



The Courier

July/August
2015

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

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

THANK YOU does not even begin to explain how grateful I am to have had such a wonderful volunteer staff for this year's VBS.

Each and every one of you were such a big part of making VBS a success. Thank you for your time and talents and for all your hard work. We had about 70 children attend VBS this year.

That means 70 Children exposed to the Gospel, Glory be to God!!!

God bless all of you.

Jessica Osegueda



Car Wash
Sunday, July 19
7:30am - 11am!!!

We are raising money for Miss Jessica to attend a KidMin Conference in Chicago, Illinois in September. It is for one weekend, and the conference will allow Miss Jessica to gain more insight when it comes to working with youth. Thank you for your support.

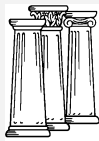


INDEPENDENCE
Day

OFFICE CLOSED
JULY 3rd



OFFICE CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 7th



**Elders
&
Deacons**

ELDERS

DEACONS

Hawley Botchford

Skip Webster

Chris Giesecke

Ana Agama

Steve Norris

Paul Harris

Lee Conrad

Doris Maria

Becky Harris

Sparrow

Paula Sklodowski

Millie Poland

Debbie Wingerson

Leslie McGargle

Ambrose Walker

Pam Smith

Carson Brown

Kurt Daume

Gordon Coffman

Judy Schulte

Gavin Dougherty

Gloria Long

Mark Gisse

Janice Ulrich

Maria Menacho

Kirk Charles

COFFEE HOUR

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



Fall Worship Schedule

Our Fall Worship Schedule
will return on
Sunday, August 2nd

- 8:00 a.m. - Prayer Service
- 9:30 a.m. - Praise Service
- 9:45 a.m. - Kids Worship
- 11:00 a.m. - Traditional Service
- 11:00 a.m. - Iglesia Presbiteriana
- 12:30 p.m. - Puppet Team



NEWS LETTER

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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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Operation Christmas Child is preparing to reach our goal of **1,000 boxes by September!** We are



collecting items each month. We will also accept Donations, so that we can order many items in bulk. You can place your donation in a pew envelope that is clearly marked Operation Christmas Child. **During the month of July, we will collect crayons and small coloring books. In August, we will collect school supplies, such as eraser, pencils, and small note pads.**

There will be a collection box in the Narthex for these items.



There will be an informational **Potluck BRUNCH** on July 19th following the 10 o'clock service. We will be discussing CLPC's emergency plan which is overseen by Deacons. Some suggestions for the potluck would be bacon, sausage, fruit salad, sweet rolls, egg casserole, cheese grits and donuts, Hope to see you there!



Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be Sunday, August 23rd 8:15-11:45 pm.

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



Men's Breakfast
Sunflower Café at 8:00 am
Tuesday, July 14th
and
Tuesday, August 11th



SOUTH FT. MYERS FOOD PANTRY:

During the month of **July**, we are collecting **canned meat** to help feed those in our area who come to the pantry. Please place your items in the shopping cart in the Narthex.

During the month of **August**, we will be collecting **boxed side dishes**.



“That is Good Enough?”

Last year at this time, I was attending the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church up in Detroit, Michigan. As I walked the street of the town (with a mixture of vibrancy and destitute buildings), I noticed something I had not seen in years. The “old” buildings, say from the early 1900’s, were beautiful. They had ornate designs and “gingerbread”, decorating them from the second floor all the way to the top, with the most elaborate designs. As I peered into the lobbies, I was struck by the beautiful murals and the marble floors. Clearly, these buildings were meant to last many, many generations, and they have! I can only begin to imagine the amount of work AND money it took to erect those buildings, as most of this work was done by craftsmen, by hand. And while we may say, “it was cheaper then,” craftsmen have always commanded higher salaries!

I was reminded of the old churches that we saw in Egypt, Jordan and Israel. They were built with hard work and with attention to detail. Masons were trained in their art, and their skills were passed on from generation to generation, as sometimes it took a hundred years or more to “finish” the building. In return these wonderful structures have lasted for centuries, even millennia!

But there is an adage that has crept into our culture, “Well, it is good enough.” Now let me not be too hasty, there ARE times when it needs to be “good enough.” Perhaps we have done all we can for the day, or we are out of resources. There is a time to walk away. But yet, it can also become an excuse.

When I worked for the federal government, there was a phrase that used to bother me. Okay, I certainly have said it (ALWAYS in gest...kind of like when someone remarks as a pastor that I only work an hour a week, at the core it hurts a bit, but we can laugh at the comment). But the line I used to hear was, “That’s good enough for government work.” Really? Say that to a patient at the VA, to a pilot flying an airplane through clouds around thunderstorms, or to a senior citizen whose very life depends on accurate and thorough handling of their Medicare claim or social security annuity. “That is good enough” just doesn’t make it.

As Christians, Romans 14 reminds us that, “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” (ESV) This is highlighted in the Heidelberg catechism, question 1, where it states, “That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.” EVERYTHING we do is not in service to ourselves or to another, but to Jesus himself. Be it how we clean our house, wash the car, teach a classroom full of children, or even spend our vacation.

I have watched in recent years as some companies have succeeded while others have declined. I look at Amazon, which has done a REMARKABLE job in expanding from being a bookseller to selling nearly everything and often delivering it in 2 days! They have never settled for, “That is good enough”, but rather have striven for something greater. Perhaps they heard the adage, “Good, better, best, never let it rest, until the good is better and the better is best.”

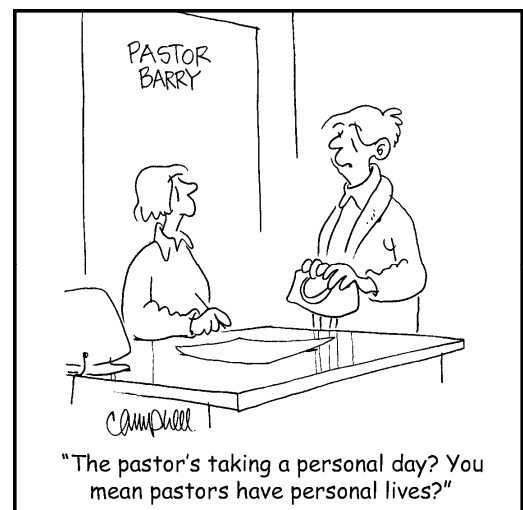
So, when we do something, is it REALLY the best we have to offer, or is it just “good enough?” Back to the old buildings in Detroit. The new buildings that have been erected near the old, look “nice”, but they are simple, even sterile. None of the attention to detail. The sheetrock that they used (versus the plaster) will sure not be lasting centuries. And the simple esthetics of looking at them leaves much to be desired. But sadly, “good enough” has taken hold in much of our society.

I would challenge us this summer to strive for something higher and better in the way we serve the Lord. Yep, we ARE human and will make mistakes! That is a given. There will also be a time where there is nothing more that we can do. But whatever we are called to do, be it at home, work, family or church, are we doing our VERY best, as if we were serving none other than Jesus Christ? If we truly believe the Bible, that is precisely who we are serving, Jesus!

Have a great July and August, but I invite you to remember, “Good, better, best, never let it rest until the good is better and the better is best.” After all, EVERYTHING we do is in service to Jesus!

Blessings,

Pastor Clint





Take Me Out to the Ballgame

The Siemon's, avid baseball fans, have arranged a sky box for the July 29th Miracle Game! For \$25 you will be able to watch the game in air conditioned comfort and enjoy chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, lemonade and cake (It's Lois' 90th birthday!) Get your tickets today! Bring your friends and neighbors.



FLOWER GUILD

July

August

July 5th	Sally Fontaine	August 2nd	Judy Schulte
July 12th	Jean Dodd	August 9th	Sally Fontaine
July 19th	Pam Smith	August 16th	Pam Smith
July 26th	Terry Miller	August 23rd	Jean Dodd
		August 30th	Terry Miller

The Road of Life

God of our life,
there are days when the burdens we
carry, chafe our shoulders and weigh
us down;
when the road seems dreary and
endless, the skies gray and threatening;
when our lives have no music in them,
and our hearts are lonely,
and our souls have lost their courage.
Flood the path with light,
turn our eyes to where the skies are
full of promise;
tune our hearts to brave music;
give us the sense of comradeship
with heroes and saints of every age;
and so quicken our spirits that we may
be able to encourage the souls of all
who journey with us on the road of
life, to Your honor and glory.

St. Augustine

ARE YOU READY TO CELEBRATE???
DID YOU KNOW PASTOR CLINT WILL BE
CELEBRATING "TEN" YEARS AT CLPC??



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
AUGUST 16TH FOLLOWING THE
11 AM SERVICE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
CAKE & DRINKS WILL BE SERVED



NEWS FROM THE ACTIVITY GROUP

We have three events planned for next season. Friday, December 11, our group of 24 people will ride the bus to the Florida Repertory Theater for a performance of "A Christmas Story". ("You'll shoot your eye out kid") The Florida Rep stages this adaptation from the holiday movie favorite about nine year old Ralphie and his quest for a Red Rider BB gun. The cost will be \$40.00; and we will be dining at a downtown restaurant and will order off the menu, so you may select as much or as little as you want.

Later in the year, we will be attending a FGCU women's Basketball game. Date to be announced, as schedules come out in the Fall.

We will also be going to an Everblades game. This date to be announced at a later time.



Our Summer Choir will sing
July 19th
Gaither Sunday

July 26th
Christmas in July



Presbyterian Women

Schedule for June-August 2015

Martha Circle meets socially for breakfast every Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. at Bob Evans – Call Mary Gisse at 826-1865 for details.

Esther Circle meets socially for dessert the second Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. Call Sue Chanofsky at 600-7654 for details.

Eve Circle meets socially on the second Thursday at 7:00 PM. Call Barbara Stewart at 481-0863 or Matilda Wilson at 489-3582 for details

The Linus Blanket Project continues to meet on the first Monday of each month at 9:30 A.M. in the CE1, Rms. 2&3. Call Matilda Wilson at 489-3582 or Pat France at 561-3085.



Deacons are the “servants” or “caregivers” of the Church family. They are delighted to visit homebound church members. We are currently updating our list, correcting addresses and phone numbers. Please give Karen May a call at the church or Pam Smith, deacon, (239-878-6511), to let us know who is homebound and update contact information.

We are here for you! You are truly never alone.

In Christ,
The Deacons

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.



New Member Luncheon

The next New Member Orientation and Luncheon will be **September 6th**. The class will start immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service, and meets in Fellowship Hall. Call the church office at 481-3233 to sign up or email the church at mail@clpc.us.



Chancel Guild

July 2015 Schedule

- 3rd** Judy Schulte
Dorothy Troy
- 10th** Doris Houston
Rebecca Potts
- 17th** Sue Chanofsky
Martin Chanofsky
- 24th** Irene Thiessen
Gale Wray
- 31st** Judy Schulte
Dorothy Troy

August 2015 Schedule

- 7th** Doris Houston
Rebecca Potts
- 14th** Sue Chanofsky
Martin Chanofsky
- 21st** Irene Thiessen
Gale Wray
- 28th** Judy Schulte
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 Music Camp



CLPC Music Staff will be offering a 4-day Music Camp from Monday, August 3rd through Thursday, August 6th from 9:00-12:00 p.m. There is a small fee of \$5.00 per student, or if there are two or more in a family, the fee is still \$5.00. We will be providing a mid-morning snack. We ask that your child have breakfast before being dropped off in the morning and they will need to be picked up at Noon each day. We will be teaching beginning music theory, introduction to various instruments, work on music for the Christmas Program, intro to Drama, as well as having a short devotion each morning. This camp is open to children ages 5 through 5th grade. Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex in June .

Rachel Carrier

Anniversary Celebrations-July

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

Birthday Wishes July

2nd Linda Baldwin
Rebecca Potts
Sarah Oteni
Arjun Ahluwalia
7th Bobbi Bancroft
8th Larry Harshbarger
9th Peyton Hornung
12th John Kosman
Dee Hahn
Larry Steward
13th June Salanda
Jessica Osegueda
15th William Galberach
17th Aaron Charles
19th Shirley Gerstenberger
20th Doris Houston
23rd Carlos Vasquez
24th Jean Hersh
25th Austin Hayman
Marta Crutcher
Bill Otey
Bryce McFadden
26th Tom Kowa
27th Ken Van Swearingen
28th Gale Wray
29th Doris King
Marian Keehn
30th Danielle Campbell
31st Kelly Hayman

Anniversary Celebrations-August

12th J. Byron & Helen Lovell
Judy & Lee Bomgaars
17th Al & Jan Gavenda
Paul & Becky Harris
23rd David & Roberta Radcliff
26th Art & Cindy Carver

Birthday Wishes August

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

NIGHT OF JOY

Night of Joy at Disney World will be Friday, September 11- Sunday the 13. Please let me, Jessica Osegueda (Jessica@clpc.us), know if you would be interesting in going. Tickets are \$120 for a day to DisneyQuest, and two nights of Christian Concerts at Disney, camping grounds and transportation. The cost does not include food and other expenses. We will also be camping both nights!



Life Line Screening's Mobile Health Testing Units Are Coming

Where: Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church
When: Tuesday, July 7, 2015

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.

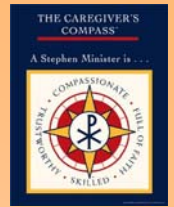
You may think that your physician would order these screenings if they were necessary. However, insurance companies typically will not pay for screenings unless there are symptoms. Unfortunately 4 out of 5 people that suffer a stroke have no apparent symptoms or warnings signs. That is why having a Life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



“Stephen Ministers help those they care for experience God during those times in life when they might be wondering, *Is God even there?*”



Edited from a Stephen Ministry article about Megan's experience with her Stephen Minister.

“What I needed the most was her unconditional love-to know that no matter what I shared with her, no matter what I'd done, she cared for me. Her care showed God's love for me. I needed to know that there was one person in the world who knew everything there was to know about me-the good, the bad, the ugly-and still loved me. It was the tangible expression of God's love in my Stephen Minister that changed my life.”

“I realized that my Stephen Minister was a safe person who wasn't going to share what I told her with anyone else. From there we developed a deep relationship until I felt like I could truly share anything with her.”

CLPC Stephen Ministers are here for you.

Call Pastor Cottrell or Ginny Canning for information.

Communing with God

After Apollo 11 landed on the moon on July 20, 1969, pilot Buzz Aldrin requested via radio that people pause to give thanks for the achievement in their own way. When his broadcast ended, Aldrin read a verse from the Gospel of John and took communion, which his church had sent to space with him.

“It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements,” the astronaut said. “At the time, I could think of no better way to acknowledge the enormity of the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God.”



Monday Night Men's Group

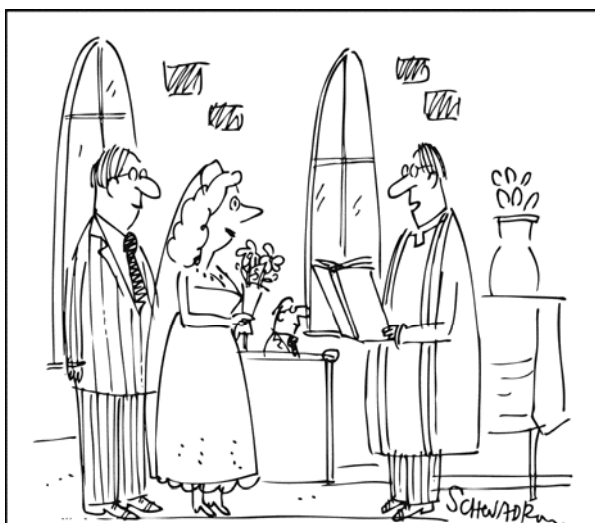
Men's GROUP A weekly evening meeting of Christian men is happening at CLPC. Can you believe it? A growing number of members and friends of CLPC are meeting to share personal faith stories and to receive the support of their fellow Christians in their daily lives.

It was easier than we dared dream. Truly our Lord has blessed our fellowship. We are strongly supported by Pastor Clint, as we review his sermon and additional notes he provides each week. There is no preparation time required. Just show up and be welcomed into a ministry of sharing.

Join us each Monday night at 6 p.m. in the Chapel; start with pizza and prayer as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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



“The correct response is ‘I do’ — not ‘it’s worth a try.’”

NEED THE CALENDAR??

Just a reminder... the CLPC Calendar is available on our website;

www.clpc.us. It allows you to not only view the current month, but also future months. When changes are made to the calendar, they are immediately updated on our website calendar. We hope you will utilize our website calendar for your future planning.

