



# The Courier

May  
2013

Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church

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

## VBS 2013 is Coming!



**June 3rd-June 7th**  
**6:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m.**  
**Theme: Stand Strong**

Children ages 3-5th Grade should plan to attend.  
Older children can be Crew Leaders.

Each day, children will meet a new Bible Buddy!  
Come and meet Truman, Duke, Swift, Victoria,  
and Sir Valiant!

We will need lots of volunteers to help in all areas.

Please contact Ginny Canning at 239-481-3233X22 if you can help! Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex or the Church Office.



### **NEW WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES** **COMING IN JUNE!**



Beginning **Sunday, June 9th** through and including **September 1st.**, we will have two services. The 8:00 a.m. Prayer Service will continue and there will be a 10:00 a.m. Service.

Kids Worship will also continue during the summer. They will meet at 10:15 a.m. and meet in Fellowship Hall. Coffee Hour will also continue from 8:30-11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Two Special Sunday Events Coming Soon!**

May 26<sup>th</sup> One Service at 10:00 am  
Celebrating our Associate Pastor The Rev. Dr. Hal Simones 65<sup>th</sup> year of Ordination, and it just happens to be the day of his 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday. A short reception will be held in the Narthex following the service and you can stop to greet Pastor Hal!

**June 2, 2012 One Service at 10:00 am**  
**To Celebrate the Retirement of our**  
**Organist, Douglas Parker**

There will be a Reception in the Fellowship Hall, sponsored by the Personnel Committee, to honor Douglas' years of service and dedication to our Lord and to the many congregations to whom he has presented music.  
Congratulations Douglas!

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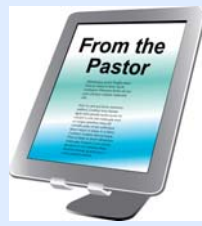
## Moderator of Deacons

Betty Ann Kelly

## 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.



## Remember...

That is a common word in the Bible:

**REMEMBER!** Throughout the Hebrew Bible whenever something special happened it was common for someone to build and altar or a statue to “remember” what

happened there. In the Passover, God commanded, remember it once a year and to remember what happened on the night the angel of death visited Egypt. Jesus gave us the Lord’s supper with the commandment to, “Do this in remembrance of me.” It is important to remember!

This month there are some very important days...and some days that are really NOT to be missed if you want to keep mom happy! *Sunday, May 12 is indeed Mother’s Day* (and is also one of the church’s best attended days of the year!!!). It is most appropriate for us to take time and appreciate the woman who gave us life, who fed us, cleaned up after us, wiped our tears and possibly was the first person to teach us to pray. It is only fitting that we take a day to remember and honor mom.

On *Monday, May 27* we pause for Memorial Day. Sadly, this day is often changed into a sort of Spring veteran’s day. Memorial Day stands apart as it is a day when we are to remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice and died in service of their country. In most cases, it involves folks that were in uniform. For some, they remember civil servants who died in a combat zone, such as 25 year old Anne Smedinghoff who was killed by the Taliban while delivering books to a rural school. Memorial Day is a time to remember those who died so that we may have our freedom.

Within the church there are two important days of remembrance during the month of May in 2013: *Ascension Day and Pentecost*. May 9 is the day when we remember that the bodily form of Jesus left this Earth and ascended into heaven. The actual “body” of Jesus is no longer here as he is gone, promising to return, and the ascension occurred on May 9. Another important day is often called the “birthday of the church”, Pentecost, falling on May 19. This is the day when we remember the arrival of the Holy Spirit.

But do we need to wait for a particular day to be thankful or to remember? Do we need to wait until mom and dad are gone before we appreciate them? Do we need to wait until our freedom is challenged before we value those in uniform? Do we need to wait until the church is a forbidden place to visit (such as in parts of Egypt, Iraq or Iran) before we appreciate the gift of Pentecost?

Throughout scripture, we are called to remember. This is good and appropriate but I would invite you to go a step further. Appreciate mom (and dad) every day, and let them know it. Appreciate our men and women in uniform (and even the civilian servants who go into harm’s way). Appreciate that while Jesus left us, he sent a part of himself, the Spirit, to be with us always (until Christ returns). But the moral of the story is, make every day a day to remember and to be thankful after all, “This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Blessings,

*Pastor Clint*

## Cancer Relay for Life Walk 2013

We are tremendously grateful for the kindness, enthusiasm and generosity of CLPC and our extended family. As of Monday, April 15, Juan's Walk for Rob has raised \$6746.50! Team members and cheerleaders include Clint, Amy, and Christian Cottrell; Betsy and Cameron Peters; Jeff and Cindy Basler; Dee and Larry Steward; Harold and Rachel Carrier; Kirk Charles, Chris Giesecke; Barb Pappalardo; Jeanne Gaub; Pam Simones and many angels. Thank you to all of you who donated time, talent and treasure-as well as prayers- for such a successful mission.

Pam Simones

Thank you team for all your dedication. From putting up the tents, to walking, bringing coffee, staying up all night, dressing up like a girl (thanks Cameron) and giving us spiritual guidance, everyone played a part. Thank you for helping with a cause so near and dear to my heart.

Betsy Peters



## Gloria Choir News / Voices in Bronze

What a wonderful year of singing and ringing God's Praises in the Praise and Traditional Services!

We have remained 22 members strong year round in the Gloria Choir and up to 28 in Season. On Easter, we invited the congregation to join us in the singing of Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*, and we successfully squeezed in 70 people into the choir loft! What a wonderful way to praise the Risen Savior.

The Voices in Bronze (aka—adult Bell/Chimes Choir) rang the opening processional song along with two trumpets, Kelly and Shannon O'Neil, Gavin Dougherty on timpani, Cindy Basler, on piano and our own Douglas Parker on the organ, and of course, all of the congregation as we united in praises on *Jesus Christ is Risen Today!*

We have 13 full time Bell ringers and many Seasonal substitutes who help keep this group ringing year round. They will have rung on April 21<sup>st</sup> and will then resume their practice schedule in July, 2013. If you are interested in joining, please contact Rachel Carrier at the church office, as we are always looking for more bell ringers! We were fortunate to have purchased three octaves of Chimes that are used along with the Bells. This money was a separate donation from many persons in the congregation and it is a hearty THANK YOU to all who so generously helped our funding. These Chimes are a great addition and necessary as the bell music is being written with many more chimes being incorporated into the music.

**Angels Rock!** Will be presenting their music ministry on May 12, Mother's Day for both the Praise Service at 9:00 am and the Traditional Service at 11:00 am .



The message is **COUCH POTATO!** Are we ready to do the work that Jesus Christ has invited us to do, or are we more concerned about ourselves first? Please attend this heartwarming message in song as we all seek the **WORD** of our Lord and Savior!

This will be the final time for this children's group to sing for this current year and we will resume again in the Fall of 2013, following the start of the School Schedule. The invitation is always open to those who have turned 5 years old and up to and through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We learn to sing, do movements to the music and are also working on playing our new chimes! Contact Rachel Carrier or Pam Simones for more information at: 239-481-3233 ext. 24.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**



**COFFEE HOUR**

Join us!  
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!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Service Times</b> 8 am Prayer Service 8:30-11 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Praise Service 9:15 am Kids Worship 10:10 am Confirmation Class 10:10 am Puppet Practice 11 am Traditional 11 am Iglesia Presbiteriana	<h1>MAY 2013</h1>					
			<b>1</b> 9 a.m. PIP 11:30 a.m. Bible Study 5:15 a.m. Angels Rock! 5:30 p.m. Youth Group 6 p.m. Kids Dinner 6:15 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7 p.m. Gloria Choir 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 1-4 p.m. Organist Practice	<b>3</b> 3-6 p.m. Organist Practice	<b>4</b> 1-4 p.m. Organist Practice
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30 a.m. Music Club Board 9:30 p.m. Project Linus 12 p.m. Staff Meeting 1 p.m. PW Exc. Board Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8PM	<b>7</b> 7 p.m. Ministry Teams	<b>8</b> 9 a.m. PIP 11:30 a.m. Bible Study 5:15 a.m. Angels Rock! 5:30 p.m. Youth Group 6 p.m. Kids Dinner 6:15 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7 p.m. Gloria Choir 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 1-4 p.m. Organist Practice 7 p.m. Eve Circle	<b>10</b> 7 a.m. Real Estate Bkfst. 3-6 p.m. Organist Practice	<b>11</b> 9-12 p.m. Edison College 9:30-11:30 a.m. Angels Rock 1-4 p.m. Organist Practice
<b>12</b> Angels Rock Musical 9 & 11 a.m. 	<b>13</b> 9 a.m. Calusa Musicale 12 p.m. Staff Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8PM	<b>14</b> 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Martha Circle 12:30 p.m. Esther Circle	<b>15</b> 9 a.m. PIP 11:30 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Youth Group 6 p.m. Kids Dinner 6:15 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7 p.m. Gloria Choir 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 1-4 p.m. Organist Practice	<b>17</b> 3-6 p.m. Organist Practice 6 p.m. Chick Flick	<b>18</b> 1-4 p.m. Organist Practice
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 12 p.m. Staff Mtg. Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9 a.m. PIP 11:30 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Youth Group 6 p.m. Picnic 6:15 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7 p.m. Gloria Choir 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 1-4 p.m. Organist Practice	<b>24</b> 7 a.m. Real Estate Bkfst. 3-6 p.m. Organist Practice	<b>25</b> 1-4 p.m. Organist Practice
<b>26</b> One Service 10:00 a.m. 3 Cents a Meal Offering	<b>27</b>  <b>Church Office</b> Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8PM	<b>28</b> 7 p.m. Food Pantry Mtg.	<b>29</b> 9 a.m. PIP 11:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7 p.m. Gloria Choir 7 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 1-4 p.m. Organist Practice	<b>31</b> 3-6 p.m. Organist Practice	

## Anniversary Celebrations

1 <sup>st</sup>	John & Helen Guthrie
2 <sup>nd</sup>	David & Petra DeBolt
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lowell & Pat Hoffman
8 <sup>th</sup>	Walter & Beth Holt
15 <sup>th</sup>	James & Chris Giesecke
16 <sup>th</sup>	Harold & Kay Slusher
17 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Judy Hoschner
	Paul & Rose Mungioni
21 <sup>st</sup>	William & Mary Conner
30 <sup>th</sup>	Robert & Mae Osborne

## Birthday Wishes

1 <sup>st</sup>	Flora Jones
	Steve Norris
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Janet Serpe
	Alex Kiss
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Carol Sarosik
	Larry Scott
	Carolyn Brose
4 <sup>th</sup>	Caulette Logelin
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jeannette Scullion
	Brian Granstra
8 <sup>th</sup>	Philip Serpe
9 <sup>th</sup>	Luke Radcliffe
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanne Gaub
	Ken Kendall
11 <sup>th</sup>	Hawley Botchford
	Mark Gisse
12 <sup>th</sup>	Dottie Reed
	Judy Norris
	Ann Elizabeth Radcliffe
14 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Slusher
	Nancy Ackroyd
	James Wray
15 <sup>th</sup>	Al Gavenda
16 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Hayward
	James Brady
17 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Moore
	Don Brose
18 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Brown
	Daniela Valmer
	Hagard Bradley
19 <sup>th</sup>	Marcia Bruns
	Bari O'Neill
20 <sup>th</sup>	Gavin Dougherty
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jackie Oestrich
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tom Huntington
24 <sup>th</sup>	Devin Masek
26 <sup>th</sup>	Harold Simones
28 <sup>th</sup>	Nan Read
	Kurt Daume



## The Cypress Lake Puppets for Christ

(CLPC) are beginning the plans for VBS and need some additional members. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining our ranks as we write & plan skits, create costumes & props, and rehearse for 5 days of the greatest week of the year. We will rehearse from 10:10 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the Puppet Room (Room 4) every Sunday beginning April 21st. Please contact Chris Giesecke, at [crallybernardes@comcast.net](mailto:crallybernardes@comcast.net) for details.



## Presbyterian Women

### May 2013

6th	9:30P.M.	Project Linus Blanket (Fellowship Hall)
	1:00P.M.	Executive Board Meeting (Library)
9th	7:00 P.M.	Eve Circle (OS)
14th	9:30A.M.	Martha Circle (OS)
	12:30P.M.	Esther Circle (Fellowship Hall)



Martha Circle will meet on May 14th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Jean Shell. Please call 437-3943 if you need directions.



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

## Chancel Guild

### May 2013 Schedule

<b>3rd</b>	Irene Thiessen Pam Smith
<b>10th</b>	Jackie Oestriech Dorothy Troy
<b>17th</b>	Doris Houston Rebecca Potts
<b>24th</b>	Irene Thiessen Betty Schaarschuch
<b>31st</b>	Irene Thiessen Pam Smith

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

**Irene Thiessen,  
Chancel Guild Dir.**



## Christian Education Current Events

Marvelous "All-Church Retreat" at Cedar-kirk. There were 10 children ages 5-15, and 17 adults ages young to older. We had a good weekend...no rain, canoeing, climbing, zip lining, swimming, campfires, jigsaw puzzling, general games (indoors and out), church with communion, and really great meals.

It's time to get ready for VBS ... "Kingdom Rock", see front page. We need many helpers to make this work. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex. Adults are needed in the "Stations" and as crew leaders, and older youth are needed as crew leaders and helpers. We will have a list of supplies needed as time gets nearer. Plan to help. It is fun, and a good way to get to know people in the church if you are new.

## Kid's Worship during the Summer 2013

Kid's worship will continue during the summer months as we transition into the summer schedule starting June 9<sup>th</sup>, when we begin service times at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. The Kid's Worship will be available during the 10:00 am Service. The Teachers for the Summer Schedule will be Ms. Ginny Canning, Miss Pam Simones, and Ms. Sarah Otenti!



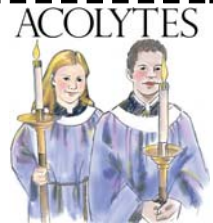
Mrs. Rachel will be involved in the Worship Service at 10:00 am and will keep all of you in her prayers and watchful guidance as we all come together to continue this wonderful teaching time with God's children!

**Men's Breakfast**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
**Tuesday, May 14th 7:00am**



**Speaker:**  
**The Rev. Dr. Ron Rand**

### ACOLYTE SCHEDULE MAY 2013



MAY 5TH	GLORIA CHOIR
MAY 12TH	CARSON BROWN JORDAN BERGMANN
MAY 19TH	PEYTON HORNUNG CAMERON PETERS
MAY 26TH	TBA



#### Butterfly

The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter, and the new life we have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' dead body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection – and ours.

When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.

When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.



### FLOWER GUILD



May 5th	Nancy Wheeler
May 12th (Mothers Day)	Dee Cords
May 19th	Sally Fontaine
May 26th	Elly Bartoe
June 2nd	Jean Dodd



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light  
for my path. (Psalm 119:105 \*NIV)

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves,  
God has a positive answer for us! After all.....

When you say, "It's impossible".  
God says: "All things are possible". (Luke 18:27)

When you say, "I'm too tired."  
God says: "I will give you rest". (Matthew 11:28-20)

When you say, "Nobody really loves me".  
God says: "I love you". (John 3:16 & John 13:34)

When you say, "I can't go on."  
God says: "My grace is sufficient." (2 Corinthians 12:9 &  
Psalm 91:15)

When you say, "I can't figure things out."  
God says: "I will direct your steps." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

When you say, "I can't do it."  
God says: "You can do all things in ME." (Philippians 4:13)

When you say, "It's not worth it."  
God says: "It will be worth it." (Romans 8:28)

When you say, "I can't forgive myself."  
God says: "I forgive you." (1 John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

When you say, "I can't manage."  
God says: "I will supply all your needs." (Philippians 4:19)

When you say, "I'm afraid."  
God says: "I have not given you a spirit of fear."  
(2 Tim. 1:7)

When you say, "I'm always worried and frustrated"..  
God says: "Cast all your cares on ME (1 Peter 5:7)

When you say, "I don't have enough faith."  
God says: "I've given everyone a measure of faith."  
(Romans 12:3)

When you say, "I'm not smart enough."  
God says: "I give you wisdom." (1 Corinthians 1:30)

When you say, "I feel all alone."  
God says: "I will never leave you or forsake you."  
(Hebrews 13:5)

Always remember that; Every Word of GOD is  
Flawless; HE is a shield to those who take  
refuge in HIM. (PROVERBS 30:5) For the Word  
of GOD is living and active! Amen.  
(HEBREWS 4:12)