



# The Courier

June  
2009

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

*Our Vision: This is the place where you will experience Christ.*



## Come to Crocodile Rock! Vacation Bible School 2009 is here! June 14-18th

Our annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held Sunday through Thursday, June 14th-18th from 6:00-8:45 PM. Thanks to some great donors, we can offer VBS FREE of charge to the first 200 children that preregister by June 13th (otherwise, the cost is \$20/person).

SO ACT NOW and register today for what will be a fun week of food, friendships and Bible activities.

To register, please call the church office at 481-3233.

### Summer Choir Ministry



Summer Choir begins June 14<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who would like to sing with this group during the summer months, please join us in the Music Office on Sunday mornings at 10:30am to learn an easy song and then stay to sing for the 11:00am worship service immediately following!

God love cheerful singers.

(Recommended for high school and up)

Contact: Rachel Carrier for more information

### Calvin's Birthday Celebration

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

ONE SERVICE SUNDAY!

Sunday school at 10:00am

Worship Service at 11:00am

Special guest:

Alfredo Escobar, Guest Artist who will create a painting for CLPC during the Worship Service (Alfredo is Jennifer Rose's husband)

### Voices in Bronze

New Rehearsal Schedule for Summer

We will meet in the Sanctuary on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm, beginning June 25th and continue to practice and ring through the summer. Contact Rachel Carrier for more information.

Dan & Betsy Allen  
762 Sunset Vista Dr.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33919  
239-898-1623

Wayne & Elaine Auman  
1833 Pine Glade Circle  
Ft. Myers, FL 33907  
239-437-8969

Susan Gross  
8512 Colony Trace Dr.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33908  
239-466-8265

Jennifer Krenson  
6777 Winkler Rd. N-177  
Ft. Myers, FL 33919  
239-297-7555

Sam & Leslie McGargle  
5817 Beechwood Trail  
Ft. Myers, FL 33919  
239-418-0667



**WELCOME**  
to Our Newest Members!

David Buerle  
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Please add them to your Church Directory.

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## Staff Musician

Douglas Parker

## Nursery Attendant

Dorothy Thomas

## Clerk of Session

Bobbi Bancroft

## Presbyterian Women Moderator

Carolyn Hornung

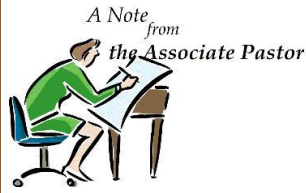
## Moderator of Deacons

Jeni Nance

## Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00 pm

**Editor's Note:** Some articles may be edited for space. Some are left intact by request of their authors.



This is the third installment of what it means to be a member of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church. As a re-cap, the first thing that is required to be a member of CLPC is a belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The second requirement is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. This month we will explore why attendance in worship is a requirement for being a member of CLPC. As Christians our single most important thing that we do is worship God. We were created and commanded to worship God, in fact, the first four of the Ten Commandments gives us clear instruction for worshipping God. Worship really is not about our wants and needs it is about praising and hearing the Word of God. That means that any style of worship is pleasing to God as long as we are coming to God with praise. In our church we have two styles of worship, contemporary and traditional. We do this because we want as many people as possible to experience Christ and having two worship styles includes more people in our worship. While we all have our personal preference, we must remember that God is pleased by what we bring to him in humbleness and praise. The Presbyterian worship service is intentional about having prayer, confession, proclaiming the Word (this includes both scripture reading and the sermon), our response to the Word, and sending back into the world. Members need to attend worship because this is one of the most consistent ways that we learn about who God is and how we are supposed to honor God with the way we live our lives. Attending worship allows us to be in community with God and with others. We need to gather together in order to laugh, cry, share our feelings and support one another. It is through this community of faith that we most often experience the love of God. It is through worship that God experiences our love for God.



The Deacons of CLPC are responsible for providing receptions after funerals or memorial services in Fellowship Hall when requested by the family. We will supply food (usually finger sandwiches, fruit, chips, cookies, beverages) set up, serve, and clean up. Donations for such services are requested, with the money being used to help defray costs.



The Deacons also provide food/meals to our church family as needed during illness and recovery.

If you need any of these services or know someone who does, please contact the church office with your request and they will contact us.

Jeni Nance

## Making a Difference...



Within our lives we all inherently want to make a difference in the world around us. We want our children to grow up to be safe, happy and effective members of the world. We vote on election day, hoping to make a difference in the political process. At work we hope that our jobs will leave the world around us a little better be it in our students (if we teach), in the homes we build (if we are a contractors), in the meals that people eat (if we are in the restaurant business) or in our children (if we are stay at home moms). We all hope to “make a difference.”

Jesus Christ came into the world to make a difference. From the beginning, Christ made a difference, even as a baby, when Magi and shepherds dropped everything to see the Christ child. He made a difference in showing the wonderful power of God by healing and raising people from the dead. He made a difference by giving us a way to be forgiven for our mistakes, right here, right now...no need for a Temple any more! And yes, he made a difference by letting us know that death is NOT the end, but simply a time of transition.

**This month we have a chance to make a REAL difference in the world around us.** Right around the church, within walking distance, are families that are struggling to make a living. Over 1/3 of these families don't know about the love of God nor the love of God's people. They have no hope except in perhaps an unemployment check or a safety net from the government...and often that is not much hope. Their children undoubtedly pick up on the stress and the challenges at home, but we have a chance to make a REAL difference!

Thanks to YOU, we are now postured to provide a free Vacation Bible School for a large number of children. These children will receive a good meal, have lots of fun, make some new friends but most importantly, learn to know that Jesus Christ loves them, and so do we as Christians. **It is time to make a difference!!!**

Some have worried that a few parents or children will not take VBS seriously because it is free. Yep, that is going to happen. Some have said that some of the parents may use us as a free baby sitter. Yep, that too is going to happen. Some have said that many of these children and these families will never join the church. They are entirely correct. But maybe, just maybe, something powerful will happen. Maybe, just maybe, some child will learn that, “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.” Maybe, just maybe, that child will reject the problems of the world and instead, fall in love with God. Maybe, just maybe, that child will survive the turbulent teen years and early adulthood and go on to be a devout Christian. All because of what YOU do this month. Will a few take advantage of us... you betcha, but in return, we will have an opportunity to teach them about the greatest gift of all...Jesus Christ!

VBS time is here. So how can we make a REAL difference in the life of a child now, and for the rest of their lives???

**First...**invite a child to VBS!!! It can be one of your children, a grandchild, a neighbor, ANY child that you know. EVERY child deserves to know that Jesus loves them! And don't forget, they can sign up online at [www.vbs.clpc.us](http://www.vbs.clpc.us). Don't wait for someone else to invite them as God may be using you, not someone else!

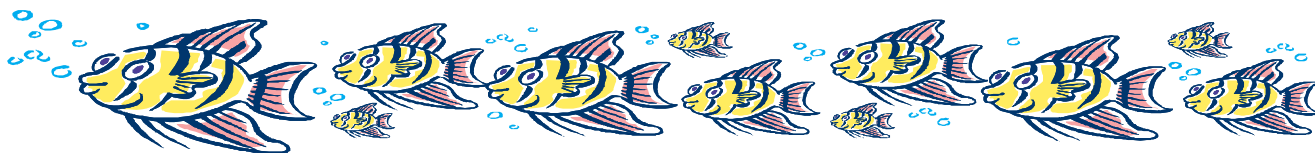
**Second...**volunteer to help. From being a team leader to painting to working in the kitchen to taking pictures, anyone and everyone CAN make a difference!

**Third...**PRAY. Please pray in the weeks leading up to VBS, pray during the week of VBS, and pray after VBS is over (that the children will remember what they have learned).

Make a difference in the LIFE of a child this year, a difference that could impact that child for an eternity. Invite...volunteer...pray. Let us make a REAL difference at CLPC...and the difference begins with you!

Blessings,

*Pastor Clint*





# **A** Anniversary Celebrations

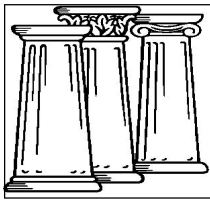
- 3rd John & Amanda Kraus  
6th John & Jennifer Nance  
10th Doug & Tracy Wilson  
11th David & Katherine Welsh  
12th Alex & Helen Kubik  
14th Lee & Edith Schick  
15th George & Dottie Ulman  
Walter & Patricia France  
Skip & Terri Bergmann  
20th Jim & Hannah Miller  
Ken & Mary Burbach  
21st Don & Gerry White  
24th Harold & Audrey Hayward  
Ken & Sara Sneed  
25th Tyler, Sr. & Kay Hill  
26th Tim & Linda Baldwin  
27th Clair & Hazel Robinson  
29th Jim & Marge McFadden  
Harold & Marsha Simones



# **B** Birthday Wishes

- |      |                  |      |                    |
|------|------------------|------|--------------------|
| 1st  | Cheyenne Otto    | 19th | Ariana Bergmann    |
| 3rd  | Terri Bergmann   | 20th | Lee Meyers         |
|      | Sally Fontaine   | 21st | Robert Koehler     |
| 5th  | Elaine Auman     | 23rd | Robin Albright     |
| 7th  | Helen Davis      |      | Amaris Soots       |
|      | Harold Hauger    | 25th | Patricia Thomas    |
| 8th  | Thomas Lovell    |      | Carson Brown       |
| 9th  | Dick Sims        | 27th | Lisa Soots         |
| 10th | Hannah Miller    |      | Larry Johnson, III |
| 12th | Taylor Morrello  | 29th | Barbara Pappalardo |
| 15th | Marilyn Gerhardt | 30th | Sue Herrick        |
| 17th | Joyce Botchford  |      |                    |
|      | Hannah Cho       |      |                    |
| 18th | Gordon Coffman   |      |                    |
|      | Damon Pappalardo |      |                    |

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Service Times</b> 8:00 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Praise Service 10:00 am CE-Sunday Sch. 10:00 am Adult Study 11:00 am Traditional	1 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity 9:30 am Project Linus 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Safe Haven Bd. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	2 7:00 pm Ministry Teams	3 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 6:00 pm VBS Decorating 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	4 11:30 am Safe Haven Graduation	5 <b>Safe Haven Picnic</b> 3:00 pm Organist Practice	6 1:00 pm Organist Practice 2-11 pm Party-Outside Group
7 <b>CLPC Talent Show 4:00 PM</b>	8 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Praise Team Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	9 7:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Martha Circle 12:30 pm Esther Circle 7:00 pm Eve Circle 7:00 pm Session Mtg./Elders & Deacons (Clint's home)	10 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 6:00 pm VBS Decorating 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	11 1:30 pm Safe Haven Movies	12 7:00 am Real Est. Breakfast 10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking 3:00 pm Organist Practice	13 1:00 pm Organist Practice
14 <b>Recognize Sunday School Teachers</b>  <b>SHARE Registration</b>	15 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. <b>Courier Deadline</b> Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	16	17 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel	18	19 10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking 3:00 pm Organist Practice	20 1:00 pm Organist Practice <b>Officer/Leadership Retreat</b> <b>Chapel By The Sea</b> 9:00-1:00 PM
V a c a t i o n B i b l e S c h o o l						
21   <b>Congregational Meeting-12:00 PM</b>	22 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Praise Team Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	23 7:00 pm Session	24 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	25 1:30 pm Safe Haven Movies 6:30 pm Voices in Bronze	26 7:00 am Real Est. Breakfast 10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking 3:00 pm Organist Practice	27 <b>Share Distribution</b> <b>9:00-11:00 am</b> 1:00 pm Organist Practice
28 <b>Calvin's 150th Birthday Celebration</b> <b>One Service—11:00 AM</b> 10:00 am CE (Sunday Sch)  <b>2 Cents a Meal Offering</b>	29 <b>Lifeline Screening</b> <b>8:00-4:00</b> 9:00 am Youth Leadership 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Praise Team Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	30 9:00 am Youth Leadership 7:00 pm Food Pantry Mtg.				



# Elders & Deacons

## Elders

Irene Thiessen  
 Jim Sharpe  
 Doris King  
 Tim Baldwin  
 John Nance  
 Rob Coe  
 Harold Carrier  
 Gordon Coffman  
 Brian Granstra  
 Amanda Kraus  
 Julie McFadden  
 Jim Wray  
 Nate Burley  
 Kirk Charles  
 Ken Kendall  
 Walt France

## Deacons

Dee Cords  
 Jaime Hill  
 Jenifer Nance  
 Hazel Robinson  
 Cathy Young  
 Barbara Pappalardo  
 Michael Sneed  
 Jackie Oestrich  
 Anne Burley  
 Daisy Graf  
 Daniela Valmer

## *MINISTRY TEAMS*

**Commitment To Worship**  
 Chair-Brian Granstra  
 Member-Irene Thiessen  
 Member-Doris King  
 Member-Kirk Charles  
 Support Staff-Rachel Carrier

**Faith Sharing**  
 Chair-Rob Coe  
 Member-Tim Baldwin  
 Member-Jim Wray

**Church & Community**  
 Chair-Harold Carrier  
 Member-Nate Burley  
 Member-Jim Sharpe

**Disciplemaking**  
 Chair-Amanda Kraus  
 Member-Ken Kendall  
 Support Staff-Samantha Keller

**Support**  
 Chair-John Nance  
 Property-Walt France, Jim Wray  
 Treasurer-Mike Scullion  
 Disaster-John Nance  
 Personnel-Jim Wray  
 Building Chair-Rich Meacham, Gordon Coffman  
 Support Staff-Karen May



## **Life Line Screening's Mobile Health Testing Units Are Coming**

Where: Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church  
 When: Monday, June 29, 2009

Life Line Screening is dedicated to helping avert stroke and other complications of cardiovascular disease by providing preventive health screenings. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which can lead to a stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor for heart disease; and a bone density screening used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. A new test is now offered for Atrial Fibrillation--the most common heart arrhythmia--which is attributable to 75,000 strokes annually.

Life Line Screening offers you a way to get high-quality screenings that are accurate, convenient, and inexpensive. Each test takes only 10 minutes and is noninvasive--nothing is put inside your body; a small ultrasound instrument is moved over your neck, stomach, or legs. A board certified physician licensed in your state evaluates the results and you receive a report by mail within three weeks. You are encouraged to review the results with your doctor.

To compliment their ultrasound screenings, Life Line Screening now offers 3 simple finger-stick blood tests to identify risk factors for heart disease, diabetes and liver enzymes. The 3 tests are: Complete Lipid Panel-measures total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and triglycerides; Glucose-blood sugar for diabetes and Liver Enzymes-monitors ALT and AST levels in patients taking certain medications for cholesterol, diabetes and blood pressure. Participants will receive their blood test results at the screening.

The three vascular screenings--Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening and Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries) are priced at \$45 each. A special price package allows you to receive all three vascular screenings for \$119. The Complete Wellness Package which includes the Osteoporosis Screening is offered for \$129. Add the Atrial Fibrillation test to any package for \$20 more. Add the Blood Tests to any package for \$80 more.

**Pre-registration is required. Space is Limited!**

**\*\*Call 1-800-324-1851 to schedule your appointment\*\***



# Presbyterian Women

## PWA Schedule for June-September

Martha Circle meets socially for breakfast every Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. at Bob Evans – Call Pat France at 561-3085 for details.

Esther Circle meets socially for lunch the second Tuesday at 12:00 – Call Doris King at 481-8579 or Irene Thiessen @ 433-4304

Eve Circle meets socially on the second Tuesday at 7:00 PM. Call Barbara Stewart at 481-0863.

Linus Blanket Project continues to meet on the first Monday at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Call Matilda Wilson at 489-3582 or Pat France at 561-3085.

## SHARE 2009



### LAST ORDER

DATE  
June 14th  
July 12th

### PICK-UP

FOR DATE  
June 27th  
July 25th

Last order date is approximately two weeks before distribution day. Last orders are taken in Fellowship Hall on Sunday between 9-11 am.

Pick-Up Date is SHARE Distribution Day. Distribution Day is in Fellowship Hall on Saturdays between 9-11 am.

**\*\*If you are interested in receiving SHARE or helping with the SHARE project, please call the church office.**

Esther Circle will meet June 9th at 12:00 pm at Island Circle Club House. Please call Irene Thiessen for directions at 433-4304.



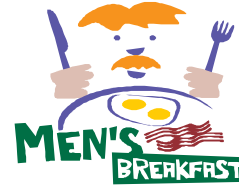
### Chancel Guild

#### June 2009 Schedule

<b>5th</b>	Doris Houston Rebecca Potts	<b>19th</b>	Audrey Wilson Irene Thiessen
<b>12th</b>	Gerry White Hazel Robinson	<b>26th</b>	Jackie Oestriech Dorothy Troy

If you can't work your day, swap with someone or call me. Thanks for your continued help.  
Irene Thiessen, Chancel Guild Dir.

Tuesday  
June 9th



7:00 am in Fellowship Hall

### DOLLARS & CENTS CLPC Operating Funds-Fiscal Year to Date April 30, 2009

	<u>Church</u>	<u>Safe Haven</u>	<u>Total</u>
Income	\$411,406	\$ 115,835	\$527,241
Expense	437,571	129,045	566,616
Income (deficit)	( 26,165)	( 13,210)	( 39,375)
Building Fund Transfers Requested by Donors	62,000		62,000
Net Surplus (deficit)	<u>\$ 35,835</u>	<u>\$ ( 13,210)</u>	<u>\$ 22,625</u>



## Train Up A Child In The Way.....

Proverbs 22:6 states, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." A parent entered my office recently and requested to speak with me. She began by asking me if we taught or talked about Jesus at School. I replied, Yes! She then said, "My son is praying and singing all about Jesus." I was overjoyed and excited to hear that this child, that is enrolled in our three-year old program, was so excited with the teaching of Jesus that he wanted to share them with his family. The excitement must have been written all over my face as I started to put my hands together to applaud. The mother gently, but firmly grabbed my arm and said "It has to stop! It must stop! We are Muslim and we do not speak of Jesus in our home. I have been trying for weeks to stop him." I was speechless for a few moments. When I gathered my thoughts, I explained to her that our curriculum *Wee Learn* is biblically based around the teachings of Christ. Moreover, I reminded her that she enrolled her child into a ministry of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church in which our vision is that this is the place where you will experience "Christ." A special thank you to Mrs. Gale Wray and Pastor Hal Simones for helping the Safe Haven children experience Christ each week during chapel. We Love and Appreciate all of the time, effort and love you have invested in our children.



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