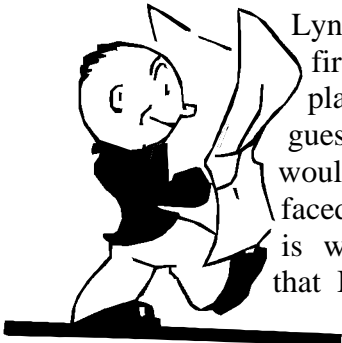


# Would You Believe?

August 2007

## NEWS IN THE PEWS



The BIG news of the summer was Lynn's announcement on the first Sunday of July that he plans to retire next July. I guess we all knew that the day would be coming but had not faced up to it. I must say that it is with very mixed emotions that I report this. I just can't imagine LOPC without the Downings. They have

been there for us through many difficult as well as many happy times and I feel sure we can all say we have grown in our walk with the Lord under Lynn's teaching. How blessed we have been to have had them for so many years. Now we must just count our blessings as we adjust to the thought of not having them for our leaders. We do wish them a wonderful retirement and will always hold them in our hearts. Let's all do our best to make the year ahead the best yet!!!

The next big news item is the arrival of Pascaline and Will, wife and son of Pascal. We have prayed and anticipated the time when this would happen and now they are here! Needless to say, this was a happy reunion. Now, we must do all we can to help them adjust to a new culture and language.

We are indeed thankful for all those who have helped with VBS and the Summer Fun Club as well as those who have gone with the Youth to Westgate and prayed for the Youth trip to Covenant College. It hardly seems possible but the school year will soon be underway. Once again, the summer has flown by.

We are looking forward to hearing about the trip that Laurie Moll took with some Lake Worth Christian students to China, Tibet (Mount Everest) and Hong Kong in June. They were gone for 18 days and I'm sure have many experiences to relate.

Also it will be interesting to hear Buddy Tate tell of his experiences on the trip to Brazil. After praying for getting his passport and then for his health while he was there, it will be exciting to hear how the Lord used and blessed Buddy on this trip. Isn't it wonderful that so many of our folks are involved in Missions?

For 25 years Lou and Ralph Langley met with the National Black Evangelical Association at conventions all over the US. The last few years of Ralph's life they were not able to attend due to health reasons. Recently Lou received a gift from the NBEA Board Members for "their faithfulness and support of racial reconciliation". It was a tangible way to let her know they are not forgotten.

Bob and Mary Anderson keep on the move. Their whole family of 42 gathered for a week together on the beach in SC. Can't you just imagine what happy memories were made there! As I am writing this article, Bob and Mary are taking their grandson, Michael and 2 of his friends on a cruise. They are taking each of their family members on a special trip at some time.

Raymond and Aletha Shepley also hosted a Barnes family reunion at their Crescent City place. Not all of their family was able to attend but the 25 who did had a wonderful time together.

While not all of us can have the large family gatherings, these two families have had. Family times have special spots in our hearts. I know that I had a wonderful week with Doug and his family and Russ was able to join us for the weekend. Although there were only 8 of us, we too have wonderful memories. Gail and John Rigg enjoyed time at Sanibel with Sherry and her family. Marc and Martha Smith are on a 5 week trip to spend time with the northern part of their family. Dottie Cole is in Virginia with her sisters. When she left, several of them were having health problems, so she may be playing nurse but I'm sure when they are together they are having a great time. Martha

Mattson is enjoying a memorable time with her family in Minnesota. It is the first time she has been back in 3 years so they have a lot of "catching up" to do. Wilma Herbert is spending some time with her daughter and husband at Culver Lake in New Jersey. This is a place which holds so many wonderful memories for Wilma. She has been able to visit with many friends as well as family members. It was especially nice that her granddaughter with her husband and son were there part of the time. Lou Langley also spent some with her family in the north. Nancy and Bob Lee went to NC to see Jeff and Jenny and they all enjoyed camping together. Jane Burhans and her daughter, Cathy went to Louisville where Cathy participated in an archery contest.

Henny Bulten spent a pleasant month visiting Ali and her three children in Texas. As you know Ali and Isaac welcomed a daughter, Elisabeth into their family so now they have the 3 E's--Elijah, Ethan and Elisabeth. Other news of the Bulten family--Carole has opened a Tang Soo Do karate studio in Odessa, FL Carole is a second degree black belt and is eagerly anticipating teaching students. Lisa has a piece of artwork in the Palm Beach Airport. It will be up till August or September and is hanging near the ticketing area. Its theme is Fun Around Town and uses Barbie images. If you are at the airport, do look up Lisa's art work.

Lynn and Dianne have really been getting around. They were in Ecuador with the missionaries on a retreat. Not only is Lynn our pastor but he is also pastor to the missionaries in Ecuador. Then they spent 3 weeks visiting family and friends in Georgia, the Carolinas, and West Virginia as well as ending up in the "almost Big City" of French Camp. Hopefully they are now fortified to spend another year with us!

Becky Forester also spent some time traveling and visiting family and friends in the Carolinas and Mississippi. When she returned, Mary Downing and Justin were here for a weekend. Several weeks later, Becky and Jim went up to Mississippi to hear Jay preach. Dick and Sallie Peterson visited Julie and Regan in Hawaii and Becky joined them for part of the time. David and Leilou Brady will be spending most of August in Tallahassee with their daughter, Peggy.

Some of our folks have had nice trips other than to visit family. Sandi Jacobson was in Virginia as well as Minnesota with her work. John and Carol Brandt spent some time in Maine and Dorothy Brindle is spending a couple of months in New Jersey. The Kibben family spent a week with their new camper at the campground of Disney and report that they had an enjoyable in the campground.

Bill and Betty McKee enjoyed having their daughter Carole and her husband with them over July 4th. It was also good to see Karissa Muth when she was here. She reports that their family is enjoying life in Colorado. It was also good to visit with Karen and Jimmy Hill. I surely would ever have recognized Jimmy--such a good looking and very nice young fella!

It was hard to say goodbye to the Brauers. How we will miss them but we do extend our best wishes for a good adjustment to life in Georgia.

Ron Backus has once again been awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award for his work with the Special Olympics program. Congratulations, Ron!

I am happy to report that Georgina Babcock and Arline Cortese continue to recover at home. Alga Trammell is in the hospital as I write this so please pray for their recovery.

We rejoice with Gertrude Ison that she is now enjoying time with the Lord but oh, how we, especially those of us in the Encouragement Group will miss her. Gertrude has touched many lives in our church family--tutoring some in Math and just being a friend of many of us. I will never forget the first Sunday Gertrude and Lovell attended LOPC. They had driven down from Kentucky in a horrible ice storm and when they came to church their lights were left on so when they were ready to leave they had a dead battery. Russ was a senior in high school at the time and he and some of his friends were able to give them a jump. That was 25 years ago so Gertrude and Lovell have been a special part of LOPC for quite a time. We do extend our sympathy to the family as they adjust to life without Gertrude.

I hope August will be a month of many happy times and of growth in our love for the Lord as well as for one another.

*Carolyn Kullmar*

## FROM THE PASTOR



Transitions frequently provide opportunities for improvement. Such is the case with us currently at LOPC. Transition to summer gives us more access to the children in our neighborhoods who have more available time for participation in ministries like our Summer Fun Club. I'm just sure that there are parents who would gladly take advantage of this opportunity if they just knew about it. If you tell them, then you participate in Gospel outreach to families through ministry to children.

Another transition is from year one to year two in the Fan the Flame (FTF) Ministry. The FTF Team (committee) will be meeting soon in a Planning Retreat in order to assess the first year and plan the second. Human ideas will not be the focus during this retreat; rather there will be prayerful concentration on how to be personally and corporately healthier in the Lord Jesus. We will continue to emphasize the importance of biblically spiritual health and vitality. I'm looking forward to sharing the proposals made by the FTF Team and authorized by the Session.

Another transition is already well under way, and has, I'm sure, become obvious to you. I'm referring to the improvements in the freshness and beauty of our property. The manicuring of the lawn, the new landscaping, the renewing of the paved parking lot, the increasing neatness of the interior of the buildings, and the fresh and bright appearance of the sanctuary building. These delights are the results of the work of Shannon Bates, Phil Elder, and Jim Seay. They are not "lime light seekers," and I commend them for that, but they certainly do deserve our appreciation. Thank God for each of them and then let them hear about it.

The evidence of God's blessing on the ministry of the Panico's and each of their helpers in the volunteer youth staff is obvious. Praise - Praise The Lord!!

I'll share more as God continues to bless us, albeit, for His Name's Sake.

How about you? If you have something to share about yourself or about the church collectively - tell

me about it and we will pass it along in worshipful praise to HIM.

*Lynn Downing*

## A NOTE FROM LARRY

### *Why Sunday School?*

We have too many children here at LOPC whose parents are not bringing them to Sunday School. The session has made building up this vital ministry a primary objective for the 2007/2008 church year. Here are ten reasons why the children and grand children in YOUR family ought to be here.

1. We have the best Sunday School teachers (and curriculum) you can find.
2. You are responsible to God for the training of these children He has "loaned" you.
3. You probably aren't teaching them all they need to know about the Bible at home.
4. Teachers will have spent hours preparing to assist you with exciting and practical lessons.
5. If your children are in Sunday School, their friends will want to come, too.
6. You promised (at their baptism) to use all the means God has provided to nurture their souls.
7. Bringing your children will help you get here for one of the adult classes.
8. The more you are involved in this ministry, the more you will pray for its success.
9. The future leadership of the church is now being developed in these classes.
10. Jesus warned about doing anything to hinder "the little ones" from coming to Him.

*(Coming next month, the ten most pitiful reasons for NOT bringing our children to Sunday School.)*

*Larry Roff*

# NEED TO KNOW

I'm sure that all of you have noticed the improved appearance of the church. Shannon Bates did a great job in painting the Sanctuary; a job that would have cost us many thousands had it been done commercially. The West wall remains to be painted because of problems in maneuvering a lift into the space between buildings.

In the process of painting Shannon repaired several holes in the building's surface. Much of the fascia and trim, and the entire West wall, are Styrofoam with a fiberglass backing. This allows holes to appear after any mild impact. He also took advantage of the availability of the lift to connect floodlights to the East side of the building. They illuminate the front of the church at night, making it much more visible.

The new landscaping is another factor in the improved appearance. This was intended to be paid by dedication of a tree or plant by members of the congregation. (see the poster in the Narthex for details) At this time \$3,375 of the cost remains to be covered by donations.

We are in the process of producing a new congregational photo album. Charlie Gauger is taking pictures after the morning service of those who haven't been photographed, or want their previous picture updated. Peggy is trying to make appointments, but is having trouble finding people at home. If she is not successful in reaching you, see Charlie or her after the service.

If you haven't visited the church web-site lately, log on and look at the Youth page. David Livanec has done a fine job in producing a page that promotes our youth program. Future plans for the site include a description of our various ministries including pictures and information about the staff and ministry leaders. We are also in the process of producing a page that will allow you to search the contents of the church library.

Church finance remains solid. Total spending is within a tenth of one percent of budget, and total giving is above last year, although less than the forecasted need.

The Mission Fund is the only one of the three funds in which giving exceeds forecast. Giving to the

Improvements and Emergency Fund, (our insurance) is well below forecast.

This year there are added expenses relating to the youth program, improvements in facilities, and costs of meeting new government requirements. An unusual number of our congregation are away this summer, and in the last few weeks several have permanently moved from the area. This has caused giving to suddenly drop more than usual for this time of year. Please remember the church as you travel.

*Bill Campbell, Church Administrator*

## Financial Report January- June 2007

### LOPC Ministries Fund

	Budget	Actual	2006
Receipts	\$253,190	\$237,702	\$210,679
Disbursements	\$255,372	\$254,997	\$239,625

### Improvements and Emergency Fund

	Budget	Actual	2006
Receipts	\$ 29,079	\$ 12,748	\$12,779
Disbursements	\$50,225	\$56,585	\$82,786

### Mission Fund

	Budget	Actual	2006
Receipts	\$50,137	\$54,230	\$56,475
Disbursements	\$52,005	\$45,715	\$61,674

### Year to Date Receipts and Disbursements

	Budget	Actual	2006
Receipts	\$332,406	\$304,680	\$279,933
Disbursements	\$357,602	\$357,297	\$383,725

## YOUTH PLUGGED IN

Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to you. As we are getting ready to begin our second season at LOPC, we again marvel at God's wondrous provision in meeting the needs of our youth group. The fact that many of our leaders moved onto other ministries (both in and out of the area) during 2006-7 season, led us to put out a call for support from our church family as we step out in faith with ambitious plans for Lake Oz Youth



Power & Light 2007-8. Those who have responded (Charlie Gauger, Chris Kibben, Brian and Melissa Backus, Sandi Jacobson) met with Tiffany and myself at a mini-retreat on Sunday, July 22, 2007 that was geared towards casting a vision, planning, and prayer.

Here is a summary of what was discussed and prayed over as our focus will be on Mentoring and Missions:

- New plans for outside parking lot, including, but not limited to, sand volleyball court, ½ court basketball
- August 25 kick off pool party at Wade's
- A revamped Wednesday night schedule which will include practice of our teen praise band.
- Youth EE
- Planned Westgate trips through November.
- Missions Trip to Corozal, Belize, in July 2008
- Fundraisers for Missions Trip
- Scavenger Hunt, Paintball, Wayfest and Lock In 2007-8
- Youth Website

For more info and a great way to stay Plugged In, please check out the newly revamped Youth Website which David Livanec has done a wonderful job on. More to come, Lord willing.

*Love in Christ,  
John, Tiffany, and Hannah*

## WIC NEWS

Greetings from the WIC!

Now that another school year is upon us and a new year is about to start for Sunday School, choir, Wednesday night activities and so on, so it is that a new leadership in the WIC has been chosen. It is with great honor that I announce to the congregation that Jennifer Wade and myself, Becky Forester are the new co-presidents of WIC. We look forward to working in Christ's ministry and in the service of the women of Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church for the next 2 years.

We would both like to thank Nancy Lee for all of her years of faithful service that she has been our president. Thankfully for us she will continue to be on the council along with Debbye Tate, Sandi Jacobson, Marie Ashley, Melissa Backus and Mary Alice Baker. This is an excellent and hard working council. In the September newsletter I will be announcing their individual titles and duties.

Starting this Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, there will be a survey in the bulletin. There are so many wonderful ladies in our congregation with so many abilities and talents that the council is not aware of. We are giving you an opportunity to fill out the survey so that your spiritual gifts may be utilized, and so you can become active members of our WIC. These surveys will be used for event planning and short term help. Everyone is encouraged to become a vital part in the ministry of the church.

We will also be having a Pres WIC sponsored retreat hosted by LOPC on September 7 and 8. Registration begins Sunday, August 5. There will be more information in the bulletin, posters in the Narthex and announcements from Nancy Lee.

Jen and I are excited about being your new presidents. We hope that if you have any concerns or needs you will call us. We look forward to the next year being one of many hands working together for the advancement of the Lord's kingdom.

*In Him,  
Becky Forester*

### **Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study**

I'm thinking about prairie dogs and the promises of God. Looking back five, ten, twenty or more years, are you able to give glory to God for the lessons learned, the bad habits conquered and the freedom found in enjoying God? Or are you still "stuck on stupid" as you fight the same exhausting battles over and over, wondering why you can't seem to get it together as a Christian woman? No sooner do we allow the Holy Spirit to help us conquer one besetting sin when another one shows up to take its place. Like gophers on a desert plain popping up out of their holes, our sins are a never-ending reminder of our desperate need for the transforming power of the Gospel.

Our study this fall of Tara Barthel's excellent book, Peacemaking Women, offers real help. John Calvin warns us that our hearts are idol-making factories cranking out one cheap, fake god after another. Tara's book dives in to the deep end of the pool of our wrong-headed thinking and helps us examine our hearts dispassionately and surgically. We can't dismantle the idols in our lives if we don't recognize them. Some of the idols will surprise us as we unmask them. Do you ever think of physical

health, comfort, relationships or even church services as idols? They can be.

Our study this fall is not for the faint of heart or the overly-sentimental. We'll be engaged in spiritual warfare as we evaluate our relationship to God and others. It's not easy, but it is rewarding. However, this is not a grim, drab study. We'll spend time sharing our concerns and prayer requests and evaluating our modern world through our weekly "Culture Clash" review of current events. Of course, there will be plenty of laughter and warmth. You are free to participate or simply sit quietly; the choice is yours.

Please join us this fall as we seek to get to know the great heart of God and His unconditional love for us. If you have any questions, call me after 2:00 PM on weekdays or any time on Saturday at 967-5106.

*Debbye Tate*

## MISSION REPORT

Hello to those who are left behind while our friends



hide in the mountains. Even many of the Mission committee have fled south Florida. The missions field goes on, and pleasantly so has our giving. It always seems like we only get the bad news, but

we can brag good news regarding our mission's budget with a year-to-date balance of \$15,440. Not to worry, we have countless requests for support money, and some of our missionaries have been sadly below a reasonable support level. The slow Church income period is just beginning-July, August, September and October. The committee tries to conform to Christ's parables found in Matt. 25,14-30 and Luke 19, 11-27. Your contributions put in the bank do not provide for discipling people in need of Christ. Yet, we feel responsible to assure we have adequate funds to meet our commitments. We promise to use your contributions wisely and maximize what can be done to "take God's word to all the nations." All this without a crystal ball, which would be blasphemy anyway. Prayer and faith works far better.

While surfing around some MTW web pages I found Ron and Peg Smith's web site. Although Ron said nothing about it, Mike McMahan posted a note that Ron had been shot during a robbery while conducting a service in a Guayaquil Church last May. The bullet went through his arm and lodged in his back. No indication of further complications, but I gather it is still a serious matter. Having completed their assignment in Ecuador, Ron and his wife are stateside awaiting re-assignment in the Trinidad and Tobago Bible College, to minister to the many people of the English-speaking islands of the Caribbean. They too are collecting funds for that assignment. If you think you want to be a missionary, consider the cost—then by all means do it. Let's keep those contributions coming; while we sit at home, these people do God's work on the front lines. Speaking of "front lines" Ron sent the following:

"The foiled terrorist plot to blow up the fuel lines that supply JFK airport in New York dramatically illustrates the need to train and equip cross-cultural church planting evangelists even in places like Trinidad and Tobago.

"One of the men, Kareem Ibrahim, is a citizen of Trinidad. He was arrested in Port of Spain, Trinidad, along with Abdul Kadir, an imam in Guyana who had served in their parliament and was mayor of the town of Linden, Guyana. Suspect Russell Defreitas was arrested in New York on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. A fourth man, Abdel Nur, surrendered to authorities in Trinidad on June 5<sup>th</sup>." Plus a few more details of their arrest.

Be assured that no stone can be allowed to be unturned to out these vermin and their insidious plots. Our evangelists in the many countries are the front line, and the only hope for peace. Muslims converted are more valuable to God and our peace than dead ones. Besieged people who have Christ as their savior can put on God's armor to protect them from Satan and his minions.

In yet another story Ron relates a lifelong Muslim in Trinidad converted to Christianity who serves the Lord on that island. Another letter is about Turkey having elections. This is a hot bed of face-to-face competition of Christianity and Islam. This includes some progress made in that country in converting people to Christ. An extremely dangerous activity for all parties. Further note these

islands mentioned above are about a “stones skip” offshore of Venezuela, and the maniac torturing those people.

The Mission committee has not figured out a way to share all the news we get from our missionaries with the whole congregation. We will work on this. Our first step is the great map and photos of missionaries in the front lobby/narthex on the south wall. Take some time and see who is noted on the map and where they serve, and consider what we support in Christ’s name. Compare our commitment to those in the field.

*Dick Miller,  
Mission's Committee Chairman*

## A BOOK REVIEW

*The Hiding Place* is a book about a Christian family during the Holocaust. The story takes place during World War II when the Germans were taking over Holland and trying to kill all of the Jews. So, the Ten Boom family opened up their house to any Jew that needed to hide from the Gestapo (the German secret police). But, they were caught hiding Jews and were taken to concentration camps. Almost all of the family died in the camps except for Corrie Ten Boom, whom the book is mostly about.

This is a story about the struggles of the Christian life and about trusting God in every situation, either good or bad. It’s inspiring to see that even though the Ten Booms were in such a horrible place, they still trusted the Lord and praised His name. They were even able to sneak in a Bible and were able to hold little worship services in the camp! They shared their faith with as many people as they could, even with a German officer! I think this is an amazing story and very inspiring to show that God will be with you no matter what. The best thing about this is..... it’s a true story.

This book is available in the LOPC library. Why not check it out today?

*by Caroline Tate*

## August is **NOT** a Slow Month at LOPC!

**“Fan the Flame” Team Retreat.** Pray for the twelve members of this team as they meet all day Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be reviewing the church revitalization efforts we have made during this first year, and will set goals and strategies for the year ahead. Listen for a report from them on Sunday morning, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Fun Club.** Our final week will be Tuesday, August 14. Parents should bring children to the Palm Beach Zoo at 9:00 am and pick them up at 1:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch, \$9 admission price (adults \$13), and a bathing suit and towel to play in the fountains after lunch. The zoo is located on Summit just east of I-95.

**“Lord of the Rings” Marathon.** We will watch the entire series together - all 12 hours worth! - on three successive Saturday evenings at the Roffs, August 11, 18, and 25. There are powerful Christian themes in this epic. We’ll begin with pizza dinner at 5:30 and conclude no later than 10:00. Please call ahead (310-7115) so that we’ll know how many to prepare for. Bring a few bucks to cover the cost of pizza and drinks.

**Choir Start-up Dinner.** Present and prospective choir members are planning a covered dish dinner at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. This is the week before the regular Wednesday night dinners and ministry events begin. After dinner we’ll hear details of Marie Ashley’s master classes in London, and then we’ll sample some of the new music planned for this season.

**The Lord’s Supper.** On Sunday morning, August 12<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Spend focused time preparing your heart for this wonderful privilege. Do that with selected penitential Psalms like Ps. 51, as well as the New Testament passion narratives in the latter chapters of the Gospels.

**Mission Reports.** Watch the schedule for periodic Sunday evening mission reports from members who have made overseas trips. We have already heard from Pastor Roff (Turkey and Africa) and Pastor Downing (Ecuador). Coming soon will be reports from Laurie Moll (China), Buddy Tate (Amazon), Marie Ashley (England), Dick Peterson (Mozambique), and the Kennedys (India).

**Daniel Sermons.** This sermon series that Pastor Roff began during four Sunday mornings in July will continue on Sunday evenings in August and September. You can listen to these sermons (including those preached in the evening) at the church website: [www.LOPCA.org](http://www.LOPCA.org)

**“John” in Adult SS.** There are four classes remaining in the adult summer series: “Getting to Know John’s Gospel.” It is not too late to join in these studies. All adult classes are meeting together in the sanctuary through the month of August.

## What’s Coming in September at LOPC?

**Quarterly Prayer Service.** The first Sunday in September will mark the beginning of our new ministry year. As we have done periodically this past year, the “Fan the Flame” team will sponsor this as a special day to pray for God to guide us all in the year ahead as we pursue greater church health as a congregation, and also as individuals.

**New Sunday School Year** will begin on September 2<sup>nd</sup> with classes from 9:00 to 10:00. This is a major area of concentration here at LOPC right now, and we are actively challenging all parents and grandparents to help us fill these classes with our covenant children. There will be a major change this season in the adult classes. Instead of “age grouping” we will offer four separate “electives” for adults to choose from. Teachers will be John Brandt, Dick Peterson, Larry Roff, and Lynn Downing. Topics will be announced next month. Among other topics, they will include a survey of the Bible and a course in Christian marriage and family life. These classes will run from September through January, with new subjects offered from February through June.

**Wednesday Family Nights** begin on September 5<sup>th</sup>. That will include catered dinners, choir rehearsals for adults and children, teen praise band practice, children and youth discipleship groups, and Bible studies for adults (including a special women’s

group). Reservations are necessary for dinner, and can be made through the blue cards in the bulletin, or by calling the church office on Mondays.

**Home Bible Study Groups** resume on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. This fall, at the direction of our “Fan the Flame” team, we will be focusing on prayer. We will have weekly study guides available in the bulletin as we work our way through the “real” Lord’s Prayer, found in John 17, and often referred to as Jesus’ “High Priestly Prayer.” There are marvelous lessons here about intimacy with God that we want to integrate into the life of LOPC.

**New Year’s Sunday** will be held on Sunday morning, September 9<sup>th</sup>. We will officially recognize all our ministry leaders, and dedicate all our ministry activities that morning. That evening, in addition to communion, we will give special attention to what is happening in the spiritual gifts focus of the “Fan the Flame” team’s work as “counselors” are in the process of meeting with each member to help determine what their spiritual gifts are and where they can be used in the life of this church.

**Presbytery Women in the Church** will hold their fall retreat here at LOPC on Friday and Saturday, September 7-8. Guest speaker, Tara Barthel, will address the topic, “Women and Peace Making.” The cost is \$40. Reservations can be made in the church narthex on Sunday or by calling Jen Wade (966-6366) or Becky Forester (968-2806).

**Fifth Sunday Luncheon** will held in the Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday morning, September 30<sup>th</sup>. We will also make this the first of this year’s “VIG Sundays” (very important guest) as we encourage all our members to make a special effort to invite friends to come to church and lunch with them that day.

### Would You Believe?

Peggy Bates	Church Secretary
Bill Campbell	Editor and Administrator
Lynn Downing	Senior Pastor
Shannon Bates	Maintenance Manager
Phil Elder	Maintenance
John Panico	Youth Ministry Intern
Larry Roff	Associate Pastor
Judy Smiley	Administrative Assistant

# ADS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **LOPC Scholarship Program**

Parents! Did you know that your family may be eligible to receive financial assistance for educational expenses? Christian school students in grades 1 through 12, college students and seminary students may qualify for tuition grants for the school year beginning in the fall of 2008.

**Now is the time to apply!** Please contact Jennifer Wade to discuss the Scholarship Program requirements and to obtain enrollment forms. Applications for the 2008-2009 school year must be received during the month of August, 2007. Jennifer can be reached via email at [davejenwade@comcast.net](mailto:davejenwade@comcast.net) or by phone at 966-3366 (evenings).

**CHECK OUT** the bulletin board in the sanctuary narthex. There are three recent newspaper articles featuring people from LOPC.

1. Terry and Betty Kennedy's ministry in India. What a wonderful way to invest lives in retirement years!
2. Lake Worth Christian School's progress on the new sports complex. Lisa Lennon, Laurie Moll, and Alice Hattendorf are all on staff there; and the Lennons, Wades, and Livanecs have children there.
3. Larry Roff and Marie Ashley's benefit concert in Marco (raising money for an organ for the Presbyterian Church in Belgorod-Dnistrovsky, Ukraine)

## ***SENIORS!! NEED INCOME OR CASH?***

### **REVERSE MORTGAGES MAY BE THE ANSWER.**

We have found many seniors needing extra income or cash who have a significant equity in their home. The appeal of this type of mortgage is many fold. Here are some of the benefits:

- This is an FHA program and is insured by FHA
- No qualifying required for income, employment, or credit
- No payments required as long as you live in your home
- Receive income you cannot outlive.

Call John Morris at 433-1228 for information