

HOW THE POWER OF THREE HAS INFLUENCED MY LIFE

As I look back at my life, I see how the Power of 3 (God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit) has been an underlying path in my current direction.

I was raised in the Presbyterian faith. My family always went to church, to Sunday school classes, potluck dinners and all of the other functions our church had to offer. As I grew older (and wiser, HA!), like many others I drifted away from church, not from my beliefs but from going to church. I was out living my life. Unfortunately, in many ways that did not turn out the way I intended it to.

When I came back to church, Pastor Peter Dembroski and his family were at Hope. They made me feel so at ease, returning like a prodigal son (daughter). Cynthia Dembroski invited me to go to a retreat at Cedarkirk. Unbeknownst to me, I would encounter my first Power of 3 that weekend. I came with Hope. Members from my previous church (Cypress Lake Presbyterian in Ft. Myers) were there. Members from the church where I grew up in Tampa (Bel Mar Presbyterian) were also there.

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HOPE PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY NEWS

May 5, 2019



HOPE FAMILY RETREAT – We are planning a retreat at Cedarkirk Sunday May 26 - Monday 27 (Memorial Day Weekend). This is a time to spend with church friends: swimming, rocking on the porch or walking in the woods. Come after church on Sunday 26th, for the day, spend the night or come Monday for the day. We are setting up car pools. Pick up the insert for more information. Our goal is 50 people. Can we exceed that?

DAY CAMP - June 3-7: We still need donations towards snacks. We will have 50 people getting two different snacks a day. If you are writing a check please put Day Camp /VBS on it. If you are giving cash, please put it in an envelope labeled Day camp /VBS. Thank you.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) STATUS – Our Ministry Information Form (MIF) became active in the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) on February 27, 2019. Since then we have evaluated 65 candidates and are in the final process of selecting candidates to interview. We plan to complete interviews in the next 2-3 weeks. I will provide an update to the congregation following the interviews.

Bob Reed PNC Chair

"The will of God will not take us where the grace of God cannot sustain us."

Billy Graham

I definitely felt that I was starting to go down the right path, the path that God had put in front of me.

After I became more and more involved at Hope, I noticed a pattern of 3 again. I found myself being asked to become an elder, not one time, not two times, but 3 times. The third time I decided that it would be best for me to accept this new and challenging position, as I did not want God to have to ask me a fourth time.

Every day there is a new opportunity to strengthen my faith and my trust in our Lord. I know that I am truly blessed with the parents I was given and the strength I receive daily from my power of Three: God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit!

The Lord is my strength and my song, he has become my salvation. He is my God and I will praise him.

Exodus 15: 2

Linda Catt Kent, Elder

RENOVATIONS! – We will soon make renovations to the sanctuary interior. This is why some of the wallpaper in the hall has been removed. It is likely that the work will be done in July after Day Camp. We will keep you informed.

OILS OF THE BIBLE – Angie Cozens would like to arrange a presentation of ‘Oils of the Bible’. If you are interested, please indicate on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

PER CAPITA – We are providing an envelope if you would like to help us out with our per capita apportionment. The church will pay \$32.20 per active member. If you would like to cover your share, just put cash or a check in the envelope. Checks should be made out to Hope Presbyterian Church.

YOUNG AT HEART – May 9th meeting will be their last until September. They will be playing Pass the gift, so bring an inexpensive wrapped gift.

CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP

Mon.	05/06	06:00 p.m.	PNC meeting R5
Wed.	05/08	05:00 p.m.	CE meeting R5
		05:45 p.m.	WNA
		06:30 p.m.	Adult, children and youth studies
		07:00 p.m.	Bells practice
		07:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Thur.	05/09	12:00 p.m.	Young at Heart potluck lunch
Sat.	05/011	09:00 a.m.	Men of Hope Breakfast at Mt. Moriah dep. 8:30

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