



# The Courier

Our Vision: To become known as the Church where you experience Christ.

Cypress Lake  
Presbyterian Church

October  
2013



**Kirkin' of the Tartan's**  
**Sunday, October 27th, 2013**  
**One Service at 10:00am**  
**Special guests: Lee County Pipes and Drums**

Please join us in this one service as we have our annual Kirkin' of the Tartans, (blessing). Please bring something from your family, such as the family Bible, Tartan, and yourself to receive the Blessing to keep you safe in God's holy Word.



## FALL FESTIVAL FIESTA

**Saturday, October 26th, 2013**  
**3:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

Food! Fun! Duck Pond! Music!  
Crafts! Candy!  
Bounce House! \*Big Splash!  
Face Painting!

\*Big Pretzels! Popcorn!

Puppet Show! Games!

Mini Golf! Stilt Walker

Toy Balloon Maker!

Fire Engine! Finger Printing!

Everyone welcome!

Everything free!!

\*(Except Big Splash and Big Pretzels)

Mark your calendars!!!



### Angels Rock!

**Wednesday evenings:**  
**5:15—6:00 pm.**

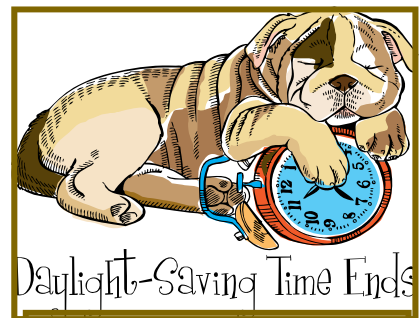
This choir is now rehearsing in the Music rehearsal room in Rooms 5&6, where the Gloria Choir rehearses. If your child loves to sing and do some drama, please contact Rachel Carrier or Pam Simones and they can give you more details. This is open to ages 5 through grade 5!



The Angels Rock! will be learning how to ring Chimes during their regular practice night, Wednesday, 5:15-6:00pm. Angels Rock! will be singing on December 1 at the Fort Myers Christian Church, First Sunday in Advent. Also, they will be participating in the Christmas Musical/Drama, The Night Shift Before Christmas!, on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in CLPC's Sanctuary and the family Service December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Angels Rock! will sing.

Future dates will be announced as they become available.

Call: 239-481-3233 ext. 24



**November 3, 2013**

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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.

# THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY  
IN GOD'S STORY



## *The Story Has Begun!*

Nearly six months ago one of my colleagues from Pittsburgh asked me if I had ever heard of *The Story*. When I responded no, he then told me of the series and of the HUGE difference it made in the life of his church. He spoke of how exciting it was to read much of the Bible together, from the children to the senior citizens; how the music fit in nicely, along with him writing sermons based on their weekly readings; how if it gave a break over Christmas, allowing people who started late to just join right in whenever they could.

He then went on to talk about something he didn't expect. *The Story* was intended to help the congregation grow in knowledge and love of God; but something odd was happening, visitors and guests were increasing in numbers. You see, when the word got out through members, through their websites, through the word of mouth, people started visiting, and they stayed. Why? Because they were hungry for God's Word.

We are now several weeks into *The Story*. We did not start it for the purpose of secretly growing the church or helping to improve the budget. The goal was simple-make disciples of Jesus Christ and help them grow in knowledge of God's story, and in so doing, grow in the knowledge of their story in God.

If you have already joined in on *The Story*, I hope and pray that you are experiencing what I and many others are finding-this is an exciting story that has meaning to our lives. If you have not started on *The Story*, it is not too late. In fact, even snowbirds can join in when they arrive in October or January or February. It is never too late!!!

Have a great month, and I can't wait to see what God is up to at CLPC.

Blessings,

*Pastor Clint*



## Drama Troupe

Interested in some light acting?  
How about some great Christian fun  
learning how to act?

We are getting ready to do our Christmas Musical/Drama on  
December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the Church Sanctuary.  
Interested Christians...contact Rachel Carrier for infor-  
mation. The rehearsal times are set as needed, and we do  
work around your schedule! 239-481-3233 ext. 24



**Please welcome  
our newest  
members to  
CLPC**

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9380 Gladiolus Preserve Circle  
Ft. Myers, FL 33908  
239-489-4802

**HAVE YOU SEEN OUR  
CHURCH OFFICE??**



*All of the staff and volunteers that work in the office would like to thank the following for their hard work in making our office look beautiful and professional. Thank you to:*

- Walt France**
- Jim Wray**
- Rich Meacham**
- Chuck Barnhill**
- Jim Wilson**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**



**COFFEE HOUR**

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

Stop over and join the fellowship!

**Christian Education  
Current Events**

**Wonderful Wednesday** is up and running!!!

We have changed some rooms due to our study of *The Story*. Angels Rock will meet at 5:15 pm in the choir room, #5 & 6 in CE 1. At 6:00 we and ALL children and youth will meet in FH for dinner...what are we having???? These will be "kid friendly" meals, except for the one Wed. evening a month when we have our "all-church suppers". The menu will be posted around campus every week. There will also be lists available on the green table in the sanctuary.

Room assignments for the story are:

- Adults/Choir Video --- Fellowship Hall
- Adults Discussion ----- Fellowship Hall
- Choir Discussion ----- Choir Room
- Pre-Sch./Early Elem.--- Room
- Older Elementary ----- Rooms 2 & 3, CE 1
- Praise Team ----- Sanctuary
- Wed. Morning Adults -- Fellowship Hall

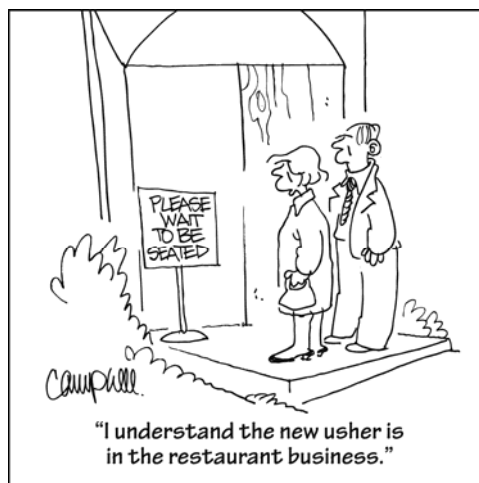
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**TUNA FISH COLLECTION**

The South Fort Myers Food pantry needs your help! Tuna fish is running low, so they are asking our church to help restore their stock. We will be collecting any kind of tuna fish during the month of October.



There will be a blue basket in the Narthex that we should fill up. Watch for the sales and Publix two for one promotions, especially when it is a 4 or 6 can package. God has provided for us, now it is time for us to provide for those that are less fortunate.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Service Times</b> 8:00 am Morning Prayer 8:30-11 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Praise Service 9:15 am Kids Worship 10:10 am Puppet Team 11:00 am The Story 11:00 am Traditional Service 11:00 am Iglesia Presbiteriana						
<b>World Communion Sunday</b> <b>Peacemaking Offering</b>	9:30 am Project Linus 9:30 am Music Club Board 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 1:00 pm PW Exe. Board Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	6:00 pm Voices in Bronze 7:00 pm Ministry Teams	9 am PIP 10 am The Story 11:30 am FM Ministerial Mtg 5:15 pm Angels Rock! 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Wonderful Wed. 6:15 pm Praise Team 6:40 pm The Story 6:45 pm Gloria Choir 7 pm Boy Scouts	3	4	5
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27	28	29	30	31	<b>Courier Deadline</b> <b>October 15th</b>	
<b>Kirkin of the Tartans</b> <b>One Service - 10 a.m.</b> <b>Blood Drive</b> <b>8:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b> <b>Three Cents A Meal</b>	12 pm Staff Meeting Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8 pm	6 pm Voices in Bronze 7 pm Food Pantry Mtg.	9 am PIP 10 am The Story 5:15 pm Angels Rock! 5:30 pm Youth Group 6 pm Wonderful Wed. 6:15 pm Praise Team 6:40 pm The Story 6:45 pm Gloria Choir 7 pm Boy Scouts			





- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy Troy
- Rachael DeBolt
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tracy Wilson
- Suzanne Cramer
- Denise Hostettler
- Sara Dustin
- 5<sup>th</sup> Amy Cottrell
- 8<sup>th</sup> Karen Grabia
- 11<sup>th</sup> Todd Adams
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nancy Schiller
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mary Conner
- 15<sup>th</sup> Thomas Wilson
- Jeanne Moore
- Susan Chanofsky
- 16<sup>th</sup> Wendy Michetti
- 18<sup>th</sup> Taylor Kiss
- 21<sup>st</sup> Doug Soles
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Spencer Hornung
- Betty Henderson-Jones
- 24<sup>th</sup> Matilda Wilson
- Marlena Wilson
- Sarah Johnson
- 25<sup>th</sup> Cadence Hill
- 27<sup>th</sup> Jodi Waldrop
- 29<sup>th</sup> Anna Clark
- 31<sup>st</sup> Ronald Cramer

*Celebrating an Anniversary*



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark & Mary Gisse
- 8<sup>th</sup> Jim & Matilda Wilson
- Dick & Ann Sims
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dave & Jeanne Moore
- 17<sup>th</sup> Steve & Judy Norris
- 20<sup>th</sup> Don & Carolyn Brose
- 24<sup>th</sup> Philip & Janet Serpe
- 29<sup>th</sup> Steve & Donna Brown
- 30<sup>th</sup> Ronald & Suzanne Cramer



# Presbyterian Women

## October 2013

7th	9:30 am	<b>Project Linus Blanket Work Day</b> (CE1-Rms. 2 & 3)
	1:00 pm	<b>Executive Board Mtg.</b> (Library)
8th	9:30 am	<b>Martha Circle</b>
	12:30 pm	<b>Esther Circle</b> (Fellowship Hall)
10th	7:00 pm	<b>Eve Circle</b>
19th	10:30 am	<b>Presbyterian Women Gathering</b>
	11:15 am	Program
	12:00 pm	Luncheon-Hosted by Eve Circle



## Student in the News!

Larry Johnson, III, son of Larry and Christina Johnson who attend the Praise Service, has been auditioned and selected for the Southwest Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra. The Sinfonietta group features intermediate level string players.

Larry plays the Cello and has recently studied with Miss Ashley Booth, a student at FGCU (summer) and currently studies with Ms. Susie Kelly, who teaches at Cadence Music Store in Fort Myers, Fl.

Larry is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade honor student and attends Cypress Lake Middle School. He studies piano with Mrs. Rachel Carrier and plays in the Intergenerational Bell Choir at Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church. Larry is a member of the Youth Group and is a Boy Scout in Troop 101 that meets at CLPC. Congratulations, Larry! May God continue to bless you on your travels.



## October 2013 Schedule

<b>4th</b> Doris Houston	<b>11th</b> Irene Thiessen
Rebecca Potts	Betty Schaarschuch
<b>18th</b> Irene Thiessen	<b>25th</b> Jackie Oestreich
Pam Smith	Dorothy Troy

Please feel free to call me about anything or if you need help. Thanks so much for helping out in our beautiful sanctuary.

Irene Thiessen  
Chancel Guild Director



## FLOWER GUILD OCTOBER, 2013



October 6th	Terry Miller
October 13th	Elly Bartoe
October 20th	Judy Schulte
October 27th	Jean Dodd

## DEACONS AT WORK.....



The Deacons of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church have many responsibilities. One of these is transportation. If you need help getting to an appointment, to the doctor or the grocery store, the Deacon in charge will arrange for someone to drive you where you need to go. Please call the church office at 481-3233.

Blood Drive  
Sunday, October 27th  
8:15 am-1:00 pm  
Please call Tim Baldwin at 937-369-6069 to set up your time to donate and help save a life!



**DONATIONS:** Since the Safe Haven School is now closed, we are no longer collecting egg cartons, fruit and veggie trays or toilet tissue and paper towel rolls. Thank you for your past donations.





## Operation Christmas Child

CLPC will be sponsoring Operation Christmas Child again this year. We will be collecting shoe box gifts to be sent to millions of children all over the world who would otherwise have no Christmas. It's easy, start

by picking up a pamphlet in the Narthex or just:

Find an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required.

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child--toys, school supplies, hygiene items. (No glass, liquids or war related items.)

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs.

Place a rubber band around each shoe box and lid and drop it off at the Church the week of November 17-24.

We challenge you to get your neighborhood, your friends, and your families involved in this project. We're starting on this project early to collect a record number this year. Last year CLPC collected over 300 boxes. Watch for more details to come. Join us in making a difference in a child's life.

## Voices In Bronze (Adult Bells)



We welcome two new members to the bell choir this year, Becky Harris and Amanda Johnson! We also sadly accepted the resignation of our long standing and ringing Doris Houston. Doris had been a great and faithful member of the Bell Choir and has agreed to stay on as a substitute for the group. Her wonderful sense of humor always added that little extra touch when we would be working on difficult pieces. God has blessed us all with her presence. When you see Doris around the campus, please take time to thank her for the many years of faithful service to CLPC and for using her gifts to God's glory as she rang her Bells!

This Choir will be ringing at the historic Burroughs House on Tuesday, December 17 at the 7:30pm performance time. This is in Downtown Fort Myers, close to the First Presbyterian Church and across the street from the First United Methodist Church. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this exciting night of Christmas Bell Music.

## Gloria Choir

Rehearsing on Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Rehearsal Room, CE 1, Room 5/6. New Members always welcome...especially needing Baritone and Bass singers!!! Please join us in this important musical gift that enhances our Worship Services. Call Rachel Carrier or send an e-mail. [Rachel@clpc.us](mailto:Rachel@clpc.us)



Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord. "God, what does a million years mean to you?"

The Lord replies, "A minute."

Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A penny."

Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?"  
The Lord replies, "In a minute."

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 8TH



7:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall  
Guest Speaker:

Kurt Daume  
Stephen Ministries

## Come Join Pastor's Clint Cottrell, Laura Strauss and their family as they lead a life changing tour in the Footsteps of Paul and John!



**When:** Next Summer, July 8-16, 2014

**Where:** Greece and Turkey; Includes 3 days on a Cruise Ship

**What we will see:**

**Athens** (Parthenon, Mars Hill...where Paul preached, the Agora, the National Archeological Museum, and more)

**Mykonos** (while not a "Biblical city", this Greek isle is enroute to stops in Turkey and other islands; it is known for its windmills and whitewashed buildings)...via cruise ship.

**Ephesus** (the very town that Paul visited and wrote a letter to; we will visit the archeological sites including the library, Temple of Artemis, and the purported gravesite of St. John)... via cruise ship.

**Patmos** (we will see the fortified monastery and visit the cave where it is believed that Revelation was written)... via cruise ship.

**Crete** (the island Paul visited, as well as, a place known for its ruins including the Palace of Knossos) ... via cruise ship.

**Santorini** (another non-biblical stop but another beautiful Greek isle formed from a volcano)...via cruise ship.

**Corinth** (we will see the Corinth canal and then visit the biblical city including the museum, market place, Bema and marketplace, and have a devotional in the ruins of the church in Corinth!!!).

**Mycenae** (another non-biblical city but an ancient town that played a pivotal role in the life of ancient Greece).

**Accommodations:** 5 Star Hotels in Greece and three nights on a cruise ship.

For more information contact Pastor Clint or pick up a flier on the "Green Table" in the Worship Center.

You can also visit <http://pilgrimgtours.com/groups/clpcgreece.htm>

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

### What Does It Take to become a Stephen Minister (and What Do You Receive in Return?)

Okay, admit it. Stephen Ministry has crossed your mind a few times. You might even have picked up a brochure or talked with your Pastor about it. But now you want to take a closer look at the idea of becoming a Stephen Minister. You're wondering, "Is this right for me?" The following are some guidelines that might help you in your decision making.

**Gifts:** A Stephen Minister is a person with the gift of mercy, who shows compassion, and gives encouragement to and intercedes for those he or she cares for. Many of them say that they receive much more from the caring relationship with their care receiver than they give.

**Commitment:** A Stephen Minister devotes time, energy, and resources to this Ministry. In return, a Stephen Minister has the chance to participate in meaningful Ministry, make a difference in another person's life and grow as a joyous child of God.

**Training:** A Stephen Minister completes 50 hours of training before ever meeting with a care receiver. He or she learns about listening, assertiveness, confidentiality, and many other aspects of caregiving. After completing the initial training, he or she engages in continuing education.

For more information, please contact Kurt Daume at 239-225-0927.

