



The Courier

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

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



2011



A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Happy Independence Day!

July 4th is an incredible day as we gather as a people across the United States to remember the birth of our nation and our independence from Great Britain. The parades, the flags, the picnics, the fireworks, it is all a wonderful celebration.

One year, when my family and I lived in Washington, DC, we went to Antietam National Battlefield in Maryland to celebrate the 4th. It seemed most fitting to be on the battlefield where the worst single day of fighting in our history occurred (Gettysburg is often remembered as the greatest loss of life but that was a 3 day battle, Antietam was the worst single day of battle in US history). Thousands of people poured in, many more than they expected, and the grounds were completely filled as we heard rousing speeches, listened to the Maryland Symphony Orchestra, and of course, watched fireworks with 21 Howitzers firing away to the 1812 Overture. It stirred a patriotism that cannot be captured in words and I pray that you may experience that feeling someday as well. What an Independence Day!

But what does our faith say about “independence?” Our country highly values independence and we as a society value our individualism, the “American Ideal”...I can do it all myself. In the Bible there is no question that God calls upon us to be individually responsible for what we do (and don’t do) but oddly, Christianity never calls for “independence” but rather “dependence.” Just think for a moment:

Who breathes life into humankind?

Who causes the rain to fall and the sun to shine?

Who do we turn to when we are sick?

Who do we call upon when we lose a job or have problems at home or find out that we have a drinking problem?

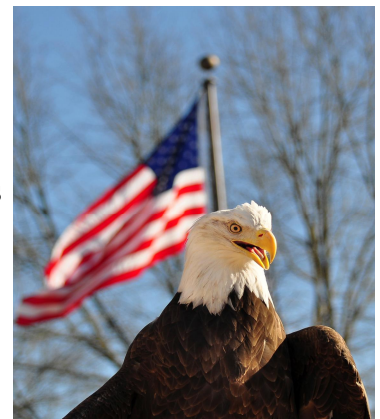
Obviously, we turn to God. In fact, we are so dependent upon God that had He not sent his son to die on a cross, we would have been destined to a permanent separation from Him! Not exactly the kind of independence anyone would want to experience! We are not independent but rather, very, very dependent. Perhaps the greatest sin is to declare our “independence” from God!

Contrary to popular belief, while our country broke free of the shackles of Great Britain, the signers of the Declaration of Independence recognized that we were DEPENDENT upon God. The very Declaration itself acknowledges God’s will and action in the life of our country (read it for yourself). Some folks accuse many of our early leaders as being “Deists” but let there be no question, Washington, Adams, Jefferson and others called Christ the son of God and WIDELY read the Bible (and prayed!). They knew the value of being dependent on the Lord!

Friends, I hope and pray that you have a wonderful Independence Day. Enjoy the picnics and the fireworks. Please be careful if you use sparklers or firecrackers! But as you enjoy your independence, also enjoy your dependence, a dependence on God through Christ. For without that dependence, we would have little to celebrate on Independence Day!

Blessings,

Pastor Clint



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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.

Cute Kid Stories

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork.



As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "but no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor thy Father and thy mother," she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

Source: <http://www.baywideweb.com/content/cutekids.htm>



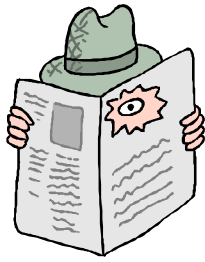
5 on the 5th - Sunday, May 29th. We are pleased to report that an additional \$206 was donated! As you know, we typically utilize this special fund to cover campus enhancements and repairs outside of our annual budget and as our campus ages, this need increases. Recently these funds have been used to replace the lawn irrigation pump and replacing the entrance cross. Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

CHANGE TO SCRIP ORDERS

Beginning On July 1st., scrip orders will only be placed once a month. All orders received by 11:00 am on the first Sunday of the month, will be delivered on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

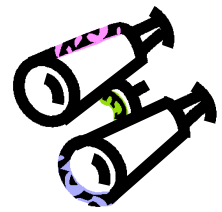
Orders can be placed any time during the month. You can place your orders on line or complete the form and deposit into the Scrip Box in the church office or the Narthex.





KABOOMERS---SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL SCAVENGER HUNT

Start time is JULY 9th 5:00 pm
at the home of Tim and Linda Baldwin



(In Gulf Harbour)
11257 Bienvenida Ct #201
Call 415-2827 to RSVP by July 4th

The scavenger hunt will begin promptly at 5:00pm with each team receiving a bag of clues. Who will be able to decipher the clues, accomplish the tasks, have the most fun?? What will you need to help you?

Hint: you WILL need a digital camera and a \$5.00 bill. But what else???????

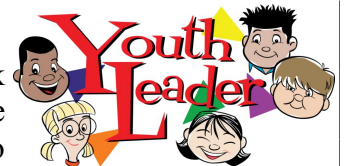
Dinner is scheduled for 7:00 pm at the Baldwin's
Pulled pork sandwiches / soft drinks will be provided.
YOU bring a dish to share (BYOB if you wish).

What are we going to do this year???
Don't be late. Don't miss the FUN!



GIN... and other "spiritual" matters.

Hi there! By now VBS is over, and everyone has survived. At least I think everyone did...I haven't heard that someone's MIA and nobody was AWOL. The children and adults who participated had a marvelous time. My deepest thanks to Pastor Samantha for the ordering and beginning recruiting and all the staff (adults and youth) who worked in various capacities to make this one of the best VBS experiences in recent years.



Now that VBS is over what will I do??? Let's see...there's always August's Intergenerational Sunday School, Year Round Sunday School for children, youth AND ADULTS, Wednesday evening programming, material for the women's circles and any ADULT discussion and/or Bible Studies wanted. And I thought I could take a vacation after VBS. Surprise, surprise, surprise!!!

Hope you are all having a great summer. Please don't forget God does not take a vacation and He looks forward to seeing you in church on Sundays. He doesn't care what church, anyone you want to visit... here or on vacation will be just fine. Also remember he expects a Christ-like attitude from you wherever you are. Have a really, really happy and safe July 4th celebration.

Remember, please do not hesitate to call me and/or stop in the CE office with an "atta girl", a question, or a concern. This office and person has broad shoulders and should, with God's help, be able to handle anything that comes through the door.

Blessings, joy, and peace,
Miss Ginny

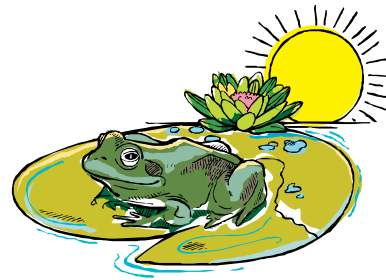
B i r t h d a y s


2nd Linda Baldwin
Rebecca Potts
Sarah Otenti
5th Carl Strom
7th Bobbi Bancroft
8th Suzanne Galloway
9th Peyton Hornung
10th Gail Peluso
12th Bonnie LeSage
John Kosman
Dee Hahn
13th June Salanda
15th William Galberach
16th Robert Taubel
17th Aaron Charles
19th Shirley Gerstenberger
20th Doris Houston

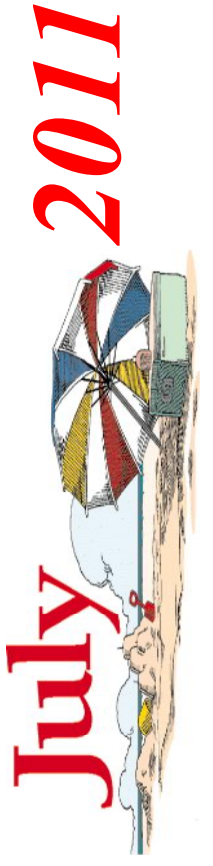
Mark Minehart
25th Austin Hayman
Marta Crutcher
Bill Otey
Bryce McFadden
26th Harry Walton
Phyllis Ricketts
27th Ken Van Swearingen
Randy Spear
28th Marsha Simones
Petra DeBolt
Gale Wray
29th Ollie Reedy
Doris King
Marian Keehn
Betty Strom
31st Kelly Hayman

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

2nd Ken & Lisa Kendall
7th Logan & Shelby Geist
Dan & Betsy Allen
9th Kevin & Dianne McFadden
13th Jeff & Ann Radcliffe
20th Jeff & Cindy Basler
22nd Clint & Amy Cottrell
23rd Gordon & Helen Davis
27th Kurt & Joanne Daume
30th Chris & Ginger Weber



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service Times 8:00 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Praise Service 9:15 am Kids Worship 11:00 am Traditional					1	2
3 One Blended Service 10:00 a.m.	4  Food Pantry Closed Today	5 1-3 pm Safe Haven Movie Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	6 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	7 6:00 pm Lutheran Serv. Class 7:00 pm Building Comm. Mtg.	8 7:00 am Real Est. Breakfast	9 Kaboomers Scavenger Hunt 5:00 p.m.
10	11 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	12 7:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Martha Circle 12:30 pm Esther Circle 1-3 pm Safe Haven Movie 7:00 pm Ministry Teams Mtg 7:00 pm Deacons Mtg.	13 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	14 6:00 pm Lutheran Serv. Class 7:00 pm Building Comm. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Eve Circle	15 Youth - Sun Splash Courier Deadline	16
17	18 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	19 1-3 pm Safe Haven Movie	20 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	21 Lifeline Screening 8-5 pm 6:00 pm Lutheran Serv. Class 7:00 pm Building Comm. Mtg.	22 7:00 am Real Est. Breakfast	23
24 2 Cents a Meal	25 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	26 1-3 pm Safe Haven Movie 7:00 pm Food Pantry Mtg.	27 9:00 am PIP 9:00 am Safe Haven/Kids Show 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	28 6:00 pm Lutheran Serv. Class 7:00 pm Building Comm. Mtg.	29 3:00 pm Organist Practice	30 1-4 pm Organist Practice
31 Five on the Fifth						



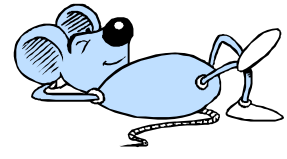


Bobbi Bancroft	Gavin Dougherty
Marietta Meacham	Dolores Warren
Sandy Wharton	Rob Coe
Gordon Coffman	Brian Granstra
Jaime Hill	Karen Grabia
Dee Jordan	Tom Huntington
Ken Van Swearingen	Sarah Otenti
Bob O'Neill	

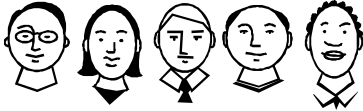
The Church Mouse has noticed a new face around the office lately. Then, I found the red name plate on the door that said "Ginny Canning." I also see that she has "goodies" in her room and often has music playing. Wow; I know where I'm hiding out!

I would like to welcome Miss Ginny as our new Christian Education Director.

The Church Mouse



Board of Deacons



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



Welcome

Welcome

A great big welcome to the Elders and Deacons coming on board July 1st. They are: Elders - Tom Huntington, Sarah Otenti, Bob O'Neill. Deacons - Rob Peters, Skip Webster, Cheyenne Otto and Betty Schaarschuch. Welcome aboard!

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Welcome
 Our Newest
 Member

Chancel Guild

July 2011 Schedule

- 1st** Doris Houston
Rebecca Potts
- 8th** Irene Thiessen
Betty Schaarschuch
- 15th** Audrey Wilson
Irene Thiessen
- 22nd** Jackie Oestriech
Dorothy Troy
- 29th** 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.



"As for youth director, I say we pass on the Master of Theology and hire the mother of 12."

The Soul With Sunny Heart

God bless the soul with sunny heart
 Who brightens up each day
 By spreading seeds of cheerfulness
 While traveling on life's way.
 God bless him for the stars of hope
 He sets in each one's sky;
 For the encouragement he gives
 That causes folk to try...
 With stronger faith to press ahead,
 With courage for a mate,
 And reach for goals, and build anew,
 And smile and challenge fate.
 God bless his laughter and his song
 That drives dark clouds away
 From troubled minds, and paints instead
 A rosy-tinted day.
 God bless the soul with sunny heart
 Who's found in life his place,
 And serves his God and fellow man
 With humble, gentle grace.
 The world has need of such a man
 Who lifts the heart from gloom,
 And in life's barren places plants
 Sweet flowers of love to bloom.
 He may serve as some men serve
 With fame or high degree...
 But his good deeds will ever shine
 Throughout eternity.

A Special THANK YOU

To our CLPC family,

Wow! Wow! WOW! Dear ones, we didn't know we were so loved! Goodness me. We have been so overwhelmed with all the love and attention extended to us, the great dinners and visits "to chat." Frankly, it has been an eye opening experience. We didn't know there was this much love flowing to us. We love you right back. Good vibes. Big hugs and kisses all around.

Marsha Simones



DOLLARS & CENTS

YTD for fiscal year July 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Giving Income	\$396,392
Expenses	\$425,754
Net Income (deficit)	(\$ 29,362)
<u>SAFE HAVEN</u>	
Income	\$ 94,828
Expense	\$ 89,301
Net Income	\$ 5,527
Combined Net Income (deficit)	(\$ 23,835)
Income transferred from B.F.*	\$ 41,720
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$ 17,885

*Income re-designated at donor request from Building Fund to balance 2010-11 fiscal year budget

Tuesday
July 12

*Men's
Breakfast*



7:00 am in Fellowship Hall

MEN'S BREAKFAST Tuesday, July 12, 2011
 Marvelous Breakfast prepared by
 Chefs Harold and Tom

Special Guest Speaker will be the
 Vice President of the Miracles Professional Baseball
 Team **ANDREW SEYMOUR!**
 Please join us for a great meal and an
 extraordinary presentation!

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

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one for sale, please call Tom
Huntington at 407-342-9634.



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ONLY GETS 10%?