



# The Courier

June  
2011

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

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

When I arrived in Fort Myers in December of 2007 for my initial interview with the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee I immediately felt that God was calling me to come here to serve God at CLPC with all of you. I did not have any doubts as I packed up my house, my husband, and my cat to move here from Denver. I knew that this would be a time for me to grow into being a pastor. What I did not know was how many great people there are here at CLPC. Thank you all for journeying with me the past three years. They have been years of growth for me and I am so glad for the experience. I wish you all well and I know that God is working in each of your lives. I don't know yet what God has in store for Ben and me, but I know that God is making a great plan.

Blessings to you all,

*Pastor Samantha*



**Register today for FREE VBS!**  
**June 27 – July 1, 6:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.**  
**For children age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**Contact the church office for a registration form**  
**or go online to [www.clpc.us](http://www.clpc.us)**

Join The Team!

We need a lot of people to be a part of this year's VBS to make it the best one ever! We still need volunteers in the following areas:

- Registration – Works with a team of people to be a friendly face to the children and their families, answers questions, and helps the children find their crew.
- Kitchen Crew – Works with the Dinner Director to feed a bunch of hungry kids and volunteers!
- Crew Leaders – A friend and helper for a small group of children.



Our organist, Douglas Parker, will be on vacation from June 26<sup>th</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup>. If there are needs for rehearsing with soloists and or groups for special music during that time, please contact Rachel Carrier, Director of Worship and Music through the church office at 239-481-3233, ext. 24. Thank you and we all wish for Douglas a restful vacation!



Steve Gardner, our Praise Team Leader, will also be at his mission work camp in North Carolina on June 19 & 26<sup>th</sup>, and July 10 & 17<sup>th</sup>. He will also have celebrated the High School Graduation of one of his daughters on May 22! Congratulations to Steve and Shannon as another youth in their family celebrate a wonderful time in the life of their family.

Congratulations to the Gloria Choir, the Voices in Bronze, Rockin' Angels, and the CLPC Drama Troupe for a fantastic year of music, ringing bells, and presenting musicals and acting skills in Ministry!

We did reach out into the community and invited them into our life with great results.

We hope that some of you in the CLPC family also found the time to attend some of the special concerts and worship services We look forward to a rousing return in September and if you are interested in joining any one of these groups, please contact Rachel Carrier for more information.

Thanks for a year spent in worshipping our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Jackie Oestrich

## 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.

# DOLLAR\$&CENTS

YTD for fiscal year July 1, 2010 - April 30, 2011

<b>OPERATIONS</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
Giving Income	\$360,809
Expenses	\$388,041
Net Income (deficit)	(\$ 27,232)

<b>SAFE HAVEN</b>	
Income	\$ 87,589
Expense	\$ 80,350
Net Income	\$ 7,239

**Combined Net Income (deficit) (\$ 19,993)**

Income transferred from B.F.\* \$ 41,720

**TOTAL NET INCOME \$ 21,727**

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



## ***GIN... and other "spiritual" matters,***

Greetings! For those who don't know me... I am Ginny Canning the new Christian Education Director. I am ***NOT*** taking Pastor Samantha's place. Firstly, I'm not an ordained pastor; secondly, I cannot do some of the things she did... preach, baptisms, weddings, you know... those "ministry things; thirdly, Samantha did some things much better than I will be able to ... meditate, spend quiet time with the Lord, get up and down from the floor more easily and gracefully, and resist the M&Ms in the jar on the desk in the CE office; and finally, you will realize sooner or later that we have completely different personalities... not better or worse, just different.



I am excited about the job. I had this same position on a full-time basis in two different churches 'up north'. I've been "on the job" for a month now and find I am really enjoying it. I had forgotten how much I missed the position and all that goes with it.

I will be overseeing the Christian Education of the youth (from birth through 100+) of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church. That means Church School for ***ALL*** ages, Wednesday evening programs for ***ALL*** ages, Sr. High and Middle School Youth Groups, Women's Circles, Men's Groups, Small Groups, large groups, any group (2 or more) who wants to meet to study "whatever", the Acolytes, VBS, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Fall Festival, and any Advent and Lenten programs we want to "study". If you hadn't guessed, I'm passionate about Christian Education for ***EVERYONE!!***

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



A number of years ago Bob Dylan wrote the tune, *The Times They are a Changin*. Little did he know how timeless his words would be! Life is

always changing. In fact, in biology one of the fundamental facts is that if any organism fails to change (to meet the needs of its surroundings), it will perish. In our own lives we change as our bodies grow up (and then grow old). We change as the economy changes. We change as technology changes (consider the fact that my grandmother had no phone as a child, my mother used to crank the side of the phone to place a call, I dialed the rotary on the phone and now my children push one button on a cell phone and are connected to someone on the other coast). The times, they are a changin.

This month we are seeing another change in the church as we celebrate the ministry and work of Pastor Samantha (and her husband, Pastor Ben). May 31 is Pastor Samantha's last day and we will miss her dearly. To that end we will have a celebration of their ministry with one worship celebration and a full picnic on Sunday, June 5. Worship will be a combined, blended service at 10:00 AM and a picnic lunch and activities will immediately follow. Please be sure to join us as we celebrate Samantha and Ben's ministry to us and say a final, "Thank you!"

But the change doesn't end there. Ginny Canning is moving in as a part timer to help with Christian Education. Ginny was not only a public school teacher, but has served in two churches as a Director of Christian Education. She brings together decades of experience as a Presbyterian, an elder, a teacher, and follower of Christ. We welcome Ginny and I have no doubt that Ginny will pick up the mantle from Samantha and run with it!

On the youth front, Linda and Tim Baldwin will be partnering with Amy and I as we take up the teen program. We will be kicking off our youth events with a pool party/picnic at the Peter's home on Sunday, June 12 from 12:30 – 3:00 PM. We will be working with the youth to plan some incredible events starting in June! So, grab on to your hats, and get ready for some fun.

Of course, the times, they are a changin. With the departure of Pastor Samantha and my assuming some added duties with the youth, I will need some help from time to time in teaching adult classes or visitation as we will no longer have Pastor Samantha or Ben to fill that role. But thank goodness for our Presbyterian polity and belief where Deacons and Elders can do much of that work, when needed! And yes, when I am away for vacation or study leave we will be using Elders, the youth or guest preachers to lead worship (much as they do in 99% of the churches in the country today). The times, they are a changing.

But change is not bad. Go back to the beginning, it is an essential part of everyday life. Fail to change and we perish. So, we change. But through it all, God has provided

and will continue to provide!

In closing, I do want to formally thank Pastor Samantha and Pastor Ben. They have worked tirelessly for the kingdom here at CLPC. We have laughed together, we have cried together, we have seen challenges, and we have seen great joys and the kingdom at hand. I will deeply miss their laughter, their kindness, their support, and their love. Please join me in keeping Samantha and Ben in your prayers every day and wish them the best as they search for the next call that God has in store for their lives.

So to the Rev. Samantha Keller and the Rev. Benjamin Keller, THANK YOU for a job well done and may the Lord bless you and keep you in every possible way! Lift high the cross, wherever you may be called!

Peace,

*Pastor Clint*

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## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INFO:**

This summer will be an unusual one at CLPC. With the summer vacation of Lee Co. Schools being so short this year, the Disciplemaking Ministry Team has decided to shut down Sunday School for the children and the adults. The children have already ended their classes, and the adults will be finished the end of June. We will start up again on August 7<sup>th</sup>, the day before school starts for the children. We have some really great plans for Sunday School for 2011-2012. More info will come in the July and August Couriers. Have a safe, fun, restful summer and please put Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> on your calendars for Sunday School for everyone!

Our Wednesday evening programs will begin again in September. Watch the Courier for more information about them.

Youth Groups for Mid and Sr. Highs will be meeting in June for some planning for the fall. The youth newsletter gave some dates and times. It was sent via email...so if you didn't open it...please do and don't miss out on some great activities.

There will be a Commissioning Class again next year... date and time to be decided.

A great big thanks to all who have helped in one way or another this past year. Every time a child is baptized you pledge to help bring that child up in Christian Education and love. You all have done yeoman's work in that regard this past year in Sunday School, Pioneer Club, Fall Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, and VBS. Individual thanks will be given on Sunday, May 22nd at the 9:00 a.m. service.





3rd John & Amanda Kraus  
 6th John & Jennifer Nance  
 10th Doug & Tracy Wilson  
 11th David & Katherine Welsh  
 12th Alex & Helen Kubik  
 15th George & Dottie Ulman  
     Walter & Patricia France  
     Skip & Terri Bergmann  
 20th Ken & Mary Burbach  
 24th Harold & Audrey Hayward  
     Ken & Sara Sneed  
 26th Tim & Linda Baldwin  
 29th Jim & Marge McFadden  
     Harold & Marsha Simones

1st	Cheyenne Otto	27th	Larry Johnson, III
2nd	Richard White	29th	Barbara Pappalardo
3rd	Terri Bergmann	30th	Sue Herrick
	Sally Fontaine		Dianne McFadden
5th	Elaine Auman		
6th	Jan Gavenda		
7th	Helen Davis		
	Harold Hauger		
8th	Thomas Lovell		
9th	Dick Sims		
11th	Donna Staymate		
12th	Taylor Morrello		
	Maria Wiley		
15th	Marilyn Gerhardt		
17th	Joyce Botchford		
	Hannah Cho		
18th	Gordon Coffman		
	Damon Pappalardo		
	Ruth Purdo		
19th	Ariana Bergmann		
20th	Lee Meyers		
25th	Carson Brown		



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Service Times</b> 8:00 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Praise Service 9:15 am Kids Worship 11:00 am Traditional		 <b>Safe Haven Graduation</b> <b>10:30 am</b> 3:00 pm Organist Practice	1 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	2 7:00 pm Building Comm.	3 7:00 am Real Est. Breakfast 3:00 pm Organist Practice	4 1:00 pm Organist Practice
5 <b>One Blended Service</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Honoring Pastors Samantha &amp; Ben Keller</b>	6 9:30 am Project Linus 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. <b>Food Pantry 11-1 &amp; 6-</b>	7 7:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Martha Circle 11:00 am Safe Haven Class 12:00 pm Esther Circle 7:00 pm Eve Circle 7:00 pm Ministry Teams	8 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	9 7:00 pm Building Comm.	10 7:00 am Real Est. Breakfast 3:00 pm Organist Practice	11 1:00 pm Organist Practice
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19 	20 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. <b>Food Pantry 11-1 &amp; 6-</b>	21 7:00 p.m. Cypress Lake Homeowners Mtg. <b>Cedarkirk Camp For A Day</b> <b>8:30-5:00 p.m.</b>	22 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Children's Chapel 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	23 1:00 pm Safe Haven 7:00 pm Building Comm.	24 7:00 am Real Est. Breakfast 3:00 pm Organist Practice	25 1:00 pm Organist Practice
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V a c a t i o n B i b l e S c h o o l



## Life Line Screening's Mobile Health Testing Units Are Coming

Where: Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

When: **Thursday, July 21, 2011**

Stroke and other serious problems can be avoided and treated before they become life threatening. That's what makes Life Line Screening such a valuable service. Over 5 million Americans have already taken advantage of these important screenings—and with good reason. 80% of strokes are preventable.

—Source: National Stroke Association 2007

Cardiovascular disease is the #1 killer in the United States and a leading cause of permanent disability. The National Stroke Association states that your risk of stroke doubles each decade after age 55. Unfortunately, many significant vascular problems go undetected until it is too late. Now you have the opportunity to screen for potential strokes, aneurysms and heart disease before they become life-threatening.

**Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening** - Ultrasound evaluation of the carotid arteries that screens for buildup of fatty plaque—leading cause of strokes.

**Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)** - Painless 6-lead EKG that can detect an irregular heart rhythm. Atrial fibrillation increases the risk of stroke 5 times.

**Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening** - Ultrasound is used to screen for the presence of an aneurysm in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery.

**Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening** - Evaluates for peripheral arterial disease (plaque buildup) in the lower extremities. It is 4-5 times more likely you will die from heart disease if you have peripheral arterial disease.

Life Line Screening will complete all 4 vascular screenings for only \$139. Add an osteoporosis screening for only \$10 more. To compliment their ultrasound screenings, Life Line Screening now offers finger-stick blood tests for Cholesterol, Glucose, and Liver Enzymes.

Life Line Screening now offers **6 for Life**—a disease risk assessment that predicts your risk in the of developing 6 chronic conditions: heart disease, stroke, heart failure, type 2 diabetes and if a smoker...lung cancer and COPD. The test includes finger-stick blood work for complete lipid panel and glucose levels and simple biometric screenings. Add to any Vascular Screening Package for \$70.

**Pre-registration is required. Space is Limited!**

**Schedule your appointment by calling 1-800-324-1851 or by visiting [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)**

Use Priority Code HSC3215



### Squirrels in Church!

A small town had only three Churches in it but they all suffered with the same problem. You see, all three had a serious problem with squirrels getting into the Church.

Now each Church, in its own fashion, had a meeting to deal with the problem.

The first Church congregation decided that it was predestined that the squirrels be in the Church, and that they would just have to live with them.

The Second Church decided they should deal with the squirrels lovingly. So they humanely trapped them and released them in a park at the edge of town. However within 3 days, they had all returned and were all back in the church.

The Third Church came up with the best solution. They voted the squirrels in as members. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter.

The moral of the story is: Don't be a Squirrel, attend Church regularly!



"Actually, what it costs depends on whose prayer is answered...yours or mine."



# Presbyterian Women

## PWA Schedule for June-September

Martha Circle meets socially for breakfast every Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. at Bob Evans – Call Dee Cords at 454-4932 for details.

Esther Circle will continue to meet in Fellowship Hall for lunch the second Tuesday at 12:00 – Call Doris King at 481-8579 or Irene Thiessen @ 433-4304

Eve Circle meets socially on the second Thursday at 7:00 PM. Call Barbara Stewart at 481-0863.

Linus Blanket Project continues to meet on the first Monday at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Call Matilda Wilson at 489-3582 or Pat France at 561-3085.



### Chancel Guild

#### *June 2011 Schedule*

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|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <b>3rd</b>  | Doris Houston      | <b>17th</b> | Audrey Wilson   |
|             | Rebecca Potts      |             | Irene Thiessen  |
| <b>10th</b> | Irene Thiessen     | <b>24th</b> | Jackie Oestrich |
|             | Betty Schaarschuch |             | Dorothy Troy    |

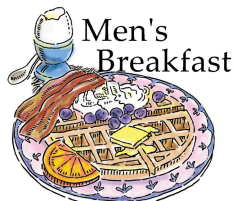
If you can't work your day, swap with someone or call me. Thanks for your continued help.  
Irene Thiessen, Chancel Guild Dir.

### It all began with a trip to "Wally World"



Ten years ago I ran into Chris Shields at Wal-Mart. Chris and I had worked together for almost five years at a child care center which was in the heart of a low-income housing development. The center closed after we lost the contract on the building. Chris asked me how Jayde and I were doing; and the normal "long time no see" questions. Before we left each other, she handed me her card and said, "come work with me, or at least come and visit me." I was a student at Edison College so I said, "why not." After the first I agreed to work with the school aged children part time around my school schedule. My first day here I was greeted by a staff member that said "good luck with this group; nobody likes them." She was right. It was utter chaos when I entered the room. I began to look around the room and I saw a small CLPC logo that read this is the place where you will experience Christ. So I began to pray aloud. Right then the mayhem ceased and I could hear a pin drop. When I opened my eyes everyone was staring at me. From then on we started a prayer box and the kids opened up and started sharing their feelings in prayer circles and group discussions. Every since my first week here, I know that God has called me here. **"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."** Jeremiah 29:11. It has been a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful family as Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church. As I embark on my 10<sup>th</sup> year here at Safe Haven Christian School I thank God for a trip to Wally World ten years ago.

## Tuesday June 14th



7:00 am in Fellowship Hall



*Thanks to everyone who participated in the Dinner/Auction/Drama fundraiser. Especially to our advertisers, sponsors and those who donated gifts for the auction.*

*Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$2,500 to benefit the CLPC ministries.*

*Marietta Meacham*



# 2011 Camp-for-the-Day Program

June 21, 2011 | 8:30 am - 5:00 pm



All the fun, faith-building, and excitement of camp is coming to your own backyard! Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center is partnering with Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church to provide a day of summer camp for all of CLPC's members, friends, and neighbors who have completed 1st-5th grade.

Cedarkirk counselors will lead small groups in camp activities, games, Bible study, team-building initiatives, and arts & crafts. Every camper will receive a summer camp t-shirt, lunch, and a morning and after-noon snack.

**Camp Check-In:** 8:00-8:30 am @ Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

**Cost:** \$30 per camper (due with registration form)

A list of what to bring for the day will be included with your confirmation letter after your camper has been registered.

**How to register:**

1. Complete a form and submit it to the church office OR
2. Submit a form online at [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org)