays 9:15 a.m.

This group of women meets Thursday mornings at 9:15 a.m. for a time of fellowship before focusing on the current bible study. Following the teaching, time is set aside for both small group discussion and prayer. This season, Pastor Brad is walking us verse by verse through the book of Romans.



## Men's Bible Study

Thursdays 6:30 a.m.

Led by various leaders, this group of men meets Thursday mornings at 6:30 a.m. to study, share, and learn from the bible. Our current study is a detailed look at Paul's letter to the Romans.



## Adult Sunday School

Sundays 9:45 a.m.

The Sermon on the Mount is perhaps the best-known and most-beloved sermon ever preached. In this sermon, Jesus shows Himself to be the promised King as He announces the kingdom of God and demonstrates its power. In this twelve-lecture series, Dr. Klostreich explains how this sermon equips us to live a kingdom life in a fallen world. Join us as we look at the sermon's teachings on such topics as living counter-culturally, the deeper implications of the law of God, and how the foundational knowledge of God as Father is the cure for all our anxieties.

# March Calendar

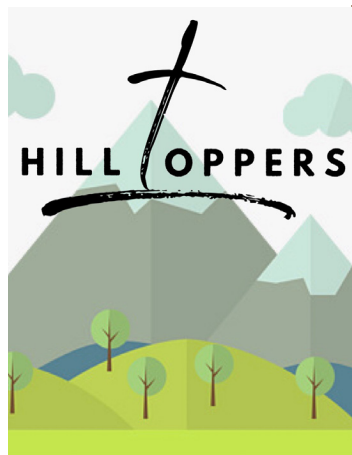
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# PCPC HILLTOPPERS

March 4, 2019

10:00 a.m. in Langill Hall

Join us for our next meeting on March 4th at 10:00 a.m. in Langill Hall. We will begin with a time of fellowship, then hear brief presentations from some of the mission organizations in Martin County that are supported by our church. We are expecting to hear presentations from Good Samaritan Ministries, Refuge Ranch, and The Salvation Army. Join us and bring a friend!



## Birthdays

03/01 Dick Stuart  
 03/02 Abigail Cornea, Dale White  
 03/03 EmilyAdkins, Robert Sonneman  
 03/05 Richard Munn  
 03/06 Alma O'Quinn  
 03/07 Tom Lewis  
 03/08 Alex Thorpe  
 03/09 Brandon LaBar, Linda Sanders  
 03/10 Don Harper  
 03/13 Nicholas Gunn, Jacob Klostreich,  
 Don Metz  
 03/14 Marti MacDonald, Michael Stutzke  
 03/15 Ron Morrow  
 03/16 Bill McIntyre  
 03/17 Spencer Cooke  
 03/18 Brad Klostreich  
 03/19 Marlene Cross, Judy Jackson,  
 Debbie Sahlberg  
 03/20 Dorothy Frey  
 03/21 Fern Randall  
 03/22 Carolyn Hersperger  
 03/25 Melissa Thibodeaux  
 03/26 April Day, Andy Johnson

03/27 Jason Pridmore  
 03/28 Jim Park  
 03/29 Cheryl Burns  
 03/30 Eugene Chenault, Bart Levensgood,  
 Eleanor Wishart  
 03/31 Jon Albright

## Anniversaries

03/01 David & Sharon Coleman  
 03/02 Eric & Jocelyn Olson  
 03/14 Jon & Gloria Gottschalk  
 03/16 Art & Irene Kalpin  
 03/19 George & Jan Eagleson,  
 Matt & Carolyn Livings  
 03/25 Glenn & Debby Hedden  
 03/26 Donnie & Renee Gould  
 03/30 David & Buffy Kadela

**Have something for the next newsletter?** Email it to our editors, Amy Kitchell and Andrea Wood: [newsletter@palmcitypres.org](mailto:newsletter@palmcitypres.org) by the deadline indicated on this newsletter's calendar.



## Worship Times

Traditional  
8:30 Sanctuary  
11:00 Sanctuary

Contemporary  
9:30 HFCL

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