



The Courier

March
2014

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

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church



**Daylight Saving
Time Begins
March 9th**
Remember to
set your clocks
"ahead"
one hour!

MARCH 22 - DINNER AND A SHOW!!!

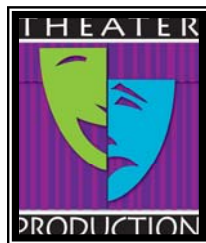
Our next fundraiser Dinner will be on Saturday, March 22, 2014. Tickets for this event will go on sale Sunday, March 2, 2014, in the Narthex.

The CLPC Drama Troupe will be presenting a new show, *Capernum, P.D.*

This show is based on the old TV Show *Dragnet*, only we have Joe Thursday and his side kick. It will be quite a Mystery to solve as they are on the lookout for the person who is spreading lies about turning the wedding feast drink into wine as well as other rumored antics!!!

Wonder who that mysterious person could be? BUY A TICKET to the Dinner and stay for the Show!

We'll see you in March!



Rick Strickland in Concert March 16th



See various times of this
Day's events!!!

Rick will be our special Guest at both the 9:00 am and the 11:00 am Worship Services at CLPC.

Also, Rick will be the featured artist for the Calusa Musicale Scholarship Program, which will be held at CLPC at 2:00pm. A love offering will be taken with these proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund that our local students receive for their contest performances. This event is also open to the public!

Rick will then return to CLPC to once again give his one-man solo Concert at 6:00 pm. A Love offering will be taken to offset the expenses of this program. Rick is in the Gospel Hall of Fame and sang for many years with groups that were involved with the Gaither Homecomings. He has a magnificent voice, and he is quite the showman. Please mark your calendars now for March 16th for this wonderful day of song, as we all celebrate Rick Strickland's accomplishments, and give thanks to God for such a great instrument in his voice.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The dates are Monday, June 2nd through Friday, June 6th. The hours have changed slightly; we will be starting at 5 pm with a volunteer dinner and ending about 15 minutes sooner (better for the little ones). We will have four (4) stations this year: Drama/Story, Games, Crafts and mission. Pick a place you'd like to work and let me know.

Ginny Canning



YOUTH CAR WASH

Thank you to all who supported the Youth Car Wash February 16th. They had a total of 37 cars and raised \$529 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!

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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.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2014

ACOLYTES



MARCH 2ND	GLORIA CHOIR
MARCH 9TH	CALEB KISS SYLVIO ANDREWS
MARCH 16TH	MARLEE WILSON ZACH WILSON
MARCH 23TH	JORDAN BERGMANN TOMMY KENDALL
MARCH 30TH	EMMA HAYMAN PAYTON HAYMAN



Attic
Treasure Sale

CYPRESS LAKE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ATTIC TREASURE SALE

Start to clean out your closets and the garage for articles that we can sell. The trailer is here and will be open each Saturday in February from 9 A.M. to noon and Sunday during church. We will collect household items, clothing, electrical appliances, toys (with all parts), baby items, furniture, jewelry, sporting goods, books, linens, baskets, dishes, and tools. **No televisions will be accepted this year.** All must be in working order and clean.

**THE SALE WILL TAKE PLACE ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 8th FROM
7 A.M. TO 1 P.M.**

Relinquishing Control

Marcia shared how she'd been struggling to relinquish control and let God direct her life. One day, amid this challenge, her daughter approached her for homework help, which called for the use of an iPad. As Marcia struggled to make sense of her daughter's question, the youngster kept swiping at the screen, zooming in and out and grabbing the tablet to turn it toward herself. "If you want my help," said Marcia in exasperation, "then let me help!"

Suddenly Marcia had an a-ha! moment: Hadn't God been saying the same thing to her all the while? To truly benefit from God's help, she would have to stop trying to do everything herself, let go, sit back and accept his guidance.

I once saw a sign on a desk that read, "If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, what does an empty desk resemble?" I laughed but then I began to think about life in general. At times parts of life do indeed seem cluttered, sometimes overwhelming. In the case of the church, this past week as we shared the announcements, it just seemed SOOOO long and cluttered. But taking it apart, so many things that were very good were all happening the same week. In ONE week just consider:



There were the weekly children's choir, adult choir, praise team and bell choir.

We had dance lessons one night.

A small dinner for the church activities on Wednesday night.

The Story Bible studies on Sunday, Wednesday morning and Wednesday night.

Women's circles meeting.

A dinner, dance and auction.

The men's breakfast.

Boy Scout's holding a pancake breakfast.

Delivery of a new church bus.

The South Fort Myers Food Pantry disbursed LOTS of food.

The youth group met.

Wednesday night children's Bible story.

And much, much more!!!

Yet, sometimes I find it odd that some folks will remark that "there is nothing to do" or that there is nowhere "to connect" within the church. I have also heard the saying, "Life is what you make of it." As I look at CLPC, there is something for everyone. Could we do more in certain areas? Absolutely. That is why the Session created a new paid position JUST for children, youth and families, and a separate position for adult ministries. But the fact remains, our church is an active, vibrant worshipping church family. But it is ultimately up to the individuals to make a decision to be a part of the family.

Nearly 2,000 years ago Jesus encountered some guys that had gone fishing. He struck up a conversation, displayed some of his OWN miraculous fishing skills, and then invited them to come along for a journey...a journey of a lifetime where he would make them fishers of men and women. But they had to choose to get involved, to be a part of a new family that would become the church!

Everyone is invited to be a part of our family and there is SOOOOO much to do. So if you are already connected, you already know the joy of the church family. If you are missing something, come on out and join us and you will learn why our vision statement is, "This is the place...where you will experience Christ."

Blessings,

Pastor Clint



Anniversary Celebrations

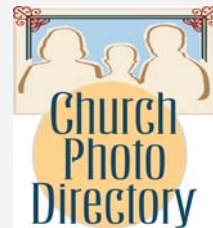
- 4th Steven & Wanda Bishop
- 10th William & Juanda Galberach
- 12th Jake & Dee Hahn
- 15th Tyler & Jaime Hill
- 22nd Kirk & Gayla Charles
- 24th Bill & Barbara Stewart



Birthday Wishes

- 1st Beth Anne Watson
- 2nd Jacob Hughes
- 4th Tori Masek
- 5th Bob Hoschner
- 9th Kayley Bishop Hill
- 10th Art Carver
- 12th Jenifer Nance
- 14th Tim Baldwin
- 15th Donald Siemon
Dorothy Wilson
Christina Johnson
- 16th Emily Radcliffe
Leanne Logelin
- 17th Pat Hoffman
Cindy Carver
- 18th Cameron Peters
- 19th Charles Hayman
Byron J. Lovell
- 20th Donna Kerkesner
Joyce Ernst
- 21st Audrey Hayward
Savannah McAloose
Mary Burbach
- 26th Audrey Coe
- 27th Deborah Wingerson
- 28th Gregory Bradley
- 29th Ginny Canning
- 30th Walt France
- 31st Gregory Giesecke

Pictorial Directory



Thank you to all of the volunteers who worked tirelessly to help our congregation prepare for the soon-to-come 2014 pictorial directory!

Special thanks to Tim Baldwin, Betty Ann Kelly, Barb Pappalardo, Karen May and Jean Dodd for their work in coordinating the photo sessions.

We were able to photograph or contact nearly everyone. Beth Ann Watson is working to get the final design ready for production at this time. If you were not photographed and would like to be in the directory, please contact Chris Giesecke by email

crallybernardes@comcast.net or phone 239-850-4927. The directory should be published in March. We will see that those traveling north for the summer months will receive theirs by mail or upon your return.
Chris Giesecke



One of the many things YOUR church Deacons do, is to visit the ill in the hospital and after coming home. We love to help you in Christ's name! All you have to do is let us know your need, and we will be there to help in any way. Call the church office or the Pastor and **we will be there.**

Pam Smith, Deacon

Presbyterian Women



March 2014

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| 3rd | 9:30 am | Project Linus Blanket Work Day |
| | 1 pm | Executive Board Mtg. (<i>Library</i>) |
| 3rd-7th | | Attic Treasure Sale Set-Up
Fellowship Hall 9 a.m.-?? Each day |
| 7th | | World Day of Prayer |
| 11th | 9:30 am | Martha Circle (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) |
| | 12:30 pm | Esther Circle (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) |
| 13th | 7:00 pm | Eve Circle |

Cypress Lake Puppets for Christ

Our puppet team has been very active and busy preparing skits and songs for your pleasure. We have plans to use our new bus for ministering outside the church as well. We always welcome new puppeteers on Sunday mornings at 10:10. This is a team dedicated to spreading the love of God.



Voices in Bronze

Our Bell Choir will be ringing for the following dates:

February 23rd, March 23rd, April 13 (Palm Sunday) and again on April 20 (Easter); at both the 9:00am and the 11:00am Worship Services. They have been preparing some new music by a new bell composer, as well as some of the traditional oldies. We hope that you enjoy hearing the bells ring as we celebrate and Honor our God and His son Jesus Christ!

We are always accepting donations that help us to purchase an Anthem in Honor or Memory of your loved one, and we do have a separate designated line item for receiving monies that will be used to purchase the 5th Octave of the Bells.

Our Chimes were purchased in the same manner. Donations small and large combined to allow us to purchase the new three Octave of Chimes that the Bell Choir is using to enhance the overall sound of the Bell Anthems.

If interested in helping out this group, make a donation and specify that it goes to the Designated Bell Line item. We would be grateful, and the returns to you will be glorious!

Thank you for your love of this music and this group!

Rachel



Eve Circle meeting will be Thursday, March 13th at the home of Chris Giesecke 6312 Mark Lane, phone 850-4827

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be Sunday, March 9th 8:15-12:45 pm.

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



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN—MISSIONS

The Presbyterian Women made a profit of \$1,062.17 from the Lasagna Dinner on January 31, 2014. This money will be used for Missions.

THANKS TO OUR CHEF'S MARK AND MARY GISSE AND ALL WHO HELPED MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE.

Fundraisers, besides the Lasagna Dinner, are the Attic Treasure Sale and the Gift of Love. Last year's Missions included the following: Southwest Florida Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, Harry Chapin Food Bank, LARC, Immokalee Friendship House, Children's Home Society, Mission Peniel, Duval Home, Thornwell Home, Cedarkirk, Scholarships for CLPC Children & Youth and CLPC Discretionary Fund. A total of \$5,000.00 was given to the above organizations.

**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 11th and 12th. 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. All monies collected from Coffee Hour during the month of March, go toward the Cancer Relay.

Chancel Guild



**March 2014
Schedule**

- 7th** Irene Thiessen
Gale Wray
- 14th** Jackie Oestriech
Dorothy Troy
- 21st** Doris Houston
Rebecca Potts
- 28th** Sue Chanofsky
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.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS FROM
YOUR ACTIVITY GROUP!!**

Friday, March 28

Broadway Palm Dinner Theater
Les Miserables

The cost is \$56.00 which includes play, dinner, tax and gratuity. Plan ahead because tickets will be available soon. Questions? Call Ken Burbach at 267-7856.



Women's Group

Martha Circle will meet on **March 11th** at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Betty Ann Kelly and Dottie Reed will co-host. Please read Chapter 7 in "An Abiding Hope."

***FLOWER GUILD
MARCH, 2014***



- March 2nd Judy Schulte
- March 9th Jean Dodd
- March 16th Sally Fontaine
- March 23rd Nancy Wheeler
- March 30th Terry Miller



COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour is held in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday from 8:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

**Men's Breakfast
Fellowship Hall**



**Tuesday, March 11th
7:00am**



FLOWER SIGN-UP:

Our 2014 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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry has been reactivated at CLPC with 7 new Stephen Ministers being Commissioned on February 2, 2014 following a three month training program. These individuals were trained to provide distinctively Christian

Caregiving to assist people experiencing life's burdens and need a one-to-one caring relationship.

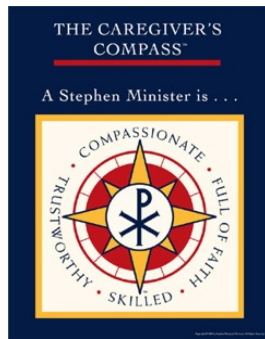
Stephen Ministers are not counselors. They are trained Christian Caregivers. Their role is to listen and care; not counsel or advise. Please do not call them counselors.

Stephen Ministry is a supervised ministry. Stephen Ministers engage in twice-monthly supervision to ensure that they are providing the best quality Christian care.

Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. What a caregiver receiver tells a Stephen Minister remains confidential. Even in supervision, the names of care receivers and details are never discussed.

Stephen Ministers do not make cold calls. They are assigned only to people who agree to receive the care of a Stephen Minister.

Please contact Pastor Clint if you know of anyone who may need a Stephen Minister.



Elders

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

Deacons

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

COMMITMENT TO WORSHIP

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

CHURCH & COMMUNITY

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

DISCIPLEMAKING

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

SUPPORT

Chair - Bob O'Neill
Member - Steve Norris, Hawley Botchford
Property - Jim Wray, Walt France, Rich Meacham
Treasurer - Rich Meacham (Interim)
Personnel - Jim Wray, Sandy Wharton, Betsy Peters,
Linda Baldwin, Chris Giesecke, Bob O'Neill,
Jenny Giraud
Support Staff - Karen May

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



The Annual Stewardship Campaign will run March 16th through April 6th. Prayerfully consider renewing or if possible increasing your pledge for 2014-2015.

**Thank You!
The Stewardship Team**





The Dart Test...

A young lady named Sally relates an experience she had in a seminary class given by her teacher, Dr. Smith. She says that Dr Smith was known for his elaborate object lessons. Now one particular day, Sally walked into the seminary and knew they were in for a fun day.

On the wall was a big target, and on a nearby table were many darts. Dr. Smith told the students to draw a picture of some- one that they disliked or someone who had made them angry, and he would allow them to throw darts at the person's picture.

Sally's friend drew a picture of someone who had stolen her boyfriend. Another friend drew a picture of his little brother. Sally drew a picture of a former friend, putting a great deal of detail into her drawing, even drawing pimples on the face. Sally was very pleased with the overall effect she had achieved.

The class lined up and began throwing darts. Some of the students threw their darts with such force that their targets were ripped apart. Sally looked forward to her turn and was filled with disappointment when Dr. Smith, because of time limits, asked the students to return to their seats. As Sally sat thinking about how angry she was because she didn't have a chance to throw any darts at her target, Dr. Smith began removing the target from the wall.

Underneath the target was a picture of Jesus. Needless to say, a hush fell over the room as each student viewed the mangled picture of Jesus- - holes and jagged marks covered His face and His eyes were pierced.

It was then that Dr. Smith said only these words... "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS OF MINE, YOU DID TO ME." (MATTHEW 25:40.) No other words were necessary, as tears filled the eyes of the students, as they focused only on the mangled picture of Jesus Christ.

Author Unknown