



## *The Spire*

**Plantation Presbyterian Church  
Plantation, FL      May 2014**

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### ***Message from the Pastor...***

“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:11, 12

The Bible consists of 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New. There are a total of 1,189 chapters, which are then further divided into a total of 31,103 verses. The King James Version of the Bible plays host of 783,137 words. But who’s counting? For some of us, all these words in all these verses, in all these chapters, in all these Bible books, add up to too many pages to read and too many stories to understand and too many teachings to apply. As a result, it’s not atypical for people to take their one Bible and place it on a nice shelf and let it rest in peace.

What if there was a way, however, to combine all the words, merge all the verses, and unite all the chapters and then shrink it down into just five words? If this were possible, then these five words would carry on them the weight and meaning of the whole of God’s word.

It just so happens that there are five words that when put together sum up the thrust of Scripture. They concisely articulate the theme that runs through both Testaments and describes the drama of God in the world since the beginning of time. They encourage and challenge, giving us hope, strength, comfort and instruction, work, and assignment. The first of the five words gives power and the remaining four give purpose. They inform us about God and reveal us to ourselves. If people were to seek a full understanding of these five, linked together words, it would take more than a lifetime. Yet with little or no effort, they can be committed to memory in no time at all.

Are you ready? The five words are: blessed to be a blessing. Anti-climactic? Try chewing on them for a month. In fact, take the first

of the five words 'blessed' and consider it for two weeks. Compare it to what you know about the Bible. What does it reveal to you about God, you, and the people you meet? Give adequate time to consider the four remaining words.

Once you've finished the first month, commit to another two weeks of internal reflections. This should take you through the middle of June. During this time, read passages of Scripture and test the accuracy of these five words. And then make your own external application of these five words, remembering *the first of the five words gives power and the remaining four give purpose.*

Pretty simple? Not really. It seems that these five words have some pretty able competitors. There are the every so popular, "he who dies with the most toys wins" and "live and let live." Others have opted for an alternative five word mantra, "look out for number one" or its six word cousin, "you're not the boss of me." These stand-ins will ultimately trip you up. As popular as they might be, they are inherently at odds with the teaching of the Bible. How can we know? The answer is found and repeated on nearly every page of the text. Give it a try. Give it a read. But be careful. You might just find out how blessed you are and then choose to become a blessing to everyone you meet. And as you do: "May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sunshine warm upon your face. May the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the hollow of His hand."

*God Bless Always, David*



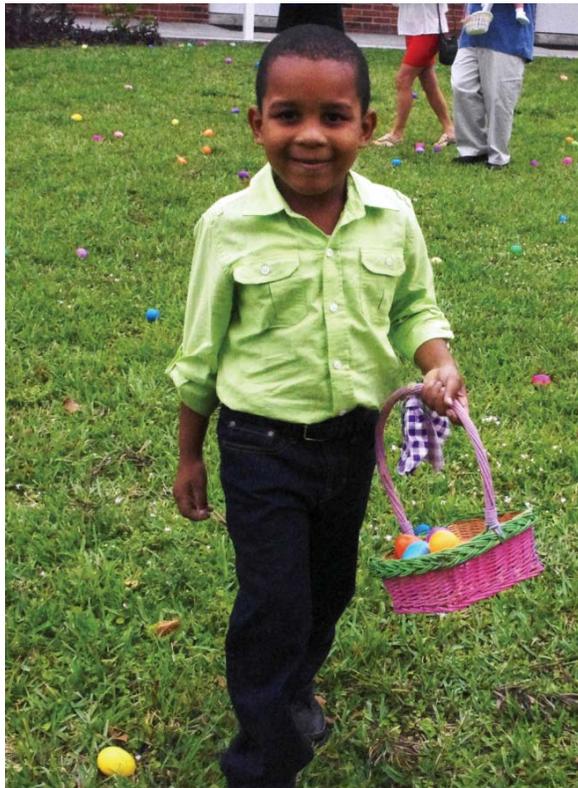
# *Easter Week*



**Paula Smith**



**Brosz Family**





Becky Snyder



Beth Doubleday



Holly Hartman and Presley Branom



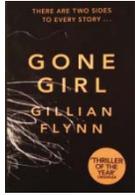
Wyatt Crosby

**Easter Bonnet Winners**

- Best In Show - Becky Snyder
- Most Unusual - Beth Doubleday
- Most Traditional - Claire Will
- Most Beautiful - Leila Arsched
- Best Children's - Kylie Simpson
- Most Wimsical - Holly Hartman
- Best Guy's - Wyatt Crosby



Claire Will



### ***The Proofreaders...***

The book group's next book is *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn. They will be discussing this contemporary thriller novel on Sunday, May 18, 2014, at 6 p.m.

The suspense of this novel comes from the main character, Nick Dunne, and whether he killed his wife, Amy Dunne. Amy Dunne disappears on their fifth wedding anniversary. This is a marriage that has gone terribly wrong. The author created a thriller that will keep the reader guessing at every turn.

Everyone is welcome to attend this evening of discussion and fellowship. For further information contact Beth Doubleday at B5Chicago@aol.com.

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#### **Calendar of Events**

May/June

- 5 Finance Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Mother's Day Tea, 12 noon
- 14 Women's Bible Study Make-up, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Book Club, 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Joint Session/Deacon Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 1 Pot Luck Luncheon to Honor Grads

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### **Birthdays and Anniversaries - May**

- 1 Gisele Brosz, *Ed and Faye West*
- 3 Brianna McLennon
- 8 Lorraine Edewaard, *Ed and Margaret Ayer*
- 9 John and Laura Dunn
- 9 Anna Marie Fletcher
- 10 Sarah Rountree, Jim Unruh
- 12 Jamie Anderson
- 13 Beverly Dalley, *Michael and Ann-Marie Robinson*
- 19 Arlene McMillan, Donna Moorman, *Michael and Marie Berndgen*
- 20 Christopher and Audrey Smith
- 22 Sherry McLennon
- 27 John and Maxine Lennon, Kurt and Christa Newman
- 28 Jason Adams
- 29 Marie Berndgen, Bud Magly



### ***Annual Mother's Day Tea***

The Plantation Presbyterian Women are having their Annual Mothers Day Tea on May 10, 2014 in the Fellowship Hall at 12 Noon. Everyone is encouraged to bring your mother, daughter, or guest. Please bring a luncheon dish to share. Cathy Feeney from the Plantation Historical Society will be speaking on the origins of tea. A reservation form will be in the church

bulletin or you may also call Kathy Guariglio at home (954) 583-0406.



## **Your Graduate!**

Christian Education and Fellowship will be recognizing our graduating Seniors from college, community college, technical school, and high school and any other transition such as elementary to middle school and middle school to high school on June 1. There will be a potluck luncheon to honor everyone immediately following the service. Please complete the form in your Sunday Bulletin so we know who is graduating or contact Rev. David Massey at [revdmassey@bellsouth.net](mailto:revdmassey@bellsouth.net) with all the necessary information about your graduate.



**Pat Roberson recites the Call to Worship on Easter Sunday.**

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