**MUSIC NOTES:**
The traditional spiritual “Give Me Jesus” is a favorite song of Louve-Nia “Mom” Pointer. In 1999, she founded the Great Day Chorale in New York City to perform this song and others like it from her heritage. Mom Pointer and the members of the chorale are convinced that African-Americans survived the cruel, dehumanizing institution of slavery, emerging full of hope and faith, because they had these special songs in their hearts. They believe God turned the evil of the experience into the soaring gift of song. Born out of pain, loneliness and suffering (see Psalm 88) a song like “Give Me Jesus” could be a response to the common tragedy of losing children and other family to the auction block. Pointer says, “If you’ve got Him, you’ve got everything. I think of the many times when ‘dark midnight was my cry, just before the break of day.’ Oh, give me Jesus.”

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**EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES**

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message

Teachers: Nathan Rodewald

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3

Teachers: Melissa Michalk Long & Amy Kemerer

1st & 2nd Grades

Room 16

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 16.

Teachers: Lauren & Jim Warren

3rd-5th Grades

Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.

Teachers: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffre

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message.

Teachers: Barbara Englehart

Middle & High School Christian Education

Join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the “Elements” of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

9:30 AM Youth Room

11:00 AM Youth Room

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: Our focus will be Bible Personalities starting with Nehemiah. If you are interested in leading a discussion of your favorite Bible Personality, please contact Bailey Shields at 727-723-1351 or at bshields4@tampabay.rr.com

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

TODAY: Georgamma Winder is leading the second of three classes on the video/book God’s Story, Your Story. When His Becomes Yours by Max Lucado. This series will inspire us to see how our day-to-day story intersects with God’s epic of everlasting redemption. All are welcome, please plan to attend and join in on our discussion. Don’t forget, we have cookies and coffee.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 &15

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**Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church**

**A Stephen Ministry Church**

**September 21, 2014**

**Psalm 88**

1. LORD, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you.

2. May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry.

3. I am overwhelmed with troubles and my life draws near to death.

4. You have put me in the lowest pit; You have taken from me my closest friends.

5. Your wrath lies heavily on me; your faithfulness in Destruction?

6. You have overwhelmed me with all your waves.

7. Your wrath has swept over me; darkness is my closest friend.

8. You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them.

9. I cry to you for help, LORD; why, LORD, do you reject me and hide your face from me?

10. Do you show your wonders to the dead? Do their spirits rise up and praise you?

11. Is your love declared in the grave, your faithfulness in Destruction?

12. Are your wonders known in the place of darkness, your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?

13. But I cry to you for help, LORD; in the morning my prayer comes before you.

14. Why, LORD, do you reject me and hide your face from me?

15. From my youth I have suffered and been close to death; I have borne your terrors and am in despair.

16. Your wrath has swept over me; your terrors have destroyed me.

17. All day long they surround me like a flood; they have completely engulfed me.

18. You have taken from me friend and neighbor—darkness is my closest friend.

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FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

Justine Ruiz, Director of Children’s Ministry
(8:15 am & 11:00 am: Children’s church is taking a break through August. Children over three may remain with their parents in worship.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER
“Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me” Charles W. Ore

DOXOLOGY—#606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN #463 “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #417 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” SOUTHWELL

*BENEDICTION

“Toccata on LEONI” Michael Burkhardt

(God’s blessing to you.)