



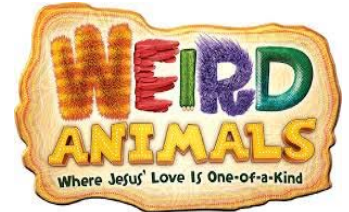
The Courier

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

July/August
2014

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

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!
THANK YOU!!!



VBS IS OVER!! (That was me cheering!!) VBS is always fun and wonderful, but lots and lots of work for many people. The little phrase 'Thank You' always seems like such a small "reward" for a job so very well done. It would be futile for me to thank everyone individually...I know I would forget someone...then I'd feel bad and they'd feel left out. I've decided to do this by "groups". Soooooo: Thanks to

The Kitchen Crew — Head chef, Sou chef, prep people, table/fellowship hall decoration people, cooks, servers, table wipers, cleaner-uppers, sweepers and moppers and last but by no means least, dishwasher. Wonderful meals in a bright, clean, and Christian atmosphere.

Registration Crew — Pitched in at the last minute, got everyone signed up, got all the name tags made, were happy, cheerful, and did not get flustered in the madhouse of job changes and crew changes.

Crew Leaders — Stayed with their crews, herded the cats oops, children gently and carefully, were enthusiastic, pleasant, loving, patient, and participated in all activities.

Bible Adventure Story Leaders — What a group of artists...you should have seen their rooms. What a bunch of actresses. They were amazing as they talked about being different, being afraid, not understanding, being left out, and doing wrong. They came up with spots for the lepers, a well for the Samaritan woman, washed feet, talked about "the cross" and why, and Saul/Paul and what he did. Amazing!!

Saturday Work Crew — Faithful, visionary, painted, cut noodles, made flowers, created grass, draped, stapled, taped and glued. Fantastic

Imagination Station Crews (Crafts) — used water and baking soda, Higher Fliers, Switcheroo Spinners, Whistle Screamers, Flip-Flop Tops, Ozzie's Bible Story Book, balloons, coffee filters, eye droppers and things you can't even imagine. These people have incredible imaginations...that's why they worked in the Imagination Station...good choice, don't you think?

Games Station Crews — The Elementary kids were running back and forth under the Porte Cochere sometimes with water, sometimes without; also they had great discussions about the daily themes and our mission project. The Preschoolers had a great time crawling under a "blanket" parachute, sitting in a cardboard boat paddling to an unknown destination, and ending the evening each child with a balloon.

Our Photographer — The spouse of one of our tech crew ran around and took "staged" pictures that went with the story and also snapshots of all the children at their various activities. A marvel with a camera!!

Sing and Play Stampede/Tail End Crew — Our Fearless Leader, Dr. Paws, and Solid Rock Singers started us with songs, introduced the Bible Buddy for the day, and made sure we knew the Bible Point. After the children had rotated all the stations they returned to the sanctuary for the finale. The evening ended with a review of the day's Bible Story, Bible Point, and Mission Project; more singing and dancing and closing of the evening with a prayer by one of the children.

Everyone Who Contributed — If you looked anywhere there were decorations something you brought was quite like-ly used. Thanks for all the PT and TP rolls, egg cartons, boxes, used styrofoam, etc., etc., etc.

WHAT A WONDERFUL AND TRULY CHRISTIAN WEEK.

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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.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!



The Hospitality Committee would like to thank all who graciously volunteered to help in the Road Kill Café during VBS. A special thank you Mark Gisse for his tireless efforts in the kitchen and his wonderful recipes. We served over 560 meals for a total cost of \$409.00. We were able to serve great food for almost no cost due to an extremely generous donation from the owners of the Sandy Parrot Restaurant. The South Fort Myers Food Pantry Coalition and CLPC thank you again for this most generous donation.



ELDERS

Hawley Botchford
Bobbi Bancroft
Chris Giesecke
Linda Baldwin
Steve Norris
Don Little
Virginia Giraud
Lee Conrad
Becky Harris
Paula Sklodowski
Ambrose Walker
Debbie Wingerson

DEACONS

Skip Webster
Amy Cottrell
Eleanor Bartoe
Betsy Peters
Millie Poland
Leslie McGargle
Doris King
Pam Smith
Kurt Daume
Judy Schulte
Gloria Long



MEA CULPA, MEA CULPA, MEA CULPA

See, I told you I would forget someone if I tried to thank everyone individually. Well, even thanking each group ... didn't work. The puppets, the puppets, the puppets. Oh how could I forget the puppet team. They were stupendous...so funny, so life-like, and such good scripts. Every day's message was "right on target" with the Bible Point. Great job, group!

Ginny Canning





Last month I received a text message from the Rev. Graham Hart (General Presbyterian), wishing us a good day as we began the May meeting of Peace River Presbytery. Graham was on a sabbatical and was in Bethlehem the day we met at Cypress Lake, and he even sent us a picture from his cell phone of the church in Bethlehem, from very the place where Jesus may have been born. As I pondered the depth of what Graham was experiencing, comingled with our Presbytery meeting, my mind wandered back to 2 years ago when I was on a trip from Cypress Lake, while on my sabbatical, to Egypt, Jordan and Israel.

We flew overnight from Miami through Paris to Cairo, arriving in Cairo in the early evening of the next day. We cleared customs, made it to our hotel (gazed out the window at the pyramids in the distance) and then crashed. But well before dawn, in this very strange land, I was wakened by something I had never heard before, the Muslim call to prayer. Five times a day the nearest minaret came to life as the Mosque called the people to prayer...and the Muslims stopped and prayed! I was also struck that day by how ALL of the Muslim women had their heads covered, many were veiling their faces and a few were in black burcas.

As I took in this culture I was struck by the very same emotions that Dietrich Bonhoeffer experienced when he visited Libya in the late 1920's (Libya being an Italian colony at the time). On the one hand, the custom of women covering their heads and faces, particularly veiling themselves, seemed odd and just inappropriate after all, we are all one in God's image. But something else tugged at Bonhoeffer and myself, and that was the FAITH of these people. For at least the people I saw, their faith wasn't a one day a week faith (or even one hour a week faith) when they went to worship on Friday. No, they were living out their faith every day. Whether I agree with it or not, there was something very powerful about watching busses stop at the appointed prayer time for people to get off, kneel toward Mecca and pray. I just had to respect their faith.

But then after our trip we came back home to a wonderful country of equal rights for men and women. A place with true freedom of religion (or lack of religion). And I was struck by how "devout" Christians regularly miss worship because of a baseball game or a special brunch. Of how we do not "have time" to attend a Bible study or a small group where we learn about the God that made us and that same God that saved us...and of our response to the Lord.

Now don't get me wrong. There are some WONDERFUL Christians who are deeply connected within the local church, within the broader church, within the ecumenical community and who live into Jesus Christ every day. But at the end of the day, on returning from the Muslim lands of Egypt and Jordan, a part of me ached for what many in North America were missing...and it is all readily available. Indeed, in the words of the hymn, "Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling to you and to me." That ache being, a daily relationship with the Lord and with God's people...in the home, in the local congregation, in the community, in the Presbytery and beyond!

But rather than complain, I have a prayer. A prayer that this month you may find time to grow deeper in your relationship with God through Christ. That the tyranny of the urgent will never get in the way of your relationship with your Lord. That every day activities will part like the water of the Red Sea, making room for you to grow closer to God and God's people. And may you find the peace which surpasses all understanding with you every breathing moment!

Blessings,

Pastor Clint



The Spirit Gives Life

SCRIP CARDS

Make a contribution to the Church by shopping with gift cards for everyday purchases like food, clothing and entertainment. Each scrip gift card you buy earns a rebate for the Church. A secured "Order Box" is located in the Narthex (on South wall next to sound room) and also in the Church office for placing orders. Orders will be picked up @ 11:00 AM the 1st Sunday of each month and available for delivery the 2nd Sunday. A check payable to CLPC for the total must accompany the order. Order Forms are located in Slot# 16 in the Narthex and in the "Scrip Order Boxes". You can also place an order online at www.shopwithscrip.com.



Our Angel's Rock! have an exciting engagement within the community of Fort Myers, Fl.



They have been invited to sing at the special Patriotic Music Program for the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014 for the Celebration of Constitution Week! This event will be held at the Colonial Country Club, located on Colonial Rd. The theme for this day is "Let Every Voice Be Heard" and the guest speaker will be State Senator, Lisbeth Benequisto, along with proclamations from our Florida State Governor, Rick Scott, and Fort Myers Councilman, Frank Mann, and other dignitaries. Information for the parents will be sent to their home addresses and we do need to begin this groups rehearsals earlier than usual. A rehearsal CD will be sent home with each choir member and we will need the parents assistance in reminding the children that they will need to practice at home with the CD as well as attending the rehearsals.

Rehearsal schedule for this event:
Wednesday: August 20th, 5:30-6:15 pm
no meal will be served, no other Wed. evening activities

Wednesday August 27, 5:30- 6:15 pm
No meal served/no other evening activities for the children (Gloria Choir begins at 7:00 pm)

Wednesday September 3, 5:30-6:15 pm
(No food or children activities) (G. choir at 7:00 pm)

Wednesday, September 10, 5:15-6:00 pm Wonderful Wed. begins!!
Notice the time change for this Wednesday for the Angels Rock! G. Choir at 7:00 pm

Thank you for supporting this children's choir and our community event on Sat., Sept. 20th.

More information will be sent to the parents in August. Children ages 5 through the 5/6th grade are eligible to sing: Contact Rachel Carrier or Pam Simones for more information to join! Have a fun and safe summer.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Summer Choir Opportunities!

We will be having an occasional Summer Choir to sing for the 10:00 am service of Worship. We are looking for anyone who would enjoy singing on a Sunday morning, ages middle school and up, who would also meet in the Music rehearsal room at 9:30 am to learn a piece of fun Christian songs/hymns. This has been very successful the last two years, it takes one rehearsal on Sunday morning, and then we sing at the appointed time in the bulletin . Yes, you may sit

with your families/friends during the service and still be able to sing His Glorious Songs as we continue to Praise God!

Dates to Sing: July 13, 2014, July 27, 2014, Aug. 10, 2014, and Aug. 24, 2014



Gloria Choir Rehearsal Startup date:

Rehearsals will begin again on Wednesday, August 27th for the Gloria Choir. We always have room for more voices, you do not need a trained voice to sing and certainly any middle school, high school, college, and all adults are eligible to sing for our Lord. We will teach you as we all work together as a singing choral Team. Rehearsals are from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. Looking forward to all members returning and hoping for many new faces/voices. Contact Rachel Carrier, Director of Worship and Music for more information at 239-481-3233 ext. 24.



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.

Poet, Beverly J. Anderson



As elected deacons, one of the needs of the congregation is the visiting of the homebound. One of the

ways we do this is by delivering flowers. At other times and on special occasions, they are remembered with cards and special notes. On occasion, transportation is provided for a family member needing it to take care of personal needs; and we can provide care to the homebound while the more active family member can get out. We have seven homebound living in their own home or in a home with more professional care.

In addition to the Deacons, Jim Wilson is a regular visitor of those in the hospital and/or homebound. (Once a deacon, always a deacon)

Let us know if you have special concerns or needs and we will be there to help.


Millie Poland, Deacon



Thank You!

Thank you very much for all your prayers for my grandson Vincent. He has been diagnosed with Immune Thrombocytopenia (much better than the alternative, Westcott-Aldrich). God is amazing and so are you!
Many Blessings, Connie Galton





COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is taking a vacation from June-September and will return in the fall.



Jordan Bergmann's Mission Trip



I went on a mission trip to El Salvador with my 8th grade class over Spring Break. This was the very first mission trip I have been on. This trip was definitely life changing and it brought me closer to God than I ever could have imagined. I thought it would be like a retreat, but it was



much more than that. God used our whole group to change the lives

of every single person we met in El Salvador.

The first day of ministry we went from house to house. At the first house there was a little boy who answered the door. There was also a man who was crippled in the house. He was holding himself up on two canes made of wood. He looked afraid when he saw us at first, then the two nationals in our group explained what we were doing. We gave him a packet about God and he seemed thankful and happy when we left. After that, I knew it was going to be a great week.

While in El Salvador, I realized just how blessed I am to be able to go to a nice school and to live in a nice house. The living conditions in El Salvador were worse than what I expected. I don't think that a movie or a picture could show how poor it really is there. God showed me that while I might not be satisfied with all that I have, there are kids in El Salvador that are satisfied with what little they have.



I really enjoyed my trip to El Salvador and I would like to go on another mission trip in the future. I am very thankful to my school for organizing and sponsoring this trip, and I am also thankful to the people that donated money to help me with my trip.

Anniversary Celebrations-July

2nd Ken & Lisa Kendall
9th Kevin & Dianne McFadden
10th Larry & DeAnna Steward
12th John & Donna Phelps
13th Jeff & Ann Radcliffe
20th Jeff & Cindy Basler
22nd Clint & Amy Cottrell
23rd Gordon & Helen Davis
27th Kurt & Joanne Daume

Birthdays Wishes July

2nd Linda Baldwin
Rebecca Potts
Sarah Otenti
Arjun Ahluwalia
7th Bobbi Bancroft
9th Peyton Hornung
10th Gail Peluso
12th John Kosman
Dee Hahn
Larry Steward
13th June Salanda
15th William Galberach
17th Aaron Charles
19th Shirley Gerstenberger
20th Doris Houston
24th Jean Hersh
25th Austin Hayman
Marta Crutcher
Bill Otey
26th Harry Walton
Tom Kowa
27th Ken Van Swearingen
28th Petra DeBolt
Gale Wray
29th Doris King
Marian Keehn
30th Danielle Campbell
31st Kelly Hayman

Anniversary Celebrations-August

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

Birthdays Wishes August

1st Mary Book
Jan Comer
2nd Lois Siemon
Ryan Wisniewski
4th Dwayne Bruns
6th Paul Harris
7th Bill Stewart
Barbara Stewart
9th Jordon Juliano
Jack Peluso/Rabon
Ambrose Walker
10th Gordon Davis
Dottie Leupold
12th Gayle Rogers
13th Jeff Radcliffe
15th Kirk Charles
17th Deidra Bradley
18th Helen Louise Lovell
Sandra Wharton
Jake Hahn
19th Robert Osborne
20th Mary Soucek
21st Jordan Bergmann
25th Gloria Long
26th Greta Hughes
27th Heron Botchford
28th June Stewart
29th Dylan Otto
30th Richard Werner





Life Line Screening's Mobile Health Testing Units Are Coming

Where: Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church
When: Tuesday, July 15, 2014

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.

You may think that your physician would order these screenings if they were necessary. However, insurance companies typically will not pay for screenings unless there are symptoms. Unfortunately 4 out of 5 people that suffer a stroke have no apparent symptoms or warnings signs. That is why having a Life Line Screening is so important to keep you and your loved ones healthy and independent.

Pre-registration is required. Space is Limited!

Schedule your appointment by calling 1-888-653-6450 and receive \$10 off of the package prices. Use Priority Code HSC3215

Gin and other spiritual matters.....

It's getting close. Jessica Osegueda arrives on July 1st. Since she will be moving from Winter Haven that week and the office is closed on Friday for the 4th of July Holiday...and Pastor Clint and I will both be leaving on the 8th for Greece and Turkey...not quite sure you will see her around the office much until the week we return. My first job in preparation for her will be to clean the CE office of all the VBS stuff. I don't want her to think it looks like that all the time. AND DON'T YOU GO TELLING HER IT DOES WHEN I'M NOT HERE!!! I'm trying to make a good first impression. Give me at least one week with her in a clean office before you shatter my image, *please!*

Summer is a slower time and I will be out of the office a bit. I will be at Cedarkirk as a Worship Leader June 22nd—27th. (Pam Smith is also going that same week as Camp Nurse and Pastor Helen is going a different week as a Worship Leader). On July 8th, I leave for Greece and Turkey, returning on July 16th. And on Aug. 3rd I will be in Pittsburgh for a Leader's Training Course to become a Stephen Minister Leader/Trainer. I return from that "ugly, dirty, 'who would want to go there' city" on Aug. 10th. So even while things at CLPC are a little slower, I've decided to keep myself busy and happy this summer.

I hope you are busy and *happy* this summer also!
Ginny Canning

Chancel Guild

July 2014 Schedule

4th Jackie Oestriech
Dorothy Troy

11th Doris Houston
Rebecca Potts

18th Sue Chanofsky
Betty Schaarschuch

25th Irene Thiessen
Gale Wray

August 2014 Schedule

1st Jackie Oestriech
Dorothy Troy

8th Doris Houston
Rebecca Potts

15th Sue Chanofsky
Betty Schaarschuch

22nd Irene Thiessen
Gale Wray

29th Jackie Oestriech
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.**

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive
will be
Sunday, July 13th
8:15-12:45 pm.

Please call Tim Baldwin
for an appointment at
937-369-6069.
Give the gift of Life!!



Someone "with skin on"

My 3-year-old nephew was having a hard time falling asleep at Grandma's house, so my mom lay down beside him for a while. As she started to ease out of the room, his eyes flew open. "You're safe," she reminded him. "Jesus is always with you."

"I know, Grandma," he protested, "but I want someone with skin on!"

That reminded me of a quote by theologian Frederick Buechner: "Compassion is the sometimes fatal capacity for feeling what it is like to live inside somebody else's skin." God came to us as Jesus — someone "with skin on" — so we would know he understands what it's like to live inside our skin. Now as Jesus' body in the world, we're often called on to be someone "with skin on" to others. Indeed, we're to show them such compassion that we could just as well be wearing *their* skin.

FLOWER GUILD

July

July 6th Judy Schulte

July 13th Jean Dodd

July 20th Sally Fontaine

July 27th Terry Miller

August

August 3rd Jean Dodd

August 10th Sally Fontaine

August 17th Terry Miller

August 24th Judy Schulte

August 31st Kirk Charles

Men's Breakfast
Sunflower Café at 7:00 am
Tuesday, July 8th
and
Tuesday, August 12

