



UNDER THE STEEPLE

April, 2009

Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church (*PCA)
Lake Worth, Florida

Happy Easter



Palm Sunday ... April 5
Maundy Thursday ... April 9
Easter Sunday ... April 12

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Carolyn Kullmar

March did indeed come in as a lion with the Missions Conference in full swing. We had outstanding speakers and good meals and hopefully many of you will yet turn in your faith promise pledges since we have quite a few less than last year.

About a week after the close of the Missions Conference the Moody Men's Collegiate Choir was here and they gave a wonderful concert. Those who hosted the young men in their homes enjoyed getting to know them. By the way, I have not seen such a spread of food as we had for them in a long time!!! A most enjoyable evening was experienced by all who attended!!!

Between these two conferences, Ann Seay and I attended the Ambassadors' Conference, also an MTW event, in Palm Coast and also enjoyed good speakers--Paul Kooistra and Steve Brown as well as interesting missionaries and once again ate delicious food. I felt as if I should stay off the scales for quite a while!!!!

Gail and John Rigg, Mary Ann Griffin, Leilou Brady, Mario Osso, Roland and Gail Burgess, Marc and Martha Smith, Dick Miller, Larry Roff and John Stelter attended the Ligonier Conference in Orlando. . This is always outstanding and this year was even more so since it is the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth. There were 5000 folks there and all reports are wonderful!!!!

As usual many of our folks are traveling. Mary Alice Baker enjoyed a trip to Hawaii, Carl and Marie Ashley were able to get away for a short trip to St. Augustine over their spring break and Becky and Jim Forester are planning to go to Mississippi on spring break. In addition to visiting family, Becky is looking forward to getting together with some of her high school friends. Jane Burhans has gone with her daughter to Tallahassee to archery events and they are planning to visit a granddaughter in NC over spring break and take her with them to Washington, DC. Anna May Kinser went to Virginia to attend the wedding of a friend. Leilou Brady will be flying up to Tallahassee in order to have some medical tests. She will be at her daughter's place for an undetermined length of time. You can stay in touch with her at Peggy's and that address is in your directory. We can't forget Leilou!!!!

And in one of the neatest trips of the month, Michael and Erika Goderwis spent a week seeing Paris and London. Michael just graduated from college and has studied French in school for many years, so he wanted to see the country for himself. He took his sister along so the two of them had a wonderful trip. Don't you know that they have many special memories. What a special trip!!!! And what a thoughtful brother!!!!

Becky and Jim Forester enjoyed a visit from Jay and Anna, and Justin even managed to get down for a short visit. What a really special time!!! Pat Clayton enjoyed a visit from her nephew. Whenever he comes to town he and Pat enjoy going lots of places and eating out!!! Anna May Kinser enjoyed a visit from her brother John along with Pat and Daphne. And of course we all enjoyed seeing Dianne and Lynn!!! They really look good--makes you wonder if they miss us at all!!!! At least we are thankful they haven't forgotten the way back--just hope they will come more often!!!! Do continue to pray for the sale of their condo.

Here's an item of interest. We all know that Ralph Langley was a special person. Well Lou just shared this. The family that lived across the street from her son, Larry, in Levittown moved to San Antonio, TX. They e-mailed Lou's daughter, Cathy, that a new school in San Antonio was named the RALPH LANGLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. (It was not actually in honor of "our Ralph Langley," but for a noted attorney in San Antonio) but just the same, I think we all agree that it is a special name and are glad to know that the name is held in high respect in other places also.

And I can't pass the opportunity to let you know of a point in favor of one of the participants in our Missions Conference. You all have to know that I come from a WONDERFUL PLACE - A BIG CITY KNOWN AS WALHALLA! Well, it is seldom you meet anyone from this metropolis

but I discovered that Beth Beaver's parents were from the BIG CITY and she has visited family there many times. Her parents were high school friends of mine and so Beth and I are almost cousins!!! I'm sure you recognized a note of quality in her!!! As you are too aware, I simply cannot pass an opportunity to mention the BIG CITY!!!!

Another special even in March - MELISSA MYERS HAD HER 16TH BIRTHDAY!!!! CONGRATULATIONS, MELISSA!!!! The basketball team at Lake Worth Christian School won the state championship. Emily Wade is a proud member of this team. Also, the basketball team coached by Becky Forester was runner up for the state championship in their division.

And while I am on the subject of basketball, many of you know that Breyer Muth has excelled in basketball and just before their team was to be traveling, Breyer was injured. His finger was bent and bleeding. He thought it was just dislocated and could be taped and he could continue to play but that was not the case. The nail was dislodged due to the bone having come thru the skin and pushing it up at the base. Yes, you read that right. The bone in his finger snapped clean and poked up thru the skin lifting his finger nail. He didn't feel it!!! (I can't explain that.) The finger was pointing the wrong way and turned. He grabbed the finger and straightened it out. He requested that it be taped it up so that he could play basketball. The x-rays were taken at the hospital after he straightened the finger out. He is scheduled to have surgery on Monday to put a pin in the finger for a while. Do pray that the finger heals completely and that Breyer will soon be playing again!!!

And Spencer Livanec is sporting a cast because of a broken arm. His arm was broken in several places due to a fall. When I heard it was the left arm, I thought that was better than the right one - then I learned that Spencer is left handed !!!

It is with regret that I report that a very special couple, Norman and Arline Cortese are moving to Kentucky to be near their daughter. The good news though is that their home here has sold!!! Their new address is 1181 Outlands Park, Lexington, KY 40509. Be sure to make this change in your directory and drop them a line to let them know that they are missed here. Arline will be leaving mid April. She has been faithful in praying for our church family and we know she will continue to do so.

Doris Campbell is now in Medicana Nursing Home and if they have a piano, I am sure she is playing for them. Wilma Herbert has had quite a bout with pneumonia but I am happy to report that she is steadily improving. It has been good to see Jimmie Miller in church lately and we are praying that she also will continue to improve. We are thankful that Helen Petras is improving from her back surgery. Betsy Dixon reports after a visit with Dr. Kwang Yang that she is feeling better and hopes to be at church with the choir for the Maundy Thursday cantata. Georgia Bourdon and John Olsen have both had physical problems and not been able to be in church since coming to Florida for the winter season. And as I write this, Pat Clayton is in Bethesda Hospital, having suffered a stroke. Richard Eubanks had heart surgery and has more surgery scheduled. Beth Williams had a fall and was unable to attend church several Sundays. Jean van Hemert is recovering at home after her surgery, and doctors don't feel there will need to be any follow up treatment. Do pray for all these folks as well as others I may have omitted.

We also continue to pray for the Klaus family--for Tim's recovery from injuries in a recent automobile accident in Minnesota and for Carolyn as she watches her husband suffer and also has a family to care for. By the way, isn't *Caringbridge* wonderful? Those of you who have computers and haven't followed Tim's recovery, you really should log on. It is a wonderful way to keep family and friends posted on how things are coming along.

We also extend our sympathy to Judy Streets on the death of her mother. Judy is looking forward to visits of various family members during the summer.



New Minister to Youth

Jay (and Anna) Forester

Jay and Anna Forester met while at Belhaven College, in Jackson, MS. Jay had grown up here in West Palm Beach, attending Summit Christian School and LOPC. Anna lived in Birmingham, Alabama, having gone to high school at Briarwood Christian School and Briarwood Presbyterian Church (where Pastor Downing is now serving as Minister of Revitalization).

Jay was an outgoing senior and Anna an incoming freshman. They were married on June 7, 2003. Anna completed Belhaven in May of 2005, and Jay finished Reformed Theological Seminary in May of 2006.

During their time in seminary, Jay served as a youth intern for a small Presbyterian church, First Presbyterian Church of Madison. Upon graduating, he took a position as the youth director at a church in Delhi, Louisiana where he served for two years. In June of 2004, he returned to Madison, Mississippi to become the youth director at First Presbyterian Church of Madison, where he currently serves now. Jay has also taught school for the last two years, one year as a 7th grade teacher and two as a 4th grade teacher, at local Christian schools in the Jackson area. Anna has worked in the libraries of Mississippi College and Belhaven College since May of 2005. Both are excited about coming to Florida to serve the Lord here in this congregation.

Jay plans to complete the requirements for licensure and ordination during the summer and fall. We look forward to that happy event of his ordination to the Gospel ministry as soon as those examinations have been completed. Plan on welcoming them to Lake Osborne at a covered dish luncheon after morning worship on Sunday, May 31st.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT LAKE OSBORNE

(Wednesday ministries on April 8 will take place as usual)



Palm Sunday, April 5

10:30 am

Children with palm branches



Maundy Thursday, April 9

7:00 pm

Communion and Tenebrae Communion

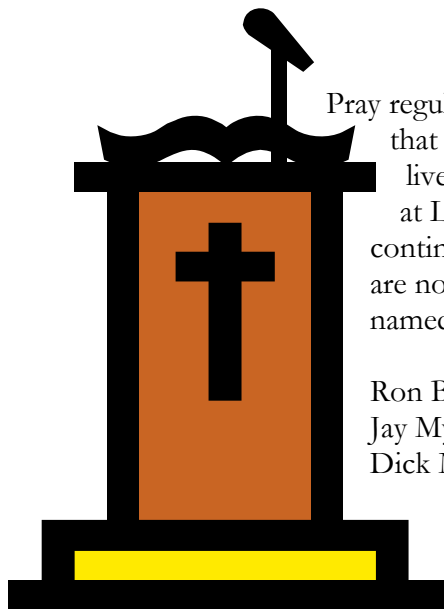


Easter Sunday, April 12

10:30 am

Festive Resurrection celebration

PULPIT COMMITTEE



Pray regularly for our pulpit committee as they continue their work. Pray that God will bless them with unity and spiritual growth in their own lives as they search for the man God has chosen to serve as pastor at LOPC. Pray, too, for all of our ministry leaders here as they continue to guide us through this transition time. Praise God that we are not “shifting into neutral” as we await the time that a new pastor is named. Pulpit Committee Members are ...

Ron Backus, chmn
Jay Myers, v. chmn
Dick Miller, sec'ty

Carolyn Kullmar
Becky Forester
Debbye Tate

Bob Lee
Carl Ashley
Joe Brown

OUTREACH STORY

from Pascal Amouzou

“THE CURSED FOREST”

Sunday March 1st, I was dressed like a Togolese would dress to go to church and one of our visitors/guests asked me where I was from. I said, “Togo, Africa.” He then asked me if I was here for the missions conference. It was then that I realized I was wearing an unusual outfit for an American. I smiled and said I live here. Maybe I could have reached out to him by saying, “Yes I was converted in Africa and came on a mission to the US because the harvest is plentiful!”

I remember back in the early 70s, how many people made fun of missionaries arriving among them. But it was worse a century earlier. Many of them lost their lives. For some of them, the autochthones came out determined to kill them without soiling their hands. Because the missionaries were asking for a piece of land, they gave them the cursed forest.

The cursed forest was believed to be the dwelling of bad spirits. And anybody banned from the community found refuge there: witches, lepers, murderers, people possessed by bad spirits. The autochthones were scared to go into the cursed forest. Nobody had ever come back alive from the cursed forest and the autochthones were convinced that they had condemned the missionaries to a certain death.

The missionaries took possession of the cursed forest and not only did they survive, but it was not long before they converted those excluded from the society they found in there. With the help of the newly converted, they built churches and worshiped God. The autochthones were so convinced that they would die in the hands of the bad spirits that when it did not happen, doubt sneaked into the society.

If those people are still alive, it is surely because their God is more powerful than the gods of the cursed forest. Slowly but surely, conversion started to take place. And we know the rest of the story.

Today, we still have vast field of mission and the harvest is plentiful. Missions is the ultimate outreach sacerdotal sacrifice. We may not all be missionaries, but we can still be part of the mission by supporting missions through our giving and praying.



TEEN YOUTH GROUP

Dear Church Family,

Grace and Peace to you! The month of March has been eventful. As Charlie has been gathering information for the June Summer Missions Trip, we were blessed by a visit from Jay and Anna Forrester. We had a great time upstairs when they came to visit, and they will do a wonderful job.

On Wednesday nights, we have just started a series entitled "Jesus Changes Everything" which will take us through the beginning of the book of Matthew. Plugged In will meet on Sundays through the end of April, and we will continue to use this time to study together and film skits to go along with our Wednesday night lessons. The last Plugged In will be on Sunday, April 26th.

Right now, we are in the midst of Rummage Sale preparation, and gearing up for the Chris Tomlin concert in April. The season will conclude with a trip to the Rainbow River on May 29th and 30th. We will be leaving Friday afternoon and returning on Saturday night. Tickets for this trip will be \$25.00 apiece, and the trip promises to be a blast!

As always, we request your prayers for this time of transition, and we continue to look forward to what God will do in the lives and hearts of our youth. Love in Christ ... *John, Tiffany, and Hannah*

From the Lake Osborne Pulpit

If you have missed any of the recent sermons on Sunday mornings, or studies on Sunday evenings, most of them can be accessed on the church web site: www.LOPCA.org. These include most manuscripts of the morning sermons. You will also find some of the messages from Dr. Don Whitney at our Spiritual Life Conference, and Dr. Paul Kooistra from our Missions Conference.

Current morning sermon series: **"Nehemiah: Rebuilding Your Spiritual Walls"**

1. Neh. 1:1-11 *Leading from the Knees*
2. Neh. 2:1-10 *Praying and Planning*
3. Neh. 2:11-20 *The Midnight Ride of Gov. Nehemiah*
3. Neh. 3:1-32 *It Takes Teams to Build Walls*
4. Neh 4:1-9 *Is It Okay to Have a Prayer "Hit List?"*
5. Neh 4:10-12 *Is Your Strength Failing?*
6. Neh 4:13-23 *Sources of Courage*

New evening series **"Basics of the Reformed Faith"** (will include the following titles):

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| <i>What is a Calvinist?</i> | <i>What is the Sovereignty of God?</i> |
| <i>What is the Reformed Faith?</i> | <i>What is Providence?</i> |
| <i>What is a Christian World-and-Life View?</i> | <i>What is Predestination?</i> |
| <i>What does it mean to glorify God?</i> | <i>What is Biblical Preaching?</i> |
| <i>What is Reformed Worship?</i> | <i>What is Covenantal (Infant) Baptism?</i> |

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

from Lisa Lennon



In April we will be learning the true meaning of Easter during Junior Church:

April 5th - People Rejoice as Jesus Enters Jerusalem - Mark 11:1-11 - Our praise honors Jesus.

Teacher - Tatiana Cardona; Helper - Caroline Tate

April 12 - Jesus is Alive! - Mark 16:1-8 - Jesus lives.

Teacher - Lisa Lennon; Helper - Michaela Grimmig

April 19 - Jesus Appears to His Disciples - John 20:19-31 - Jesus is Lord.

Teacher - Carol Brandt; Helper - Hazel Brown

April 26 - Jesus Sends Power From God - Acts 2:1-21 - The Holy Spirit is powerful.

Teacher - Lisa Lennon; Helper - Jennifer Wade

Parents: On April 5th, Palm Sunday, the children will come into the church waving palm branches. We would love to have your child participate in this. Please call Lisa Lennon (433-2540), if your child will be available that day to do this. Thank you.

On Easter Sunday, during Junior Church we will have a small egg hunt inside. Have your children invite their friends and their friends' families to our church if they don't have a church of their own for this fun egg hunt.

In Awana we will be starting a new series on catechism questions during the teaching time. We will finish up on the important questions and answers we have been learning then start on catechism questions.

April 1st - Why it is important to be thankful?

April 8th - Who made you?

April 15th - What else did God make?

April 22nd - Why did God make you and all things?

April 29th - How do you glorify God?

Parents: Please ask your child the question listed for that day after you pick them up from Awana.

It is getting close to VBS time - mark your calendars! The tentative dates are June 8th to June 12th for one week during the morning. Please call Lisa Lennon if you helped last year and can help this year or if you did not help last year, but would like to take a part in it this year. It would help me a lot if you could call me, but if you don't someone will be calling you to ask for help. Please join me in another opportunity to teach children about Jesus.

Thank you, *Lisa Lennon*



IMPORTANT SUMMER DATES

Vacation Bible School

June 8 – 12

PCA General Assembly

June 16 – 19

Teen Mission Trip

June 20 - 27

How to Use the “Caring Bridge” program for keeping family and friends informed in times of crisis

from Dick Miller



The world of electronics has ways we can keep in touch with each other—anywhere. One of the nicest and most effective tools for doing this is CaringBridge, a web site for a free listing of people needing support. With CaringBridge you can list a person with on-going problems and keep friends up-to-date about their condition. What makes this facility so wonderful, is that anyone you select can communicate with that person. By reporting their condition, including events or milestones in a commentary, people can sign in and access the status of the listed person. The patient on “CaringBridge” can access notes to cheer them up and appreciate that others care about them.

You will be in control of notifying people about changing conditions or events of interest so they can respond to the patient with their wishes or news of interest. The patient can get many and instant “Get well” messages during their convalescence. While they are isolated from family and friends they can exchange greetings that make the loneliness less oppressive. It is suggested that someone close to the patient manage the CaringBridge site so timely accurate reports are released, and control is kept on who is “in the loop.” CaringBridge makes it easy for all parties. The site caretaker can put in messages regarding relevant news, and monitor the messages and comments.

The CaringBridge site is easy to access at: <http://www.caringbridge.org> To build a project for a patient they need some elementary information, simply fill in the blanks when you begin the program, to quote

CaringBridge: “Creating a CaringBridge site is easy. Complete 3 simple steps, and you’ll have an active site in just 5 minutes.

Step 1-Give us some basic information about yourself and your loved one.

Step 2-Choose a site style that fits your needs.

Step 3-Select privacy settings for your CaringBridge site.”

If you need help, call the church office (582-5686), and they will put you in contact with someone to assist you. Here is a sample of a current (March 10, 2009 CaringBridge notice. If you try it soon, you will be able to see how it works.

This sample is a notice from the March 10th prayer list:

Tim Klaus is continuing to improve. Carolyn reports (on her Caringbridge posts) that he is breathing without the ventilator during certain periods of the day, and is increasingly responsive to her.

You can read those posts at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/timklaus>

Generally the site caretaker puts up one or more photos of the patient—a humorous photo of them in a familiar pose, or even, as in this case, the car wreck that put Tim in the hospital. It is always interesting to read the many heart-felt messages from people who care. Listing the CareBridge site at church may find caring friends you did not know they had. We could even keep a list on a designated web page for people outside our reach who check up on us electronically. Anyone can list the CaringBridge site with the person’s name, only the site caretaker can control what is on the site and who does what. Note some of the addresses on Tim’s “guestbook” messages (FL to MN, 121 messages—that would make anyone feel better.) Also notice the statistics on the use of this web site!

You are encouraged to send Tim a note while he is recuperating. “Free, personalized websites that support and connect loved ones during critical illness, treatment and recovery.” <http://www.caringbridge.org>

(Save this article in case you, or a loved one, needs to use this at some time in the future.)