

# Would You Believe?

June 2008

It's almost June!!! Can you believe that 2008 is almost half over? My how, time flies!!! As you look back over the first half of the year, I hope you can see progress in your walk with the Lord!!! I, for one, would just like to slow down this month and delay the time that Lynn and Dianne will be leaving.



As I write this, I have just called to wish Kathy King, the wife of a former youth pastor and music director a happy birthday and was told by Malcolm that she died yesterday. My, what a shock!!! But what a blessing to know that she is with the Lord. Do pray for Malcolm as he adjusts to life without Kathy. She had suffered with MS for many years and Malcolm has taken such good care of her. What an example he has been!!! Their daughter, Leah, is due to deliver their first grandchild most any day now so they will wait and have a memorial service a little later when Leah is able to travel.

And while I am on former pastors, the Jennings have 2 more grandsons. Their son, Seth and his wife Lindsay had a little boy, Roman William, born on April 29. Their daughter gave birth to Josiah Buchanan Fugate on May 16. They now have 7 grandsons and 1 granddaughter--no more are expected this spring!!! Matthew has the ONLY girl and Richard is calling her Queen Isabella!!!

Once again, our young folks have had many achievements. Matthew Mejeur graduated on April 24<sup>th</sup> from Palm Beach Community College Fire Academy. He will continue his education with Paramedic training while working as a Delray Beach Lifeguard. Theodore Mejeur graduated on May 3<sup>rd</sup> from Palm Beach Atlantic University with a Marketing Degree. He will continue as a Palm Beach County Lifeguard while exploring job options. Don't you wonder what Larry and Anne will do with no more children in college--no more

tuition payments!!! I say "Congratulations that you have all 6 through!!!" What an accomplishment!!!

Congratulations are also in order for the Myers family. Chris just graduated from Palm Beach Community College with a 3.5 GPS and an AS in Network Administration. He'll return in the fall to pursue an AA degree. Then it's off to UCF for a degree in Computer Forensics. Evan also completed his high school and has graduated from home school so he is also to be congratulated. He will attend Palm Beach Community College in the fall. Also James Wilson (grandson of Phil and Joyce Elder) has graduated from home school high school and will receive his diploma at ceremonies in Orlando. James is now working part-time here at LOPC giving granddad a hand and from what I hear he is doing a fine job!

As I write of graduations, Jeanne Patterson, daughter of Jim and Mary Alice Patterson, missionaries who we have supported for years, just graduated from nursing school in Charlotte, NC and is now studying for the state boards.

If Bob and Beth Williams have seemed to be beaming with pride, it is because of the accomplishments of their grandsons. Grandson, Trevor has completed the work for his Masters degree while his brother, Heath is an exceptional student who will solo in the airplane in August. Another grandson, Brian graduated on May 17<sup>th</sup> from Atlantic High School where he was an exceptional student and a golfer. He will attend the U of Florida. The 4<sup>th</sup> grandson, Craig plays the trumpet in Atlantic Symphonic Band and is an exceptional student and plays on the golf team. Four exceptional grandsons--an achievement of which to be proud!!!

Lou Langley has reason to be proud of her daughter-in-law, Suzanne Cleary who received the 2008 Julia Peterkin Award in Poetry. This was a \$1000 award and a trip to Converse College in South Carolina. This was a national contest

honoring the finest young poets and writers in America. Suzanne is the author of two books--Trick Pear and Keeping Time.

It is so much fun to report of the accomplishments of our young people. Michaela Grimmig, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Palm Springs Middle School has one of the leading roles in a play at her school on May 29. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> play in which she has participated. That is not her only accomplishment. She plays on a volleyball league and they have had a successful season and recently played in a regional tournament in Orlando where they also did well. She also scored a 5.5 in writing on her F-Cat. With these accomplishments you can understand why Michaela has been accepted in the Baccalaureate J B Program at Suncoast High School where she will be taking honors classes. Don't you know how proud her parents, Bob and Deanna McCombs, of her.

As reported last month, Megan Wade starred as Alice in *Alice in Wonderland* at Lake Worth Christian School and did a superb job. Be sure to attend any future plays in which she performs. While Megan is acting, her sister Emily is doing a good job on the basketball court!!!

Mary Downing Forester has a new job at Belhaven College. She is now the director of Student Affairs and is also beginning work at Geneva College toward a masters degree in Higher Education, Mary Downing has set high goals for herself and hopes one day to be the president of a college so she is another one that one of these days, we will be saying "I knew her when----" By the way Mary Downing was here over Mothers' Day along with her brother Justin. She had another purpose in coming. She conducted a cheerleading camp. Becky is in charge of the cheerleaders at Summit Christian School.

And just to let you know that not only the young folks are honored. Raymond Shepley was recently honored at the Kiwanis Flagler Sunrise Breakfast held at Palm Beach Public School. He was in the first class in 1921 held at Palm Beach Public and attended it in grades 1 - 8.

It is with mixed feelings that I report this next honor. Laurie Moll, who has been on the staff at Lake Worth Christian School and a member of LOPC for the last 17 years has accepted a position as resident chaplain at Swedish Medical Center in Denver, Colorado and will be participating in the

advanced Clinical Pastoral Education program to earn her CPE II degree. Laurie states, "God has answered many prayers and I am so excited to be given this opportunity to work and learn in a caring ministry. I know this will be a challenging call to ministry but I also feel confident that this is the direction to which God has been pointing me." Laurie begins her new job on Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> and will be living with her sister who recently lost her husband. Another sister will also be re-locating in Denver so it is exciting to see how God is working out all these aspects. I am happy for Laurie but I also hate to see her leave the area but do pray for her in her new venture.

I think you could say that we have a church of "The Roving Revs" Lynn and Dianne spent a week in Ecuador, Larry will be making 2 trips to the Ukraine and as you will see in the next paragraph John will also be "roving" It's really hard to keep up with these preachers!!!!

Didn't John Panico do a wonderful job in his sermon on May 18? How we have been blessed by John and his work with our young folks. By the way, John's dad is taking the whole family on a cruise in early June and then John, Tiffany and Hannah will be spending 2 weeks in Columbia, SC in connection with his seminary training, so do pray for them during this time.

The Women in the Church had a lovely brunch to honor Dianne and some of our former members, Betty Vogt, Audrey Blanzole and Florence Haines came for the event and many of you who were not at the brunch got an opportunity to visit with hem at the church picnic.

Raymond and Alethea Shepley really get around. They spent some time at their place in Crescent City and while there enjoyed a visit from their granddaughter from Ashville, NC. They will return here for 2 weeks and then be off to Virginia where they will attend a Scout Court of Honor for a grandson, Evan. Charlie and Helen McCreight are going to Illinois to celebrate the graduations of several nieces and nephews. Carl and Marie Ashley accompanied students to New York where they sang at Carnegie Hall. Babe Ruth helped one of his daughters move to Greenville, SC and visited with another daughter who lives in the Greenville area. Bob and Mary Anderson are planning a cruise with Rick and his family. Our "snow birds" John and Pat

Olson, Sally Hubner, Georgia Bourdon and Shirley Dean have departed. The Eubanks went to their Georgia home and have also spent a few days with Kathie Lynn and her family in Nashville. Scott and Dorothy Wilson will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on a weeklong Alaskan cruise (with a stop in British Columbia). Former LOPC members, Jan and Bunk Graves will also be on the same ship. Um, I wonder if stowaways are allowed!!! Jordan Gauger will be spending a week in Atlanta with her grandparents (Charlie's mom and dad) attending VBS at their church and doing some camping! Jordan also wants us to know that she finished first grade at Trinity Christian on the honor roll!! Keep up the good work Jordan! Jenna Gauger will spend a few days near the Suwannee River with the McCombs family and Caroline Tate.

Bill and Betty McKee were surprised by a visit from their granddaughter, Beth Huber. Beth is working in Australia and was back in the states so spent a few days with family here. Dick and Lois Miller were recently visited by Dick's brother and sister. Lou Langley's son, Larry, who recently retired, spent several weeks with Lou. As we await the arrival of 4 new babies in our church family, Ellen Pearl is also anticipating the arrival of her 5<sup>th</sup> grandchild in September. Also, Peggy Sprinkle is eagerly awaiting her 7<sup>th</sup> grandchild and her 5<sup>th</sup> granddaughter, Jolie Alexandria, to arrive at home around Aug.7.

I realize that there are others who have received honors at the end of the school year. I have not intentionally left anyone out so if you have any news, please either call me or the church office or you can e-mail me at: [carolynkullmar@bellsouth.net](mailto:carolynkullmar@bellsouth.net). I need all the help I can get.

*Carolyn Kullmar*

## FROM THE PASTOR



Since my announcement last July that I would leave LOPC as Senior Pastor at the end of this coming July there has been an increasing emphasis on what we have called "transition." The meaning and use of this term in our context refers to a change from one visible leader to another. It calls attention to differences between the personality and ways of a

leader who is known to the personality and ways of one who is yet to be known in leadership function. Since humans generally find security in the known, it is actually possible to make the unwise decision to "hang on" to what/who we know instead of being willing to advance, with trust in The Lord, to the one He will provide. At the same time it is probable that there are some who are ready for a change in leadership, who, when the new leader is in place, might find that person either satisfying, and gravitate toward him, or disappointing and either go into neutral or, maybe even be tempted to look for another church.

The real leader in any church is Jesus. The pastor whom He provides is not to become the criteria for our determining personal satisfaction or the lack of it. If a person is in clear enough recognition of the headship of Christ in the local church, then that person will see the pastor as the instrument of Christ for ministry in the people of the church, and will understand that the truly important question is not whether this pastor meets "my" criteria, but whether he will be accepted by "me" as Christ's provision.

The point over all is this. Our ongoing relationship is with Christ. He is our security, our salvation, our joy, and the one to receive our praise.

"Let us, Lord Jesus, receive, with thankfulness to you, the man you provide to be our Senior Pastor at LOPC. Amen"

*In Christ,  
Lynn*

## LARRY'S COLUMN

### *Fanning the Flame*

"Fan into flame the gift of God in you." Those words in 2 Timothy 1:6 describe what church revitalization is all about. Here at Lake Osborne, we have seen this taking place in renewed youth ministry, greater focus on prayer, assessment of people's spiritual gifts, wider variety of music styles in our worship, and our current efforts in cultivating an outreach mentality.

Perhaps not as visible, but every bit as significant, is the establishment of additional ministry teams, each of which has enlisted a number of members to join together in the advancement of that sphere of spiritual ministry. The more people we have

participating in the work of these teams, the more ministry is being accomplished. One of the characteristics of a healthy church is that increasing numbers of people are participating in leadership roles. We praise God that we are seeing that happen here.

Here are most of our team leaders. Pray for them and their team members. Feel free to offer your suggestions as to how we can do a better job at pursuing God's will in each of these spheres.

### ***Ministry Teams***

Fan the Flame - David Livanec

Outreach - Jay Myers

Assimilation - Babe Ruth

Missions - Dick Miller

Prayer - Ann Minnema

Nursery - Gemma Kibben

Worship and Music - Jim Forester

Men - Dave Wade and Bob Lee

Women - Jen Wade and Becky Forester

Encouragement - Carolyn Kullmar

Shepherding - Don Hair and David Livanec

Youth - John Panico

Children - Lisa Lennon

### **Choir Mission Trip**

On Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, twenty-nine people will meet in New York City for a final rehearsal before departing for Ukraine. Pastor Roff has organized this choir mission trip to help the ministries of evangelical Presbyterian churches in Ukraine. The choir will sing concerts in six cities in that nation. At each concert, the pastor of the local church will invite people to learn more about the Gospel by visiting their services.

The concert sung in each city will be a sampling of music sung in American churches, including hymn and Psalm arrangements as well as spirituals (an American phenomenon which is very popular in Ukraine). Almost all of the music our choir has sung in recent months has been from the repertoire of these concerts. The three organists on the trip

will also each play a major work on the organ in the concert hall venues.

The choir will also sing on Sunday, June 22 for the dedication of the newly completed church building in Belgorod-Dnestrovsky. Pastor Sergey Betin and his wife Lyuda visited here at LOPC last year.

Lake Osborne travelers include Valerie Tate, Carl and Marie Ashley (along with Carl's mother, Norma), Judy Lehtinen, Judy Morgan, Kwang Yang, Andy and Audrey Blanzole, and Larry Roff. On Sunday morning, June 8, we will "commission" these music missionaries in our worship service.

On Sunday evening June 8, the choir will present a concert here at LOPC. This will be a dress rehearsal for the concerts in Ukraine, and will give all of us an opportunity to enjoy what they have prepared, as well as gain a clearer idea of how to pray for God's blessing on the mission trip.

### **Music CDs**

Pastor Roff has recorded three CDs of organ music. These are available for purchase (\$15) at the Welcome Center table each Sunday. Here is a sampling of the selections on each CD.

#### *1. Hymn arrangements played on the organ in the Odessa Evangelical Presbyterian Church.*

Lift High the Cross

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Majesty

Before the Throne of God Above

Amazing Grace

The Old Rugged Cross

When Morning Gilds the Skies

The Lord's My Shepherd

#### *2. Favorite melodies played on the organ in the Odessa Evangelical Presbyterian Church*

Londonderry Air

The Lost Chord

After a Dream

To a Wild Rose

Adagio for Strings

Calm As the Night

Polovtsian Dance

Fountain Reverie

3. *Hymn organ and piano duets in live performance at Pastor Roff's previous church (Ohio)*

There is A Balm in Gilead

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Victory in Jesus

O for a Thousand Tongues

What Wondrous Love Is This

Be Thou My Vision

O Worship the King

Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today

**General Assembly**

will meet in Dallas, TX June 10-13. Ministers and ruling elders from churches across the nation will gather to review the work of the Presbyterian Church in America in such areas as church planting, mercy ministry, foreign missions, discipleship and literature. Pastor Roff will be among the commissioners. Pray that our denomination will remain faithful to the Scriptures and effective in advancing the kingdom.

**Congregational Meeting**

has been called for Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect a Pulpit Committee to guide the church toward recognizing the man God has chosen to serve as Pastor in the years ahead. The congregation will be asked to **select up to six members** from this list of applicants:

Carl Ashley	Carolyn Kullmar
Dennis Clark	Bob Lee
Janet Faulk	Dick Miller
Becky Forester	Debbie Tate
Terry Kennedy	Kwang Yang
Anna May Kinser	

In addition, the congregation will be asked to include these three officers on the committee:

**Deacon**, Ron Backus;

**Ruling Elders** Joe Brown and Jay Myers

**Bob and Joanne Tanzie,**

our MTW missionaries to Spain, are ready to go. They have completed raising their support and will be heading to Spain in July. They will be here on Sunday evening, June 1<sup>st</sup>, to review their ministry goals. Be sure to join us that evening as Bob brings the sermon and as we pray for them as they head overseas.

**Officer nominations:**

for the Biblical offices of ruling elder and deacon are open through the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. Names should be submitted in writing to the church office between now and then. As you prayerfully consider potential nominees, be sure to review the qualifications in 1 Timothy 3.

**Summer Schedule**

**A - Summer Fun Club** Mondays from 9 am to 1 pm, beginning June 16

Please pre-register children (K – grade 6) at the Welcome Center table.

**B - Vacation Bible School** from 8:30 am to noon, July 7 to 11.

Please pre-register children (K – grade 6) at the Welcome Center table.

**C - Wednesday Nights** beginning June 4

6:00 –(Optional bring your own dinner and drink)

6:30 – Prayer Meeting led by Phil Elder

7:00 Women's Discipleship Study led by Debbie Tate

**D - Adult Sunday School** during July and August

All adults will join together in a single class with rotating teachers.

We will study J. I. Packer's character studies of Biblical "models" of hope:

- Samson – Hope when my strength brings weakness with it
- Jacob – Hope when I belong to an unhappy family
- Manoah's wife – Hope when I am barely noticed
- Jonah – Hope when I am angry with people and with God
- Martha – Hope when false priorities have betrayed me
- Thomas – Hope when I find it hard to believe
- Peter – Hope when I have done something terrible
- Nehemiah – Hope when everything has gone wrong

E - Sunday Evening Sermons will address the issue of perseverance in such areas as

- Persisting in Prayer
- Persisting in Persecution
- Persisting in Witnessing
- Persisting in Serving
- Persisting in Ministry
- Persisting in Loving
- Persisting in Parenting
- Persisting in Marriage
- Persisting in Anxiety
- Persisting in Depression

### ***Youth Rummage Sale***

will be open for business at 8 am on Saturday morning, June 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a pre-sale for members only on Friday evening from 7 – 8 pm.

### ***Men's Fellowship Cookout***

will take place at 6:00 pm on Monday evening, June 9<sup>th</sup> on the grassy parking lot.

### ***Fall Adult Sunday School***

will be a major ministry step in the life of LOPC. We are taking a very serious approach to our ministry goal of "cultivating an outreach mentality." During the fall term, we will all meet together at 9:00 am to learn how to share our faith, using Evangelism Explosion. We want EVERY able bodied adult to participate, and have asked EVERY ordained officer and team leader to set the example by being a part of this and recruiting as many others as they can.

### ***Ministry Celebration***

of Pastor Downing's 37 years here at LOPC will take place in the sanctuary on Saturday evening, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to reserve this special night of joy as many friends join with us to share stories, testimonies, and humorous memories of these special years.

*Larry Roff*

## PLUGGED IN

Dear Church Family,

Grace and peace to you! The end of the season has been busy and blessed. I am writing this two days after having been blessed with the opportunity to share God's Word with you and am still humbled at having been given the incredible privilege to do so.



*Here's what we have been up to in May...*

We are in the process of completing our series on dating and relationships. Having already studied the account of Samspon (the relationally challenged), we are finishing our Wednesday nights with the story of Ruth (the relationally righteous).

Church ... picnic. For those that were there, it was a very egg-citing time. It was egg-stra special. We had a blast!

Had the opportunity on Saturday, May 17 to do our first training at Vinceramos Therapeutic Riding Center led by Becky Reubens. This promises to be a very rich experience for all involved.

Sunday, May 18, several after having the opportunity to preach for my first time at LOPC, we were at the Boynton Muvico with a group of 20 (youth and adults) to see Prince Caspian. WOW!!!!

*Here's What is Coming.....*

By the time you read this we will have had our End of year pool party at the Wade's (May 31<sup>st</sup>) and I will have attained righteous revenge for the egg incident. ☺

June 7<sup>th</sup> we have our annual Rummage Sale!

Tiffany and I will be away in South Carolina for school through much of June.

August Trip to Universal/ Islands of Adventure and the Holy Land Experience. Can't wait!

What a truly blessed adventure God continues to lead us on at LOPC. My wife, daughter, and myself are truly blessed by you all, and thank Him for the opportunity to serve with you.

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

## MISSIONS

The committee is busy assembling speakers and programs for the 2009 missions conference. Think it is too early? Not at all! Our first inquiry into a speaker was denied due to a previous engagement at that time, but we are pursuing alternatives. We can do work all summer, but at the time of this writing our meetings are down to two—May and June.



We are very pleased to announce that the Tanzies have received all their pledge commitment and are packed and ready to go to Spain. We were delighted to hear from Bob, at our last Thursday morning “Sunrise breakfast”, that they were within \$100 a month of their goal. At that time we told them the “dinner for eight” program started by Don Hair had sent him the first installment of a monthly minimum of \$60, which brought his needs down to \$40. What a great feeling that was. Every dollar helps.

Carolyn Kullmer has been telling us of her dinner group supporting Alice Hatch. It has been doing so for a long time. Now we have twice as many dinner groups! How about joining the program and starting another group of four couples having dinner together, and giving a couple of dollars at each meeting for a missionary? More importantly, the groups pray for them and keeps in contact to share what is going on with the congregation. This simple program has an immeasurable impact on the missionaries, in all respects. If you want more information, simply ask a member of the Missions Committee for details.

Meanwhile, our missions donations come and go. With so many snow birds flying north the income varies, one month over, the next under. All in all we have a record commitment from the congregation to support our missions activities for this year. Praise God!

Remember missionaries try to eat and pay their bills every day, they cannot wait until Christmas, or the end of the year—so keep the funds coming all summer and every month.

*Dick Miller*

## OUTREACH

### *How can I pray for you?*

In a country where Christians were being persecuted, Christians were arrested, tried and condemned to death. They were left with one choice: deny Christ and live.

The leader of the congregation was among those who refused to deny their faith. Tortured horribly, he was taken to his cell to await his execution the next morning. When the guard proceeded to close the cell door on him, the prisoner asked the guard with an almost inaudible voice: “How can I pray for you, brother?”

“What did you just say,” asked the guard? He repeated his question.

The guard, surprised, chuckled and said, “You are going to die tomorrow and you are asking me how you can pray for me? Why don’t you pray for yourself and ask your God to save you?”

Gathering his last strength he told the guard, “Two thousands years ago, a night like this night, a penniless carpenter was nailed to a cross and left to die. He was tortured far beyond what I am suffering. The night He died, He had only twelve disciples, frightened, hiding, denying Him, swearing by everything they know that they have never seen Him, never come close to Him, and never heard of Him before that very night. He was a man of controversy in a poor land where the people have a hard time making a living. Some believed He was a prophet, others that He was the Messiah. The centurion at the foot of the cross said of Him, ‘Surely he was the Son of God!’ Why was He killed? Because He claimed He was the Son of God. He was killed to keep Him silent in one the most dramatic politico-religious conspiracies of all time.”

“Today, two thousand years later, from the core of twelve frightened disciples of that night, we are millions ready to die for Him. Jesus is living in us. Sometimes, death is not the end, it is just the beginning. You can kill my body, but you cannot kill Jesus in me. So how can I pray for you brother?”

What a wonderful question you can ask your neighbor across the fence the next time you will see him watering his lawn, picking up his newspaper, or your coworker at the office? There will always be somebody across your way that you can reach just by asking him, “How can I pray for you brother?”

*Pascal Amouzou*

## STAMPS

Every week some person will see someone else giving me a packet of cancelled stamps and remark that they didn't know we were still collecting stamps. Well, we have never stopped.

Thanks to everyone who faithfully saved their cancelled stamps for us last year. We sent about 13 pounds to the Rev. David Vila at The Spanish Evangelical Literature Fellowship in Grand Rapids, MI. He in turn, with his volunteer staff, sorts them and sells them to stamp dealers. TSELF in turn uses the money received to buy Christian Spanish Bibles and books for pastors and evangelists in Latin America.

We would very much like for all of you to save your cancelled stamps for us. Most of you are cutting correctly. You need not sort them. I do that. It is better to leave 1/4 to 1/2 inch margin around the stamp or stamps so the perforations are not damaged.

The only stamps we cannot use are the pre-cancelled ones.

You may leave them in the office, or place them in the little box on the cabinet in the narthex near the south entrance, or give them to me personally. We appreciate any amount of stamps.

*Helen McCreight for WIC*

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

The **Wednesday night program** will continue throughout the summer. Parents, even if your child has never come on Wednesday nights, give it a try. It might be easier to come since your child doesn't have school the next day. We have a lot of fun with games, prayer, catechism, snack, story, and craft. We are continuing to go through the letters of the alphabet. Each of our activities has something to do with the letter of the night. Come from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday nights in the Education Building. No need to register and no cost.

**Summer Fun Club** will begin Monday, June 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This year our name will be The Summer Servants. Being a servant will be our theme. We will learn about people in the

Bible that were servants. The club has moved to Mondays so that we can make our craft and snack for the shut-ins that the Encouragement Group visit on Monday afternoons. This way we will be serving the shut-ins. We also may join the Encouragement group and go on some of the visits. We will also have games, a memory verse each week, and singing. It will cost \$2 a day to help pay for craft and snack. Registration will start the beginning of June.

**Vacation Bible School** will be the week of July 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. We will be using Gospel Light's Son World Adventure Park VBS. The Bible theme comes from Joshua 24:15 "Choose today who you will love and obey." The first day we will choose to Believe, second day choose to Act, third day choose Forgiveness, fourth day choose to Obey and the last day choose Jesus. Please tell all the children you know to plan on attending. It will be free of charge and registration will start the beginning of June.

### **TEACHERS AND HELPERS NEEDED!!!**

**We really need teachers for Vacation Bible School.** Please be open to the Holy Spirit's call and go a little out of your comfort zone and try teaching. Team teachers would be great then you would not have all the responsibility yourself. There are other needs for Vacation Bible School too. If you are available during the day, please contact Lisa Lennon or Mary Alice Baker.

**We also need help with decorating for Vacation Bible School.** Decorations are so very important to help make it fun for the children. We will have a short Vacation Bible School meeting after church on June 8th in the Education Building to talk about the planning and especially to get decorating ideas. If you like crafts and decorating please come on June 8<sup>th</sup> or just call Lisa Lennon with your ideas.

**Summer Fun Club Helpers Needed!!!** Do you like cooking? You could plan and lead the children as they make a little snack for the shut-ins. Do you like crafts? You could plan and lead the children as they make crafts for the shut-ins. Do you like

playing games? You could plan and lead the children in some fun games. Please call Lisa Lennon if you can help. It could be just one Monday or all summer long.

**Wednesday night helpers are needed.** Call Lisa Lennon if you can help Wednesday nights.

Thank you to the many that have helped me so much in the past. Wasn't it fun? Would you please consider helping again? If you have never helped, give it a try...the children are really fun to be around!!! If you can help, call Lisa Lennon (433-2540).

*Thank you,  
Lisa Lennon*

## CARING FOR OUR PLANET

More than 31,000 scientists across the U.S. — including more than 9,000 Ph.D.s in fields such as atmospheric science, climatology, Earth science, environment and dozens of other specialties — have signed a petition rejecting "global warming," the assumption that the human production of greenhouse gases is damaging Earth's climate.

"There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate," the petition states. "Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth."

The [Petition Project](#) actually was launched nearly 10 years ago, when the first few thousand signatures were assembled. Then, between 1999 and 2007, the list of signatures grew gradually without any special effort or campaign. But now, a new effort has been conducted because of an "escalation of the claims of 'consensus,' release of the movie 'An Inconvenient Truth' by Al Gore, and related events," according to officials with the project. In fact, in just the past few weeks, there have been various allegations that both shark attacks and typhoons have been sparked by "global warming."

Why the concern? The late Professor Frederick Seitz, the past president of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and winner of the National Medal of Science, wrote in a letter promoting the petition, "The United States is very close to adopting an international agreement that would ration the use of energy and of technologies that depend upon coal, oil, natural gas and some other organic compounds. ... This [U.N.] treaty is, in our opinion, based on flawed ideas. Research data on climate change do not show that human use of hydrocarbons is harmful. To the contrary, there is good evidence that increased atmospheric carbon dioxide in environmentally helpful."

Knee-jerk reactions with good intentions are causing more harm than help. The recent increase in the cost of food is one example of the consequences of diverting crops, such as corn, to the production of ethanol as a fuel source. The impact that steep corn price increases have had on food distribution to third-world countries has been profoundly negative, according to the Institute on Religion and Democracy.

Art Robinson, spokesman and founder of the Petition Project, said the U.N. "global warming agreement," written in Kyoto, Japan, in December 1997, and other plans "would harm the environment, hinder the advance of science and technology, and damage both the health and welfare of mankind." The list of scientists who have signed the Petition Project includes 9,021 Ph.D.s (which is 15 times more scientists than are seriously involved in the U.N.'s campaign to "vilify hydrocarbons"), 6,961 at the master's level, 2,240 medical doctors and 12,850 carrying a bachelor of science or equivalent academic degree.

Meanwhile, evangelical pastors, scientists and policymakers have launched another petition drive, [We Get It](#), intended to spread the truth about global warming: That Christians should be good stewards of God's creation and that government policies and regulations based on "faulty science" will hurt people who should be helped.

"The 'We Get It' declaration speaks for me, and I believe it speaks for the vast majority of evangelicals, who are as tired as I am of being misrepresented by people who don't bother to get their theology, their science or their economics right," said Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.). "Consequently, they put millions of the world's poor at risk by promoting policies to fight the alleged problem of global warming that will slow economic development and condemn the poor to more

generations of grinding poverty and high rates of disease and early death."

The campaign, launched last week, hopes to gather one million signatures supporting the declaration that says God created the world, and that men and women, as Christians, have to take responsibility for that creation; that billions of people will suffer if careless environmental policies are put into place; and that Christians as a group need to take action to help the poor and protect the planet based on biblical truths, not political correctness, according to the Cybercast News Service.

Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council, one of the founders and supporters of the We Get It campaign, said, "You can be green without being gullible. ... I'm afraid that the image that my children will remember is the image of naïve Americans who surrendered our national sovereignty [to U.N. demands] and the income of families to pursue environmental threats and science that are speculative at best."

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