



# The Courier

May  
2009

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

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



## Mark your calendars for VBS 2009!

**June 14 – 18th from 6pm – 8:45pm**

Register online by going to [www.clpc.us](http://www.clpc.us) and clicking on the VBS registration link. Registration forms are also available in the church office. We still need volunteers! If you would like to be a part of this event, please contact Pastor Samantha at the church office.



**Our new summer schedule begins Sunday, May 31st and is as follows:**

- 8:00 AM - Summer Prayer Service (Chapel)
- 9:00 AM - Praise Worship
- 10:00 AM - Christian Education for God's Family
- 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship

### BIG FUNDRAISER- GOLF OUTING- MAY 9TH

**Where:** Cypress Lake Country Club on Winkler Rd.

**When:** Saturday, May 9th, beginning with an exciting putt-off event @ 12:45 SHARP. Shotgun start @ 1 p m.

**Why:** To help offset operating expenses of the church while having a fun time with nice folks.

**How Much:** \$ 100/person includes 18 holes of golf, cart, finger foods afterwards @ a cocktail party, gift bag for each participant, and prizes/awards to those who do outstanding stuff. Beverages will be available for purchase at a reasonable fee. If coming only to the cocktail portion, \$ 25/person is the charge .

**What:** A 4-person scramble/best ball with pairings of your choice. We hope you will invite golfers outside our membership to join your foursome, and then stick around for the SILENT AUCTION portion during the cocktail party that will begin around 5:30 p m and end around 7:30.

**Prizes:** Will be awarded for first, second and third place teams plus closest to the pin on all par 3's. The kick-off putting contest will also get rewarded. Mulligans will be available for purchase with all monies going to CLPC.

**Marketing Support:** We are looking for hole sponsors @ \$ 100 apiece and already have 5 in hand. Can you advertise in the handout pamphlet for this event? Do you have an item that would be appropriate for auction? We have secured weekend getaways, beach condo rentals, sunset boatride, rounds of golf at nearby clubs, private airplane ride for 3, golf lessons, dinners, merchandise, etc. Contact Kirk Charles on any of this.

Contact me directly regarding your golf desires and explanations. Tim Baldwin - 415-2827. Marietta is coordinating the rest of this for other questions at 482-4412



### Proclaiming the Good News!

As Christians we believe that the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is Good News. In the book of Matthew the last thing that Jesus instructs his disciples is to go out and make disciples of all nations. Jesus is telling them to go out and share the Good News. As Christians and especially as members of the church we are to go out and share the Good News of Jesus. That can be done in many different ways. It can be inviting a friend to church, it can be listening to a friend as they go through a hard time and if they are open to the conversation tell them about the hope that Jesus brings. It can be as simple as helping with an Easter egg hunt that brings new families into the church. Whatever we do, we must think about how Jesus is being represented in our words and actions. Here at Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church our vision is, "This is the place where you will experience Christ." How do we as Christians help others to experience Christ? It comes out of our own relationship with Christ which I will address more fully next month. As you go about your life remember to look for opportunities to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, they are all around you.



Pastor Samantha



# Presbyterian Women

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### 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.

## May 2009

4th	1:00 pm	Summer Exe. Board Mtg.
9th	10:30 am	PW Women's Gathering ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> ) Election of 2009-2010 Board Reading of 2009-2010 Budget
	11:15 am	Program-Travelogue: Show & Tell Presenter: PWA Members
	12:00 pm	Luncheon-Hosted by Eve Circle
12th	9:30 am	Martha Circle
	12:30 pm	Esther Circle ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
	7:00 pm	Eve Circle

### DIRECTIONS TO OUR FATHER'S HOUSE

Make a Right onto Believeth Blvd. Keep straight and go through the Green Light, which is Jesus Christ. There, you must turn onto the Bridge of Faith, which is over troubled water.

Now when you get off the bridge, make a Right turn and Keep Straight. You are on the King's Highway - Heaven-bound.

Keep going for three miles: One for the Father, One for the Son, and One for the Holy Spirit.

Then take the Grace Blvd exit. From there, make a Right turn on Gospel Lane. Keep Straight and then make another Right on Prayer Road. As you go on your way, Yield Not to the traffic on Temptation Ave. Also, avoid SIN STREET because it is a DEAD END. Pass up Envy Drive, and Hate Avenue. Also, pass Hypocrisy Street, Gossiping Lane, and Backbiting Blvd.

However, you will have to go down Long-suffering Lane, Persecution Blvd. and Trials and Tribulations Ave, but that's all right, because VICTORY Street is straight ahead! AMEN!

( Author Unknown )



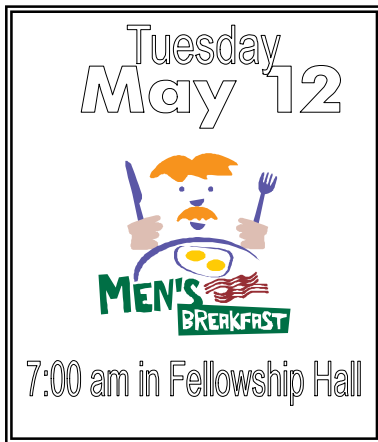
## Chancel Guild

### *May 2009 Schedule*

- 1st** Jackie Oestriech  
Dorothy Troy
- 8th** Doris Houston  
Rebecca Potts
- 15th** Gerry White  
Hazel Robinson
- 22th** Audrey Wilson  
Irene Thiessen
- 29th** 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.



## **A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

May is now upon us and soon school will be out, vacations will begin, and yes, our summer rains will arrive... WOW, we need that rain! But it is May, and one must be careful not to miss a special holiday...Mother's Day! This holiday does not appear in the Bible nor is it a part of our "church liturgical year" but let there be no question, this is a very important day in, and out, of the church!

From the earliest formation of our faith, mom and dad have played an integral role. In the 10 commandments we are not only commanded to honor our parents, but also given a promise that our lives will go well if we do so! Other parts of the Bible will go to great lengths to ensure that parents are honored because, they ARE our parents, and they deserve respect, a special place. Even in his final hours on the cross, Jesus turned to his mother and made sure that she would be cared for by one of the disciples. By the way, the Bible never says we have to fully agree with mom (or dad), but it DOES say we must honor our parents... again, that respect thing! Mom, be it Moses' mom, Jesus' mom Mary, or our mothers, mom is important.

So Mother's Day is GREAT! We set some time aside to honor our mothers and then, in June, we set time aside to honor our fathers. That is all very good, but is that Biblical? The Bible does not call us to honor our parents for just one day, but all of the time. Ahhhh, every day is a day to honor our parents! Okay, but what if our parents have passed away? Do we honor our parents in how we talk about them (or not talk about them)? Do we honor our parents in our actions, doing what is good, avoiding what is wrong? Do we honor our parents by keeping THEIR memories alive in our hearts and in the hearts of our children or grandchildren? The key here is, honoring mom and dad.

Mother's Day and Father's Day is wonderful and needed. Please do take time to honor your parents. But better yet, remember that commandment in Exodus 20:12 and honor mom and dad, 24-7-365, "so that **your** days may be long in the land that the Lord **your** God is giving you!"

Happy Mother's Day!  
*Pastor Clint*

## **SHARE 2009**



**LAST ORDER**  
DATE  
May 17th  
June 14th

**PICK-UP**  
DATE  
May 30th  
June 27th

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.



### **Volunteer Survival Kit**



- A Mars Bar to help you to shoot for the stars.
- Licorice to remind you not to bite off more than you can chew.
- A Starburst for a burst of energy when you think you've had it.
- A Snickers to remind you to take time to laugh.
- A Lifesaver to remind you how important your work is.
- A Hug to remind you that you are special.
- Gum to help you to stick with it.
- And a Bag to help you to keep it all together.

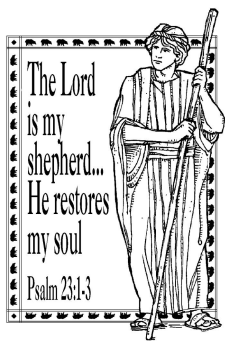
## Anniversary Celebrations

2 <sup>nd</sup>	David & Petra DeBolt
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lowell & Pat Hoffman
13 <sup>th</sup>	John & Candis (Loving) Vechazone
15 <sup>th</sup>	James & Chris Giesecke
16 <sup>th</sup>	Harold & Kay Slusher
17 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Judy Hoschner
21 <sup>st</sup>	Randy & Joan Spear
30 <sup>th</sup>	Robert & Mae Osborne

## Birthday Wishes

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Janet Serpe
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carol Sarosik Larry Scott Carolyn Brose
4 <sup>th</sup>	Caulette Logelin
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel Robinson
6 <sup>th</sup>	William Keehn
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jeannette Scullion Brian Granstra
8 <sup>th</sup>	Philip Serpe
9 <sup>th</sup>	Luke Radcliffe
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanne Gaub Ken Kendall John Kraus
11 <sup>th</sup>	Hawley Botchford Alex Kubik
12 <sup>th</sup>	Dottie Reed Ann Elizabeth Radcliffe
14 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Slusher Nancy Ackroyd James Wray
16 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Hayward James Brady
17 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Moore
18 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Brown Daniela Valmer
19 <sup>th</sup>	Marcia Bruns Bari O'Neill
20 <sup>th</sup>	Gavin Dougherty
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jackie Oestriech
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Joe Meyers
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom Huntington
24 <sup>th</sup>	Devin Masek
26 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Simones
27 <sup>th</sup>	Edith Schick
28 <sup>th</sup>	Nan Read Kurt Daume
29 <sup>th</sup>	Dottie Ulman
30 <sup>th</sup>	Dottie Fleming

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>Service Times</b> 8:00 & 11:00 Traditional 9:30 am Praise Service 9:30 am K4J Kids Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am The Wired Word 12:00 pm Puppets		<h1>MAY</h1>			<b>1</b> 10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking 3:00 pm Organist Practice	<b>2</b> 10-3 pm Lithuanian School 1-4 pm Organist Practice	
<b>3</b> 12:15 New Member Class	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm PW Exe. Board 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Safe Haven Bd. 7:00 pm Master Singers Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm		<b>5</b> 6:15 pm Nominating Comm. Mtg. 7:00 pm Ministry Teams 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting	<b>6</b> 9:00 am PIP 10:30 am Children's Chapel 5:00 pm Rockin Angels 6:45 pm Gloria Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm Voices in Bronze	<b>8</b> 7:00 am Real Estate Bkfst. 10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking 3:00 pm Organist Practice Boy Scout Overnight	<b>9</b> 10-3 pm Lithuanian School 10:30 am PW Gathering 1-4 pm Organist Practice Postal Workers Food Drive Golf Outing-12:45 pm Cypress Lake Country
<b>10</b> <b>Presbyterian Women Sunday</b>  12:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm Nominating Comm. Mtg. 7:00 pm Master Singers Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm			<b>12</b> 7:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Martha Circle 12:30 pm Esther Circle 7:00 pm Eve Circle	<b>13</b> 9:00 am PIP 10:30 am Children's Chapel 5:00 pm Rockin Angels 6:45 pm Gloria Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm Voices in Bronze	<b>15</b> 10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking 3:00 pm Organist Practice <b>COURIER DEADLINE</b>	<b>16</b> 10-12 Rockin Angels 10-3 pm Lithuanian School 1-4 pm Organist Practice
<b>17</b> <b>Last Day of Sunday School</b> 4:00 pm Children's Musical-GPS/Cookie-Punch Reception Following <b>Share Registration</b>	<b>18</b> 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:00 pm Master Singers Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm		<b>19</b> 7:00 pm Session Mtg.	<b>20</b> 9:00 am PIP 10:30 am Children's Chapel 6:45 pm Gloria Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm Voices in Bronze	<b>22</b> 7:00 am Real Estate Bkfst. 10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking 3:00 pm Organist Practice	<b>23</b> 10-3 pm Lithuanian School 1-4 pm Organist Practice
<b>24</b> <b>2 Cents a Meal Offering</b> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <b>31</b> <b>Five on the Fifth</b>	<b>25</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>  <b>Church Office</b> Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm		<b>26</b> 7:00 pm Food Pantry Mtg.	<b>27</b> 9:00 am PIP 10:30 am Children's Chapel 6:45 pm Gloria Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Voices in Bronze	<b>29</b> 10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking 3:00 pm Organist Practice	<b>30</b> 9-11 am Share Distribution 10-3 pm Lithuanian School 1-4 pm Organist Practice



Almost everyone has heard the 23rd Psalm, because it is quoted so very often, especially at funeral services. Many even refer to it as the "Resurrection Psalm." However this beautiful Psalm by David actually Ministers to the living as well! So let us see how this beautiful Psalm by David, actually applies to us each and every day, using both the Old and New Testaments.

### Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

*God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

*(Philippians 4:19)*

**He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,**

*Whether you turn to the right or the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."*  
*(Isaiah 30:21)*

**He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.* *(Psalm 119:105)*

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

*When you pass through the waters, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.* *(Isaiah 43:2)*

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the spiritual realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him before the creation of the World to be holy and blameless in His sight.* *(Ephesians 1:3-4)*

**Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*For God so loved the World that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.* *(John 3:16)*

Finally, know that you are very special to God, and; *the Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with his love, He will rejoice over you with singing. Amen.* *(Zephaniah 3:17)*

Provided by Pastor Allen, God's Minute

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*Thank You...*

*Grover Tharp, the father of Joyce Botchford, passed away at Winkler Court on Saturday morning, April 11, 2009. He visited Cypress Lake many times with Joyce and Hawley. In recent years Grover resided in Ellenville, GA but was brought to Fort Myers last month to be closer to Joyce and her family. The family thanks Pastor Clint and the many friends that have been so kind during this time of transition and grief.*

*Joyce and Hawley Botchford*

**"JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW".....**

The Easter story is a poignant reminder of just how much Jesus does love us! In turn, we are to love one another, helping those less fortunate and be His disciples. As a deacon, I'm presented with numerous opportunities to serve God. It can be baking cookies, making a cheery visit to one of our homebound, serving communion, etc. These are privileges in comparison to the remarkable sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us so that we might have life eternal. It is **almost** unbelievable

but, .....

**"THE BIBLE TELLS US SO!"**

Blessed are those who **believe!**

Gratefully,  
Jackie Oestrich



## Lifeline Screening - June 29th, 2009



Lifeline Screening will be here at CLPC on Monday, June 29th, 2009. They will perform ultrasound tests for stroke/carotid artery blockage, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis risk. These non-invasive screenings are completely painless, take about 10 minutes each and are affordable. A new test is available for Atrial Fibrillation (irregular heartbeat). Screenings are recommended for anyone age 50 and older. Lifeline Screening now offers 3 simple finger-stick blood tests to identify risk factors for heart disease, diabetes and liver enzymes. Space is limited and pre-registration is required by calling 1-800-324-1851. Appointments will fill fast, so make your appointment today-it just may save your life.

**Pre-registration is required. Space is Limited!**  
**\*\*Call 1-800-324-1851 to schedule your appointment\*\***



*She looks well to the ways of her household, and doesn't eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also praises her. Many women do noble things, but you excel them all. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain; but a woman who fears Yahweh, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands! Let her works praise her in the gates! **Proverbs 31:27-31***

### God created mothers.....

They cook dinner, clean fix things, brush my hair, make parties, buys toys, helps me to ride my bike, works on the computer and just loves us.

**Safe Haven Christian School children ages 3-5.**

### CLPC Talent Show

4:00 PM

Sunday, June 7th

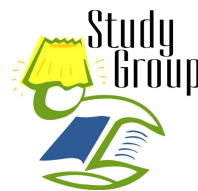


The Food Pantry is looking for a new or "gently" used laptop. Please contact Tom Gralton at 415-3471.

### Rockin Angels Performance Sunday, May 17th, 2009-4:00 PM

"GPS" God's Plan  
of Salvation

Cookie/Punch reception  
will follow



### Don't Know Much about Relationships?

#### New Adult Study Coming!

What is your personality type?  
Why do certain life situations  
affect you the way that they do? Why does your  
boss act the way she does?

Learn about personality types and improve how  
you connect with others, God, and yourself. You'll  
also come away with personalized techniques for  
growing spiritually and strategies for coping with  
the stress in your life and relationships.

Watch your bulletins for more information.

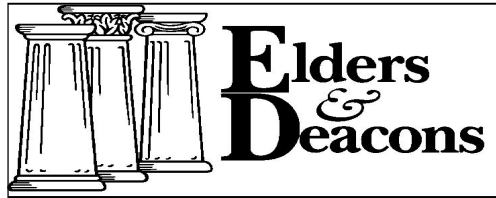
Led by your Parish Associate  
Rev. Ben Keller, M.Div., BCC

Martha Circle will meet on May 12th at the home of Jeanne Gaub with Phyllis Ricketts as Co-Hostess. Please call Jeanne at 454-1608 if you are not going to attend or if you need directions.



### Presbyterian Women Fundraisers Attic Treasure Sale & Spaghetti Dinner

A big thanks for all those who helped and supported these fundraisers. The Attic Treasure Sale raised \$5,383.76 after expenses; the Spaghetti Dinner made \$1,609.09 after expenses. The money we made will go to missions here in Fort Myers and our own church.



### 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