



UNDER THE STEEPLE

July, 2009

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

Welcome to our new Senior Pastor
Rev. Omar Ortiz



and his family:
wife Kate, and sons Asher (1) and Elisha (3)

A NEW ERA FOR LOPC

Our pulpit committee members have completed their work. Over the past year they have worked and prayed to discern God's will for a new senior pastor for LOPC. On the weekend of June 18-21, Omar and Kate Ortiz visited with many groups at the church. He preached both morning and evening, and taught a combined adult SS class. On Sunday, June 28th, the congregation voted to call him as our new Senior Pastor.

Pastor Ortiz will be examined by Gulfstream Presbytery at a called meeting on Tuesday morning, July 14th, at Spanish River Church in Boca Raton. He and Kate plan to complete their move that week for him to begin his ministry here immediately afterward. A commission of ruling and teaching elders from Gulfstream Presbytery will conduct his installation service on Sunday morning, July 26th.

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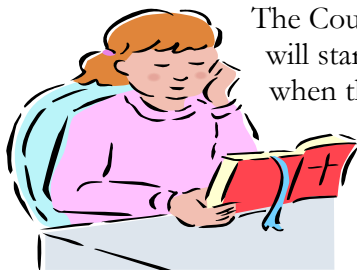
Joe and Bev Fitzpatrick, our missionaries to Puerto Rico, will be here at Lake Osborne on Sunday, July 5. They will bring a detailed report of their work at the evening service. It has been a number of years since they have been with us. We are a significant part of their supporting church family. Your presence that evening will give immeasurable encouragement to them in their ministry overseas.

On Sunday evening, July 26, we will have an opportunity to hear from Randall Anderson as he prepares to return as a missionary to Peru with South America Missions. This is the country where he grew up as a child with his parents, our own Bob and Mary Anderson, missionaries to Peru.

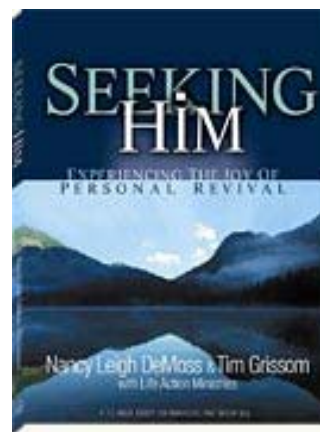
WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

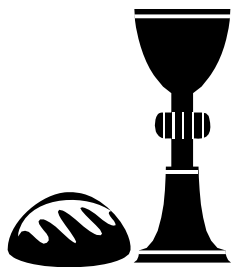
The WIC council team hopes you and your family are having a wonderful and refreshing summer! There are usually not too many things going on at LOPC during the summer months but this year is different. Nancy Lee is continuing with another 8 week Sunday School class for the women. It is a study entitled "Living the Gospels in Relationships" by Tara Barthel. We welcome all of our ladies who would like to attend.

Maria Osso has started a cooking class on designated Saturdays and I know the ladies are enjoying that. Our Wednesday night study is on Nancy Leigh DeMoss' book "Seeking Him". The study that Carol Brandt leads is meeting this summer once a month for a luncheon and a devotional, starting this month at Aletha Shepley's. All ladies are invited. The Encouragement Group and the Knitwits continue to meet. If there are other groups meeting that I have failed to mention I apologize but I ask you to contact me so we can get that message out.



The Council continues to work on our upcoming retreat in September which you will start getting information on in July. Ladies, summer is usually a down time when things are moving a little slower. Take advantage of this time and invite a church family member over for lunch, dinner, tea, coffee, dessert or just a time of wonderful fellowship. We continue to thank you for the trust you have placed in us as your WIC council. Have a great summer! *Becky Forester, President WIC Council*





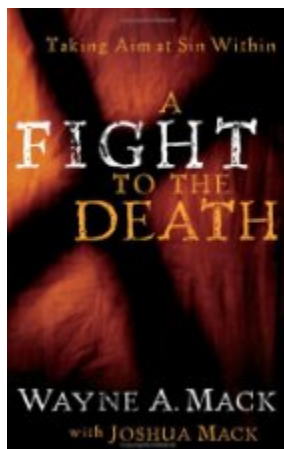
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our evening worship service on June 19. Come prepared to receive from the Lord the spiritual nourishment for your souls that is available in this sacrament.

We will also hear a report (including pictures) that evening from our teens who have returned from their mission trip last month. They spent a week in Washington state on a native American reservation, conducting Vacation Bible School.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



The current set of four classes will conclude on Sunday July 5. Once again, for the summer term (the rest of July and August), all adults will meet together in one class in the west side of the Christian Education building. The summer class will use a book by Wayne Mack, [A Fight to the Death; Taking Aim at Sin Within](#). Dr. Mack is one of the founders of the counseling center in Philadelphia that was established by Jay Adams (and has included such counselor/teachers as Paul Tripp and Ed Welch). Mack currently serves as a professor of Biblical counseling in Pretoria, South Africa. New electives will resume in September.

CALVIN'S BIRTHDAY

The great Genevan reformer, John Calvin, was born in Noyon, France on July 10, 1509. We have been anticipating this 500th anniversary at LOPC by our Sunday evening series: Distinctives of the Reformed Faith. On Sunday July 12, we will celebrate this quincentennial in our morning worship service.

Check out our church library for books about Calvin. Use this opportunity to learn more about the sixteenth century protestant reformation, and the extraordinary role played by this man.

On that Sunday evening, we will listen to one of the messages from the 2009 Ligonier Conference in which Dr. Steven Lawson describes the incredible influence Calvin has had, not just on Presbyterianism, but on the entire spectrum of western civilization.



BILL McKEE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Bill McKee worked tirelessly and selflessly for many years to promote the significance of a Christian Education in the life of our children at Lake Osborne Church. He always carried a binder with his dream outlined in it. His diligence and the prayers of those that shared his dream resulted in the establishment of a Scholarship Fund in the summer of 2002. It is a part of Missions at LOPC and is managed by the Diaconate.

On March 11, 2008 Bill McKee's hard work and "dream" was recognized by the Session of LOPC and the Scholarship Program name was changed to the Bill McKee Scholarship Program. This scholarship program was created with some of the following goals in mind:

1. To promote the gospel and encourage full-time Christian workers from our LOPC youth
2. To assist godly families with the Christian education of their children
3. To attract new families to LOPC
4. To provide a means for members of the LOPC congregation who wish to fulfill their commitment to assist parents in the Christian nurture of their children through organized encouragement, prayer support and funding of the scholarship program

During the month of August, 2009 new applications will be accepted for the 2010-2011 school year.

Who should consider applying?

1. Parents of Christian school students who will be in grades 1 through 12 during the 2010-2011 school year
2. College students who will be enrolled in school, full-time, for the 2010-2011 academic year

What can I do?

I'm not in one of those two categories, but would like to be involved.

1. **Pray** for our young people and their parents!
2. **Volunteer** to participate on one of the program committees, organize others to pray for our young people, or make care packages for our college students while they are away at school.
3. **Give generously!** Without the financial support of individual donors, this program would not exist.

To obtain application forms or more information about how YOU can make a difference in the lives of LOPC families, please send an email to the Diaconate at (deacons@lopca.org), contact the church office, or check out the LOPC website (www.lopca.org) and click on the link for McKee Scholarship for the full program document.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The session has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately after the morning worship service on Sunday, July 12. In accordance with constitutional provisions in the PCA Book of Church Order, this meeting will be to request Gulfstream Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between LOPC and Pastor Roff, effective August 15, so that he might accept a call to become Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Schenectady, New York (www.1stpreshurch.org).

OUTREACH STORY

“The little old sheep”

by Pascal Amonzou

An old king, feeling his end near, called his three sons and told them his last will. All he had ever possessed on earth was a flock of twenty three sheep and it was theirs to share. The eldest son would have one half, the middle son one quarter and the youngest one sixth.

The father died and the heirs gathered to share the sheep. But there was a problem. Twenty three cannot be evenly divided by two, four or six. A fight broke out because none of the brothers was willing to let the other one have the remainder of the sheep. Brothers for twenty four years, they became enemies in twenty four hours with its corollary of hatred and animosity.

After weeks of fighting, the eldest son gathered his brothers and said: “Our father will be sad if he only knew we were fighting over his heritage. Let us seek the counsel of the old missionary of the village nearby and may be he will have a solution for us”. So they did. After listening to them, the old missionary told them to come back the next day with the flock; he was going to seek the counsel of his God and help them solve their problem.

The next day, the old missionary told them that he had a little old sheep, the companion of his earthly life. He was giving it to them to add to the twenty three they have to make a total of twenty four so that they can divide the sheep evenly. They took the little old sheep, added it to the flock and divided it by two, four and six. The eldest son got twelve, the middle son six and the youngest four. Satisfied, each one of them left with his part of the heritage.

Well, twelve and six and four equals twenty two. The old missionary not only got his sheep back but got an extra one. He told his helper to cook it and go invite the beggars, the poor and any needy person to come to the feast.

God has provided me with the means to reach out to them, he said to his helper. We are going to feed them and share the gospel.

OUTREACH TEAM

It's time again for our “Summer Movie Series”! We're showing a movie in the Fellowship Hall once a month in June, July, and August. It's a fun and relaxing way for you to invite your friends to church for fellowship. You get to see a movie for just \$2.00, your guests get to see a movie for free, and afterward we talk about what we've seen during the ice cream social!

The first movie in the series to be shown on Friday, June 26th, was “*Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*” starring Ben Stein. It calls attention to the plight of exiled scientists and professors who have lost their jobs and their standings in the scientific world because of their association with “intelligent design”. The movie carefully explains the differences between creationism and intelligent design and demonstrates that the latter is a belief held by people of all deity-based faiths, not just Christianity. The film's climax features Stein going head-to-head with Richard Dawkins, a renowned atheist and author of the bestseller, “The God Delusion”.

Not knowing when you'll actually be reading this newsletter, I'm hoping you joined us! This summer we're having “dinner movies” at 6:30pm where we snack at our table while we watch the movie!

As the leader of the Outreach Team, let me take this opportunity to again invite every one of you to share any ideas you might have with anyone on the Outreach Team. They'll represent your idea the very next time the team meets. That's the fourth Tuesday evening of every month at 7:00pm here at the church. You're certainly welcome to join us!

Thank you. *Jay Myers*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

from Lisa Lennon

I would like to thank everyone for all your help with **VBS** this year. It was wonderful how I had so much help in so many different ways. It is great to see God's people work together to do His work. We started off with less than 50 students on Monday and it grew to about 60 by Friday. We planted many seeds with the gospel message and had at least one profession of faith. We also had the opportunity to give Bibles out to many of the children that came that did not have a Bible to read at their home. We also had one family that was very interested in starting to attend our church. During VBS, about \$160 was collected to help our youth with their mission trip. Thank you for allowing God to use you to help these children.

During Children's Church in July, we will be learning about Joseph.

July 5th - Joseph Dreams Disturbing Dreams - Genesis 29:15-30 - God's love is perfect
Teacher - Tatiana Cordona; Helper - Caroline Tate

July 12 - Joseph's Brothers Sell Him Into Slavery - Genesis 37:12-36 - Our actions show that we truly worship God
Teacher - Lisa Lennon; Helper - Chris Lennon

July 19 - Pharaoh Puts Joseph in Charge - Genesis 39:20-41:49 - God is worthy of our service
Teacher - Carol Brandt; Helper - Christy Gauger

July 26 - Joseph Forgives His Brothers - Genesis 42:1-45:28 - We can honor God by forgiving others
Teacher - Lisa Lennon; Helper - Hazel Brown

In **AWANA** (Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:15) we'll study these great Catechism questions:

July 1st - In the covenant of life, what did God require Adam to do? What did God promise and threaten in the covenant of life?

July 8th - Did Adam keep the covenant of life? What is sin?

July 15th - What is meant by lack of conformity and transgression?

July 22nd - What does every sin deserve?

July 29th - What was the sin of our first parents? Who tempted Adam and Eve to this sin? How did Adam and Eve change when they sinned?

Summer Fun Club - Mondays 9 AM to 1 PM

In addition to helping others by making crafts and/or snacks for the ladies in the encouragement group to take to people, we are going to write letters to some of the people in our church to get to know them better. Be ready to possibly receive a letter from one of the children in Summer Fun Club in the mail asking some questions about you. Please write them back answering the questions for them to report back to the class so that we learn more about the people in our church. We will also be looking at the picture church directory to match names and faces of the people in our church.

We will also be learning more about God.

July 6th - God is the God of grace. We'll talk about Worship - Bible memory verses for letters I, J, K and L

July 13th - God is a covenant keeper. We'll talk about Obedience - Bible memory verses for letters M, N, O, and P

July 20th - God is our shield and reward. We'll talk about Trust - Bible memory verses for letters Q, R, S and T

July 27th - God provides. We'll talk about Thankfulness - Bible memory verses for letters U, V, W and X

Please pray about helping us with AWANA and Summer Fun Club.
Then call Lisa Lennon 433-2540 if you feel lead to help.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP COOKOUT

Tuesday evening, July 14, at 6:00 pm. This will provide an opportunity for guys to get to know our new pastor. Join us on the grassy lot for burgers, sausages, baked beans, and dessert.