

Church of the Palms

Worship

August 7, 2011

“Equipping Disciples for the Service of Christ”



***Need someone to talk to? A Stephen Minister can help, 924-1323
Need to hear a prayer or have someone pray for you?
Call the Prayer Line 924-9979***

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**9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Worship broadcast live on Comcast Channel 189.
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Welcome to Worship at Church of the Palms

Whether you are a member or affiliate member of our church, a frequent attendee, or a first time visitor, we are glad you are here and invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship, growth, and service in Christ. If you would like to learn more about the Church, are considering how you might be involved, or are ready to make a deeper commitment through membership, we invite you to attend the next orientation on Saturday, August 20, 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Music and Arts Building. Please RSVP by August 14 to Laurie Haas, Director of Equipping, 924-1323 or email lhaas@churchofthepalms.org if you plan to attend, so that we will have adequate refreshments, packets of information and child-care, if needed.

Sanctuary Worship Aids - For your convenience, there are large-print copies of the Order of Worship and hearing devices that may be helpful as well. Packets containing worship activities designed for children are also available at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Campus Center. An usher can assist you with these needs.

Televised Worship Service

On Sunday mornings our 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary worship service is broadcast on Comcast Cable Channel 189. For those who do not have Comcast, you may watch the live video stream of our 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary worship service on our website, www.churchofthepalms.org. A video copy of the sermon is uploaded to our website the following Monday before noon. There is also an archive of sermons available on the website. DVD's of the entire service and CD's of the sermons are available for purchase by calling the Church Office.

Sermon Text - Copies of previous sermon text brochures are available in the Narthex in plastic tiered holders, the Campus Center, in the Administration Building and on the Church website.

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are trained, caring Christians who know how to listen and support people in crisis. If either you or someone you know would like a Stephen Minister's help, contact Dr. Bruce Hedgepeth, 924-1323.

In Memoriam

We extend our Christian sympathy to the families of Alger Zapf, who died July 22; and William Dawson, who died July 30, 2011.

The Garden @ Church of the Palms

Modern Worship – Ancient Truth – Spiritual Growth

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Around The Word

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

Songs of Praise & Thanksgiving

Greeting One Another

Proclaiming The Word

Scripture Reading

Prayers of Supplication & Intercession

Songs for Illumination

Proclamation

Pastor Ben Keller

Responding To The Word

Celebration of the Eucharist

Invitation to Discipleship

Response of the People

The morning offering and gifts may be placed in the watering cans near the entrance. For more information about programs and activities at Church of the Palms you may visit the “Welcome Center” just outside the doors.

*Communion in The Garden @ Church of the Palms is received via intinction. When instructed by the Pastor, please proceed to the center aisle. Upon reaching the Table, break off a piece of bread, proceed to the cup on the side on which you are seated, and dip the bread in the cup. Anyone needing to be served in their seat is asked to remain seated; you will be served where you are.

At 9:15 a.m. a Guide will escort children from worship who wish to go to Sunday School.

Worship Leadership

Pastor: Ben Keller (see back page)

Program Director: Steve Lenz (steverlenz@gmail.com)

Technical Director: Mike Bassett (mbass66@verizon.net)

Worship Leader: Megan Mooney (megmooney@hotmail.com)

Worship in the Sanctuary

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(9:15 a.m.) Susy Welsh
(11:00 a.m.) Tom Kollenberg

We seek your presence, holy God. Break through all our pretenses that we might sense the vibrant energy embracing the whole universe, yet know ourselves to be personally loved within the vast expanse of space and time. How amazing are all the miracles of life that surround us! We praise you. We thank you. We bow in awe before you. In this hour, we pray that our faith may be enlivened, our trust deepened, our commitment expanded to meet the challenges of our times. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Teach Me Thy Way, Lord” Gene Clarke
“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” S. William Flynn

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #356** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

***SENTENCES OF PRAISE**

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (together)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the commu-
nion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and
the life everlasting. Amen.**

WE SHARE

LIFE AT CHURCH OF THE PALMS

(Please sign and pass the red covered friendship pad at the end of the pew.)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (9:15 a.m.)

MUSIC MEDITATION "My Tribute" arr. John Wilson
Caroline B. Decker, Pianist; Judy Lutes, Organist

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" arr. Smith and Hustad
Caroline B. Decker, Pianist; Judy Lutes, Organist

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ezra 8:21-23, 31-36 (Pew Bible O.T. p. 427, 428)
Micah 6:6-8 (Pew Bible O.T. p. 866)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Counting on God to Show Up” Dr. Stephen D. McConnell

HYMN #403 (seated) “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Words of Institution
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Consecration
The Lord’s Prayer (together)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements
Prayer of Praise

WE GO

***HYMN #298** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
With thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the heart from shame,
That in this house have called upon thy name.**

POSTLUDE “An Early American March” arr. Jon Spong

*Congregation, please stand if able.

Worship Leaders in the Sanctuary Today

Dr. Stephen D. McConnell	Senior Pastor
Rev. Phil Bliss	Visitation Pastor
Judy Lutes	Assistant Organist

Call to Prayer

Join us on Sunday morning to pray for our pastors.
8:00-9:00 a.m. - Chapel Reception Room
Don't pray out loud? Then come and pray silently.
Questions? Contact Margarete Bliss, 359-6688

Sunday Mornings for Children - 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School Childcare

Nursery	Room 101
Toddlers & Two Year Olds	Room 103
Three year olds	See PreK below

Entering PreK through Entering 5th Grade

Kids entering PreK (formerly 3 year olds – see other option for them below) through entering 5th graders (formerly 4th graders) will start out with their parents in the worship service, at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden or 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Kids in the Garden will be picked up by a guide at about 9:15 a.m. and taken over to the Sanctuary to join the other children. Kids in the 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary service will be invited up to the front for a Children's Moment. After the Children's Moment, the kids will leave the service with the teachers for Sunday school. If your child wants to go to Sunday school, but does not feel comfortable going up front, they may join us as we are leaving. Dress is casual for Sunday school over the summer, as we will incorporate a lot of games and play.

Entering PreK and entering Kindergarten should be picked up in Room 114. As an option, entering PreK can be dropped off in Room 114 at 9:00 a.m. if you feel they are not ready for time in the worship service as outlined above.

Entering 1st through 3rd graders should be picked up in Room 205.

Entering 4th and 5th graders will be released to the courtyard for parent pick up.

Entering 6th graders meet in Room 208/210 for Sunday Morning Sabbath.

**Childcare for children Birth – 2nd Grade
is available from 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in Room 101**

“Sunday Morning Sabbath” for Middle and High School Students

9:00 a.m. - Get refreshed, refocused, and renewed in the Lord. High school and middle school students meet in Room 208/210 for worship and interaction before separating into age appropriate Bible study and discussion.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Seeds of Faith - Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Room 211

Ever wonder why read or study the Old Testament? Come experience the Old Testament in a new way as we study The Bible Jesus Read by Philip Yancey. Come look at the heart of the Scriptures that Jesus himself grew up on .. and that laid the foundation for everything that he ever said or did. For the next several weeks, we will look at the book of Deuteronomy - Moses' farewell speech to the Hebrews as he prepares God's people for what lies ahead and reminds them to remember what God has done and is now doing in the lives of his people (just like us).

Book Group - Sunday, August 21 - 3:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room

The Book Group is currently reading Crazy Love by Francis Chan. Here's a quote from the book's web site: "Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts — it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same." We hope you're intrigued, and that you will join us to discuss Crazy Love at our August meeting. We'll also be selecting our next few titles at that meeting - suggestions are most welcome (even if you can't attend). You can reach Suzanne Butsch at rando250@verizon.net or 706-7138, or Doris Kamphuis at rakamphuis@aol.com or 360-8474. We look forward to seeing YOU in August!

Men's Study and Breakfast - Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. At the Dutch Heritage Restaurant on Bahia Vista Street; just east of Beneva Road. We begin with prayer for one another and others, followed by Bible study on the Book of Acts. Led by Dale Vollrath.

Ladies Prayer Group - Tuesdays - Off Campus

Ladies! Looking for encouragement and prayer? Please contact Margarette Bliss, 359-6688 or Gaye O'Brien, 377-3480 for our summer schedule.

C.S. Lewis Reading Group Led by Dr. McConnell

Tuesday, August 9, 6:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room

We will discuss Letters 21-25 of The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. Newcomers are welcome.

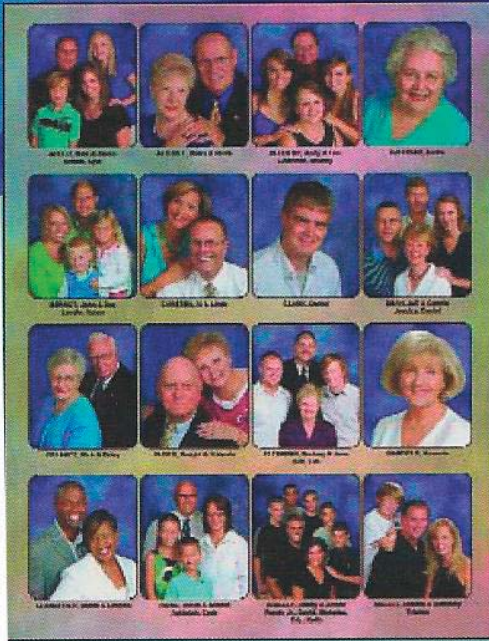


Companions in Christ - Thursday, August 18, 6:30 p.m. - Room 202

Companions in Christ is using Weavings: A Journal of the Christian Spiritual Life, as our resource. Each issue explores contemporary issues through articles, meditations, poetry, and fiction written by many of today's best spiritual writers. Table fellowship will begin at 6:15 p.m. (Bring your snack or brown bag "dinner") followed with reading discussion, personal insights and closing in prayer. All are welcome. For more information contact Fee Mercer, 371-8091 or email pmercer10@comcast.net.

Connecting our Families

with a new Family Album



We are creating a new directory!

Volunteers are needed for appointment sign-ups on Sundays between services and also to greet our families during photography. Would you be willing to learn more about this exciting project? Join us on Tuesday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel Reception Room. Contact Alberta Adams for more information, 924-8464.

World Communion Sunday

You are invited to participate in our Church's celebration of World Communion Sunday on October 2, 2011. Participants dress in native costumes of their national heritage (or a country on your choice) and are part of the processional for the Church service. We would love to have people represent the countries where our Church has mission projects (Haiti, Honduras, Iraq) and countries that have not been represented in the past such as Russia, Norway, Sweden, Spain, Italy, any country from South America and the United States. There are several costumes available for use in the music room or you can make your own. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the event, please contact Robin Sego at 322-0494 or Seg01@Juno.com. She will also be under the tree between services during the month of September.



ReHabitat Update

The Franklin and Zayas families have moved into the homes that our volunteers and others completed in early July. Dates for the dedication of these homes are not yet set and may be scheduled on the same day. Watch this space for news. Those of us still working this summer will be at two homes in Jordan's Crossing. Four homes have come back to Habitat for Humanity and will be repaired, re-painted, and updated with new fixtures for new families. Only three of the 79 homes built in Jordan's Crossing resulted in foreclosure - an excellent record compared to Florida and the nation. Our next project will be in September/October on a new home west of Tamiami Trail. Church of the Palms has committed one-half of the funds needed by Habitat for Humanity to construct the home.

New Member Orientation

Would you like to learn more about becoming a member of Church of the Palms? Please join our next New Member class on Saturday, August 20 from 9:00 a.m.-noon in the Music and Arts Building. This orientation, led by Senior Pastor Steve McConnell, will provide you with information about the vision and life at Church of the Palms, as well as some time to share in small group discussions. Please contact Laurie Haas, 924-1323 or email LHaas@churchofthepalms.org by August 14 if you plan to attend, so that we will have adequate refreshments, packets of information and childcare, if needed.

Summer Choir

August 14, will be the next Summer Choir opportunity to sing together to the glory of God in the 9:15 a.m. worship service. The Choir will also sing on August 28.



We rehearse at 8:30 a.m. in the Music and Arts Building on the morning that we sing and all are welcome to join.

Bee Attitudes

All women of the Church join us on Friday, August 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Campus Center. Barbara Zeller will present a Bible study review on the Beatitudes. We will enjoy a picnic lunch at noon, cost \$10.00. Reservations will be taken on Sunday, August 7 and 14 between services or call Alberta Adams, 924-8464. If you don't want lunch, please arrive by 1:00 p.m. Study books will be available for \$8.00 under the Tree on August 14.

Resurrection House "Replacing Homelessness with Hopefulness"

Since 1989 the Resurrection House has been an oasis in a sea of uncertainty and distress for the homeless in Sarasota. The homeless are always in need of the basics of life. In need at this time are: batteries (all), bug spray/wipes, rain gear, backpacks, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, shampoo, socks, jeans, shorts, and tee shirts. Especially needed are towels and wash cloths. Thank you for dropping off your donations in a bag or 'easy to handle' container marked 'RH' in the Administration building. Because of your response, COP is a "caring church."

Ushers Serving You in the Sanctuary in August

9:15 a.m. - Glynn Armitage, Jo Carter, Joe Cullen, Judy Falkenthal, Paul Gardner, Eugene Mangum, Bob and Janice McKee, Joyce and Robert Rietveld, Paul Ross, Tim Smith, Chuck Volkert, Darlene Yost, Co-Captains: Jim Matthews and Norm Yost

11:00 a.m. - Len and Carole Higley, Peg Pentz, Jeannie Chase, Elmer Compton, Jackie Garn, Bob Montgomery, Claire Steinforth, Jane Semidei, Peg Tonn, Co-Captains: Larry Mulkey and Carol Spangle

Visitation Ministry

Our visitation pastors regularly visit our Church members in the hospitals, rehabilitation centers and nursing homes. Please help us in this ministry by calling the Church Office, 924-1323 when any family member is hospitalized or transferred to a rehab center or nursing home. This will enhance our caring ministry.

Garden Prayer Ministry

The Garden is looking for 10-15 volunteers to be involved in our new prayer ministry. We will ask you to stay after one Sunday service per month to partner and pray with those who express a need to talk and pray with someone else. There are many who come to our services with various needs. One way we can minister to their needs is through prayer. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry you can meet today at the front of the Campus Center immediately following the service or contact James Leake, 232-1452, during the week.

Time Tithers Need You

The requests for Time Tithers' services are coming in, yet they are short handed due to winter residents being up north during this time. They strive to use their God-given gifts in service to others. Time Tithers are persons who have made a private and personal covenant with God, promising Him that they will, on average, devote at least one-tenth of their discretionary time to studying his Word and doing his work. Some of the projects they do to help and serve others in our community include installing grab bars (#1 job request), basic plumbing, Comcast box installation and minor home repairs. If you can lend a helping hand or if you are interested in learning more about becoming a Time Tither, please contact the Time Tither's cell phone, 927-8585 or email timetithers@gmail.com.



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Suncoast Communities Blood Bank

The Suncoast Communities Blood Bank will be at Church of the Palms on Sunday, August 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They will have two vans - one for whole blood and the other to collect platelets. With many regular donors gone for the summer the need is greater this time of year. Walk-ins are welcome or you can contact Don Schalekamp, 923-4803 or email djkampblooms@msn.com if you wish to set up an appointment. Thanks for your support of this vital Deacon ministry.

Fifth Annual Samaritan Counseling Golf Tournament and Church Challenge

Please save Saturday, October 15, 2011 for our annual golf tournament. The event is held at Heritage Oaks Golf and Country Club and promises a rewarding day of fellowship and sporting fun. If you would like to learn more and register for this event please visit our website at Samaritangulfcoast.com/events.html. If you are not a golfer and want to contribute to this worthy organization, sponsorship opportunities also abound for you or your business. For additional questions please contact Donna Dudash at Dudaek@verizon.net. Samaritan Counseling Services of the Gulf Coast is an accredited ministry providing a haven to those in our midst suffering from depression, grief, and anxiety. Church of the Palms began this important ministry which now partners with a multitude of churches in this area.

Job Resources... A Ministry To Help Job Seekers

Seeking employment alone is intimidating, lonely, exhausting and often depressing. Knowing this, the Job Resources ministry provides practical, emotional and spiritual assistance as we “walk along side” the job seeker on their journey to gainful employment. In addition to Church resources, the ministry has access to community agencies and services such as Goodwill, CareerEdge and the Suncoast Workforce Board that provide employment assistance and other life services. Job Resources is available to our Food Pantry patrons, our Church congregation and their friends and family. Each job seeker will be assigned a trained Guide/Coach who will be an encourager, listener, empathetic friend and resource guide. To learn more, call the Church Office, 924-1323 or e-mail office@churchofthepalms.org.

Sanctuary Flower Sponsorship

You are invited to select a special Sunday to designate Sanctuary flowers in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special person or event, or just in thanksgiving to God. Upcoming available dates are August 28, September 4, 11 and 18. Contact Betsy Morris, 924-1323 and send a separate check of \$40.00 payable to “Church of the Palms” and marked “for flowers” to her attention in the Church Office. After worship, your gift continues as the Sanctuary flowers become part of the Visitation Ministry. Your gift of flower sponsorship is both a blessing in our worship and reaches beyond to show God’s love.

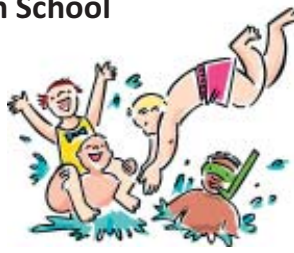
Volunteer Coordinator

We are seeking a part-time (20 hours/week) staff person in the front office who will be responsible for recruitment, training & scheduling of front office & bulk mailing volunteers as well as some administrative work utilizing MS Excel, Word & Publisher, etc. This position may expand over time to include additional volunteer coordination so if you have a heart for connecting people with opportunities to serve the Lord and are interested in joining the church staff, please contact Carolyn Wilson at 924-1323 or cwilson@churchofthepalms.org.

Middle And High School

Be-Cool Parties

Keep the summer fun going with a middle school pool party at the home of the Dimick family this Tuesday, August 9 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. High schoolers will gather for a tubing party at the home of the Jeffrey family on Friday, August 19 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Contact Derek Thompson or Moira Dunn to RSVP and for directions.



Student Ministry Fall Kickoff

Take a peek at the upcoming year in student ministry on Sunday, August 28 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Parents and students come up to Room 208/210 for food, entertainment, fellowship, and to get plugged into this year's ministries. We will be presenting the small group ministries for both middle and high school and introducing the 2012 summer trips. We will have a notary present to facilitate paperwork. Don't miss it! Contact Derek Thompson for more information.

Family Ministry Update

We have had a wonderful team of dedicated people leading the search for a new Family Ministry Director. They have been working hard behind the scenes since early May. In this time, they have reviewed 90 plus resumes, conducted a number of Skype interviews, checked references on several promising candidates and have also had face-to-face interviews. Please keep this team in your prayers and feel free to contact one of the members if you have questions: Allison Dietz-Ross, Jennifer Edwards, Paul Gardner, Jerry Hailey, Bruce Hedgepeth, Ann Jones, Bill Mallett, Anne McFall, Laura Rees and Nancy Vafeas.

Barefoot Sunday

All kids AND adults are invited to "kick off" their shoes on Sunday, August 28 and to go home barefoot. The shoes will be given to kids and adults who need this basic item, that most of us take for granted. We will also be collecting clothes for the Safe Children Coalition closet. Children who are neglected, abused or abandoned are put into Foster care with only the clothes on their back. They are allowed to shop for "free" from this closet. So as you clean out your kids' closets, please bring in the best and brightest hand me downs that you have, or buy something new to donate. Clothing donations (birth through 23 years of age) can be made anytime during the week to the Church Office, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and on Sunday mornings. We will have a drop spot under the tree on August 28. Thanks for helping the least of these.

For more information or to RSVP for Children's or Student Ministry events, please contact Derek Thompson, Moira Dunn or Laurie Haas, 924-1323 or email dthompson@churchofthepalms.org, mdunn@churchofthepalms.org or lhaas@churchofthepalms.org.

Remember in Prayer

MISSIONS:

An updated list of our supported worldwide and local mission partners and missionaries that appreciate our prayers is available on the literature racks, at the doors in the Sanctuary, the Campus Center, and the office. Our particular prayer request is to lift up our Prayer Anchor efforts for the country of Nigeria as we partner in prayer with Wycliffe Bible Translators and our Wycliffe mission partners, Dale and Carole Hoskins, who work with 24 of the 231 Bible-less people groups in Nigeria and Chris and Christie Winkler and family as they continue their work in Nigeria.

INDIVIDUALS:

Jerry Bell, Ken Brennan, Randy Butsch, Cheryleen Christie, Kim Dart, Janet Dere-mer, Peter DeVos, Edward Frazier, Pat Frazier, Evelyn Griffith, Rick Hager, Carole Harlan, Jim Hart, Karen Hildreth, Marvin Keyser, Sharon Piver, Sally Robbins, How-ard Rogers, Lee Stewart, Sophie Stewart, Robert VanDerzee, Hannah Vrancken

MILITARY:

Sgt. Adam C. Bell, Maj. Victor E. Bruno, SPC Ryan Chastain, First Lt. Rob Garner, Zachary Miller, First Lt. Tracy Prohoniak USMC, LCDR Michael Stokes, Lt. Jared Sweetser

Names may be added to this list or extended for a period of 30 days by contacting the Church Office. Prayer requests may also be submitted to the Deacons' Prayer List on the green prayer cards which are located in the back of our pews and the Sanctuary Narthex.

A Prayer for Your Week

Dear God and Father of Mankind,

Thank you for your loving care for your people in the time of Ezra and still today.

In our moments of anxiety and frustration, we feel your good hand upon us.

Around the table in communion, we gather to humble ourselves before you, O God; remembering the sacrifice of your Son and knowing we are lost without you.

As we come to you in prayer, we know you listen to our every plea.

Help us to seek direction from you for ourselves, our children, and your guidance in the use of all of our possessions.

In our busy world filled with competing demands on our time and talents,

strengthen our resolve to be diligent stewards of all you have given us;

that we will support and care for our church and its people in their needs.

In gratitude, we bring you our offerings, our love, and praise, forever, Amen.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today, Sunday, August 7, 2011

8:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Reception Room
8:45 a.m.	Childcare	Room 101
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	See Page 7
9:00 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
9:00 a.m.	Sunday Sabbath for Students	Room 208/210
9:15 a.m.	Seeds of Faith (Adult)	Room 211
9:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Later Service Childcare (ages 2-7)	Room 101
10:30 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary

Monday, August 8, 2011

10:00 a.m.	Joanna Circle	Off Campus
10:00 a.m.	Deborah Circle	Off Campus
5:30 p.m.	Palm Singles	Campus Center
7:00 p.m.	Worship, Music and the Arts	Chapel Reception Room

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

7:00 a.m.	Men's Study and Breakfast	Off Campus
12:00 p.m.	Children's Committee	Room 202
2:00 p.m.	Ladies Prayer Group	Room 211
4:00 p.m.	Middle School Pool Party	Off Campus

Thursday, August 11, 2011

6:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Team	East Meeting Room
7:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Rehearsal	Campus Center

Sunday, August 14, 2011

8:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Reception Room
8:30 a.m.	Summer Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
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Today in the Garden

The Rev. Benjamin Keller, Parish Associate

Pastor Ben is an ordained minister and serves full time as the Chaplain at Lee Memorial Hospital when not serving the Lord at Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church in Ft Myers, Florida or elsewhere. He and his wife Samantha have been married for nine years. Samantha is also an ordained pastor. They have two “children,” Monty, a seven month old Pembroke Welsh Corgi and, Lady, a nine year old domestic cat. Ben hails from Colorado and has a Masters of Divinity and is currently working on his Doctor of Ministry degree from Denver Seminary. Ben has boundless energy, a heart for the Lord, and he really knows how to cook (with an alias of, “Chef Ben”).

