



The Courier

March
2013

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

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

March 17th –Music Appreciation Sunday

Our 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services will feature:
Rick Strickland, Kayley Bishop, Soprano; Larry
Johnson, Cello; Gloria Choir, Angels Rock!, the
Blue Dirt Dixie Land Band, Praise Team
Please join us for the one of the services.



Rick Strickland will be back with
us in Concert at 4:00 pm in the
afternoon. Rick is a Nashville
recording artist and the nephew
of Jean Shell who attends our 11:00 am Worship
Service. There will be a Love offering for the
evening. Please plan on being in worship to hear his
magnificent voice and then return for
the afternoon concert!

Join Us For Lenten Activities



Maundy Thursday

March 28th

6:00 PM-Meager Meal
Drama/Service

Good Friday - March 29th

12:00-3:00 Open for Prayer
Office Closes at Noon

Easter Services-March 31st

6:45 AM - Sunrise Service

8:00 AM- Prayer Service

9:00 AM - Praise Celebration

11:00 AM - Traditional Celebration

11:00 AM - Iglesia Presbiteriana

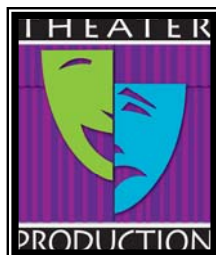
Monday, April 1st - Office Closed

Dinner Theater

A series of three One Act Plays....
Saturday, March 23rd, 2013

There will be one evening for our Dinner Theater
with Chef Harold and faithful crew preparing
another wonderful evening of food served in three
courses. The CLPC Drama Troupe will entertain
you with three various one act plays centered
around the season of Lent. Tickets will go on sale
March 3rd, 2013 in the Narthex
and by calling the church office
at 239-481-3233. Proceeds go
to purchase needed items for the
Kitchen and Fellowship Hall.

Ticket price \$20.00



Tools & Blankets Sunday



To those of you who so very generously
gave to the Tools & Blankets offering,
the total donated was **\$972**. Thank you
all so very much for your generosity to this worth-
while mission of Church World Services.



This year our Easter Egg
Hunt is going to be held on
Saturday March 30th at
10:00 a.m. Please invite
your young friends and
neighbors!



Easter Egg Hunt

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Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00P.M.

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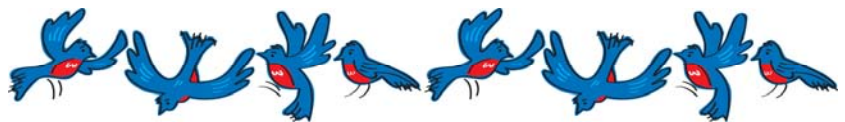
Gin and other spiritual matters...

Holy mackerel! Holy cow!! Holy Moses!!! What a place... CLPC. We have an awesome Food Pantry, the start of CLPC Spanish Church, a new "gate" for the Nursery, a new choir room, a new puppet room, an office for Pastor Miguel, extra classrooms, an incredible Bible study led by Pastor Clint, a small, but mighty Confirmation Class, dynamic speakers for the Men's Breakfasts, warm and loving Women's Circles, a very active Youth Group, a new monthly "Chick Flick" dinner and a movie group, small group evening Bible Study, Wonderful Wednesdays, monthly delicious all-church dinners, a great Gloria Choir, fantastic hard-working Bell Choir, a celebrative Praise Team; talented members who are willing to share their talents in praise of the Lord and to the glory of God, dedicated staff who spend many hours working to expand God's Kingdom with and through the members and friends of CLPC.

Can't find something for you here? Please let us know and we will try to fit it into our schedules. Have an idea for a new or different kind of program? Let us know and we'll help get it started!

Peace and joy to you all...and thanks for all YOU do to make Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church one of the most vibrant churches in Peace River Presbytery.

Ginny Canning



Men's Breakfast
Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, March 12th 7:00am



Speaker:

Jon Hanson

Topic:

Habitat for Humanity



*Thank you, thank you, thank you
for your expressions of sympathy
to me and my family on the death
of my Bill.*

*Your kindness will always be
remembered with loving thoughts
and deep appreciation.*

Bobbi and Family

Easter, Passover and a Whole Lot More!

As we move through Lent, we get SO excited about the coming of Easter! Come holy week we will pause for Maundy Thursday, perhaps take some time for reflection and prayer on Good Friday during the three hours from noon to three. Then, of course, comes Easter when we dress in our Sunday best, worship a RISEN Jesus and celebrate a promise of a resurrection for all us. Yahoo...great stuff! But in the middle of all of this is a holiday that we all have a way of overlooking, PASSOVER!



Before we quickly jump to the conclusion that Passover is a Jewish holiday...something that belongs to “their” faith and not ours, we need to look at a couple of VERY important points!

- Jesus himself celebrated Passover.
- Jesus’ disciples celebrated the Passover.
- Passover was a gift from God and in Exodus, we are called to celebrate it ourselves! But why?

In the book of Exodus, the Hebrews were held as slaves in Egypt. Things had escalated and the first born of Egypt were about to die, (as were all who did not experience a “passover” from the “angel of death”). The Jews were to take blood from a lamb, mark their doorposts, and were promised that they would be spared. In the meantime, the Bible gave some very specific directions on how to remember this night across the ages; for it marks the day when many, many people died, but also the day when the Hebrew slaves gained their freedom, not to mention remembering the power of God.

This next month, we are going to have a VERY special guest with us from the *Jews for Jesus*. Right now we are expecting a Jewish missionary to visit with us. During that visit, we will learn about the Passover and what it means for both Jews and Christians! As this will take a few minutes, the event will happen only at the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM celebrations of worship. But it will be a most special day as we learn about a holiday that is very much part of who we are as Christians!!! So here are the details:

Jesus in the Passover
Sunday, March 10
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Enjoy March and the last 4 weeks of Lent and I look forward to seeing you on a very special Sunday as we learn and celebrate the Passover!

Blessings,

Pastor Clint

Presbyterian Women




March 2013

1st		World Day of Prayer
2nd	7-1 pm	Attic Treasure Sale
4th	9:30 am 1 pm	Project Linus Blanket Work Day Executive Board Mtg. (<i>Library</i>)
12th	9:30 am 12:30 pm	Martha Circle Esther Circle (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
14th	7:00 pm	Eve Circle
31st		Easter Sunday

Blood Drive Success!



The Blood Drive on February 10th was a big success!! Florida’s Blood Centers workers collected **28** pints! Thank you to all the donors...saving lives in our greater community!!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 am Prayer Service 8:30-11 Coffee Hour 9:00 am Praise Celebration 9:15 am Kids Worship 10:00 am Bible Study 10:10 am Confirmation Class 10:15 am Puppet Practice 11:00 am Traditional Celebration 11:00 am Iglesia Presbiteriana	9:30 am Music Club Board Mtg. 9:30 am Project Linus Blanket 12 pm Staff Meeting 1 pm PW Board Meeting Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	6 pm Voices in Bronze 7 pm Ministry Teams Mtg.	9 am PIP 2-4 pm Blue Dirt Band 5:15 pm Angels Rock! 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Kids Dinner 6:30 pm Gloria Choir 6:30 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	1-4 pm Organist Practice 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice	3 pm Organist Practice	ATTIC TREASURE SALE 7 A.M. - 1 P.M. 1-4 pm Organist Practice
New Member Luncheon 12:15 p.m.	9 am Calusa Musicales 12 pm Staff Meeting Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	7 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Martha Circle 12:30 pm Esther Circle 6 pm Voices in Bronze 7 pm Condo Assoc. Mtg. 7 pm Deacons Mtg.	9 am PIP 5:15 pm Angels Rock! 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Kids Dinner 6:30 pm Gloria Choir 6:30 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	1-4 pm Organist Practice 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm Eve Circle	3 pm Organist Practice 6 pm Chick Flick Night Courier Deadline	8:30-3:30 pm Decorative Artists Of SWFL 1-4 pm Organist Practice
Palm Sunday Three Cents A Meal	12 pm Staff Meeting Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	6 pm Voices in Bronze	9 am PIP 2-4 pm Blue Dirt Band 5:15 pm Angels Rock! 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Kids Dinner 6:30 pm Gloria Choir 6:30 pm Bible Study 7 pm Boy Scouts	12 pm Lee Co. Genealogy Society 1-4 pm Organist Practice 6:30 pm Praise Team Practice	7 am Real Estate Breakfast 12-5 pm Dinner Theater Set-Up 3 pm Organist Practice	Dinner Theater 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 1-4 pm Organist Practice
Easter Sunday 6:45 am Sunrise Service 8 am Prayer Service 9 am Praise Service 11 am Traditional Service 11 am Iglesia Presbiteriana NO KIDS WORSHIP NO PUPPETS	12 pm Staff Meeting Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	6 pm Voices in Bronze 7 pm Food Pantry Mtg.	9 am PIP 6:30 pm Gloria Choir	Maundy Thursday Meager Meal Drama/Service 6 pm 1-4 pm Organist Practice	Good Friday Sanctuary Open for Prayer 12pm-3pm Movie Night-6 pm Office Closes at Noon 3 pm Organist Practice	Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am  1-4 pm Organist Practice

HOLY WEEK



Daylight Saving Time Begins March 10th
Remember to set your clocks "ahead" one hour!

Anniversary Celebrations

2nd Marc & Wendy Michetti
10th William & Juanda Galberach
12th Jake & Dee Hahn
15th Tyler & Jaime Hill
22nd Kirk & Gayla Charles
24th Bill & Barbara Stewart



Birthday Wishes

1st Beth Anne Watson
Tori Masek
5th Bob Hoschner
9th Kayley Bishop
12th Jenifer Nance
Edward Gross
14th Tim Baldwin
15th Donald Siemon
Dorothy Wilson
Christina Johnson
16th Emily Radcliffe
Leanne Logelin
17th Pat Hoffman
18th Cameron Peters
19th Charles Hayman
Byron J. Lovell
20th Donna Kerkesner
21st Audrey Hayward
Savannah McAloose
Mary Burbach
25th Broyne Pollock
26th Audrey Coe
27th Deborah Wingerson
28th Ann Young
Gregory Bradley
29th Ginny Canning
30th Walt France
31st Gregory Giesecke

**Support CLPC's
American Cancer Society Relay for Life.**

Our team is Juan's Walk for Rob and we will be at Lee County Sports Complex, 14100 Six Mile Cypress Pkwy on April 12 and 13. We will be walking all night from 6:00 PM until noon on Saturday. At 9:00 p.m. on Friday, there will be a Luminaria Ceremony in memory of and in support of those we love who have had cancer. If you have not been at this ceremony, it is very moving. All the lights are turned off and we walk in semidarkness, punctuated by the glow of our loved ones.

You can dedicate a luminaria for someone you love for as little as \$5.00. In order for our team to get credit for your donation, please see Betsy Peters or Pam Simones.

Chancel Guild

March 2013 Schedule

- 1st** Irene Thiessen
Betty Schaarschuch
- 8th** Irene Thiessen
Pam Smith
- 15th** Jackie Oestriech
Dorothy Troy
- 22nd** Doris Houston
Rebecca Potts
- 29th** Irene Thiessen
Betty Schaarschuch

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



YOUTH CAR WASH

Thank you to all who supported the Youth Car Wash February 10th. They had a total of 43 cars and raised \$642.88! Thanks also to the parents who helped.

Donations are used for the youth and missions. The youth tithes a minimum of 10% to Mission. Thank you again to all!



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is held in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday from 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Stop over and join the fellowship!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

EASTER EGG HUNT

March 30th at 10:00 a.m.

ALL CHUCH RETREAT

April 12th-April 14th

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 3rd—7th



FLOWER SIGN-UP: Our 2013

Flower Chart still has many openings. Flowers are in Honor or Memory of loved ones. The cost is \$25 per arrangement. The flower chart is located at the north end of the Narthex (by water fountain). The instructions are listed on the wall next to the chart. For further information, please contact Kirk Charles at 239-910-7758.



We've been preparing, enlisting support, and celebrating our Fall Fest... "UP, UP, AND AWAY". Much work; but also much fun. Police dogs, fire truck, marine boat, splash tank, bounce house, food, games, cupcakes, popcorn, face painting, etc., etc., etc. A really great time was had by all!!

Our next prep is for Advent. Keep your eyes peeled for an Advent worship booklet that can be used by you and/or your family.

The Disciplemaking Team is going to be planning our "**ALL-CHURCH, INTERGENERATIONAL CEDARKIRK WEEKEND**". Please notice it says **ALL-CHURCH**. This means that anyone can join us. This includes babies, toddlers, children, youth, singles, parents, grandparents ... people of all ages. We will have a definite date after our meeting in December. Please consider joining us...the more, the merrier, and there will be something for **EVERYONE** to enjoy + the incredibly delicious food.

Our move to having Church School on Wednesday evenings was absolutely the correct thing to do. We have had good and steady attendance at Angels Rock and for the Bible Study time. The youth group is going strong. If you haven't seen their newly painted, tiled, "fixed up" room, please walk over to CE2 and peek in. They have done a magnificent job with a very large project. A huge thank you goes out to all the adults who have helped and encouraged all of the youth. The youth are also "giving back" to the church. The group decided to tithe every time they have a fund raiser. Not only are they giving back to CLPC monetarily, but they also are helping set-up and clean-up in the dining room on the all-church dinner nights.



CEDARKIRK NEWS:

SAVE THE DATE ! SAVE THE DATE !! SAVE THE DATE !!!

CLPC All-Church Retreat will be held April 12-14. There will be room for about 65 people. We will have Pine Lodge for children, youth and families AND the Retreat House for adults who don't want to stay up late and want a little more privacy and quiet. Also, the Retreat House has no steps. We would really like to make this an "**All-Church**" retreat.

FINALLY ABOUT \$\$\$\$\$: The following prices include 2 comfortable nights, 5 scrumptious meals, a roaring campfire, wet or dry canoeing, joyous swimming (weather permitting), awesome beauty, inward and outward peace, time alone, time together, jigsaw puzzles, and table games.

Children (0-4 yrs.)	\$ 0.00	[Saenu, Steven, Cady, Hayden, etc.]
Youth (5-12 yrs.)	91.00	[Angels Rock age]
Others (13-Adult)	113.00	
Families (any #)	340.00	[any size, any number]

Now, before you all panic, we are planning a "Camping Sunday" to help offset the cost. Everyone who desires to go **WILL GO** ...I'm a very firm believer in "God will provide". Remember, we have 65 spaces reserved, so there's no need to stay home to give someone else a space. Start saving, start planning, and we'll see you April 12th-April 14th at Cedarkirk for a really great weekend.

The Resume of Jesus Christ

Address: Ephesians 1:20

Phone: Romans 10:13

Website: The Bible . Keywords: Christ, Lord, Savior
And Jesus

Objective

My name is Jesus -The Christ. Many call me Lord! I've sent you my Resume because I'm seeking the top management position in your Heart. Please consider my accomplishments as set forth in my resume.

Qualifications

I founded the earth and established the heavens, (See Proverbs 3:19)

I formed man from the dust of the ground, (See Genesis 2:7)

I breathed into man the breath of life, (See Genesis 2:7)

I redeemed man from the curse of the law, (See Galatians 3:13)

The blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant comes upon your life

Through me, (See Galatians 3:14)

Occupational Background

I've only had one employer, (See Luke 2:49).

I've never been tardy, absent, disobedient, slothful or disrespectful.

My employer has nothing but rave reviews for me, (See Matthew 3:15 -17)

Skills Work Experiences

Some of my skills and work experiences include: empowering the poor

To be poor no more, healing the broken hearted, setting the captives

Free, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind and setting at liberty

Them that are bruised, (See Luke 4:18). I am a Wonderful Counselor,

(See Isaiah 9:6). People who listen to me shall dwell safely and shall not

Fear evil, (See Proverbs 1:33). Most importantly, I have the authority,

Ability and power to cleanse you of your sins, (See I John 1:7-9)

Educational Background

I encompass the entire breadth and length of knowledge, wisdom and Understanding, (See Proverbs 2:6). In me are hid all of the treasures of

Wisdom and knowledge, (See Colossians 2:3). My Word is so powerful;

It has been described as being a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path, (See Psalms 119:105).

I can even tell you all of the secrets of your heart, (See Psalms 44:21).

Major Accomplishments

I was an active participant in the greatest Summit Meeting of all times,

(See Genesis 1:26). I laid down my life so that you may live,

(See II Corinthians 5:15). I defeated the arch enemy of God and

Mankind and made a show of them openly, (See Colossians 2:15).

I've miraculously fed the poor, healed the sick and raised the dead!

There are many more major accomplishments, too many to mention

Here. You can read them on my website, which is located at:

www dot - the BIBLE. You don't need an Internet connection or computer

To access my website.

References

Believers and followers worldwide will testify to my divine healing,

Salvation, deliverance, miracles, restoration and supernatural guidance.

In Summation

Now that you've read my resume, I'm confident that I'm the only candidate uniquely qualified to fill this vital position in your heart. In summation, I will properly Direct your paths, (See Proverbs 3:5-6), and lead you into everlasting life, (See John 6:47). When can I start? Time is of the essence, (See Hebrews 3:15).