



The Courier

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

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

AUGUST 2011



WORSHIP COMMITTEE services making them more blended. The Commitment to Worship Ministry Team has chosen the following dates as one service Sundays.

Service time will be 10:00 a.m. for all of combined one services.

August 7

September 4, Rally Day

October 30, Kirkin' of the Tartans

December 25, Christmas Day

Reminder that November 20 will be our Thanksgiving

Morning Services and the annual

“Hanging of the Greens” in the evening.

Please write these dates down where you can look at them in the future and we look forward to our church having this time to worship as one Body in Christ!

Intergenerational Studies will begin on Sunday, August 14th. This is a 6 week study on Peacemaking. It will be held at the regular Sunday School hour of 10:10 a.m.



Regular Sunday School will begin on Sunday, October 2nd!

The Bell Choir, Voices in Bronze, begin rehearsals on Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Gloria Choir begin rehearsing on Wednesday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Rockin' Angels will start up again on Wednesday, September 7th at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.



Summer choir sings on August 21st for the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. This is open to anyone in the congregation who would like to sing with this group. Meet in the Music office, located in the Staff office Building next to the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. to learn one piece of music and then we sing at 11:00 a.m. Look forward to some more new faces!

Contact Rachel if you have any questions...
239-481-3233 ext. 24

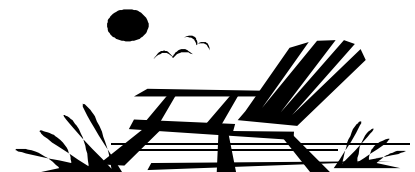
Tuesday August 9

Men's
Breakfast



7:00 am at the Sunflower Cafe

Monday, September 5
Labor Day
Office Closed



WOMEN'S



Martha Circle will meet September 13th at the home of Dee Cords. Call 454-4932 for directions.

Study books on the Beatitudes will be available.

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Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00P.M.

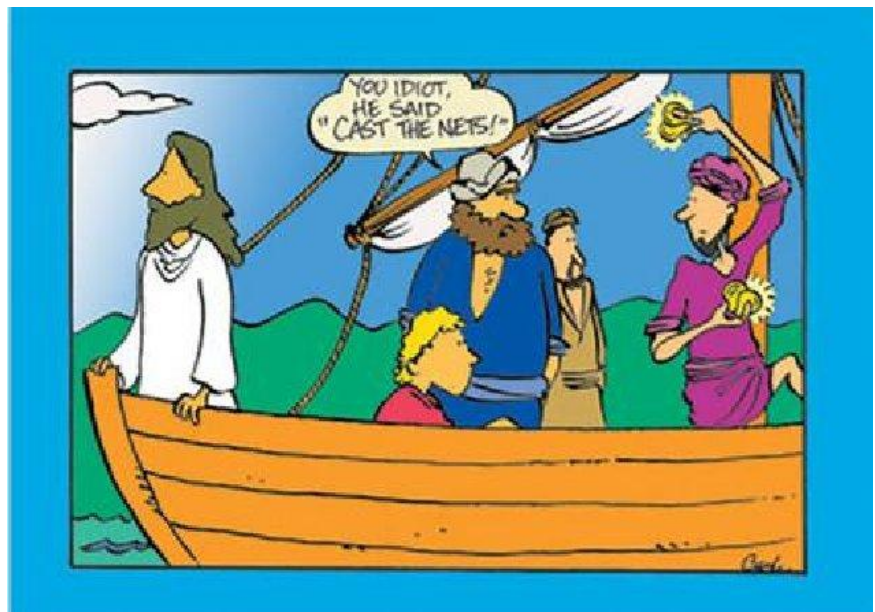
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Gin and other spiritual matters...

"It Takes A Village", is a book probably well-known by most of you. It talks about all the people needed to help a child grow in today's world. Guess what, folks, "It Takes a Village" to help a church grow in today's world also. CLPC **needs** a village...and **YOU ARE THE VILLAGE**. I asked for quite a bit of help for VBS...**AND I GOT IT!** Thank you, thank you, thank you. Once again I am asking "my village" for help. At last night's Ministry Team Meetings it became apparent to me that help was going to be needed at CLPC in various areas to maintain all the great programs we have begun here, and even restart an "oldie but goodie". In the weeks to come you will see a "HUGE" (I know, I know) poster board in the narthex with areas that need "village" help. Some are small and some are **HU**.....oops, very large. Two large ones are Sunday School teachers, and kitchen cooks/workers for Wednesday evening dinners. Some of the SS teachers have switched to other positions and frankly, the "cooks" and cleanup crew are just plain burned out. We also have Fall Festival coming up and the team that usually headed that up has been absorbed by other committees. This means that YOU ALL have to help these committees and not let this fall, ooh...pun not intended, on the shoulders of two or three people. Just like VBS there are many jobs for the Fall Fest that can be done ahead of time, during, and after which do not require being outside, running around, and/or standing for long periods of time. I am counting on my village. Each of you has "God-given" talent and you all at some point in your church life promised, at a baptism, confirmation, or acceptance of new members to help bring up and support children and adults in the nurture of Jesus Christ...in this church or some other. Now's the time...things are going to start happening within the next three weeks. Please be an active part of the "Village of CLPC". You will be given the chance to choose where you'd like to help. Please, please choose something. If you don't see something on the list you like or interests you, see me. I know how to create jobs! Thanks for your continued support in the "Village of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church". Remember, my office door is always open for questions, suggestions, conversation, and 'atta girls. See you 'round the Village!

Miss Ginny



FROM THE PASTOR



Just a few short weeks ago we had a visitor from Guatemala with us, Carolina Velasquez. She helped us at the food pantry, with vacation Bible school, with some home visits and so much more. She saw what we did here at CLPC, we learned a little of what they do there in Guatemala, and together we strengthened the bonds with our sister church. A number of us also just had some good old fashioned fun while Carolina was here.

On July 4, Amy, Christian and I took Carolina up to Busch Gardens for the day. We saw the beautiful flowers, the magnificent animals but there was one big surprise for Carolina, roller coasters. At age 36, Carolina had never ridden a roller coaster before in her life so the FIRST roller coaster that she rode was the newest one in the park, *Cheetah Hunt*. Having NO idea of what she was in for, the coaster left the station and was catapulted from 0 to 70 in 3 seconds, followed by ups and downs, twists and turn and yes, even an inversion. Fortunately, this being a new coaster, the ride was smooth, but oh my, what a ride it was.

When we got off of the ride Carolina was virtually speechless. But then as we began to talk, she mentioned how it is so much work for the coaster to go uphill, what a “grande” view at the top, how fast it comes back down and then how there were more hills and twists and turns. Then, it seems to so quickly come to an end (despite the fact that this is a “long” coaster that is almost a mile in length). It is so incredibly frightening but through it all, there were these HUGE bars that held us in place, making us feel safe and secure (and WOW, are those bars needed!!!).

When I began to reflect on that moment, I could not help but think about the analogy to life. We are born into a busy world and OFF we go (ever watch a 2 year old walk...okay, run???). There is the work to climb the mountains (school, our businesses, raising our families, etc.), there are the incredible views (seeing first steps, a graduation from kindergarten or high school or cool, a wedding, perhaps simply watching the kids wash the dog, promotions at work), there are the free falls (when we have illness or financial problems, when we lose a job, when we fail a class), there are the twists and turns of life (the flat tire on the way to work or church, the delay at the airport, the gum on the bottom of our shoes), so much happens in life...and it goes by so very fast.

But through it all, there was something kept us safe, a safety bar. You see, on the roller coaster the HUGE safety bar came down across our shoulders and laps and wow was it strong, holding us firmly in place. When we went upside down, when we were thrown side to side, when we were going up or going down, that bar held us safe and secure.

In life, we have an incredible safety bar that keeps us safe throughout our roller coaster ride. That bar is none other than God himself. While the writer of the Psalms never rode *Cheetah Hunt*, he knew the concept of the safety of God when he wrote Psalm 46:

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Have a wonderful August and remember, wherever you are on the roller coaster of life, God is holding you safe and secure in the palm of His hand.

Blessings,

Pastor Clint



Never Alone!

He can calm the troubled waters
When you walk in dark despair.
There is hope when you feel helpless
Knowing that the Lord is there...

Sharing in your sunshine moments
Or in valleys deep and wide,
He is always by your side.

There's no other friend so faithful
Through the sunshine and rain,
Through the teardrops and the laughter,
In your joy and in your pain.

We could never, ever thank Him
For His love He gives so free,
Never changing...never ending
Throughout all eternity.

Oh, the wonder of all wonders
As we live from day to day,
Knowing that we have a Father
Who is with us all the way.

Poet, Gertrude B. McClain

Birthdays

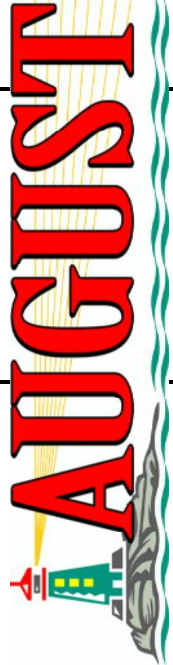
1st	Mary Book	18th	Helen Louise Lovell
2nd	Lois Siemon		Sandra Wharton
	Ginger Weber		Jake Hahn
	Ryan Wisniewski	19th	Robert Osborne
4th	Robert LeSage	20th	Mary Soucek
	William Bancroft	21st	Jordan Bergmann
	Dwayne Bruns	24th	Marcia McGowan
6th	Henry Milans	26th	Cash Krenson
	Douglas Parker		Greta Hughes
7th	Bill Stewart	27th	Caleb Geist
	Barbara Stewart		Heron Botchford
9th	Jordon Juliano	28th	June Stewart
	Jack Peluso/Rabon	29th	Dylan Otto
10th	Gordon Davis	31st	Michael Weber
12th	Wyatt Geist		
13th	Emily Sneed		
	Jeff Radcliffe		
15th	Kirk Charles		
17th	Deidra Bradley		

Anniversaries

2nd	Greg & Jodi Waldrop
12th	J. Byron & Helen Lovell
17th	Al & Jan Gavenda



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service Times 8:00 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Praise Service 9:15 am Kids Service 10:10 am Intergenerational Studies 11:00 am Traditional Service	1 9:30 am Project Linus 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	2 1:00 pm Safe Haven Movie 7:00 pm Ministry Teams	3 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	4 6:00 pm Lutheran Services Class 7:00 pm Bldg. Comm. Mtg.	5 3:00 pm Organist Practice	6 1:00-4:00 Organist Practice
7 One Blended Service 10:00 a.m. Blood Drive 8:15-12:45 Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	8 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	9 7:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Martha Circle 12:00 pm Esther Circle 1:00 pm Safe Haven Movie	10 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	11 6:00 pm Lutheran Services Class 7:00 pm Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 7:00 pm Eve Circle	12 7:00 am Real Estate Breakfast 10:00 am Safe Haven Cooking 3:00 pm Organist Practice	13 1:00-4:00 Organist Practice
14 Intergenerational Study Begins - 10:10 a.m. Youth Bowling 12:50-3:00 pm Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	15 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. COURIER DEADLINE Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	16 7:00 pm Session Meeting 7:00 pm Cypress Lake Homeowners Mtg.	17 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	18 6:00 pm Lutheran Services Class 7:00 pm Bldg. Comm. Mtg.	19 10:00 am Safe Haven Cooking 3:00 pm Organist Practice	20 1:00-4:00 Organist Practice
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28 2 Cents a Meat Offering	29 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm PW Board Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	30 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Food Pantry Mtg.	31 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 7:00 pm Gloria Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts			



Disciplemaking News

Much is happening and much is coming in Christian Education...and it's happening and coming soon.

We are starting **Sunday School August 14th** with a 6-wk. **Intergenerational Study on Peacemaking**. It is called "*Come to the Table*". This means we will all be meeting together for the same study. We will have "Opening Exercises" together, divide into groups for study, and end with a closing prayer. This is for all ages and will occur at 10 AM, between the two services. Guess what, there will be food, coffee, tea, OJ. Please join us in discovering what the Lord has in store for CLPC in 2011-12.

Rally Day will be held on Sunday, Sept. 4th. It too will have food. We will have display boards from every ministry/group in the church. This will give everyone a "glimpse into" the *exciting* programs available at CLPC. The programs will contain "something for everyone"...children of all ages. Since there will be only one service that day the info (and food) will be available before and after the service. Please join us in discovering what the Lord has in store for CLPC in 2011-12.



Puppet Ministry is BACK! This ministry has changed slightly, and will be an intergenerational team. Don't know about food. That means that **any** adult who wants to have fun... under the guise of anonymity...is very, very welcome. See the info on the fliers coming and on the board on Rally Day.



Sunday School as we all know it (classes for each age group) will begin Sunday, Oct. 2nd and will continue throughout the year with occasional interruptions for special Sundays, our Seasonal Celebrations, etc. We will let you know what is being taught, who is being taught, where they are going to be taught, and "hopefully", who will be doing the teaching on the board on Rally Day. Food **may** be available.



Got the picture? We want you to participate! We want you to discover what the Lord has planned for you and CLPC. Do you notice the theme? "Where two or three are gathered, take an offering...and...**have food!**" The Disciplemaking Team looks forward to seeing all ages, sizes, interests, abilities, married, with or without family, single, etc. at our Peace-making Study on August 14th at 10 am.

August 2011 Schedule

5th Irene Thiessen Betty Schaarschuch	12th Audrey Wilson Irene Thiessen
19th Jackie Oestriech Dorothy Troy	26th Doris Houston 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.



FOOD PANTRY'S THIRD ANNIVERSARY

It was three years ago that the South Fort Myers Food Pantry Coalition came into existence.

Looking back to 2008, during that first six months of operation, the Pantry served 3,515 people. In comparison, during the first six months of this year, 2011, the number grew to 8,016; and, as of July 11, 2011, the total number of people served during the past three years has reached 38,261.

The Food Pantry is growing, growing, growing!

As we enter our fourth year of operation, plans for expanding the Pantry facilities are currently in progress with the building of the new addition to Fellowship Hall at CLPC.

So, thank you very much and Happy Anniversary to all you wonderful volunteers. It is your generosity and dedication that has made the South Fort Myers Food Pantry a real Christian endeavor.



Blessings,
Elly Bartoe, Deacon CLPC



PLEDGED CONTRIBUTIONS



Fiscal year

2011-2012	145 pledges	\$327,315	(budgeted amount \$335,000)
2010-2011	154 pledges	\$330,813	(actual received \$310,772)
2009-2010	163 pledges	\$345,639	(actual received \$328,266)

Note that throughout the fiscal year, new/additional pledges are typically received and are included in both the 2010-11 and 2009-10 fiscal year numbers and will be added to the 2011-12 fiscal year as they occur

OPERATIONS

Fiscal year July 1 - June 30

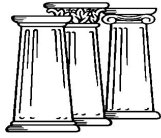
	<u>2010-11</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>2010-11</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>2011-12</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
<u>CHURCH</u>			
Giving Income	\$422,320	\$450,000	\$455,350
Expenses	\$477,739	\$487,373	\$447,595**
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Net Operation Income (deficit)	(\$ 55,419)	(\$ 37,373)	\$ 7,755
<u>SAFE HAVEN</u>			
Income	\$100,149	\$109,142	\$112,400
Expense	\$101,664	\$113,489	\$112,024
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Net Save Haven Income	(\$ 1,515)	(\$ 4,347)	\$ 376
Combined Net Income (deficit)	(\$ 56,934)	(\$ 41,720)	\$ 8,131**
Building Fund Transfer	\$ 41,720*		
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TOTAL NET INCOME	(\$ 15,214)	(\$ 41,720)	\$ 8,131**

* Income re-designated (at donor request) from Building Fund

**Excludes potential \$26,608 in Assoc. Pastor severance pay

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Many at Cypress Lake are utilizing the electronic giving option when making their contributions. For example, in the month of June, twenty donors contributed over \$6,000! This accounted for approximately 25% of the total giving. Based on this, we believe the program is a success. Could it be better? Sure, if more people would utilize this service, their contributions would be uninterrupted when they are on vacation or "up north" and the drop in income that occurs during the summer months would be reduced. We should all realize that the operational expenses of the Church continue year round. Not signed up? Visit the CLPC web site (www.clpc.us) and click on "Donations" or pick up a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



Elders & Deacons

Elders

Bobbi Bancroft
 Gavin Dougherty
 Jaime Hill
 Marietta Meacham
 Dolores Warren
 Sandy Wharton
 Rob Coe
 Gordon Coffman
 Brian Granstra
 Karen Grabia
 Ken VanSwearingen
 Dee Jordan
 Sarah Oteni
 Bob O'Neill
 Tom Huntington

Deacons

Cathy Andersen
 Barbara Pappalardo
 Amy Cottrell
 Eleanor Bartoe
 Bari O'Neill
 Hannah Cho
 Audrey Coe
 Betty Ann Kelly
 Leslie McGargle
 Lisa Kendall
 Rob Peters
 Cheyenne Otto
 Betty Schaarschuch
 Skip Webster

COMMITMENT TO WORSHIP

Chair - Dee Jordan
 Member - Brian Granstra
 Member - Gavin Dougherty
 Member - Bobbi Bancroft
 Member - Marietta Meacham
 Support Staff - Rachel Carrier



CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Chair - Rob Coe
 Member - Ken VanSwearingen
 Member - Tom Huntington
 Support Staff - Julia Neal

DISCIPLEMAKING

Chair - Jaime Hill
 Member - Sarah Oteni
 Member - Karen Grabia
 Support Staff - Ginny Canning

SUPPORT

Chair - Gordon Coffman
 Member - Bob O'Neill
 Property - Jim Wray, Walt France, Rich Meacham
 Treasurer - Rich Meacham (Interim)
 Asst. Treasurer - Dolores Warren
 Disaster, Preparedness - Sandy Wharton, Dolores Warren
 Personnel - Jim Wray, Sandy Wharton, Julie McFadden
 Bldg. Chair - Rich Meacham, Gordon Coffman
 Support Staff - Karen May

Ministry Teams meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center. All are welcome to attend these meetings.