



The Courier

Our Vision: To become known as the Church
where you experience Christ.

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

AUGUST 2009

*Rally Day will be celebrated
on September 13th!!*

*We will have one blended service on Rally
Day at 10:00AM. Program information and
sign-up sheets will be available.*



*Following the service, we will hold our
Annual Church Picnic!
Cookout/Carry-In
Hamburger/Hot Dogs on the grill!
You bring a dish to share!
Games for the kids
Bounce House, Waterslide, Mini
Golf and more. Come join the fun!*



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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.

FORT MYERS PRESBYTERIAN APARTMENTS

1925 VIRGINIA AVENUE

FORT MYERS

332-1050

This is a retirement facility that is sponsored by Peace River Presbytery and accepts Senior Citizens for residency in any of their three types of apartments. Our 16 story facility is right on the Caloosahatchee River just north of the Edison Winter Home. For entrance, you must be 62 years old and have a maximum annual income of \$38,850 for a couple and \$34,000 for a single person.

We do not provide meals, housekeeping or nursing services, but there is a wide range of social, informational, and entertainment programs during each week. A monthly charge can run from \$335.00 up to \$489.36 depending on the type of apartment. This charge includes water, sewer, and trash collection. Electricity, telephone and cable are not included.

Every apartment is equipped with a stove, refrigerator, air conditioner/heater, carpeting and vinyl. Also an emergency call system is in every apartment, and maintenance for all of the appliances is included.

There are several apartments currently available and you can visit by calling 239-332-1050 for an appointment or more information.

DOLLARS & CENTS

CLPC Operating Funds - Fiscal Year End June 30, 2009

	<u>Church</u>	<u>Safe Haven</u>	<u>Total</u>
Income	\$497,995	\$ 136,763	\$634,758
Expense	523,504	146,787	670,291
Income (deficit)	(25,509)	(10,024)	(35,533)
Building Fund Transfers Requested by Donors	62,000		62,000
Net Surplus (deficit)	<u>\$ 36,491</u>	<u>\$ (10,024)</u>	<u>\$ 26,467</u>

Note: This yearend surplus \$26,467 was used to pay off debts from the prior fiscal year (bank loans and money borrowed money from our Special Funds). We need everyone to continue to give generously and continue to give to General Operations money they typically would have given to the Building Fund.

As a pilot and air traffic controller I had the joy of spending a LOT of time looking out the window at the weather. In aviation, as in sailing or boating, the weather can be your best friend or, in a moment's notice, your worst enemy (flying/sailing into a thunderstorm is NOT a wise course of action!!!). As a result the government and the news media employ folks who specialize in nothing but the weather, meteorology, spending their lives studying the skies. They earn graduate degrees, get certified by the National Weather Service or the American Meteorological Society, and gain reputations near and far. But beyond about 24 hours, perhaps 36, weather forecasting is still really an educated guess. Anyone remember hurricane Wilma...it was going to arrive on Monday, then Tuesday, then Wednesday...it finally hit on Sunday. Oh, it HIT, but the timing was anything but exact.



In this world we often get upset when we cannot be exact in knowing something. We want "street level RA-DAR" to show us exactly where the rain will hit, we want traffic to flow smoothly so that we can arrive exactly on time (perhaps even traffic reports on the radio, GPS or cell phone), we want our cell phones to never drop a call, we want airplane flights to be on time, to never lose luggage, to be safe and efficient...in essence, we want to control our environment, the world around us.

But we live in a world where rain comes and goes, often with little warning. We live in a world where flight delays happen, luggage is lost, where doctors run late because of emergencies (or getting caught in the same traffic we were in!!!), and where cold, flu or back pain may happen at the most inopportune times. Ecclesiastes gives some wonderful advice:

9:7 Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for it is now that God favors what you do. 8 Always be clothed in white, and always anoint your head with oil. 9 Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love...10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom. 11 I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all. 12 Moreover, no man knows when his hour will come...(NIV)

In essence, enjoy life now. Life is often in the interruptions, in the things over which we have no control. Consider the friends you can make while waiting in a delayed airplane or the joy in games of Scrabble or Bridge that can be played with your parents, spouse, children or friends during a hurricane or unexpected storm. Life isn't just what happens when we are on time or when we are at our next appointment, life is the gift that God gives us right now!

This August we can certainly pray that the good Lord will keep the hurricanes away, will help traffic to flow smoothly and that everything will go precisely as planned. But just in case something goes awry, may you find the joy of Christ in the interruptions of life, for while we may not be able to control the weather (and many other parts of life), everything is under the watchful eye of the Lord.

Blessings,

Pastor Clint



On August 29th at 5:00 pm there will be an All Youth Party (middle school and high school) hosted by Ryan & Annalhees Elm 9230 Gladiolus Preserve Circle

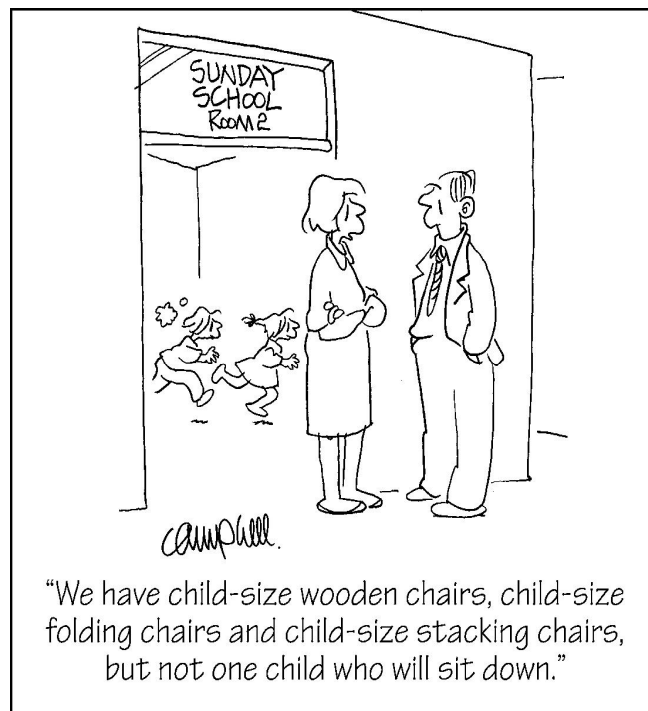
Come join the fun! For more information, see Pastor Samantha

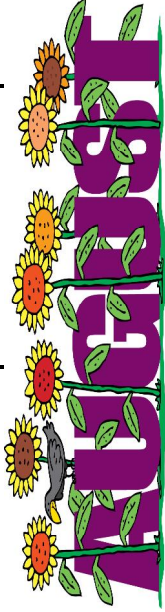
B i r t h d a y s

1st	Mary Book	18th	Sue Beisman
2nd	Lois Siemon Ginger Weber		Helen Louise Lovell
4th	Robert LeSage William Bancroft Dwayne Bruns	19th	Robert Osborne
6th	Henry Milans	20th	Mary Soucek
7th	Bill Stewart Barbara Stewart	21st	Jordan Bergmann
9th	Jordon Juliano Jack Peluso/Rabon	24th	Erin Thomas Marcia McGowan
10th	Gordon Davis	26th	Cash Krenson
12th	Wyatt Geist	27th	Caleb Geist Heron Botchford
13th	Emily Sneed Jeff Radcliffe	28th	June Stewart
15th	Brendan Sheets Kirk Charles	29th	Brenda Sheets Dylan Otto
16th	John Williamson	31st	Michael Weber
17th	Deidra Bradley		

A n n i v e r s a r i e s

2nd Greg & Jodi Waldrop
12th J. Byron & Helen Lovell



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service Times 8:00 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Praise Service 9:15 am Kids Service 10:00 am Christian Ed. 10:00 am Adult Study 11:00 am Traditional Service						1
2	3 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	4	5	6	7	8
10:00 am Reception for Clint 12:30 pm Officer Training		7:00 pm Ministry Teams 7:00 pm Deacons Mtg.	9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 6:30 pm Mom's Group 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	10-2:00 pm Comfort Keepers Mtg. 1:30 pm Safe Haven Movies	10-2:00 pm Comfort Keepers Mtg.	
9	10 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Praise Team Food Pantry 11-1	11	12	13	14	15
Share Registration		7:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Martha Circle 12:00 pm Esther Circle 7:00 pm Eve Circle	9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 6:30 pm Mom's Group 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	1:30 pm Safe Haven Movies	7:00 am Real Est. Breakfast 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal	Kaboners Mystery Hunt - 4:30 pm 5:30 pm Wedding
16	17 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Praise Team Food Pantry 11-1	18	19	20	21	22
		7:00 pm Session Meeting	9:00 am PIP 6:30 pm Mom's Group 7:00 pm Gloria Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts			SHARE Distribution 9:00-11:00 am Presbytery Meeting 9:00-3:00
23	24 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Praise Team Food Pantry 11-1	25	26	27	28	29
Sunday School Teacher Orientation 12:15-12:45 (includes lunch) 2 Cents a Meal Offering		7:00 pm Food Pantry Mtg.	9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 6:30 pm Mom's Group 7:00 pm Pioneer Club Leader 7:00 pm Gloria Choir	1:30 pm Safe Haven Movies	3:00 pm Organist Practice	All Youth Party 5:00 pm 1:00-4:00 Organist Practice
30	31 9-3:00 pm Staff Mtg.-Off Site 6:00 pm Praise Team Food Pantry 11-1					
Five on the Fifth						

August 2009 Schedule

7th Gerry White 14th Audrey Wilson
 Hazel Robinson Irene Thiessen

21st Jackie Oestriech 28th Doris Houston
 Dorothy Troy Rebecca Potts

Please feel free to call me about anything or if you need help. Thanks so much for helping out in our beautiful sanctuary.

Irene Thiessen
 Chancel Guild Dir.



SHARE 2009



LAST ORDER DATE
 August 9th
 September 13th

PICK-UP FOR DATE
 August 22nd
 September 26th

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.**

Tuesday August 11

Men's Breakfast



7:00 am in Fellowship Hall

A NOTICE FOR YOUR MISSION PROGRAM

Greetings from Jim Wilson of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church.

I am a member of the Administrative Council of the Fort Myers Presbyterian Apartments. This is a 16 story high rise on the Caloosahatchee River in the downtown area of the city with 180 apartments. It is controlled by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of the federal government and provides housing for the retired and low income families. HUD reviews our budget each year and they remove our stipend for the Harry Chapin Food Bank so that we would not be able to supplement the food we give to our residents.

Our council is asking if your church or other organization within your church could provide some funds to help this year and next. They use about \$200.00 per month in the supplemental food program. Any funds should be sent to Harry Chapin Food Bank, 3760 Fowler Street, Fort Myers, FL 33901 and marked for use by Fort Myers Presbyterian Apartments.

Thank you for your help and God bless your congregation.

Jim Wilson
 Administrative Council

COMMITMENT TO WORSHIP

Chair - Kirk Charles
 Member - Brian Granstra
 Member - Gavin Dougherty
 Member - Bobbi Bancroft
 Support Staff - Rachel Carrier



Ministry Teams

CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Chair - Harold Carrier
 Member - Nate Burley
 Member - Rob Coe
 Member - Elaine Brock
 Support Staff - Julia Neal

DISCIPLEMAKING

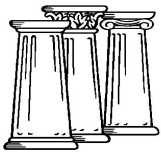
Chair - Ken Kendall
 Member - Amanda Kraus
 Member - Jaime Hill
 Support Staff - Samantha Keller

FAITH SHARING

Chair - Jim Wray
 Member - Tim Baldwin
 Member - Marietta Meacham
 Support Staff - Rachel Carrier

SUPPORT

Chair - John Nance
 Property - Walt France
 Treasurer - Mike Scullion
 Asst. Treasurer - Dolores Warren
 Disaster, Preparedness - John Nance,
 Sandy Wharton, Dolores Warren
 Personnel - Jim Wray, Julie McFadden,
 Sandy Wharton
 Bldg. Chair - Rich Meacham
 Gordon Coffman
 Support Staff - Karen May



Elders & Deacons

Elders

Bobbi Bancroft
 Elaine Brock
 Gavin Dougherty
 Jaime Hill
 Marietta Meacham
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 Rob Coe
 Tim Baldwin
 John Nance
 Harold Carrier
 Gordon Coffman
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 Amanda Kraus
 Julie McFadden
 Jim Wray
 Nate Burley
 Kirk Charles
 Ken Kendall

Deacons

Jenifer Nance
 Hazel Robinson
 Cathy Young
 Daniela Valmer
 Barbara Pappalardo
 Michael Sneed
 Jackie Oestrich
 Anne Burley
 Amy Cottrell
 Eleanor Bartoe
 Bari O'Neill
 Hannah Cho
 Audrey Coe
 Carolyn Scullion

We will resume regular worship service times on Sunday, September 20th.



Worship Schedule

8:00 & 11:00 am Traditional
 9:30 am Praise

FALL SCHEDULE



Regular Sunday School Begins on Sunday, September 20th!

Rockin's Angels will start up again on September 16th at 5:00 pm.

Pioneer Club begins again on Wednesday, September 9th!
 To register, please see Pastor Samantha

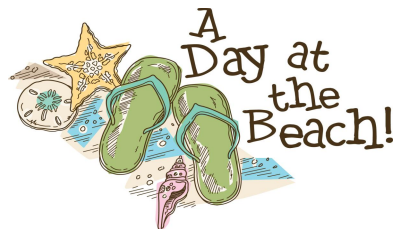
From My Heart To Yours



I woke up at about 6:30 am to use the restroom which is across the hall from Jayde's room (my 11 year old daughter). She appeared to be sound asleep, however when I returned to my bed there was a small lump under the covers I pulled them back and found a small gift basket that contained body wash, hand crème, a bath sponge and a card. Prior to my birthday Jayde insisted on spending a few days with her aunt, or three days Jayde and three of her cousins searched and collected aluminum. They found a total of 388 cans and a few aluminum pans, upon turning them in at the local recycling plant Jayde received a whopping \$4.38. That was coupled with the few dollars she had left from her allowance she went to the dollar tree and purchased my gift. Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!

Julia Neal, Director Safe Haven Christian School

 * Members, friends and staff *
 * of CLPC, *
 * A Special *
 * THANK YOU *
 * I would like to thank every- *
 * one for your prayers, cards *
 * and beautiful flowers. They meant so *
 * much to me and I know they helped me to *
 * have a speedy recovery. *
 * Thank you *
 * Karen *
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A Day at the Beach!

Forgive the inexcusable

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you. This is hard. It is perhaps not so hard to forgive a single injury. But to forgive the incessant provocations of daily life - to keep on forgiving the bossy mother-in-law, the bullying husband, the nagging wife, the selfish daughter, the deceitful son - how can we do it? Only, I think, by remembering where we stand, by meaning our words when we say in our prayers each night, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." We are offered forgiveness on no other terms. To refuse it means to refuse God's mercy for ourselves. There is no hint of exceptions and God means what He says.

-C.S. Lewis