



UNDER THE STEEPLE

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



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BILL and DORIS CAMPBELL**

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The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) is an evangelical denomination, organized in 1973, with a strong commitment to the inerrancy of Scripture, to the historic doctrines of the Reformed faith, to the task of world evangelization, and to the teaching of a consistently Biblical world-and-life view

“WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS”

Tribute written jointly by Don Hair and Pastors Downing and Roff

Those words express the sentiments of a grateful congregation to Bill and Doris Campbell. This husband / wife team has provided loving and invaluable assistance in ministry here at Lake Osborne for many years. Bill has served as Church Administrator in the office for more than twenty years. And Doris has provided gospel music at the piano (and for a time also on her harp!) for our worship services, even on days when ailments would have kept others at home.

As we proceed through this time of pastoral transition, the session has been engaged in a prayerful study of staff needs at the church. One of their conclusions has been to retire the position of Church Administrator, effective November 15. As a result of this action, Bill will be able to enjoy a much-deserved and earned retirement. And this will enable him to devote himself full time to providing tender care for Doris with her on-going health difficulties.

BILL CAMPBELL

It was in January 1987 that Senior Pastor Lynn Downing asked Bill to seek applicants for the position of Church Administrator. At the time, Bill was serving as Director of Human Resources at Rinker Corporation. After considering the potential impact of the impending sale of Rinker to an unknown buyer, Bill decided to apply for the job himself. He was, of course, hired here!

For over twenty-one years Bill has served Lake Osborne in this capacity. His oversight of administrative matters has freed Pastor Downing to focus on prayer and on study and preparation of sermons, as well as being able to give greater attention to pastoral needs. Bill spent mornings at Lake Osborne, and has consistently refused salary increases. His administrative skills were put to use as he spent the other half of his time at Seacrest Presbyterian Church in their offices.

Bill had already been serving as a Ruling Elder, first at Memorial Presbyterian Church and then here at Lake Osborne. He and Doris hosted an early Sunday morning service in their Atlantis home to reach neighbors with the Gospel. He was a commissioner to one of the General Assemblies of our former denomination.

In his work as Administrator here at Lake Osborne, Bill has overseen automating our computer system (including custom designing our financial records management), improving the membership data base, preparing the church budgets, negotiating contracts, and supervising staff. He gained more knowledge for this work at a seminar for church administrators in Atlanta.

In addition to overseeing church finances, Bill has also prepared our weekly worship announcement power point slides, formatted our monthly newsletters, and took the initial steps toward the establishment of our church web pages. We might say that Bill's trademark has been a conscientious alertness about the expenditures of church funds. He has kept a close eye on the finances the Lord has entrusted to us.

If you have been in Bill's office, you have noticed three things. He is a Scotsman (the map of Scotland on the wall and the pictures of Scottish folklore). He is a pilot (the picture of the

private plane he used to enjoy flying). And he is a devoted husband and father (the photos of Doris and Susan, not only on the wall but even on the computer screen!).

DORIS CAMPBELL

While Doris Campbell has had a varied career in piano and harp, her lifelong love and commitment has been to play the piano as both an expression of personal worship, and for the enhancing of congregational worship in many churches. Her mother repetitiously emphasized to Doris that God had given her a special gift and that her purpose in life was to use it in His service.

She began playing as a girl for the many church plants of her own father, Reverend Dewey Holloway, in Mississippi, Alabama, and other southern states. Having reached the leadership level of Executive Presbyter in his denomination, Rev. Holloway became pastor of an international church in Cleveland, Ohio where there were, at one point, as many as 48 languages and cultures represented. The ministry of this church included radio broadcasts for which Doris played the piano, in addition to playing for the worship services. Her talent was recognized publicly, and she was honored as one of the four top pianists in the city of Cleveland.

Doris met Bill on a blind date in Cleveland, and married him six weeks later. In due time they moved to West Palm Beach where Doris played for several churches in Lake Worth and West Palm, including Calvary Temple on Conniston Road, which had been founded by Rev. Holloway, and which became his last pastorate. It was in that church that he collapsed in the pulpit due to a stroke and died a short time later. I am convinced that Doris, because of her deep devotion to her father, has spent the years from then until now playing, certainly, in the service of and for the glory of Christ, but also in memory of her father.

When in 1973, the LOPC Session made the decision (strictly on faith) to start and maintain an annual Missions Conference, Doris was asked to play for the occasion. She has been playing at LOPC since that time. Until her recent health complications, her gospel medley at the piano has welcomed worshippers into the sanctuary and into the presence of the Lord each Sunday morning.

For several years Bill and Doris were host and hostess for a worship service in their home in Atlantis. It was actually designed to capture the interest of neighbors and acquaintances in Atlantis for gospel outreach. Some of those folks were awakened spiritually, converted to faith in Christ, and became members of LOPC. One of the families was that of Jack and Sue Rathgeb. Their son Jeff's call to Christ and ultimate multifaceted ministry life had its beginning there.

Except for the occasions, of which there have been many hundreds, when Doris spoke to friend or stranger about Christ, her music has been her way of pointing to Him. Many have been the times when, as she began to play, people would stop what they were doing or saying and listen, spellbound, as she interpreted the message of a song in her unique and riveting use of her God given gift.

RETIREMENT BLESSING

We will miss Bill's devotion to duty at the church and wish him and Doris God's richest blessing in the years of retirement we pray they will be able to enjoy together.

Thank you, Doris ... thank you, Bill ... and Glory to God!!

CELEBRATING THE REFORMATION

Sunday evening, Oct. 26 at 6:00 pm

How We Got Our English Bibles

Dr. Sam Lamerson

(NT Professor, Knox Theological Seminary)

If you missed it, you can find the power point presentation under the sermons link on the LOPC web site.

This week, Monday-Friday at 7:15 am

Five Great Reformers

(Tyndale, Luther, Calvin, Cranmer, Knox)

Pastor Roff on Moody Radio WRMB (89.3)

If you missed any of these broadcasts, they are archived on the WRMB web site.

Sunday evening, Nov. 2 at 5:40 pm

The original movie version

"Martin Luther"

Both this and the more recent version are available in the LOPC library.

Sunday morning, Nov. 9

Adult Sunday School - "Happy 500th Birthday, John Calvin"

The life and legacy of the great Genevan Reformer, born July 10, 1509

Morning worship at 10:30 with Dr. Michael Haykin (Church History Professor at Louisville's Southern Seminary)

Sunday evening, Nov. 9 at 6:00 pm

Presbytery Reformation Festival Service

Joint choirs and brass

Dr. Michael Haykin preaching

Choir rehearsal begins at 4:30.

Refreshments will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, Nov. 1, when Daylight Saving Time ends.

In Children's church we will be learning about Abraham and Isaac in November. The following are helpers in November:

November 2 - Caroline Tate

November 9 - Hazel Brown

November 16 - Michaela Grimmig

November 23 - Jennifer Wade

November 30 - Mayetta Lee

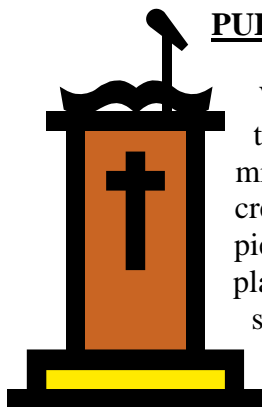


Awana has been going very well, praise God! The students have been working hard learning their memory verses and many have also learned the plan of salvation. They are all very excited about coming each week. We have a few students that don't normally come to our church, but we would love to have more students introduced to the church through Awana. We can still use helpers especially from 6:40 to 7:00 Wed. nights in order to listen to a student say their verse.



There will be brochures in the narthex that you can pick up to give to children that you know. On the back will have the time and place of Awana. Come to the Education Bldg. at 6:40 if you can help or call Lisa Lennon 433-2540. It is a wonderful opportunity to mentor a child. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

Thank you so much, helpers. Lisa Lennon



PULPIT COMMITTEE

We are happy to report that the pulpit committee has successfully created an information piece that has been placed on the PCA web site as well as that of LOPC. We know that it is being seen.

The committee has agreed that it would be best not to encourage nor discourage the congregation about what is happening so that we don't create false hope or impatience. This note is to assure you that we are busy working on acquiring a Senior Pastor, and will have had our next meeting Oct 27. It is our intention to deliberate until we find the man God designed to lead us. Please be patient and pray for us and that pastor, that we come together to serve our Lord.

Ron Backus, chairman

Here is a suggested prayer schedule to guide you each week as you pray for the committee. Pray each day for these people ...

Sunday – the Pastor God has chosen
(He knows who he is, even though we don't)
Monday – Ron Backus (chairman)
Tuesday – Jay Myers & Debbye Tate
Wednesday – Becky Forester & Dick Miller
Thursday – Carolyn Kullmar & Bob Lee
Friday – Joe Brown & Carl Ashley

As you pray, make this your prayer. It is what the church asked before Pentecost, when they were gathered together to find a new apostle to replace Judas.

“Lord, You know everyone’s heart. Show us which You have chosen.” Acts 1:24

From Jay Myers, for the Outreach Team

Well, our Labor Day Picnic was certainly a success! Lots of people, fun, and fellowship. I hope I'm not being too presumptuous when I say that I believe our Father was pleased with our efforts. Our spirits being lifted, we are now looking forward to our Fall Festival. At the time of this writing, it had not yet happened but the plans are in place and our hearts are turned to God for His blessing.



In addition to the games and trunks of treats, there will be a tent set up where people can register to win a free pie! And they get to pick which one of a half dozen kinds of pies they would like to win!



What's next after the Fall Festival?! Thanksgiving! And another opportunity to reach out to the community. The Outreach Team is planning to have a Guest Registration for a free turkey or a food basket. We're not sure, yet, but we will be! Here's hoping to see you at the festival!



BEST OF THE WEB, from Debbye Tate

Here are more great sites for you to peruse all around the web:

1. As the economy squeezes our wallets a little tighter, there is a wealth of information available on the internet to assist us as we sort it all out. One of the most helpful would have to be Dave Ramsey's site at www.daveramsey.com. A Christian financial guru with a great radio talk show, Dave is the Grand Poo-Bah of Christian financial advisors following the death of Larry Burkett a few years ago. While he does sell his books and DVD's on his website, there is plenty of free material you can access. Dave is funny, hip, and a fiscal conservative who practices frugality and generosity. His site is extremely motivating and you'll be inspired to dump that debt.

2. With food prices skyrocketing, if you're like me you're always looking for a way to save money at the grocery store. Before you plan your next menu, check out www.allrecipes.com and click on their "Cooking on a Budget" tab. In addition to planning creative meals, you can find the best ways to cook cheaper cuts of meat, how to save on food preparation (energy) costs, and use up leftovers.

3. The granddaddy of financial websites has to be the perennial www.kiplinger.com. You could spend hours on this site learning everything there is to know about personal finance. Whether you want to start a budget, re-vamp the one that's not working, or run a cost comparison on college for the kids, you'll find it all here. The good folks at Kiplinger are of the conservative bent and don't like to see you waste your hard-earned money.

4. Finally, lest we be too earthly-focused, one of my all-time favorite sites is *Between Two Worlds* at www.theologica.blogspot.com. Hosted by Justin Taylor of the ESV Study Bible fame, it's a compendium of reformed theology, culture, and politics minus the hysterics. Justin often posts interesting video links, Christian music reviews, and the occasional book review. A true delight.



International Day of Prayer (IDOP) for the Persecuted Church, Nov. 16

Churches around the world will be joining in prayer again this year on this annual occasion for crying out to God on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted on account of their faith in Christ. Be in your seats early that Sunday morning to watch the power point presentation during the prelude as it points out the many nations in our world today where believers are enduring terrible hardship because of their loyalty to the Gospel.



Tax-free IRA Distributions to Charity (QCD)
Financial Advice from Eddy Benmuvhar

The 2008 *Financial Bailout and Tax Package* enacted on October 3, 2008 includes several tax changes that affect individual taxpayers. Among the many changes the tax-free IRA distributions to charity (QCD) which was enacted in the year 2006 has been extended and will be valid in 2008/2009.

The law allows you to donate part or all of the distribution from your IRA to a qualified charitable institution **and to exclude that amount from your taxable income**, if you are at least age 70 ½ and if the contributions is made directly to the institution by the trustee of your IRA. (There are certain rules and limitations which will be covered in the IRS Form 1040 Instructions.)

This provision of the law may help some constituents reconsider the way they may make their charitable contributions and reduce their tax liability in 2008 and in 2009. It may be worth considering even if itemized deductions are being used depending on the makeup of the itemized expenses.

New tax provisions that may be enacted in 2009 might affect the choices and cannot be predicted at this time. An accountant or a certified tax preparer should be consulted on this matter is applicable.

You may contact Eddy Benmuvhar (561-568-0863) or Bill Campbell if you have any questions.

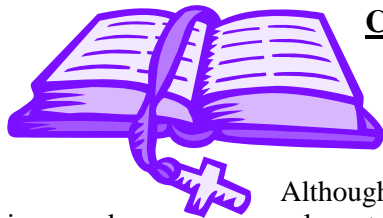
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men, this month we'll be enjoying a wonderful steak and ribs dinner instead of the cookout. It will take place on Friday evening, Nov. 14th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be prepared by our gourmet chef who prepares our Wednesday family night dinners, Brian Goodner. The cost is \$15/ person (reservations are necessary; deadline is Wednesday night the 12th). Federal Judge Kenneth Ryskamp (a former PCA General Assembly Moderator) will be our guest speaker. The Friday dinner is for ALL men. Saturday morning the elders and deacons will meet at 8:30 am for an officers' retreat to work on our under-shepherd ministry.

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Every Wednesday evening there is a special study for ladies. It meets in the parlor after the family night dinner. The current study is a look at lessons from the lives of the Patriarchs in the book of Genesis.

Palm Beach County Bible Study Fellowship meets here at LOPC every Monday evening at 7:00. New participants may come on the first Monday of each month when vacancies are filled. This is an excellent, highly disciplined approach to teach people not only Bible content, but also time-tested methods of Bible study.



COUNSELING CORNER, from Sondra Polley

An exciting new element in our newsletter beginning this month is the Counseling Corner feature. What we'll be doing is offering a Biblical perspective on issues many people address in counseling.

Although space does not permit thorough discussion, a brief introduction of an issue and relevant Biblical principles may help us to apply God's truth to our own needs and extend grace to those around us.

Some of the concerns people deal with in counseling and which this column will address are depression, anxiety, grief and loss, marriage, parenting, anger, finances, addictions, career issues and life transitions. I look forward to this opportunity to relate the truth of the Scriptures to these and other needs for our good and God's glory.

As a professional Christian counselor for ten years, I have seen Biblical principles work in people's lives. Young, old, adults, adolescents, children, single, married, wealthy, poor – God has given us wisdom to live by. He describes our ignoring Him and attempting to meet our own needs this way: "My people have committed a compound sin: they've walked out on me, the fountain of fresh flowing waters, and then dug cisterns – cisterns that leak, cisterns that are no better than sieves." - Jeremiah 2:13 (The Message) God will meet our needs as we turn to Him to do that.

Welcome to the Counseling Corner! I hope it will be a blessing, help, and encouragement to you.

Sondra Polley, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Certified Addictions Professional



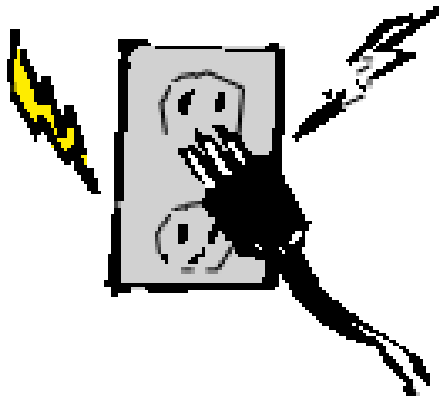
THANKSGIVING PRAISE SERVICE

Wednesday evening, November 26, John Panico will lead us in our annual praise service in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm. Jesus healed ten lepers. Only one returned to thank Him. Jesus has done much in our lives this year. Don't be like the nine lepers who didn't give thanks. Join us to share your testimony with others about how God's goodness has impacted your life this year.

MARTIN LUTHER MOVIE

Sunday evening Nov. 2 at 5:45 (NOTE THE EARLIER TIME) we'll show the original B & W film story of Luther. This will take place in the sanctuary. (*Sorry, no popcorn for this one!*) This will help you understand the powerful impact made by the posting of his 95 Theses on October 31, 1517 as his understanding of justification by grace through faith undermined the medieval Roman Church practice of selling indulgences.





YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS ... "PLUGGED IN"

Dear Church Family,

Grace and Peace to you! Can't believe we have already come to November. Time flies when you are having fun. Since last letter we have been staying pretty busy. Here's a summary of what we have been up to:

- We volunteered at a Fundraiser for Vinceremos Therapeutic Riding Center. Our youth group, together with some of my colleagues from Hospice, helped run some games for the kids out there on a rainy October Saturday. We had a great time and met some wonderful folks who were so glad to have the help (Tiffany and Hannah Banana got their picture taken and were in the TownCrier!! [*hope this doesn't make me a celebrity parent*].
- It was while we were volunteering that we discovered a new toy for youth group ... a giant beach ball which you may have seen on the Volley Ball court. Lots o' fun!
- We have continued to be blessed by Rob Mejeur's study on Creation vs. Evolution at Sunday nights' "Plugged In." Really great stuff; and it's not too late to join us for a time of study and fellowship.
- On Saturday, October 18, 2008 we had the opportunity to play paintball at Hot Shots in Loxahatchee. There were no (serious) injuries ☺.
- Currently, we are preparing to help run games for Fall Fest 2008 and another trip to Vinceremos on November 1st.

Coming up.....

- Christmas Party at the Gauger's in December
- Christmas Gift Wrapping Fundraiser Wednesday Night, December 17th
- Lock In 2009
- More opportunities for service at Vinceremos
- And more... much more!!!!

Praise God for His hand on this group. We are excited to see the work He is doing in the lives and hearts of the LOPC Youth.

Your Plugged In!

Love in Christ,

John, Tiffany, and Hannah



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Our annual church decorating party is for the whole church family. Children and teens as well as adults all enjoy pitching in to make the sanctuary a place of beauty for the Advent and Christmas season. Join us in the sanctuary at 4:30 on Sunday afternoon, November 30th. We'll conclude the evening by singing favorite Christmas carols and with Christmas cookies and punch in the narthex



NEWS FROM OUR "FANNING THE FLAME" TEAM

The annual FTF retreat reviewed the progress we have made during the first two years of our five-year church revitalization plan.

We began this process with good spiritual health already present in these areas:

Missions

Prayer

Worship

Each year, we have added several more areas of ministry to focus on. So far, these have included:

Youth Ministry

Spiritual Gifts

Men's and Women's Discipleship

Cultivating an Outreach Mentality

This year we are adding these goals (at the same time we continue the previous areas):

Personal and Family Spiritual Formation (*Tom and Margaret Doyle will be gathering this team*)

Developing More Servant Leaders

Pray for team members, under the leadership of David Livanec.

Marlene Roese Tiffany Panico David Wade

Babe Ruth Nancy Lee Jay Myers

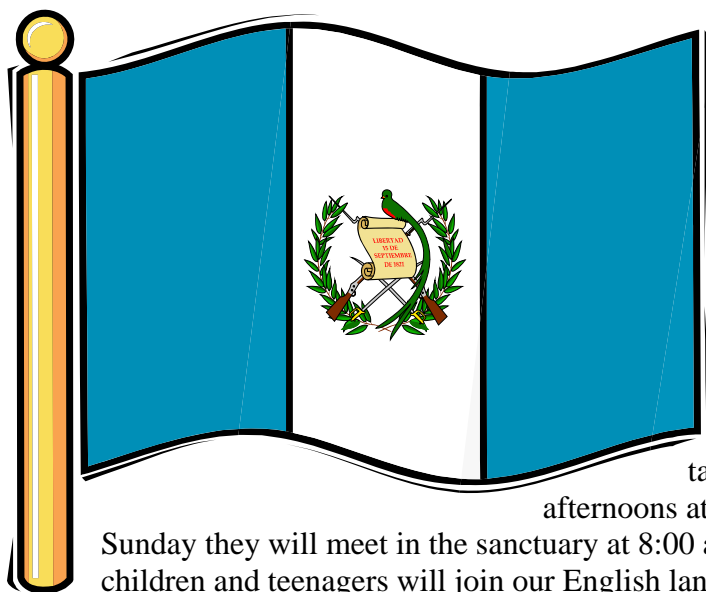
And the newest addition to the team, *Sharon Virkler*

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

We're going to Ecuador this summer. Will you join us? Our church has for some time now been very involved in supporting MTW work in Ecuador. We contribute to the support of missionaries there, and have sent mission teams to the country every other summer for a number of years. We are past due for a visit. This July we will send a team that will, hopefully, include members of LOPC who have never been before. A trip like this will change your life and give you a heart for missions.

Mary Alice Baker, a veteran of several of these trips, will be organizing our summer mission trip. Dick Miller, chairman of our LOPC Missions team, will be in Quito November 7 – 11. He will present a pictorial report here on Sunday evening, Nov. 16. Along with Mary Alice, they will answer questions from people interested in coming along in July. Please come that evening to hear about this wonderful opportunity. We will need to get confirmation from those planning to travel as soon as possible.





OUR GUATEMALAN NEIGHBORS

For a number of years, we have been happy to welcome members of a local Guatemalan congregation here in our facilities several times each week. Beginning on Sunday morning, November 2nd, we will have an opportunity to start getting to know them much better.

Presently, their Sunday worship service takes place in our sanctuary on Sunday afternoons at 2:30. But starting this month, every other Sunday they will meet in the sanctuary at 8:00 am. After the first hour with parents, their children and teenagers will join our English language Sunday School classes at 9:00. Their service and our joint SS classes will end at 10:00.

There will be no change in our SS or worship schedule. But on these Sundays, we will be able to exchange “Good Morning” and “Buenos Dias” greetings with one another. What a privilege it will be for us to make new friends and experience more of the oneness that comes when people of all cultures and languages have Christ in common.

In addition to this, under the leadership of Terry and Betty Kennedy, we are about ready to begin offering ESL (English as a Second Language) training for these friends. To get started, we have set up a computer language lab upstairs in the church office building. If you would like to help as a volunteer (you don’t need to be able to speak Spanish), contact the Kennedys.

BE SURE TO VOTE ... AND PRAY

While the church is not in a position to recommend specific candidates, it certainly is in a position to remind people of the Biblical responsibility each of us has to cast our votes and to do so on the basis of a carefully considered Christian world and life view. That means that we will not only think about economics and foreign relations. We will also think about justice and integrity and moral issues (such as marriage, sexual purity, abortion, and the sanctity of life).



Of special importance this year in Florida is the “Marriage Amendment” which proposes an addition to the Florida constitution that defines marriage as between one man and one woman. The efforts to redefine marriage pose a grave danger to the stability of our society. It is essential that you cast your vote in favor of this amendment. To better understand the moral dimensions to this issue, check our Albert Mohler’s recent blog/commentary at www.albertmohler.com.

AN OUTREACH TEAM STORY, from Pascal Amouzou

“OUTREACH TEAMS EVERYWHERE”

My child loves every kind of food that is sugared. If you don't believe it, just stop at the fellowship hall after Sunday classes and you can watch his show for free. We try not to let him eat too much sugar, but with all the outreach teams out there, it is not an easy task.

At the entrance of the major grocery stores where we used to shop, there is almost a music that sounds when we are entering the store. It comes from a candy selling machine. The rest of the story you know. And the day we avoid the music, we still have to stop by the cashier to pay for the groceries. There is another “army” of sugar waiting right there, inviting him sweetly to serve himself. At school, it is almost impossible to finish the day without passing by a vending machine inviting him for a soda. Even if you go through the day and successfully avoid all those teams trying to reach out to him, it is not over yet, unless you do not turn the TV set on in the quiet of your home. It is almost impossible to watch a program without a commercial every five minutes.

There are so many teams out there trying to reach out to every single inhabitant of the US, one way or the other. They always have something to sell. They always know what is **good** for you. They always know what you **deserve**. They always **love** you so much that they have something to offer to you. Even if you refuse to go out, even you cut yourself off from the media, one day or another, your phone will ring and there will be a voice selling you something or telling you that you are the **only** person in the US who has been selected for this program.

If you refuse to have a phone, somebody will stick a flyer on your windshield. If you get rid of your car, you will still have to pick up your mail. If you do, there will always be an outreach mailer in your box. Their efforts are relentless and ongoing. I am just amazed by the zeal they have in reaching out to people. Do they have more faith than us? I now understand why somebody said that it takes a lot of faith to be unbeliever.

How many outreach teams do we have out there? And at LOPC, are we just one more outreach team among the others? We are not trying to sell anything; well, may be not. We are selling the free gift of Christ. And it is really **FREE**.

All those thoughts remind me of the story of the two salesmen who went to prospect in Africa for a shoe factory. In the villages they visited, nobody was wearing shoes. The first salesman send a message back saying that there was not any opportunity over there; nobody wears shoes. The second salesman send a message back saying that there was a huge potential over there and there is going to be a need to increase the factory capacity of production because nobody wears shoes.

When it comes to outreach, we can see things the same way those two salesmen saw them. The people I am trying to reach out to are non-believers, therefore, there is no need to try. Or there is the other way, seeing in every non-believer an outreach opportunity, and therefore a need to speed up the Bible printing. After all, who do I reach out to if it is not a non-believer?

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING and DINNER

Sunday, November 30 – Congregational Meeting after morning worship to designate ...

- Lynn Downing, Pastor Emeritus
- Don Hair, Elder Emeritus
- Bill Campbell, Administrator Emeritus

We will also enjoy our 5th Sunday covered dish luncheon that day to honor Bill and Doris Campbell