

“The Servant’s Heart”

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“for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law...and any commandment is summed up in this word ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ” Romans 13:8-9

CUBA MISSION TRIP SEPTEMBER 17-24, 2019

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SAN NICOLÁS

REGISTRATION ONCE AGAIN NOW OPEN

First Presbyterian will sponsor its second mission trip to Cuba to live at and work in our Covenant relationship Presbyterian Church in San Nicolás. There is NO construction involved on this trip. It is, rather, a trip to build relationship with our sister church in Cuba in fulfillment of the Covenant of Christian Solidarity entered into by our Session on behalf of us and the Session of the Cuban church. There will also be opportunity to visit Old Habana and see its iconic Spanish architecture. Full details about the trip are available from Randy DuVall 757-672-1797.

Although the Administration has announced that new travel restrictions will be imposed on travel to Cuba, it now appears that it will take some months for Treasury to propose implementing regulations. In consultation with Cuba travel experts, the way appears open to proceed with trip planning. We travel under an exemption allowing religious travel to Cuba (31 Code of Federal Regulations §515.566). Travel arrangements made before new regulations are implemented have permitted travel even after the implementation date.

We must have at least **TEN** travelers (Randy makes one) to take advantage of group travel benefits. To procure Cuban government visas, we must submit information to our contact in Cuba by June 15. Time is of the essence.

Please consider joining us on this trip of Christian solidarity to Cuba in September.

HURRICANE FLORENCE DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND RECOVERY

Six men from First Presbyterian worked in New Bern, North Carolina April 29-May 3 repairing homes that had been damaged in the flooding caused by Hurricane Florence last fall. The men were split among three work crews. Work included drywall finishing, installation of flooring and construction of a handicap ramp. The men worked through North Carolina Baptist Disaster Relief alongside other Tidewater volunteers affiliated with Faith Works Coalition, one of recipients of the church’s mission dollars. This effort saw Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians and Roman Catholics come together in a tangible display of faith to help long suffering home owners. While in New Bern, the men ate and slept at Crossroads Baptist Church. Despite a two day hospitalization for Clay Beall unrelated to any construction injury, the group enjoyed a rewarding trip. Thank you to Clay, Blake Norris, Dan Unger, Kevin Merritt, “Paco” Nesbit and Randy DuVall for their service to our neighbors in need “south of the border.”

[Pictured is the team except for Blake.]

