



The Courier

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

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

AUGUST 2013



**RETURN TO
REGULAR
SCHEDULE**

**Our Fall Worship Schedule
will return on
Sunday, September 15th.**

- 8:00 a.m.-Prayer Service
- 9:00 a.m. - Praise Service
- 9:15 a.m. - Kids Worship
- 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Service
- 11:00 a.m. - Iglesia Presbiteriana

PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE

The strong storms of the past several weeks have caused a delay on the parking lot seal coat and stripe project. This project has been rescheduled for September 24th-27th in order to get past the worst of the rainy season. Also, Overlook Drive will be sealed and the lines repainted on September 10th-14th.



The Board of Deacons will contact church members when there is a disaster, such as a major hurricane.

Plans are now in place to make calls during such an emergency. Each family will be asked if they have a plan in place or need assistance of any kind.

Have you made a plan? Now is the time!

If you would like to assist this ministry, please call the church office.

**Monday, September 2
Labor Day
Office Closed**



Adult Bell Choir

The Voices in Bronze will return to the bells on Tuesday August 20, 2013. If you are interested in joining this group or want to be a substitute, please contact Rachel Carrier at the church office at 239-481-3233, ext. 24



Gloria Choir

Our first rehearsal will be on Wednesday, Aug.28 at 6:45pm in the rehearsal room in CE 1. If you would like to join this marvelous group of singers and enjoy praising the Lord, come to the first rehearsal; and we will take good care of you and your voice!

Contact Rachel Carrier at 481-3233 ext. 24 for more information.

Kids Worship

Resumes during the 9:00am Worship beginning September 15th. Hope to see some new faces. If your child prefers to stay in the church service, note that there are children bags filled with a child's bulletin, crayons, pencils, and a coloring sheet centered around the Pastor's message for the current week. We would like to encourage your child to grab one of these bags on the way into the Sanctuary (if your child does not attend Kids Worship.) Thanks for helping us out with this friendly reminder.

Angels Rock!

Ages 5 years old through the 5th grade. We will practice on Wednesdays beginning September 11th in the Fellowship Hall in Room 1. Arrive at 5:15pm-6:00pm. A Kid friendly meal will be served from 6:00pm-6:30pm. Look forward to seeing you all back again and welcome to our new children.



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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.

RING! RING! Since Monday, July 8th, the Phone Prayer Chain has been handled differently. Technology has made us obsolete, so we will now transmit information via e-mail thanks to Pam Simones. If you wish to request prayers for someone, please call the church office at 481-3233 with your information. The front desk volunteer or Karen May will take care of those requests for you. Many thanks to all who have participated. This new approach should work well! I will continue to call the few who do not have e-mail. Ringing off – Jeanne Gaub.



Christian Education Current Events

Wonderful Wednesday will begin again on

September 11. That Wednesday will be our "introductory/opening" evening. Angels Rock will meet at 5:15 p.m. in their usual room (FH #1). At 6:00 p.m., ALL children and youth will meet in Fellowship Hall for dinner. What are we having???? Whatever you bring. That first Wednesday, we will have "sack dinners" and you will bring your own...or one for each child in your family. Please either make or get food **AND** drink. We will provide the dessert. More information coming soon!



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. Flowers are still \$25.00 Worship Ministry Team

I was in the 'Six Item Express' lane at the supermarket, quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So - which six items would you like to buy?"

Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?



FROM THE PASTOR



This last month I finished reading a book, *Unbroken*, my daughter had sent to me for Father's Day. It is a difficult, but true, story about Louis Zamperini. His story begins as a boy from Olean, NY, growing up in Torrance, CA, and then ending up in the Army Air Corps in World War II, crashing into the Pacific, spending weeks at sea in a raft, being captured, tormented, tortured, and starved by the Japanese in POW camps, and eventually returning to "normal" life (can't tell you the end of the story...you have to read the book for that). But it tells the story of Zamperini's life. And it is a powerful one!

What is YOUR story? If someone were to write a biography about your life, what would he/she have to say? How compelling would it be? For some of us, it may be REALLY exciting. For some, it would be a story of serving God through daily work and raising a family. For some, it would be a story of love and romance mixed with tragedy. Each of us has a story!

There is another story, God's story, which also happens to be a story about God's people as well. It is a powerful, compelling story of love and romance, of tragedy, of heartbreak and of forgiveness, a story of relationships and a story of hope. It is a wonderfully beautiful story. Yet, for many of us, reading God's story has become drudgery. Books, chapters, verses, and LOTS of stories that are hard to understand!

The translators of the *New International Version* of the Bible recognized this challenge. Even though working hard to create a translation that was readable and understandable, yet accurate, most people simply have not read God's story. To that end, the translators and publisher (Zondervan) took the NIV and made a few changes. No, they didn't add anything new, but they DID rearrange the books and chapters, trying hard to put them into chronological order (the Bible is NOT written chronologically). They also took out some parts of the book (okay, before you scream FOUL...as I first did...how many of us really need to know how many hundreds of thousands of men belong to the tribe of Benjamin in Numbers and how does that INITIALLY help us understand God's story???) . They also took out the names of the books, removed the verse numbers, and also have only 31 chapters.

What the translators did was KEEP the language of the NIV Bible but placed it into an order that tells God's story, as well as yours and mine. The title is, hold on to your seats..., *The Story*. It is NOT designed to be a Bible study per se, but rather a book that helps folks hear and understand God's story. Period! If interested, we can always go deeper, but the goal is to help people READ and KNOW a powerful story!

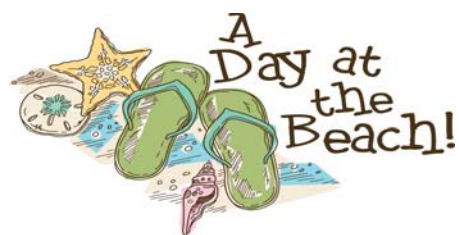
Starting in a little over a month, we will begin a year-long study of *The Story* (with a short break over Advent and Christmas). For 31 weeks, the whole church will be invited to join in. There will be adult Bible studies. The youth will have their own teen copy of *The Story* along with a teen study guide. The children will be following a 31 week period right along with the adults. In worship, I will be preaching from the segments that we are reading each week. Even the choir and praise team have music that will complement what we are reading. Also, our "snowbirds" can EASILY join us right in the middle of the study, just picking up where we are when they arrive. In short, it is an opportunity for the entire church family to read and study the most exciting story of all time, God's story.

Thanks to a gift from the publisher, we are able to get the books virtually at cost. The cost for the hard back *Story* book, plus an adult study guide, is only \$12 (the hard bound *Story* book alone retails for \$19.95). Zondervan has basically given up the hope of making a profit with the bigger hope that people will read God's word. We already have a large supply of books on hand; and starting in mid-August, we will begin making them available for everyone (along with a schedule of when we will hold the Bible studies). But we are grateful for the support of Zondervan in our effort to read *The Story*.

So for now, just get ready. We are about to embark on an incredible journey as, together, we read the most exciting story of all time, God's word.

Blessings,

Pastor Clint



Birthdays

1st	Mary Book Jan Comer	18th	Helen Louise Lovell
2nd	Lois Siemon Ryan Wisniewski		Sandra Wharton Jake Hahn
4th	Robert LeSage Dwayne Bruns	19th	Robert Osborne
7th	Bill Stewart Barbara Stewart	20th	Mary Soucek
9th	Jordon Juliano Jack Peluso/Rabon	21st	Jordan Bergmann
10th	Gordon Davis Dottie Leupold	26th	Cash Krenson Greta Hughes
12th	Wyatt Geist Gayle Rogers	27th	Caleb Geist
13th	Emily Sneedan Jeff Radcliffe	28th	Heron Botchford
15th	Kirk Charles	29th	June Stewart
17th	Deidra Bradley	30th	Dylan Otto
		31st	Richard Werner Michael Weber

Anniversaries

2nd	Greg & Jodi Waldrop
12th	J. Byron & Helen Lovell
17th	Al & Jan Gavenda
26th	Art & Cindy Carver



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service Times 8:00 am Morning Prayer 10:00 am Summer Worship 10:15 am Kids Worship 11:00 am Iglesia Presbiteriana						
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Untapped resources

While taking photos of the earth, the space shuttle Columbia made a surprising discovery: Underneath the harsh Sahara Desert were 26 lakes, as well as miles of underground rivers. That region's inhabitants face tough conditions because those abundant resources haven't yet been tapped.

Churches often suffer a similar problem. Congregations can't reach their full God-given potential unless people discover and use their gifts. When we tap into our talents, however,

God promises that we "will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail" (Isaiah 58:11, NIV).

Tuesday August 13

Men's
Breakfast



7:00 am at the Sunflower Cafe



Elders & Deacons

Elders

Bobbi Bancroft
Chris Giesecke
Dee Jordan
Steve Norris
Tom Huntington
Linda Baldwin
Sarah Otenti
Bob O'Neill
Hawley Botchford
Mike Scullion
Carolyn Hornung

Deacons

Barbara Pappalardo
Betty Schaarschuch
Amy Cottrell
Skip Webster
Eleanor Bartoe
Betsy Peters
Pam Smith
Millie Poland
Kurt Daume
Doris King
Leslie McGargle

FLOWER GUILD AUGUST 2013



August 4th Elly Bartoe

August 11th Jean Dodd

August 18th Kirk Charles

August 25th Sally Fontaine



Blood Drive Give the gift of Life!!

The next Blood Drive will be
Sunday, August 18th from
8:15 a.m.-1 p.m.

Please call Tim Baldwin for an
appointment at 415-2827.



COMMITMENT TO WORSHIP

Chair - Linda Baldwin
Member - Bobbi Bancroft
Support Staff - Rachel Carrier

CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Chair - Mike Scullion
Member - Tom Huntington
Member - Chris Giesecke

DISCIPLEMAKING

Chair - Sarah Otenti
Member - Dee Jordan
Member - Carolyn Hornung
Support Staff - Ginny Canning

SUPPORT

Chair - Bob O'Neill
Member - Steve Norris
Member - Hawley Botchford
Property - Jim Wray, Walt France, Rich Meacham
Treasurer - Rich Meacham (Interim)
Asst. Treasurer - Mike Scullion
Personnel - Bob O'Neill (Chair), Linda Baldwin, Mike Scullion, Sarah Otenti, Jim Wray, Sandy Wharton, Jim Warren
Disaster, Preparedness - Sandy Wharton, Dolores Warren
Bldg. Chair - Rich Meacham
Support Staff - Karen May



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

CEDARKIRK NEWS:



It is a busy, busy time at camp right now. They are about 1/3 of the way through the summer season. There is Culinary Camp (yep, they work in the kitchen); Middle School Conference; Music, Arts, Drama; Night Owl (their day begins late and ends early the next morning); SHL and CLiP (we knew it as CIT, Counselor in Training) along with all the normal camp activities. Next month maybe I can get some first-hand reports from CLPC kids who have attended.

We can get the Retreat House at Cedarkirk (holds 15 people) for a one or two night event **during the week**. A Bible Study, good food, recreation, walking, rocking, resting or relaxing. If you are interested let me (Miss Ginny) know then I will check on availability.

Ginny Canning



God's Love and Spirit

Thanks to the Praise Team who has faithfully been at all but two Worship Services throughout the summer. They begin each rehearsal with a short Bible Study then move into the actual musical practice and have exciting and visual moments of sharing in how they can become God's Worship Leaders with the focus on Him and Jesus Christ.

We should find the time to thank those who are part of this Ministry Team and lend them Christ-like encouragement as they pursue what God has called them to do.

Join with me in thanking them some Sunday morning!

Ty Hill and Gavin Dougherty, Co-Praise Team leaders,

Jaime Hill, Kirk Charles, Kayley Bishop, Dr. Bob LeSage,

Cameron Peters, Brian Granstra, audio, Rev. Dr. Clinton Cottrell, our Pastor and pianist and Linda Baldwin, Power Point presentations.

Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you!

Rachel Carrier, Director of Worship and Music

**Deadline for September Courier articles
is: August 15th**

August 2013 Schedule

2nd	Jackie Oestrich Dorothy Troy	9th	Doris Houston Becky Potts
16th	Irene Thiessen Betty Schaarschuch	23rd	Irene Thiessen Pam Smtih
30th	Jackie Oestrich Dorothy Troy		

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.



Praise The Lord!



There's a little old Christian lady living next door to an atheist. Every morning the lady comes out onto her front porch and shouts "Praise the Lord!".

Now the atheist yells back, "There is no God". Yet She does this every morning with the same result. As time goes on the lady runs into financial difficulties and has trouble buying food. So she goes out onto the porch and asks God for help with groceries, then says "Praise the Lord".

The next morning she goes out onto the porch and there's the groceries she'd asked for, and, of course she says "Praise the Lord". The atheist jumps out from behind a bush and says, "Ha, I bought those groceries - there is no God".

The lady looks at him, smiles and shouts "Praise the Lord, not only did You provide for me Lord, You made Satan pay for it!!!!".

GIN... and other "spiritual" matters

Do you remember any of those "old-time" Sunday School songs we learned as children... "The B-I-B-L-E", "Noah and the Floody Floody", "A Wise Man Built His House", "I Am a C", "Father Abraham" ?? What fun we had learning the words and motions. There is a generation, (maybe two) that don't know those songs. In a discussion at Ministry Team Meetings last evening, it was decided that at the Fall Fest this year we need to do some things to make sure the children/parents who come realize that we are a church, not just a place to play games and get candy. One of the things we decided to add was a "Learn-a-Song" Station. We would like to teach the children some of these songs. I need a list so, if you can remember the words and/or motions, (the tune would be helpful, too) to any of those old songs, please e-mail me or see me on a Sunday morning or stop in the office any Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. If I don't know the song, I'll bet someone else does and we can use it. What fun...maybe we ought to sing some of these songs in church some Sunday!

*OK, now get out your calendars; your **2014** calendars. On the fifth Sunday of March, 2014 (the 30th), we are having Children and Youth Sunday here at Cypress Lake. There will be Angels Rock, Special Music, Greeting and Ushering, Scripture Reading, Call to Worship, and Sermon, all done by the youth and children of the church. Hopefully we will begin or renew a tradition. With this much "lead-time", we can provide you with a very meaningful worship experience.*

Ginny Canning
CE Director



**Deacon's
Corner**

Every Monday the South Ft. Myers Food Pantry distributes a cart filled with a variety of groceries to each guest; and, currently, the number of families served has grown to close to 200 each week.

Since the Pantry has grown, the need for several other services has been added. One, such service, is the distribution of a Clothes Voucher from the Clothes Closet.

Faith United Methodist Church houses the Clothes Closet, and the voucher is good for seven (7) complete outfits of clothing every six (6) months for each person in the family. One example for an adult is a complete outfit to wear to a job interview.

The clothes are all clean and in very good condition, so if anyone knows of someone who needs this service, please refer them to the Pantry or to the Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church office.

It is now the Fifth Anniversary for the Food Pantry so Congratulations and a big, big Thank You to all the volunteers who have made the operation of the Pantry such a success. The Board of Directors, led by Tom Gralton, deserves a special Blessing for their dedication to the many, many hours necessary in the planning and coordinating of this Christian service.

Elly Bartoe, Deacon