



The Courier

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

Cypress Lake
Presbyterian Church

November
2013



Operation Christmas Child

A twelve-year-old girl shyly peeked under the lid of her shoe box and then clapped her hands and smiled in wonder and delight as she saw all the gifts packed inside. An orphan, abandoned by her older sister, now lives in a children's home and never before had received a Christmas present.

Now she knows how Christmas feels, along with millions of children all over the world who are receiving Operation Christmas Child shoe box gifts from Samaritan's Purse. The child smiled lovingly at the photos of two sisters about her age, who had packed her gifts more than 8,000 miles away.

"What this means to children like her," said the manager of the Children's Home, "is that, 'Somebody out there loves me.'" This message—at the heart of the Christmas story—is being shared with millions of children who are hungry for hope.

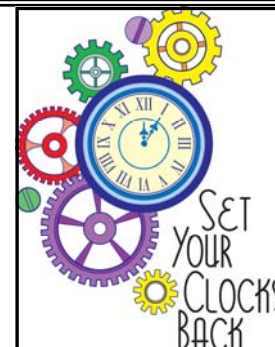
Here at CLPC, we invite you to share in this joy by adding your shoe box gifts to the millions of boxes delivered all over the world. If you would like to make a box (or several), start by picking up a pamphlet in the Narthex or in the church office. This is a great project to share with your children or grandchildren. It's also a wonderful ministry to share with your neighborhood group or card club. Boxes are to be dropped off at church the week of Nov 17-24.

Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday November 24th 6:00 PM-Fellowship Hall

November 24th is our Annual Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner at 6 p.m. Harold will make his delicious special stuffing, homemade gravy and beautiful browned turkeys. All we need is you!
Please bring a dish or dessert to share and come join us.



Daylight Savings Time ends November 3rd, 2013



HANGING OF THE GREENS



This year Hanging of the Greens will be on Sunday, November 24th, following the 11:00 a.m.

service. Help is needed for hanging the outside lights, decorating the big Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary and the Christmas Trees in the office and in the Youth Center.

This is a wonderful way to bring us all together in the wonder and preparation for the coming of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.....please be a part of this Advent season by being present for a festive and inspiring time in the life of the Church.



Women's Group

Martha Circle will meet on November 12th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Betty Ann Kelly. Please call 481-6412 if you need directions.

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Editor's Note: Some articles may be edited for space. Some are left intact by request of their authors.

Gin and other spiritual matters.....

Everything about fall has started at CLPC --- "The Story", the choir is back, the bells are back, Wonderful Wednesdays, once-a-month all church dinners with Chef Harold, the Confirmation Class, the Fall Fest, Kirkin' of the Tartans, our annual Thanksgiving Dinner and, believe it or not, plans for Advent and Christmas. Now all we need is our snowbirds to return and a bit cooler weather.

With everything going on, we obviously need some help. Dinner helpers (before and after), Youth Group helpers/drivers/crowd controllers/etc., more choir members (especially men), more bell ringers (all ages and experiences), etc., etc., etc.

Before you say you "*can't*," think about the people we've encountered in The Story...Abraham and Sarah, having a child at 100 and 90 years of age; moving to a place God had yet to reveal; ...Joseph, a very young man and a braggart who saved Egypt and surrounding countries from a famine; ... Moses, a murderer and stutterer who answered God's call and confronted Pharaoh until the Hebrew people were delivered from slavery. The point is, as a friend of mine says, God doesn't choose the qualified, He qualifies the chosen.

Remember the vows we make every time we participate (yes, that's the correct word, participate) in a baptism! People made those same vows when you were baptized...and look how great you turned out. I bet you can remember some really great teachers, mentors, adult friends and pastors you knew when you were a child in church...right? Remember how active your parents were, or maybe not and you wished they were?

Here's your chance to: "Live God's Purpose through Love and Service", and truly show that CLPC is definitely "The Place Where People Will Experience Christ"!

Ginny Canning

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

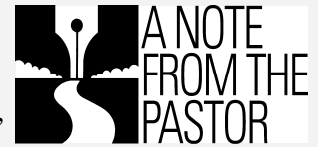


Join us!

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!

Welcome to the Family



This coming month I am celebrating a little over 8 years at Cypress. That has caused me to pause and take stock of where things have gone well (been a lot of those), and of course, areas where things could have gone better (likewise, a few of those). But over the past years, so many things have changed while other things have remained the same. It made me think of a wonderful little song that my children learned. When our family would take a road trip we would play “Psalty” songs on the cassette player in the car (yep, before the days of CD’s...but we were excited to have outgrown 8 track tapes). One of my favorite songs had the following lyrics:

*Welcome to the family
We're glad that you have come
To share your life with us
As we grow in love and
May we always be to you
What God would have us be
A family always there
To be strong and to lean on,*

*More with each day
May words of love be on our lips
In everything we say
May the Spirit melt our hearts
And teach us how to pray
That we might be a true family*

As I remembered those words I thought they are not just words for a child, but for adults as well as they speak to the life of a church. We grow together, we share our lives together, we learn to love each other and God, and we learn to lean on each other. This past month was very tough as we watched yet more loved ones pass away. But in one week, we had not only a death but also a wedding AND a baptism. The beginning of earthly life, the transition to marriage, and the passing away of life. As a church, we have laughed with those silly events that happen in all of our lives, we have watched the transitions of people as they have come and gone to school, college and off to careers, we have seen Bible studies that have transformed lives, and we have watched the Spirit come to work on the Spirit’s terms.

You see, for those that just worship on Sunday morning, or perhaps even less often, they frequently miss the work of the FAMILY of God. There is nothing that can compare to the laughter of working with others in the kitchen ...especially in the tight quarters of the dish room with a wet rag in tow. There is a special bond as folks powerwash the sidewalks or upgrade an office. And it goes over the top when someone delivers flowers to a shut-in, and takes some time to hear stories about their past or about their families. It is about being the *family of God*, in good times and in bad, at the start of life, during the highlights of life, and even the end of this earthly life. It is being part of a family that honestly cares and loves.

If you are one of those folks who are really connected to the family, you already know the blessing that it brings. If you are one of those who just visits occasionally or only on holidays, come join the family in earnest. I promise you, life will be forever transformed for the better.

“Welcome to the family, we’re glad that you have come to share your life with us!”

Pastor Clint



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Service Times 8:00 am Morning Prayer 9:00 am Praise Service 9:15 am Kids Worship 10:10 am The Story 10:15 am Puppet Rehearsal 11:00 am Traditional Service 11:00 am Iglesia Presbiteriana			<h1>November</h1> 			
	<h2>Courier Deadline November 15th</h2>			1	2	
3 ALL SAINTS DAY 12 p.m. Stephen Ministry 7 p.m. Reception - Greece/Turkey Trip 	4 9:30 am Project Linus 9:30 am Music Exe. Board 12 pm Staff Mtg. 1 pm PW Exe. Board Mtg. <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm</div>	5 4:15 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm Voices in Bronze 6:30-9 pm Stephen Ministry 7 pm Ministry Teams Mtg.	6 9 am PIP 10 am The Story 5:15 pm Angels Rock! 5:30 pm Youth Group 5:30 pm Praise Team 6 pm Wonderful Wed. 6:40 pm The Story 6:45 pm Gloria Choir 7 pm Boy Scouts	7 6:30-9 pm Stephen Ministry	8 7 am Real Est. Breakfast	9 2:30-6 pm Boy Scouts/Court Of Honor
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5th Pat France
8th Eleanor Goff
11th Robert McFedries
Taylor Waldrop
14th Eileen Coe
Tom Galton
18th Chris Giesecke
Carolyn Scullion
21st Barbara Hess
Dorothy Lias
22nd Becky Harris
23rd Donna Brown
Christian Cottrell
Wayne Auman
24th Jeff Basler
26th Kyle Waldrop
27th Marc Michetti
28th Al Hornung

5th Michael & Carolyn Hornung
14th Larry & Christina Johnson
20th Martin & Susan Chanofsky
22nd Carl & Betty Strom
29th Wayne & Elaine Auman



Audio/Tech Members Needed: for the 9:00 & 11:00am Services.

If interested, please call the office at 481-3233. Could someone please step up and help out our church so that we might continue to have audio and visual for these services? God needs your talents and so do we! Thank you for your consideration.



Chancel Guild

November 2013 Schedule

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| 1st Doris Houston
Becky Potts | 8th Sue Chanofsky
Betty Schaarschuch |
| 15th Irene Thiessen
Pam Smith | 22nd Jackie Oestriech
Dorothy Troy |
| 29th Doris Houston
Becky Potts | |

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

Irene Thiessen, Chancel Guild Director

Blood Drive Success!

The Blood Drive on August 18th was a great success! The Lee Memorial Health System collected **20** pints! Every donation potentially saves up to 3 lives. Thank you for your ongoing support of this program.



The next blood drive will be **December 22, 2013.**

Please call Tim Baldwin at 937-369-6069 to set up your time to donate and help save a life!



Presbyterian Women

November 2013

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| 1st | 8:30 am | Leadership Challenge |
| 4th | 9:30 am | Project Linus Blanket Work Day (CE1, Room 2) |
| | 1:00 pm | Executive Board Mtg. (Library) |
| 12th | 9:30 am | Martha Circle |
| | 12:30 pm | Esther Circle - Fellowship Hall |
| 14th | 7:00 pm | Eve Circle |
| 28th | | Happy Thanksgiving! |



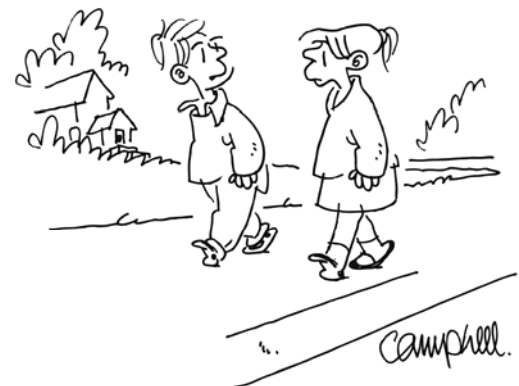
Deacon's Corner

Matthew 25:36 ...".When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me." One of the many functions of your CLPC Deacons is to visit you in the hospital, the rehab unit, after you come home and when you are in need. Pastor Clint has been blessed with many gifts but, in reality, has limited time to do everything. Please let the church office, an elder or deacon or Pastor Clint know when you are ill and in need. You will certainly have a visit where ever you may be. We can help in many ways sharing the love of Jesus.

**FLOWER GUILD
NOVEMBER 2013**



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| November 3rd | Sally Fontaine |
| November 10th | Nancy Wheeler |
| November 17th | Terry Miller |
| November 24th | Elly Bartoe |



"We're going to my Grandma's on Thursday to pig out ... and also be thankful."

Some things to remember:

Christian
Education
Current
Events

Church School is held on Wednesday evenings starting with dinner at 6 PM and classes in "The Story" for all ages.

Kids' Worship happens on Sunday mornings. The children attend worship through the Children's Message then proceed to CE 1, Rms. 2&3 for a continued worship experience.

Confirmation Class is being conducted every Tuesday from 4:15-5:15 PM. There are 6 boys in the class and we are off to a great start using "Crossings" from Logos. This is a study of crossing from "childhood" understanding of the Bible, Presbyterianism, the creeds, and CLPC to becoming a "communicant member", with all the rights and privileges.

Women's Circles meet at three different times. There is Martha Circle which meets in members homes @ 9:30 AM; Esther Circle which meets in Fellowship Hall @ 12:30 PM. Both these circles meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, Sept. through May. The third circle, Eve, meets in members homes @ 7:30 PM the 2nd Thursday. All circles are studying "An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy". Every woman attending CLPC is invited to attend the circle of their choice. Gatherings of the three circles are held four times a year with business mtg., lunch, and speaker. Check the bulletin and screen for details.

The Men's Breakfast eats, greets, fellowships and has a speaker every 3rd Tuesday of the month. All this takes place in Fellowship Hall. Check the bulletin and screen for details of who the speaker is for each month.

Chick Flick Night takes place on the 3rd Friday of the month. It begins with "themed dinner" in Fellowship Hall, then moves to the chapel for dessert and the agreed upon movie. After the movie is discussion on what the movie has to do with us as Christian women and our lives today. The cost for dinner and the movie is \$5.00. Good food, great fun, stimulating discussion. All women are invited, just let Amy Cottrell know so she counts you in for dinner.

Is there something or some things that you would like to see us offer that are not presently "on the list"? Please let us know...we are open to **pretty much** anything, at **almost** any time.

Join us for any of these activities that provide Christian education, fellowship, and fun.

Ginny Canning



Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall




Tuesday, November 12th
7:00am

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2013

NOVEMBER 3RD	GLORIA CHOIR
NOVEMBER 10TH	LARRY JOHNSON CALEB KISS
NOVEMBER 17TH	TAYLOR KISS MARLEE WILSON
NOVEMBER 24TH	TOMMY KENDALL SYLVIA ANDREWS

ACOLYTES





TEDDY BEAR COLLECTION
Sponsored by the Gloria Choir for Nov./Dec.

The Choir is asking for donations of NEW Teddy Bears to replenish those that have been given to our area children at Children's Hospital and also for those who have been a part of a traumatic event. Let's fill up a corner of our Narthex with these Teddy Bears as we pray and sing the songs/hymns of the church.

PUPPETEERS RETURN


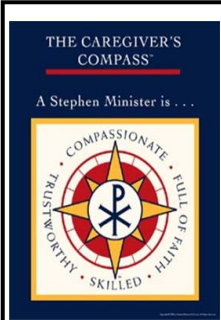
Chris Giesecke, Larry Johnson, and Donna Brown accompanied CLPC's six puppeteers to Brandon, Florida for the puppet convention and competition. They attended several workshops and learned new skills. The team is thrilled to have earned a Bronze Award for the live performance of "The Ultimate Prayer Warrior". They were the only team to compete with a live performance (all others were pre-recorded and with puppets lip-syncing) and were praised for their bravery and creativity.



They will perform for you at the Fall Festival with a song, "God is Bigger than the Boogieman".

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Soon you will receive a series of automated phone calls about setting a date for your family photo. There will be photo sessions in November (25-27) and again in February (25-28). Package orders during the November sittings, will be ready by Christmas. The last pictorial directory was completed in 2008, so a new one will be welcomed. More information will be forthcoming, so listen during announcements and read your e-Courier!

STEPHEN MINISTRY
All Roads Lead To

Have you ever driven in a subdivision where all roads seemed to lead back to the main entrance? It's a careful design to keep us from getting hopelessly lost. When God wants us to do something, sometimes it seems as if all roads lead to that very activity. Is God calling you to a new ministry activity in our congregation? Consider Stephen Ministry, our one-to-one caregiving ministry. For an unforgettable map and more information, contact Kurt Daume at 239-225-0927.

Giving Tree
During the months of November and December, 2013



We are asking the church family to donate one bulb or Christmas item that can be placed on our "Giving Tree" so that we might decorate it. Our goal will be to have most of these decorations to place on the tree the day that we do the *Hanging of the Greens* on November 24th.




Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers.

The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.'

The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.'

The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'



Let us come before him with thanksgiving.

Psalm 95:2, NIV