



# UNDER THE STEEPLE

March, 2009

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

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## MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE MEN'S COLLEGIATE CHOIR

in concert at LOPC  
Thursday, March 12



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## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

*Carolyn Kullmar*

March is coming in like a lion--in the midst of our Missions Conference. How blessed we are to have 2 outstanding main speakers, beginning with Dr. Paul Kooistra, the head of Mission to the World during the first half of the conference, and Rev. Paul Alexander for the last half of the conference. Hopefully you will make an effort not to miss a single session!!! I'm sure you will benefit greatly.

Although Dennis Clark was not at the Palm Beach Fair, he has been at several of the other fairs throughout Florida and has come back with good reports. Please be faithful to pray for Dennis in the many opportunities which he has for presenting the gospel. What a faithful witness Dennis is!!!

Katie Goccio, the talented young lady who often plays the flute during the church service has recently received a Superior rating at a County wide event. This year she played a piccolo solo and played the alto flute in an ensemble and got a Superior on each one!!! Congratulations, Katie!!!! She will be attending Palm Beach Atlantic in the fall. Do congratulate Katie on her accomplishments but even more, be faithful to pray for and encourage her.

Jeff Lee will be graduating from seminary this spring and has decided to go with the Reformed University Ministry in the PCA. He has accepted a position at the university in Tampa so pray for Jeff and Jenny as they prepare to move to Tampa after graduation. There will be additional joy in their family as they are expecting the birth of their first child in the fall. Also be in prayer for Jay and Anna Forester as they want to sell their home in Mississippi before moving down here to be our youth minister.

Betty McKee's brother and his wife were here to help her celebrate her 89th birthday. Helen Lukasiak had several of her relatives in church on her birthday and they were getting together to celebrate with a pizza party. Wilma Herbert's daughter, Lois and her husband, Paul from Colorado visited Wilma in February. Marlene Roesse's daughter, Lynne and her husband, Jim recently spent time with Marlene. As you may remember Lynne and Jim were once missionaries for whom we prayed. They are now in a church in N Y. Walter and Helen Gutheil enjoyed a visit from Walter's daughter.

Mark and Martha Smith lead quite a busy life. They visited their daughter in Savannah and another daughter and her family from the north met them there. Needless to say, they had a wonderful time together. When they got back here, their son and his wife visited them. Also Martha's sister from California is visiting. The Smiths have 6 birthdays to celebrate in Feb. and Martha's sister has one in March so they include her in the celebration. For 19 years now, Martha has hosted a birthday bash for all of them. This is not the end of celebrating for the Smiths. In mid-March they will meet their son and his wife in Chicago in order to attend a play in which their grandson has a role. After they return home, they will then go to the Ligonier Conference. You might think by then they would be ready to collapse--but that is not the case. They will have more company until the end of March. I suggested that they rest in April!!!!. (I doubt they will pay any attention to my suggestion. By the way, both Marc and Martha are on the Missions Committee and have a very active part in that also!!!! They are a most energetic couple!!!

Larry and Betty Roff and Carl Ashley all descended on Massachusetts the same weekend but not for the same reason. It seems like a cold time of year to go to Yankeeland but I guess life goes on even

in the COLD!!! Carl attended a music teachers conference in Boston. Larry spoke at a church south of Worcester for their annual weekend Bible conference. Phil and Joyce Elder enjoyed a “Bluegrass trip” with their son and his wife and had a wonderful time. Phil is a part of a group that really enjoy their music. If you remember they played for part of our 50th anniversary celebration. Stella Dookie is in Trinidad for a month. Kathie and Richard Eubanks took a 2 week cruise in the Caribbean with Richard’s sister and her husband. Mary Ann Griffin met her son Patrick and his family and they went to Bermuda. Maria Osso not only celebrated a birthday but she and her husband celebrated their 25th anniversary and went to New York for 2 weeks. Their daughter is in New York.

We extend our sympathy to the Panico family in the death of Tiffany’s 93 year old grandmother. Although she will be missed, she had a vital relationship with the Lord so we can be assured that she is now celebrating in heaven. We also send our sincerest condolences to Judy Streets, whose 96 year-old mother, Elaine Williams, has been called home to glory.

I hope March will be a month filled with blessings and that you will grow in your walk with the Lord.

## YOUTH NEWS

### From John Panico



Dear Church Family,

Here is the good news..... we survived the Lock In. Here’s the bad news... our Sunday School attendance was very low the day after. According to reliable sources four members of the youth group were sick after the Lock In!!!! We had a great time.

After our digital scavenger hunt, we gathered by the fire pit outside by the volleyball court, roasted s’mores, and studied God’s Word together. The rest of the night was filled with Capture the Flag, Dodgeball (in themes and variations), Hide n’ Go Seek (with a twist) in the sanctuary, the Looney

Tunes,... and overall a great time of fellowship. I have to say that at 0500 on Saturday morning, most of our youth had fallen casualty to fatigue, while this 37 year-old was still wanting to go out and play volleyball. However, just one hour later, this 37 year-old was yearning for his pillow and Ibuprofen. A truly blessed time. Thank you to so many who sponsored our youth for their summer missions project. We look forward to what Charlie and Jay have up their sleeves!!!!!!!!!!!!

As I write this, we are getting ready to re-start Sunday, February 15th Plugged In with a new look. We’ll call it “Plugged In: On Location.” We will use this time to travel to various spots in the community to film skits we will use for youth group lessons, and along the way we will conduct interviews asking people in the community questions about God and Heaven and other topics that we pray will open doors allowing us to share our faith. This should be a blessed and beneficial time of discipleship.

Our next major events are the Rummage Sale in March (27-28th), and the Chris Tomlin concert on April 4th. Events in May will be announced in our next letter. Stay tuned!!!!!!



## WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

"The purpose of the Women in the Church is that every woman know Christ personally and be committed to extending His kingdom in her life, home, church, community, and throughout the world."

The WIC philosophy of ministry is grounded on woman's helper design. "The Lord said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him'" (Gen. 2:18). The Hebrew word for helper is *ezer*. Throughout the Old Testament this word is used to refer to God. In discussing this word, The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament says:

*The Lord is seen as the helper of the underprivileged: the poor (Psalm 72:12) and the fatherless (Psalm 10:14) . . . He (the Psalmist) is conscious of divine assistance at a time of illness (Psalm 28:7), at a time of oppression by enemies (Psalm 54:4), and at a time of great personal distress (Psalm 86:17).*

This explanation of how God is our *ezer* gives insight into the helper design. Community and compassion are two of the ways God is our Helper. God enters into a covenant relationship with His people (community). He comes to our aid, comforts us, and is merciful toward us (compassion). This touches our souls because entering into nurturing relationships, and extending compassion to those in need, is part of our creation design. Our nurturing, relational strengths grow out of our helper design. Our design equips us to demonstrate community and to be channels of compassion in our marriages, families, churches, communities, and throughout the world. This does not mean that all women will express their design in the same way; it frees us to practice community and extend compassion creatively according to our gifts, abilities and circumstances. This concept has application to women as individuals, and it also gives definition to the purpose statement of Women in the Church. The WIC ministry should have the effect of bringing a deeper sense of community and compassion into the home, church, community, and world.

These are some of the principles we are learning in our WIC Sunday School class. All women who are interested are invited to join us! *Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together (Psalm 34:3).*



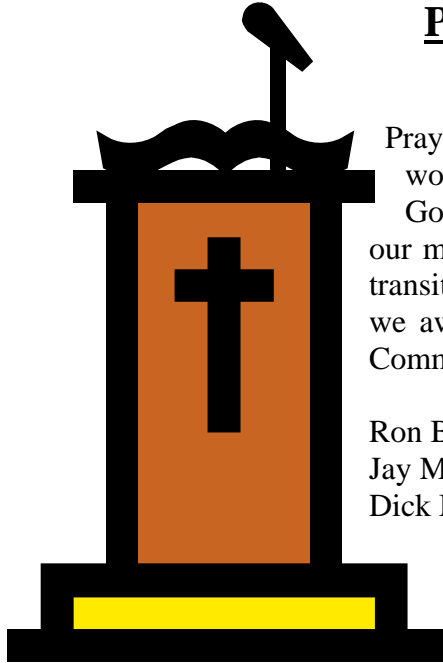
## COMMUNION

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday evening, March 8

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Begins Sunday, March 8  
Set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.





## PULPIT COMMITTEE

Pray regularly for our pulpit committee as they continue their work. Pray that God will guide them in their 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 in to neutral” as we await the time that a new pastor steps into the pulpit. Pulpit Committee Members are:

Ron Backus, chmn	Carolyn Kullmar	Bob Lee
Jay Myers, v. chmn	Becky Forester	Carl Ashley
Dick Miller, sec'ty	Debbye Tate	Joe Brown

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If you have not reserved a place, do so right away. Call Ligonier Ministries at 1-800-435-4343. This will be the most substantial annual conference that Dr. R. C. Sproul and his team have ever presented. It will be held in Orlando Thursday through Saturday, March 19-21.

If you are planning to attend, please call the LOPC church office right away so that we can work out car-pooling plans for transportation.

## MUSIC IN MARCH ... AT LAKE OSBORNE

### Moody Men's Choir



Moody Bible Institute in Chicago is one of the best-known Christian educational institutions in the world. We regularly listen to Moody radio locally, where our own Buddy Tate is a familiar voice on the air each day. Not only is Moody known for preparing men and women for service in church-related careers. They also have a fine music department.

Their 40-voice Men's Collegiate Choir will present a concert here at LOPC at 7:30 pm on Thursday evening, March 12. There is no admission fee, but a free-will offering will be received to help with the expenses of their spring tour. Invite your friends to this wonderful program of sacred choral music.

There will be no catered dinner that week (March 11). Instead, we will all gather for a covered dish dinner at 6 pm on Thursday as we feed these students and enjoy fellowship with them before the concert. Youth group, children's Awana, discipleship studies, and choir will meet on Wednesday as usual.

### Ukrainian Organist Volodymyr Koshuba

Volodymyr Koshuba is official state organist for the nation of Ukraine. He and his pianist-daughter Viktorya, played an amazing concert here at LOPC two years ago. Volodymyr will present an organ concert here at LOPC at 4:00 pm on Sunday afternoon, March 29, as part of his annual international organ concert tour.

Volodymyr has been an invaluable helper, as well as good friend, to our choir when we have sung in Ukraine. He has arranged our concert locations, and done much of the necessary behind-the-scenes logistical work to make these possible.

Please come that Sunday afternoon to show your appreciation for his marvelous assistance and special friendship to our church. He will not be charging his normal concert fee. Instead, he has agreed to accept a love-offering from the concert. We hope you will give generously to assist him and his family during the extremely difficult economic situation he faces back home in Ukraine.



## OUTREACH TEAM

*From Jay Myers*

From the Outreach Team - Last month the Team was refreshed with new members bringing unique passions and ideas for outreach. They will be encouraged and their ideas developed and put before the congregation. The Team trusts that the Holy Spirit has impressed upon every heart a desire to reach out in some form and fashion. Given the right opportunities, the proper ways and means, it is hoped that more and more of us can begin to find tangible expression for that desire. If, however, you just can't wait to become more involved, if you would like to talk to someone now, please contact Debbye Tate, Mayetta Lee, Maria Osso, or me, Jay Myers (Outreach Team Leader). We'd love to help you find your niche.

## OUTREACH STORY

*From Pascal Amouzou*

### **“Bailout”**

In the last three months, the word bailout has been spoken, written, read, used and reused more than in the last three hundreds years. So much money has been spent in an effort to bailout businesses which are on the verge of bankruptcy. The amounts in play are so huge that when you hear of a billion or a trillion today, it does not necessarily tell you how astronomic the spending is. The magnitude of the bailout is comparable to the amount the US would have spent if it was spending ten millions dollars every day since our Independence in 1776 ... spending ten million dollars per day for the last 233 years.

Yet, the billions that have been already spent do not seem to have had any effect on the ongoing financial and economic crisis, and no one is not sure that it is going to stop it at all. It seems as if the only certainty in this period of uncertainty is that our society is bankrupt.

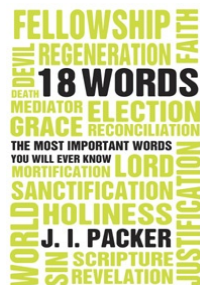
Surprisingly, this financial and economic meltdown is only the tip of the iceberg. The immersed part of the iceberg is composed of almost 7 billions (yes, another billions) souls who are bankrupt. Tired, thirsty, hungry, lost, exhausted by the load of life, they do not seem to know to whom to turn. The tragic truth is that, while they are wandering for rescue, a priceless bailout has been paid for more than 2000 years ago. How tragic that they do not understand this. Every single one of these souls has access to a bailout payment before she was even born. Amazing! The good news is that we can take the bailout money to them. It is completely free; there is nothing to pay back. These souls are everywhere and we can reach out to them at any time, as far as we are willing to do so.

## CHURCH LIBRARY

One of our newest acquisitions includes a book with a chapter written by our own Eddy Benmuvhar. The book, “Mere Christians,” is a collection of stories from people whose lives were changed by reading C. S. Lewis’ classic, “Mere Christianity.” Along with Eddy’s chapter, there are stories from Charles Colson, Jill Briscoe, Geasorge Gallup, Jr., Philip Yancy, and may more. Check it out, along with the many other excellent books, videos, and DVDs in the LOPC church library.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTIVES

These classes are now underway. If you haven't joined one yet, do so next Sunday!

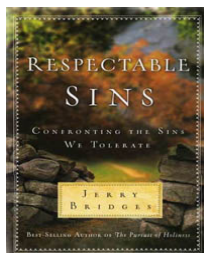


### *Track 1 ... Bible Doctrine*

#### 18 WORDS; THE MOST IMPORTANT WORDS YOU WILL EVER KNOW (\$11)

*(text by J. I. Packer; taught by John Brandt)*

In our day, too many churches are deliberately setting aside substantial doctrinal instruction (the “great words” of the faith) and putting in its place a shallow “feel good, experience-oriented” approach to the faith. In this study, we will look at a different word each week which should not only be a part of every Christian’s vocabulary, but also at the center of a God-focused life of praise. These will include such words as sanctification, regeneration, the Devil, election, mortification, and fellowship. No one does this better than J. I. Packer, author of “Knowing God.”

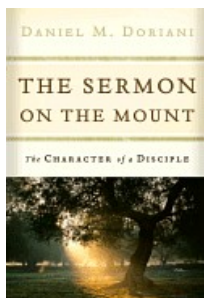


### *Track 2 ... Christian Living*

#### RESPECTABLE SINS; CONFRONTING THE SINS WE TOLERATE (\$15)

*(text by Jerry Bridges; taught by Larry Roff)*

Have Christians become so preoccupied with the “major” sins of our society (homosexuality, abortion, substance abuse) that we have lost sight of our need to deal with our own more subtle sins? Jerry Bridges (author of “The Joy of Fearing God,” “Trusting God Even When Life Hurts,” and “The Pursuit of Holiness”) returns to his trademark theme of holiness and addresses clusters of “acceptable” sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves – such as jealousy, anger, pride, unthankfulness, and judgmentalism. He offers a message of hope in the profound mercy of the gospel and the transforming grace of God as the means to overcome our subtle sins.

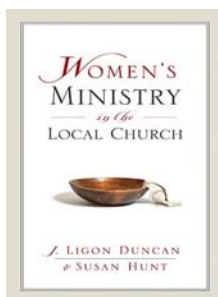


### *Track 3 ... Scripture Content*

#### THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (\$14)

*(text by Dan Doriani, taught by Steve Van Roekel)*

Matthew 5-7 is one of the most familiar passages in the Bible. It contains a description of what John Stott has called “Christian counter-culture.” It includes such well-known sections as The Beatitudes and The Lord’s Prayer. The standards for holy living that Jesus presents here are impossible for any to attain, apart from the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit. That is why non Christians cannot achieve this. But since we have the Spirit, these characteristics should increasingly be dominant in our lives. This study will help define those qualities that should mark every true follower of Christ.



### *Track 4 ... Women's Leadership*

#### WOMEN'S MINISTRY IN THE LOCAL CHURCH (\$13)

*(text by Ligon Duncan & Susan Hunt; taught by Nancy Lee)*

This is a “specialized” leadership training course for women. There is much confusion swirling around women’s issues in many evangelical churches today. This study directs focus toward a biblical understanding of the ministry of the church and presents a practical theology of how women are called and gifted by God to unique leadership roles. It has as its goal the training of women to serve the Bride of Christ (the church) by mentoring future generations of godly women. It was jointly written by a PCA pastor/theologian and the former direct of women’s ministries for the PCA.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

from Lisa Lennon



In March we will be learning more true stories about Jesus' life during **Junior Church**:

March 1st - Jesus Heals the Blind Man - Mark 10:46-52 - God is merciful  
Teacher - Lisa Lennon Helper - Jennifer Wade

March 8th - Jesus Teaches About Commitment - Mark 8:31-38 - Jesus is worthy of our commitment  
Teacher - Tatiana Cardona Helper - Michaela Grimmig

March 15th - Jesus Clears Merchants from Temple - John 2:13-22 - God deserves sincere worship  
Teacher - Carol Brandt Helper - Mayetta Lee

March 22nd - Jesus Explains Why God Sent Him - John 3:12-21 - God saves us  
Teacher - Lisa Lennon Helper - Chris Lennon

March 29th - Jesus Notices a Widow's Giving - Mark 12:41-44 - Wholehearted giving pleases God  
Teacher - Lisa Lennon Helper - Melissa Myers

In **Awana** during March we will be learning answers to more important questions:

March 3rd - What Does a Missionary Do? Part 1  
March 11th - What Does a Missionary Do? Part 2  
March 18th - Why Memorize?  
March 25th - Why It Is Important to Be Thankful?

**Parents:** It would be great for you to reinforce what your children learn at church, at home. Remember to ask your children about what they learn and talk about it with your children.

**All church members:** Please pray for the children in the church and pray for families to be added to our church. Also pray that the children's leaders would always be lead by the Holy Spirit in their teaching and that the Holy Spirit would give understanding to the children.

### ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

**March 28 from 8:00 am to noon**

*(members-only pre-sale, Friday evening, March 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm)*

**This annual rummage sale raises money to assist the teens in the summer missions trip.  
Bring items to the church fellowship any time after Sunday, March 22**