



The Courier

May
2011

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

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



June 5th Celebration Service honoring Pastors Samantha and Ben Keller

**10:00am ONE BLENDED
SERVICE**

Participants in the service are the Praise Team, Gloria Choir, Voices in Bronze, and all of our children who attend Kids Worship and Rockin' Angels!

Followed by a picnic of grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, and all the fixings! We will also have some fun games to participate in.



Register today for FREE VBS!

June 27 – July 1, 6:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

For children age 3 – 5th grade

**Contact the church office for a registration form or go
online to 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:

- Wild Bible Adventures – Lead the children in an interactive and fun Bible adventure every day. This position requires someone who is creative, fun, and energetic.
- 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.
- Preschool Crafts – Works with Virginia Burford to help lead crafts for children age 3 – Kindergarten.
- Nursery attendants – Provides childcare for the youngest children of our volunteers.
- Kitchen Crew – Works with the Dinner Director to feed a bunch of hungry kids and volunteers!
- Dinner Director – Shops for food, plans the dinners, and organizes the kitchen crew.
- Decorating Team – Works with Sara Sneed to create a fabulous set for PandaMania
- Preschool Games – Leads games for children age 3 - Kindergarten
- Crew Leaders – A friend and helper for a small group of children.
- Spotlight Drama – Takes pictures of the children each day during Games and then uploads them into the computer for a slide show that happens during the final gathering. This person must be able to use a digital camera and a computer.

A Note
from
the Associate Pastor



I would like to say a big THANK YOU to the volunteers who have worked with the children and youth during this school year at CLPC. Most specifically I would like to thank:

Amy Cottrell, Sarah Otenti, Karen Grabia, Julie McFadden, Susan Gross, Terri Bergmann, Mark Michetti, Connie Johnson, Kevin McFadden, and Pam Simones. Thank you for giving of your time and talent to the children and youth of our church. You all are very special people and I am so glad for the opportunity to have worked with you.

I would also like to thank Harold Carrier who headed up all of the Wednesday Night Dinners as well as all of the special dinners during the year. You truly are blessed with the gift of Hospitality. Thank you for all of the hamburgers!

There isn't room for all of the thanks I could give but I would like to thank all of you for letting me be a part of your lives these past three years. I pray that you will continue to grow in your faith.

Blessings,

Pastor Samantha



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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

May 2011

2nd	9:30P.M. 1:00P.M.	Project Linus Blanket (Fellowship Hall) Executive Board Meeting (Library)
10th	9:30A.M. 12:30P.M.	Martha Circle Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall)
12th	7:00 P.M.	Eve Circle (OS)

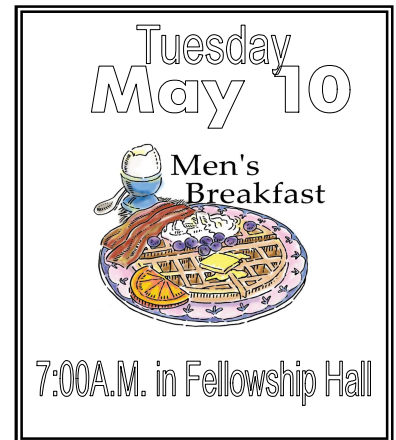
Chancel Guild

May 2011 Schedule

6th	Doris Houston Rebecca Potts
13th	Irene Thiessen Betty Schaarschuch
20th	Audrey Wilson Irene Thiessen
27th	Jackie Oestrich 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.



Children's Letters to God

*Dear God,
Is it true my father won't
get in Heaven if he uses his
bowling words in the
house?*

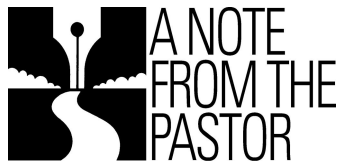
*Dear God,
I went to this wedding and
they kissed right in Church.
Is that ok?*



There are many openings for pulpit and lectern flowers for Sunday Worship. Please help to fill this need so we may continue to have a supply of flowers for our members and friends who are shut-ins or in hospitals, retirement homes and rehabilitation centers. Thank you for your support. Worship Ministries.



As a pastor I have had the joy of conducting probably well over 100 weddings. Most have been in the church but some have been down at the beach, others in the woods on a pond, still others in beautiful gardens. But the wedding is just the place where the marriage begins, it is just a starting point.



Recent research supports something that just makes sense, people who enter a marriage with an *attitude* of that marriage being happy and successful tend to have better outcomes, including a lower rate of divorce. Further, these couples tend to be more attentive to one another's needs and are active in building and maintaining a lifelong relationship. In essence, they don't just live together as husband and wife, they THRIVE together as best of friends.

Contrast that with folks who enter a marriage without a positive attitude or who enter a marriage that is just something to be done, a formality. Research indicates that these folks have a higher rate of divorce but even when their marriage lasts, they just are not as happy. Ask them when was the last time they went on a "date" or when they last kissed for more than 1 second walking out the door? The spark is hard to find or even missing from their lives.

The same can be applied to the church and our faith. What is our relationship like with Jesus? What do we expect in our relationship with Jesus? Are we just going through the motions, attending church, giving our \$20, \$30 or \$40 a week and perhaps even attending a few meetings? Or, do we expect a life changing relationship with the son of the living God? Do we expect to have a happier, fuller, better life?

Like a marriage, if we walk into church with minimal expectations, or just out of a sense of duty, we will get very little out of our relationship. Sure, God acts in and through us, but the outcome is nearly equal to our expectations. But if we walk into a relationship with Christ expecting an exciting, vibrant new way of life, Jesus will not disappoint us!

"I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

This month, take time to build a relationship with Jesus and have HIGH expectations from knowing Christ and then experience "life and have it abundantly!"

Blessings,
Pastor Clint

Building Committee Report

Committee members: Rich Meacham, Walt France, Bonnie LeSage, Jim Wilson, Beth Watson, Tom Gralton, Bob O'Neill, Hewitt McCloskey, and Jim Wray.

We have engaged Source, Inc (Larry Hooper) as our civil engineer. They estimate 30 -60 days to complete their work.

We also engaged RS&H (Bob Sanborn) as our architect. They estimate 90+ days to complete their work necessary to



be able to put the plans out for bids from contractors.

As we found out we need a current survey for our Limited Development Order and have engaged Metron Surveying to update their last survey. The work is done and the survey has been delivered to the civil engineer.

We received an update from the attorney (Michael E. Roeder, AICP, Director of Zoning and Land Use Planning, Knott, Consoer, Ebelini, Hart & Swett, P.A.) handling the re-zoning.

He has completed the application. He needed an affidavit signed by the church President, Bob LeSage and a check for the application fee of \$700.00. Both have been delivered to his office.



DOLLARS & CENTS

For fiscal year July 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011

<u>OPERATIONS</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Giving Income	\$327,216
Expenses	\$352,175
Net Income (deficit)	(\$ 24,959)
<u>SAFE HAVEN</u>	
Income	\$ 80,288
Expense	\$ 71,518
Net Income	\$ 8,770
Combined Net Income (deficit)	(\$ 16,189)
Income transferred from B.F.*	\$ 41,720
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$ 25,531

This is a \$3,100 improvement from YTD Feb. 2011*

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

Anniversary Celebrations

2 nd	David & Petra DeBolt
6 th	Lowell & Pat Hoffman
13 th	John & Candis (Loving) Vechazone
15 th	James & Chris Giesecke
16 th	Harold & Kay Slusher
17 th	Bob & Judy Hoschner
21 st	Randy & Joan Spear
30 th	Robert & Mae Osborne

Birthday Wishes

1 st	Flora Jones
2 nd	Janet Serpe
3 rd	Carol Sarosik Larry Scott Carolyn Brose
4 th	Caulette Logelin
7 th	Jeannette Scullion Brian Granstra
8 th	Philip Serpe
9 th	Luke Radcliffe
10 th	Jeanne Gaub Ken Kendall John Kraus
11 th	Hawley Botchford Alex Kubik
12 th	Dottie Reed Ann Elizabeth Radcliffe
14 th	Harold Slusher Nancy Ackroyd James Wray
15 th	Al Gavenda
16 th	Harold Hayward James Brady
17 th	Dave Moore Don Brose
18 th	Steve Brown Daniela Valmer
19 th	Marcia Bruns Bari O'Neill
20 th	Gavin Dougherty
21 st	Jackie Oestriech
22 nd	Joe Meyers
23 rd	Tom Huntington
24 th	Devin Masek
26 th	Harold Simones
28 th	Nan Read Kurt Daume
29 th	Dottie Ulman

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Service Times 8:00 am Prayer Service 9:00 am Praise 9:15 am Kids Worship 10:10 am Sunday School 10:10 am Bible Study 11:00 am Traditional		<h1>MAY</h1>					
1 Car Wash 11—1 p.m.	2 9:30 p.m. Project Linus 12 p.m. Staff Meeting 1 p.m. PW Exc. Board 6:30 p.m. Master Singers Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8PM		3 11 a.m. Safe Haven Class 6 p.m. Small Grp. Bible Study 7 p.m. Deacons Mtg.	4 9 a.m. PIP 10 a.m. Children's Chapel 6 p.m. Wed. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Club 6:30 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Gloria Choir 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	5	6 10 a.m. Safe Haven Cooking 3 p.m. Organist Practice	7 8-1 p.m. Eagle Scout Court Of Honor 1-4 p.m. Organist Practice
8 	9 12 p.m. Staff Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Master Singers Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8PM		10 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Martha Circle 11 a.m. Safe Haven Class 12:30 p.m. Esther Circle 6 p.m. Sm. Grp. Bible Study 7 p.m. Ministry Teams	11 9 a.m. PIP 10 a.m. Children's Chapel 6 p.m. Wed. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Club 6:30 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Gloria Choir 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	12 7 p.m. Eve Circle	13 7 a.m. Real Estate Bkfst. 10 a.m. Safe Haven Brunch 3 p.m. Organist Practice	14 1-4 p.m. Organist Practice Auction/Dinner Royal Palm Yacht Club 5 p.m.
15 Courier Deadline	16 12 p.m. Staff Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Master Singers Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8PM		17 11 a.m. Safe Haven Class 6 p.m. Small Grp. Bible Study	18 9 a.m. PIP 10 a.m. Children's Chapel 7 p.m. Gloria Choir 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	19	20 10 a.m. Safe Haven Cooking 3 p.m. Organist Practice	21 1-4 p.m. Organist Practice Youth Party 11:30-2:00 p.m.
22 New Member Luncheon 12:15 p.m. 2 Cents a Meal Offering	23 12 p.m. Staff Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Master Singers Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8PM		24 11 a.m. Safe Haven Class 7 p.m. Session Mtg.	25 9 a.m. PIP 10 a.m. Children's Chapel 7 p.m. Gloria Choir 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	26	27 7 a.m. Real Estate Bkfst. 10 a.m. Safe Haven Cooking 3-6 p.m. Organist Practice	28 1-4 p.m. Organist Practice
29 No Sunday School Five on the Fifth	30  Church Office Closed Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8PM		31 11 a.m. Safe Haven Class 7 p.m. Food Pantry Mtg.				

Broken Dreams

As children bring their broken toys
with tears for us to mend,
I brought my broken dreams
to God because He was my friend!

But then instead of leaving Him
in peace to work alone,
I hung around and tried to help
with ways that were my own.

At last I snatched them back and cried,
"How can you be so slow?" "My child,"
He said "What could I do?
You never did let go."

Author Unknown

So the next time that you ask God to handle something for you,
leave it in God's capable hands, and; Rest in the Lord, and
wait patiently for Him; (Psalms 37:7) Do not
pull it back again and try to handle it without Him.

Thank You...

I would like to thank you for the flowers. It really raised my spirits to know prayers are said to help those who need them. Thank you again.

*With many blessings to all,
Carolyn Brose*

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*Greetings,
Thanks for the flowers members have sent and welcomed cards. We're not great, but happy together.
The Galberach's*

Martha Circle will meet on May 10th at the home of Jeanne Gaub with Sandy Thornburg as Co-Hostess. Please call 454-1608 if you need directions.



COME GET YOUR CARS WASHED BY OUR YOUTH ON SUNDAY, MAY 1ST FROM 11:00-1:00 P.M. HERE AT CYPRESS LAKE. DONATIONS ACCEPTED



You Are Invited to Fun, Food and Drama



Saturday May 14, 2011
Royal Palm Yacht Club
2360 West First Street
(Just North of Edison Home)
Fort Myers, FL

Cocktails (cash bar) begin at 5:00
dinner @ 7:00
5:30 - 7:30 Silent Auction
1 Act Drama following dinner

Cost per person: \$35
For Reservations:
call Church office 481-3233 or Marietta @ 482-4412

Promote your business While helping CLPC
Continue our local, national and global programs and missions

Help us raise funds with a silent auction and dinner on
Saturday May 14, 2011
At the
Royal Palm Yacht Club

Advertise your business in the auction program
(ad prices range from \$50 for business card to \$200 for full page)
Sponsor a table (\$200 per table)
Provide an item for the auction

Contact Marietta @ 482-4412 or
Marietta.1@comcast.net for more information on how you can help

Drama Troupe Information

Thanks to the following people who donated their time, talent, and their acting gifts in the productions of the CLPC Drama Troupe's Reader's Theater productions: *Love Letters*, and *Our Town*. Thank you for stepping forward and offering to try our first attempt at this style of drama and for inviting friends, family, as well as our community into and on to our wonderful campus! We have all been richly blessed.



Joe and Lee Meyers, Christian Cottrell, Amy Cottrell, Jerry and Marcella Fisher, John Nance, Tim Baldwin, Amanda Johnson, Larry Johnson, Kaitey Allen, Austin Edwards, Lou Quatrucci, Cindy Basler, Ruth Purdo, Jim Warren, Tom Gralton, Connie Johnson, Pam Simones, Ty Hill, and Harold Carrier.

Rockin'



Thanks to all who have been in the choir this year as we sang new music and learned another musical! Those who took part in the *Tale of Three Trees* are : Carson Brown, Payton Hayman, Larry Johnson, Devin Masek, Amanda Johnson, Anthony Barbato, Silvio Andrews, Joey Gross, MacKenzie Michetti, Emma Hayman, Ryan Wisniewski, Laura Winstel, Eddie Gross, Sarah Johnson, and Tori Masek, Ronnie Wisniewski, Pam Simones, Kelly and Charlie Hayman, Cindy Basler, and all of the parents who made certain that your youth made it the practices! We will see you again in the Fall of 2011 for another wonderful year of singing and acting in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Each and every Sunday, I'm sure all of you enjoy seeing the beautiful flowers in the sanctuary. What you might not know is that these flower arrangements brighten up the day not only for those attending weekly services, but also members who are ill, injured, or homebound. We deacons have the pleasure of taking flowers to these members of our church family on Monday mornings. We visit them in their home or nursing home and sometimes the hospital. The flowers are a wonderful reminder that their church family is thinking of them and really perks them up. Flowers arrangements can be purchased for only \$25. This is a great way to get involved in the joyful mission of the church and in doing so, you can help give love and hope to those who need it most in our church family.



Wow—The Easter Egg Hunt was wild! I only got 5 eggs in my mouse basket! Did you notice my Easter hat? I made it myself with handpicked greenery from the Stewart residence on Overlook Drive.

Under the auspicious leadership of Mrs. Rachel Carrier, the choir did an "outstanding" job on Easter. Thank you for all your long hours of practice each week to bring us great music each Sunday!

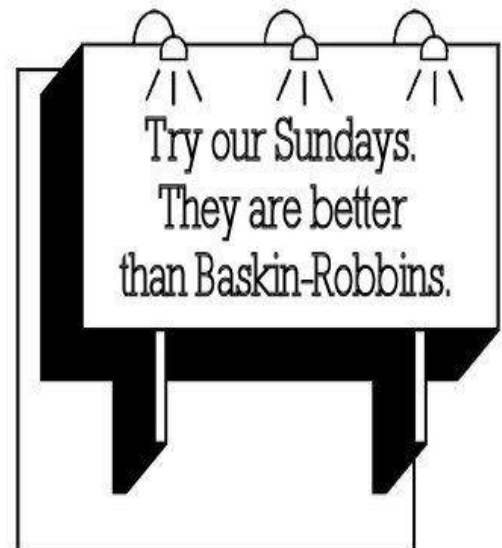
Many thanks to Linda Baldwin, Editor & Chief, who inputs all the church information on the screen each week. This entails a lot of time and effort. Thanks Linda!

If you happen to see me on the ledge above the choir, give me a wave and I'll wave back; or maybe wink!!

I would like to say to Samantha & Ben what a blessing it was to know you both. I will miss you. Hugs and Kisses



The Church Mouse



I'm sorry

During an action packed music and movement to the song *Five Green Speckled Frogs*, Laura M. was bonked on the head. She immediately turned to Talya, the child that was dancing close to her and whacked her in her face. Then Talya began to cry and Laura stood her ground. "You should not have hit me while I was dancing!" Talya, replied, "But I did not hit you!" As the classroom door squeaked shut she noticed her father stand in the doorway. It was clear to Laura that the other child's father had witnessed some of the accident. Laura immediately ran and hid under a table until the other child and her father left. After lunch Laura asked me if she could call Talya and apologize for hurting her. I allowed her to call Talya and she apologized by saying, "Talya, I'm so sorry I hurt you. I know I made you sad and hurt and Jesus doesn't like for me to do that, so I will never hurt you again and tomorrow we will be best friends." The next morning Laura's mom asked me if I needed to discuss anything with her about Laura getting in a fight. I told her about the incident and she told me, "Laura begged God to forgive her for hurting Talya several times last night in her prayers." She said Laura was too upset to tell her about what happened, but that Laura wanted to know if God would make her heart stop hurting. "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over."



Matthew 18:15