



The Courier

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

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

February 2012

CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ATTIC TREASURE SALE



Attic Treasure Sale

Start to clean out your closets and the garage for articles that we can sell. The trailer is here and will be open each Saturday during January and February from 9 A.M. to noon and Sunday during church. We will collect household items, electrical appliances, toys (with all parts), baby items, furniture, jewelry, sporting goods, books, linens, baskets, dishes, and tools. All must be in working order and clean. Due to the reduced space that will be available, we will not accept any clothing or Christmas items. For large items, call Matilda Wilson at 489-3582 to arrange pickup on Saturday, February 25th ONLY.

THE SALE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD FROM 7 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Spreading Little Bits of Joy



Joy Brownell is one of two high school student volunteers here at Safe Haven. Joy's first experience with Safe Haven began about 8 years ago when she was enrolled into the Mom's Morning-Out Program with Ms. Maria. Joy was with us from age 3-9.

I had the pleasure of working with Joy when she entered our after school program.

One of my fondest memories of Joy was her introduction to me. "I am Joy-Rose", you may e-mail me any time at littlestankerjoy@juno.com. From that point on, she became affectionately known to me as "Little Stanker." A few months ago, I got a very "professional" and a more grown-up e-mail address from Joy with a request to complete her high school volunteer hours at Safe Haven. A couple of weeks ago I returned to my office, after relieving the teachers breaks, to find at least 40 post-its covering the surfaces of my desk. Admittedly, my first thought was "Oh she is in major trouble". However, as I began to really read the messages, I began to smile. On each post-it, Joy drew a heart or wrote the following comments: "I Love Joy", "Joy is my Fav", "Joy is the best." I then saw the post-its as her way of letting me know that she feels loved. Gone is the time where I can pick her up and cuddle her on my lap, (or is it?). With Valentines Day fast approaching, I will be on the hunt to find an extra special valentine for my "Joy Rose".



The Wild West Adventures of NEHI JONES

A dinner theater comedy by Helen Jameson

Admission price is small, the food will be wonderful, and the setting is the Wild West. All who enter are requested to wear a piece of the Wild West; such as, a cowboy hat, cowgirl hat, a bandana, chaps, kerchief.

Of course, bring an enormous appetite for food and help us save the remaining walls of Fort Judah!

There will be only one seating for vittles and this show on Sunday afternoon, March 11th, at 4p.m. in the Youth Center!



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Church Office Hours

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

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



Presbyterian Women

February 2012

6 th	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Project Linus Blanket Work Day Executive Board Meeting
9 th	7:00 pm	Eve Circle
11 th	9:00 am	Peace River Presbyterian Women Annual Gathering Host: First Presbyterian, Naples
14 th	9:30 am 12:30 pm	Martha Circle Esther Circle (<i>Youth Center</i>)
18 th	10:30 am	Presbyterian Women Gathering (<i>Youth Center</i>) 11:15 am Program-Al Smith, Gemologist 12:00 pm Luncheon-Hosted by Martha Circle
27-2 nd	9:00 am-??	Attic Treasure Sale Set-up
3/3	7:00-1:00 pm	Attic Treasure Sale



The next New Member Orientation and Luncheon will be March 4, 2012. The class will start after the 11 a.m. celebration of worship. Call the church office at 481-3233 to sign up or email the church at mail@clpc.us.



Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be Sunday, February 5th from 8:15-12:45 pm.

Please call Tim Baldwin for an appointment at 415-2827. Give the gift of Life!!



FROM THE



PASTOR

Well it is has finally happened, construction is under way! Trees have been removed, the fence around the playground has been changed, the food pantry has been relocated, sheds have been moved, the gas has been shut off to the fellowship hall...in short, work is happening! YAHOO!

What now? Well, to be honest, a real mess! Parts of the campus will be blocked off for months, no fellowship hall (which means no large meals cooked on campus), we will be using other space more often (sometime bumping into one another a little bit), there will be noise, noise, noise (did I mention noise???), there will be celebrations when things go WELL and there will undoubtedly be someone who will get angry when something didn't go their way. In short, construction can be messy!

Wow...what a metaphor for all of life. We plan, we go to school or college, we get married and have children, we "BUILD" our families. At times we have a lot to celebrate such as a wedding or birth of a child, perhaps a graduation or job promotion or new house. At other times we have a real mess such as children failing a class or getting into trouble at school or with law enforcement, sometimes we have family arguments or even a divorce, sometimes we have unexpected illnesses or deaths. We "BUILD" our lives and like our fellowship hall expansion, our lives are "under construction."

But what will make our fellowship hall expansion successful? Not just good planning, but a good foundation. There is a fiscal foundation (having enough money to pay for the work) and the physical foundation (the part that holds up everything else). Without those foundations, even if we have the best of plans and best of intentions, the building is doomed to collapse.

The same applies to our lives. What (who) is our foundation? If we "BUILD" our lives based on our health, we will meet collapse (early or later in life). If we "BUILD" our lives on materialism and things, it is as safe as the next "Charlie" or stock market crash. If we "BUILD" our lives even on one another, it is only as safe as an argument or divorce. But if we "BUILD" our lives on the love of God through Christ, whatever storm may come, the foundation will hold us up. Sure, we will still have difficulty, but we will be better prepared to weather the storm and mess that comes with life.

Jesus tells the story of, "A man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete." Luke 6:48-49

As we go through the construction of the new fellowship hall and food pantry, please be patient with the mess! Construction in progress! But as we go through life, please pardon the mess that we might see in ourselves and in others after all, we are construction in progress...and oh yes, make sure that as you build your life you erect it on the foundation of Jesus Christ!!!

Blessings,

Pastor Clint

Investment Committee Update

1st Half Fiscal Year 2011-12

As was agreed to during the 2011-12 Investment-Stewardship Campaign, financial data is being shared on a quarterly basis.

YTD December 31, 2011

CLPC Financial Data

Income	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledged	\$161,053	\$168,000
Non Pledged (Faith)	51,921	53,000
Miscellaneous	2,400	7,000
Total Income	\$215,373	\$228,000
Operational Expense	<u>\$222,816</u>	<u>\$224,000</u>
Net Operational Income	\$ (7,442)	\$ 4,000
<u>Other CLPC Expense</u>		
Severance Pay	\$ (14,992)	\$(27,000)
<u>Safe Haven</u>		
Income	\$ 38,373	\$ 56,000
Expense	<u>60,903</u>	<u>56,000</u>
Net S. H. Income (loss)	(22,530)	0
Total CLPC Income (loss)	\$(44,464)	\$(23,000)

Noteworthy:

For fiscal year 2011-12, there were 143 Pledges totaling \$326,000. This compares to the budgeted amount of \$335,000 (the budget was completed before the pledging period ended and anticipated pledges were included). Pledged Income is 73% of income budget.

Budget allocations are done on a straight line basis, while actual Income & Expense vary by the event/need/season.

Church Operations

Income is less than anticipated (budgeted). This shortage is associated with lower donations, loss of rental income and timing on interest. While this should improve with "season", at year end it still is expected to be less than budgeted.

Expenses are under budget and should continue so.

Income for the Assoc. Pastor severance payment was not budgeted. Additional money is needed to cover the \$14,992

There is \$10,000 debt from last year that has not been addressed.

The \$ loss of Safe Haven (a mission of CLPC) is associated with income from the State not received. This issue has finally been resolved and will be financially rectified by the end of the fiscal year. It is anticipated that they will break even by fiscal year end June 30, 2012.

Upcoming Events



CALENDAR-----CALENDAR!!

Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 7th

Vacation Bible School—June 11th-June 15th

GIN... and other "spiritual" matters.

Happy Valentine's Day, Happy Presidents' Day, Happy Birthday to all that have a birthday on the 29th (Leap Yr., ya' know), and "Happy" Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. This means that Lent is coming. What is Lent? It is the 6 weeks before Maundy Thursday. It is generally thought of as a "contemplative time" before the Last Supper, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. I think it may be a good time for a Bible study over lunch. How about we start meeting on Ash Wednesday at 11:30-1:00 in the Chapel. We'll all bring a bag lunch and then "break bread" and study together. What shall we study...very good question? If you have any suggestions (topics), let me know...your ideas are as good as mine. I will also look for a Lenten study that I think all will enjoy.

Education never stops. Don't think that the Lunch Bag Bible Study (LBBS) takes the place of Sunday School. NOT TRUE!!! You can't skip Karen's class just because you come to LBBS. When you stop learning, you become stagnant and sometimes boring. You all know how I feel about adult education. We all still need it! I don't think any of us can get too much Christian Education (children or adults). It is the basis of our faith journey. You can't go on a successful, enjoyable journey if you don't have a background of where you are going, direction on how to get there, and what to expect when you arrive. Let's journey together (and eat while we do it). See you on the 22nd. If you could let me or the office know you are coming, it would help in setting up tables and chairs.

Ginny Canning



Christian Education Current Events

SUNDAY SCHOOL

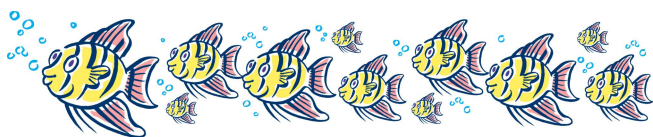
Hooray!! We have a Sunday School teacher for the preschool class. Marcia Bruns is back from Colorado and is teaching until June. We still have big needs...we had one teacher out on Sunday due to illness and Miss Ginny had all three classes. Not a real pretty sight...but God and the Holy Spirit and the teen class helped us get through it. Pre-school through high school just doesn't work! We really, really need at least one more teacher. **PLEASE HELP!!**



Ginny Canning

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

We started up again on January 11th and had a smaller than normal elementary group, but a really fantastic turn out of Middle and High Schoolers. Angels Rock and the Youth Group begin at 5:30; dinner for everyone at 6:00; programs for elementary and youth continue at 6:30 ending at 7:30. The elementary children will be studying the Parables of Jesus.

Ginny Canning



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Celebration Times 8:00 am Prayer Celebration 9:00 am Praise Celebration 9:15 am Kids Worship 10:10 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Celebration			1 9:00 am PIP 10:15 am Children's Chapel 5:30 pm Youth Group 5:30 pm Angels Rock! 6:00 pm WW-Children's Program 7:00 pm Gloria Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	2 1-4 pm Organist Practice 7:00 pm Building Committee	3 3-6 pm Organist Practice	4 Holy Cow Survey Planning Retreat 9:00-12:00
5 Youth Car Wash 8:00-12:30 Blood Drive 8:15-12:45 12:45 pm Puppet Rehearsal	6 9:30 am Project Linus 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm PW Board Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	7 9:30 am Safe Haven Class 6:00 pm Voices in Bronze 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Cypress Lake Homeowners Assoc. 7:00 pm Ministry Teams Mtg.	8 9:00 am PIP 10:15 am Children's Chapel 5:30 pm Youth Group 5:30 pm Angels Rock! 6:00 pm WW-Children's Program 7:00 pm Gloria Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	9 1-4 pm Organist Practice 7:00 pm Building Committee 7:00 pm Eve Circle	10 7:00 am Real Est. Bkfst. 3-6 pm Organist Practice	11
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ATTIC TREASURE SALE SET-UP						

Birthday Celebrations

- 3rd Joseph Gross
- 6th Michael Scullion
Emily Logelin
- 7th Diane Jordan
- 8th Clara Davis
- 9th Griffin Peters
- 11th Heather Miles
- 12th Betty Ann Kelly
- 13th Judy Hoschner
Kevin McFadden
- 16th Ken Sneed
Cody Waldrop
- 18th Rod Herrick
Jay Giesecke
- 19th Harry J. Warren
William Conner
- 20th Muriel Meszaros
- 21st Harold Riser
Nate Burley
- 22nd Daisy Graf
Ronnie Wisniewski, Jr.
- 23rd Ethan Peters
- 25th Amanda Kraus
Zachary Wilson
- 27th Juanda Galberach
Hewitt McCloskey, Jr.
- 28th Katherine Burley

Anniversary Celebrations

- 12th Donnie & Tracy Miles
- 16th James & Gale Wray
- 19th James & Jackie Oestrich
Dwayne & Marcia Bruns
- 22nd Marvin & Lynne Birdt

Angels



Rock!

Angels Rock News!!!

We are still looking for more members in this children's choir. January began the work on new pieces to sing and also on our new musical that includes four Praise Songs! We are teaching the children how to sing, memorize act for the Lord and to learn how to use their wonderful gifts in Worship to God. Remember; they do not drive a car just yet and really need help in transportation to their rehearsals, so parents and helpers, mark this day and time on your calendars!

Practice is on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:00pm in the church Music Office and the directors are Rachel Carrier, Pam Simones, and Stacia Kiss.

Call for more information:
239-481-3233, ext. 24



CLPC Family,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the kindness that was extended to me while I was in the hospital. The cards, the visitors, the calls and most of all the prayers meant so much.

Bobbi Bancroft

CLPC Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Pastor Clint and my CLPC family of friends for the many cards, visits, calls and prayers received during my recent illness. What a blessing it is to be part of this caring congregation.

Doris Houston

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers you sent during my illness. Thanks also for all your prayers and good wishes. Please keep the prayers coming as recovery is slow. Thanks again for all of your support.

Debbie Wingerson

YOUTH CAR WASH FEBRUARY 5TH

8:00 A.M.—12:30 P.M.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

MONIES GO TO
MISSION &
YOUTH GROUP
ACTIVITIES



CHOIR in desperate need of Bass,
Baritones/Altos and First Sopranos.



Interested parties,
please contact
Rachel Carrier at
481-3233x24.



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 Otenti
 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
 Cheyenne Otto
 Betty Schaarschuch
 Skip Webster



Refocus for Lent

- Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
- Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
- Give up worry — trust God to provide.
- Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred — return good for evil.
- Give up anger — be more patient.
- Give up pettiness — become mature.
- Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
- Give up sin — turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up — persevere.

—Author unknown



COMMITMENT TO WORSHIP

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



Ministry
Teams

CHURCH & COMMUNITY

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

DISCIPLEMAKING

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

SUPPORT

Chair - Gordon Coffman
 Member - Bob O'Neill
 Property - Walt France, Rich Meacham
 Treasurer - Rich Meacham (Interim)
 Asst. Treasurer - Dolores Warren
 Disaster, Preparedness - Sandy Wharton, Dolores Warren
 Personnel - Sandy Wharton
 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.

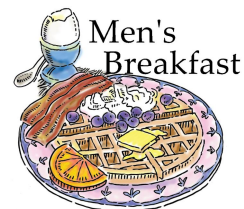
Martha Circle

Martha Circle will meet on February 14th at the home of Betty Ann Kelly. Our Bible Study will be Lesson 6 of our Beatitudes Lesson book. Please call Betty Ann at 481-6412 for directions.



Men's Breakfast Sunflower Cafe

Tuesday, February 14th
7:00am



Men's
Breakfast

A t-shirt with holes in it, jeans, and no shoes was literally Bill's wardrobe for his entire four years of college. He was brilliant. Kind of esoteric and very, very bright. He became a Christian while attending college. Across the street from the campus was a well-dressed, very conservative church. They wanted to develop a ministry to the students but were not sure how to go about it.

One day Bill decided to go there. He walked in with no shoes, jeans, his T-shirt, and wild hair. The service had already started and so Bill walked down the aisle looking for a seat. The church was completely packed and he couldn't find a seat. By now, people were really looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one said anything. Bill got closer and closer and closer to the pulpit, and when he realized there were no seats, he just sat down right on the carpet.

By now the people are really up tight, and the tension in the air was thick. About that time, the minister realized that from way at the back of the church, a deacon was slowly making his way toward Bill. Now the deacon was in his eighties, had silver-gray hair, and a three-piece suit. A godly man, very elegant, very dignified, very courtly. He walked with a cane and, as he started walking toward this boy, everyone was saying to themselves that you can't blame him for what he's going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and of his background to understand some college kid on the floor?

It took a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church was utterly silent except for the clicking of the man's cane. All eyes were focused on him. You couldn't even hear anyone breathing. The minister couldn't even preach the sermon until the deacon did what he had to do. And now they saw this elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he lowered himself and sat down next to Bill, smiles, shakes his hand, and worshiped with him so he won't be alone.

Everyone choked up with emotion. When the minister regained control, he said, "What I'm about to preach, you will never remember. What you have just seen, you will never forget."



Chancel Guild

February 2012 Schedule

3rd	Audrey Wilson Jean Shell
10th	Jackie Oestriech Dorothy Troy
17th	Doris Houston Rebecca Potts
24th	Irene Thiessen Betty Schaarschuch

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



Irene Thiessen, Chancel Guild

Just back from visiting another church mouse up north. My it was a bit chilly!

Glad to see so many new faces in the choir -still a few spaces available.

Thanks to Connie Johnson & Tom Galton for their time spent in the sound system booth. They could use some help; and Gavin Dougherty is willing to train anyone interested in helping out.



From my perch above the choir pews....so long for now!

Your Church Mouse



5th Grade Assignment

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results: scroll down. Wouldn't this be great if it was taught in every school?

God is like BAYER ASPIRIN
He works miracles.

God is like A FORD
He's got a better idea.

God is like COKE
He's the real thing.

God is like HALLMARK CARDS
He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like TIDE
He gets the stains out others leave behind.

God is like GENERAL ELECTRIC
He brings good things to life.

God is like WALMART
He has everything.

God is like ALKA-SELTZER
Try Him, you'll like Him

God is like SCOTCH TAPE
You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

God is like DELTA
He's ready when you are.

God is like ALLSTATE
You're in good hands with Him.

God is like VO-5 Hair Spray
He holds through all kinds of weather

God is like DIAL SOAP
Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't
you wish everybody did?

God is like The U.S. POST OFFICE
Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor
ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

God is like Chevrolet. . . . the heartbeat of America

God is like Maxwell House. . . .
Good to the very last drop

God is like B o u n t y He is the quicker picker
upper. . Can handle the tough jobs; and He won't fall apart on you

Why Go To Church?



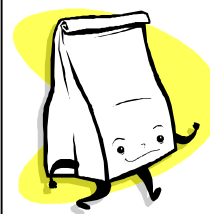
A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

However I do know this... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

So; **come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For
He is our God, And we are the people of His
pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Amen!
(Psalm 95:6-7)**



LBBS (Lunch Bag Bible Study)

In case you didn't see it in Miss Ginny's article, a new Bible Study will begin on Ash Wednesday and continue through April 4th. We will meet in the Chapel behind the office from 11:30-1:00 p.m. Everyone is to bring their own "lunch bag" and we will "Bible Study" together. Miss Ginny will be the teacher. The curriculum is TBA at this moment...any suggestions are greatly appreciated. Many people "give up" things for Lent (especially our Catholic friends). Why don't we "do something" extra for six weeks? Join up for LBBS, Bible Study, food and fellowship.

Ginny Canning

The Holy Alphabet

A lthough things are not perfect
B ecause of trial or pain
C ontinue in thanksgiving
D o not begin to blame
E ven when the times are hard
F ierce winds are bound to blow
G od is forever able
H old on to what you know
I magine life without His love
J oy would cease to be
K eep thanking Him for all the things
L ove imparts to thee
M ove out of "Camp Complaining"
N o weapon that is known
O n earth can yield the power
P raise can do alone
Q uit looking at the future
R edeem the time at hand
S tart every day with worship
T o "thank" is a command
U ntil we see Him coming
V ictorious in the sky
W e'll run the race with gratitude
X alting God most high
Y es, there'll be good times and yes some
will be bad, but...
Z ion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

**So when life throws you a curve remember that
the shortest distance between a problem and a solution, is the
distance between your knees and the floor.**

