



UNDER THE STEEPLE

June, 2009

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

June 8 – 12
8:30 am to noon

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



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We are looking forward to a wonderful week with our children. Please call the church office to pre-register. Tell your kids to invite their friends.

VBS week ends with a hot dog lunch for kids, parents, and grandparents on Friday, June 12. Pray for an exciting time of study as we make new friends.

Call Lisa Lennon for details.



CHURCH PICNIC TO WELCOME THE FORESTERS



On Sunday morning, May 31st, we will welcome Jay Forester as our new Assistant to the Pastor and director of youth ministry. Jay and Anna are moving here from Jackson, MS where Jay has been teaching in a Christian School and serving as a youth director since his graduation from Reformed Theological Seminary.

Following the morning service, we will all gather for a church picnic at the Center Drive Pavilion at John Prince State Park. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be supplied by the church. Please bring covered dish items to complete the meal. (There will be no evening service at church that day.) This will provide a wonderful opportunity to get to know this couple as they begin their ministry with us. Jay looks forward to completing his presbytery examinations in time to be ordained as our Assistant Pastor in October.

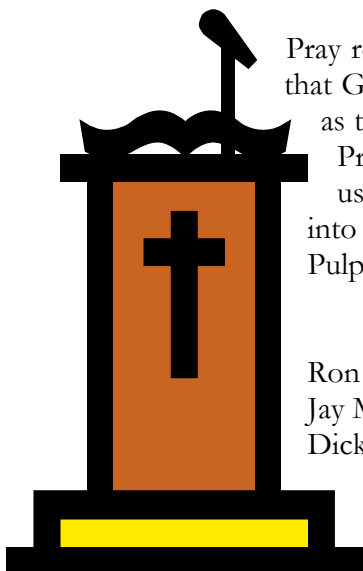
NEWS FROM THE PEWS



After many years of wonderful contributions to this column, Carolyn Kullmar has retired her pen (or her computer keyboard). She has done a magnificent job of sharing news with us of God's working in the lives of members of our church family. We will miss her monthly contribution here.

That means we are looking for someone to pick up the torch (or keyboard!) and carry on where she has left off. If you believe God might be calling you to this ministry, please give us a call in the church office.

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 steps into the pulpit. Pulpit Committee Members are:

Ron Backus, chmn
Jay Myers, v. chmn
Dick Miller, sec’y

Carolyn Kullmar
Becky Forester
Debbie Tate

Bob Lee
Carl Ashley
Joe Brown

OUTREACH/MISSIONS STORY

“Hard to become a missionary,” by *Pascal Amouzou*

I was thrilled by the last missions conference, so thrilled that I decided to become a missionary. I wrote my mission vision and found an organization to submit it to. My plan was to target a niche population. I was so confident it was so beautifully written that I had no doubt to become a missionary very soon.

At the interview, when I was congratulated on my wonderful mission vision, I felt a small pair of wings growing in my back. Then came the “but.” I was told I cannot call my niche population ‘prostitutes’. I have to call them sex workers. I explained that I took the word directly from the Bible, but it did not get me anywhere.

I then decided to change my niche population. Back to the interview, I was told I cannot use the word deaf for my niche, but hearing-impaired. That one was also borrowed from the Bible, but explaining that did not gain me anything.

Going back and forth, I learned that I have to use visually impaired instead of blind, vertically challenged instead of dwarf, and that the Bible was a text of the past that needs to be salted at the taste of modernism.

Because I do not take a no for an answer, I decided once again to change my population. What to choose? I decided to go for a recent word. Proudly, I showed up again for the interview with a brand new word. I was told I cannot use terrorism. I have to say man-caused-disaster. What about the swine flu population? That one is H1N1.

This time I have had enough. I left with my tail between my legs. But why am I killing myself trying to become a missionary when there are so many of them already on the field doing such a wonderful job who only need support? After all, giving to the missions fund is ultimately reaching out to the unreached. Finally it is not so hard to become a missionary. I just need to donate to the missions fund!

FROM JOHN AND TIFFANY PANICO

Dear Church Family,

Grace and Peace to you! There are simply no words to describe how blessed we have been to serve with you over the last three years. It has been a privilege to teach, disciple, and pray for the youth of LOPC, and we look forward to seeing what God has in store for each one of these fine and gifted young men and women. We have seen so much growth in so many ways, and look forward to seeing what the Lord has planned for each one. We thank you for so many other opportunities that have been given to us to serve and teach that we know will be invaluable in our future ministries.

Special thanks to :

- Pastors Roff and Downing whose passion for the Lord is so evident in their ministries. Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and share your wisdom and experiences.
- The Eldership and Diaconate. Thank you for allowing so many opportunities to teach and fulfill my internship requirements.
- To the Gaugers whose friendship has been a constant support. Charlie, I praise God for such a partner in ministry and for accountability that our friendship has been.
- Peggy and Judy whose help from the office has been HUGE!
- Phil Elder for cleaning up after us ☺
- To the parents of our youth. We have felt your love, prayers, and support from the moment we walked in the door.
- To everyone who serves in the nursery. Thank you for love, care, and patience shown our daughter. Your excitement at her progress has been a great encouragement to us.
- To all those who sent us cards of encouragement, or called us to offer your loving support, or prayed for us, or pulled us aside to tell us you appreciated the work God was doing with the youth. We praise God for you all!
- To all who have worked in the youth ministry: Jay Myers, Andy and Tina Kasanicky, Bryan and Melissa Backus, Chris Kibben, and Becky Reubens. What a complete joy to have served with you all.
- Finally, to the LOPC Youth Group. We love you and thank you for the joy you have given us as we have watched you grow and mature in the Lord. Thank you for teaching us.

Love in Christ Always,

John, Tiffany, and Hannah

FINAL WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT JUNE 3 AND PANICO APPRECIATION RECEPTION



Wednesday, June 3 will be our final dinner and family night for the summer. Awana will resume after VBS week. Because of the illness in the Panico family, we have had to delay the appreciation reception to Wed., June 3. Make a special effort to be here that night to share your expression of gratitude for John and Tiffany's ministry with us over the last few years.

YOUTH MISSIONS TRIP



Pray for our teens as they head to Washington state June 22-28. They will be participating in a PCA mission project, joining with other teens and adult leaders, to conduct a Vacation Bible School on a Native American reservation. Charlie and Christy Gauger, along with Jay Forester, will be overseeing our young people.

The trip will include plenty of time for fun as well as service. Times of study and discipleship will also be a significant part of the schedule.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Here is a summary of activities going on with WIC over the past month:

- During our Spring Luncheon on May 9, you elected new officers for 2009-2010 as follows:
Becky Forester, President
Melissa Backus, Vice President
Anna May Kinser, Secretary/Treasurer
Maria Osso, Christian Growth Chairwoman
Denise Brown, TBD
- The Spring Luncheon was wonderful! We were all blessed by Bonnie Sturgis who spoke beautifully about “Leaving a Legacy” to your family, the church, and to others. She spoke about Biblically discipling younger women and remembering there is always someone younger than you either by age or spiritual maturity.
- Also during the Spring Luncheon we recognized Nancy Lee and Jennifer Wade for their many years of service on the WIC Council and dedication to women in the church (not that they will stop serving women; it will just be in a different capacity).
- We also had a special recognition for Katie Gocio. She is a graduating senior this year and will be attending PBA with a major yet to be determined. We let Katie know how much we love her as a daughter in Christ and how special she is to us. We hope to still see Katie on Sundays even when she begins college!
- Just a reminder that we are planning a fall retreat on campus September 25-26. Look for more information to come.
- The Women’s Sunday school class has been a joyous time learning about our role as women in our church body. Nancy Lee has been instrumental in teaching us to open the eyes of our hearts to see how God will and is using women at LOPC for His Kingdom.
- The Wednesday night women’s study will begin again on June 3rd. All ladies are welcome to attend.
- We will continue to meet, and invite anyone interested to join us each Sunday before the worship service (around 10:05) in the Parlor for a time of prayer.



The new Women in the Church Council is energized and looking forward to this upcoming year and serving the women and church body at LOPC.

Melissa Backus



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our morning worship service on June 14. Come prepared to receive from the Lord the spiritual nourishment for your souls that is available in this sacrament.

PCA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This annual gathering of pastors and ruling elders from across the denomination will take place in Orlando from June 16 – 19. Pastor Roff will be there as a commissioner, as well as continuing to serve as organist for the Assembly worship services. Pray for God's blessing on these meetings, that all who come would contribute to the building of the kingdom in our spiritual needy world.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The current set of four classes will conclude at the end of June. Once again, for the summer term (July and August), all adults will meet together in one class. New electives will resume in September.

Looking ahead ...

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.