

“A SUPER WEEKEND” FEBRUARY 2008

It's almost here. The countdown has begun. Many people are anxiously waiting for the first weekend in February. Why all of the anticipation and excitement? As you read these opening sentences, you might be thinking about the coming of Super Bowl XLII that will be played on Sunday afternoon, February 3rd, in Arizona. We're told that this will be the most-watched television event of the year. Bob Sullivan, the president of the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee, anticipates 150,000 visitors to Phoenix for the game and all of the events that surround it.

Wait a minute. There is another anticipated event that will take place during the first weekend of February. On Saturday, February 2nd, the Presbytery of Tampa Bay will host its annual Super Saturday for Church Leaders event at the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church in Tampa. Thirty workshops will be offered to leaders of the 78 churches in our presbytery. These workshops cover a wide range of issues that are important to our Christian faith: such as prayer, Bible study, the dynamics of change, spiritual gifts, outreach, worship, and many more.

Each year our church has 20-25 persons attending Super Saturday. Lake Seminole Presbyterian Church has gained the reputation of being an enthusiastic supporter of this annual training event. Everyone who has attended Super Saturday has appreciated its practical, helpful focus.

Our church's support of Super Saturday shows that we take seriously the challenge of growing as disciples of Jesus. In the four gospels, Jesus often takes the opportunity to teach and mold his followers. In Matthew chapter 10, Jesus gives detailed instructions to his disciples before sending them to the surrounding cities. Matthew then gives us this summary,

*“Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples,
he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message
in their cities.” (Matthew 11:1)*

Matthew's brief summary points to the importance of being open to growth and receiving instruction in our Christian faith.

I hope that you will enjoy the upcoming Super Weekend. In the midst of all the hoopla about the Super Bowl in Arizona, don't forget about Super Saturday in Tampa. If you are going to attend this training event, enjoy rubbing shoulders with leaders from other area churches. If you are not going to attend, please pray for our members who will be at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 2nd.

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