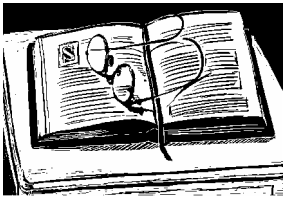


THE ROCK



Relying on Christ to illuminate our spiritual journey, we offer ourselves to God
Partnering with one another and
Creating ministries of compassion that transform the lives of those in need



July 1st:

2Kings 2:1-14; Psalm 77:1-20, Galatians 5:13-25; Luke 9:51-62

July 8th:

2Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:1-16; Luke 10:1-20

July 15th:

Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

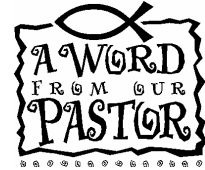
July 22nd:

Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 29th:

Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13

The Tattler
By Pastor George



Three cheers for the Catholic Church’s recent publication of “Guidelines for Pastoral Care of the Road.” Based on a practical application of the Ten Commandments, this official church document commends some faith-based “rules for the road” we ourselves would do well to respect--whatever “road” we travel. At the heart of this document lies the conviction that, “Those who know Jesus Christ are careful on the roads. They don’t only think about themselves, and are not always worried about getting to their destination in a great hurry. They see the people who ‘accompany’ them on the road, each of whom has their own life, their own desire to reach a destination and their own problems. They see everyone as brothers and sisters, sons and daughters of God. This is the attitude that characterizes a Christian driver.”

I hope that we will adopt this perspective and embody the behavior appropriate to it in the course of our journey together. These are exciting days for us, especially as we consider our search for a new staff person, define the focus of our upcoming Capital Campaign, and discern new mission opportunities for this resource-rich congregation. And, while many rightly wonder what the road ahead looks like for us, I want to remind us that as important as where we’re going is the question of HOW we get there. As we make our way toward the future God intends, I hope we will:

Pray for those involved in charting the course for this congregation and respect the proposals they present?

Consider not simply what we want but what’s best for the community as a whole?

Resist the temptation to rush to our destination and thereby miss signs of God’s guidance along the way?

“See everyone as brothers and sisters, sons and daughters of God...” and recognize our common call to “lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely...and run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...” Hebrews 12:1-2

Hit the road “running” with this song in our heart:

Guide my feet ...

Hold my hand ...

Stand by me...

Search my heart ...

while I run this race, for I don’t want to run this race in vain.

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Deadline for articles *hand-written/typed or e-mailed to us in Word format* is the *20th of each month*. Articles will be accepted after the 20th but will be published only as room permits. To assure that your article gets in the newsletter please have them to us by the 20th.

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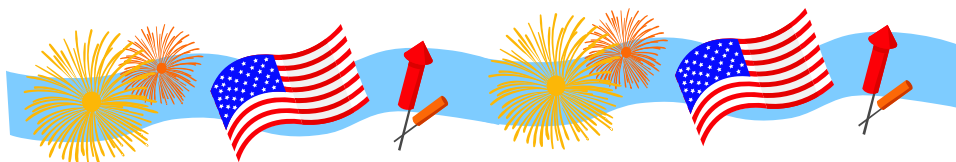
A Special Note of Thanks from Mary Jo Foster

Thank you so much for your prayers, your thoughtfulness, and your caring following my recent accident.

Love, Mary Jo



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER.....

Tiffany Shumack • DCE • 631-5459 • rpccecoord@bellsouth.net



Vacation Bible school is one of my favorite weeks out of the year. It is great watching the children get excited about the different activities each day. Isn't it great that children are excited to come to church and learn about God's word? This year the children dived deep into God's word at the Great Bible Reef. They learned great songs, grew their own coral garden, made some precious crafts, learned some pretty amazing Bible stories during opening worship, and got out lots of energy at recreation. Each day the children learned what it means to be a disciple. They learned that God's people care, help, trust, believe, and listen.

A huge thank you goes out to CanDe Waters and Denise Davis for putting this amazing week together. Lots of hard work and many long hours went into planning, but you can tell lots of love was also poured into the planning. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this week possible. We couldn't have done it without you!

Blessings,

Tiffany

New summer class beginning July 8th. All adults are invited to Calvin Hall for an opportunity to discuss contemporary issues, popular culture, Christian living, and spirituality. This class seeks to help Christians wrestle with difficult questions by stimulating informed conversation and reflection about living faithfully in a complex world. Class members will be the leaders of this class. If you would like to lead a lesson, contact Tiffany to sign up for a Sunday.



July 15th, 8 youth and 4 chaperones will be leaving for our annual trip to Montreat Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina. Please pray for safe travel and for all of us to have an uplifting and spirit filled week. The youth attending are: Matthew Allen, Michael Battista, Sarah Burley, Tiffany Henry, Luke Higgins, Tyler Rose, Robbie Trujillo, and Kindell Workman. The Chaperones are: Pastor George, Tiffany Shumack, Lynwood Everson, and Josh Burnham.

Even though it is summer, the CE committee is already thinking about the fall. We are putting together our list of Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, and Wednesday night volunteers for next year. We need lots of volunteers to make Christian education possible. Please take some time to prayerfully consider volunteering even if it is only once a month. Contact Tiffany if you are interested in volunteering or if you would like more information about our different programs.



TIME FOR PEACE.....



The Peace Columns are written in memory of Ruth Smith, a loving and caring advocate for Peace

What is being done for the cause of Peace?

The following are some of the Peace activities at this time.

Presbyterian Peacemaking Program - International Peacemakers are leaders who are engaged in peacemaking in their own areas of the world. They are invited by the Presbyterian Church (USA) to visit with Presbyterians in the United States and to help us understand the peace and justice concerns of others around the world. This sharing translates into a better understanding of the peace and justice issues in our own communities. International Peacemakers are available to presbyteries, synods, and Presbyterian colleges and seminaries for international peace through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Presbyterian opportunities help connect with other members of the worldwide Christian community. This year's international Peacemakers have been chosen because of their involvement in nonviolent ministries in their own countries. The United States Institute of Peace has a Peace making program that actively supports faith based organizations working the field of zones of conflict and post conflict environments around the globe. Services and support provided by USIP over the years have ranged from organizing special conferences and seminars to encourage inter faith dialogue to providing technical assistance to professionals working in the field on issues such as post conflict concerns.

We can be peacemakers. We can be one in love and spirit with all people. Peace prevails in our hearts and in the world. The role of Peacemaker applies to more than heads of state, religious leaders or professional mediators. We, too, are peacemakers right where we are. There is no doubt that as we allow God's peace within us to flow from us as gentle words and peaceful actions, we are peacemakers. We bless our fellow human beings in prayer, honoring each one as a creation of God.

We must not forget about the situation in Darfur. Senator Bill Nelson, in a "brief note" he sent to me wrote "As a member of the Senate Foreign Relations and Intelligence Committee, I recently traveled to Chad. There, I visited the refugee camps. Only by bringing attention and further pressure on Sudan and Chad can we end the genocide and suffering in Darfur. I was denied a visa into Sudan because of an attempt to restrict outside observers from focusing additional international attention on the humanitarian offenses in Darfur, I believe that if particular care and attention is not paid to those who are suffering the most, even though they may be in other countries, we run the risk of losing the values of justice upon which our own nation is based."

Peace be with you, Irene Ney

STEPHEN PROJECT.....

The Project this month has settled into a very cohesive routine with the Special Needs teams doing a terrific job of getting the lunches out. VBS proved to be somewhat of a challenge that the teams met with confidence and competence thanks to the Team Leaders. Because Calvin Hall was occupied for the week of 6/11—6/15 because of VBS the teams met in the library and completed their assignments for the Monday and Tuesday sessions. Your prayers that Labor Finders will need our services for Wednesday and Thursday once more are appreciated; those teams are ready when the call comes.

Gary Pearson
Project Coordinator

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS.....

At its June 12, 2007 Stated Meeting, the Session:

- Examined Officers-Elect Tim Burr, Helene Munson, Della Rose and Catherine Shelton, and with pleasure affirmed them for ordination and installation.
- Heard Trustee Chair M.E. Weissinger present the estimated costs for repairing, remodeling, and building RPC facilities, the estimate to be used for a Feasibility Study and Capital Fund Campaign in the Fall.
- Heard Pastor George present a draft proposal for his 2008 Sabbatical, approved the timeframe as June-August, 2008, with content details to be reviewed at its August Session Meeting.
- Noted with pleasure that the 2007 pledge amount reported was approaching the \$300,000 budget amount.
- Approved the Memorial Committee's recommendation for the purchase of children's band instruments and three sets of risers for performance use in the Sanctuary.
- Heard that the approved proposal for the property at 15 Valencia Road had been accepted with the transaction closing on June 11, 2007. The structure will be demolished by July 1.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.....

P.W. members are keeping busy this summer. Many of them helped with VBS. P.W. also prepared food for the VBS workers to enjoy juice and goodies.

- Abigail Circle is meeting during the summer. They are having dinner out on Circle night. Neat idea!
- Esther Circle was responsible for preparing lunches for Habitat workers each Wednesday in June. They made 20 sandwiches, provided drinks, chips, fruit, and cookies or brownies every time.

We are still collecting used stamps and soup labels for Duvall Home. The bulletin board next to Tiffany's office provides the information and the receptacles. We thank you for your cooperation in sharing in this project.

We welcome new members, and hope you will find the circle that best fits your schedule. The meeting times are as follows:

Abigail Circle - The second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Mary Martha Circle - Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 10:00 a.m. in Calvin Hall

Ruth Circle - Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in members' homes

Esther Circle - Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the members' homes.

For further information about Presbyterian Women, call Jeanne Ryder, Moderator, phone 632-0929.

Bob Rowe Scholarship

Applications for the Bob Rowe Scholarship are now available in the church office. RPC members or active youth within the church are eligible to apply if they are seeking a degree or certification in a post-high school program.

Applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by **July 15, 2007**. Completed applications should be delivered or mailed to the church office at: Scholarship Committee, Rockledge Presbyterian Church, 921 Rockledge Drive, Rockledge, Florida 32955

FELLOWSHIP CORNER..... What do you like to do?

We will be getting together to start planning for next years activities soon so we wanted to get the pulse of the congregation.

What kind of Fellowship activities would you like to see us do for next year?

Do not limit your ideas to just at church activities. Whatever they maybe please let any one of the Body Builders or Fellowship Committee members know. If you have E-mail you can send me the ideas via sm Mercer9@bellsouth.net . You can even write them down and leave it in the church office, attention "Fellowship". Remember we cannot provide activities for you if we do not know what you would like to do. So please take the time to let us know. I will be greatly appreciated.

Please look for the Fellowship Corner in next month's newsletter for a good reading- "What a feeling!"

Steve Mercer

SHARING CENTER.....

At the June board meeting it was noted that we have been given \$11,000 from the Cocoa Community Block Grant monies for our kitchen. This is down \$2,500 from last year and will not be received until October. As of now, all monies from last year have been expended. On that same note all prescription monies for the year have also been expended. We are seeing more and more clients in all aspects of the center. For Example:

June 18, 2007	Office	53 family units served
	Pantry	110 persons provided food
	Kitchen	177 meals served
	Shower	17 provided

And this is only a typical day. In the pantry, there is a need for any type of canned meat. Our supply is totally depleted. If the kitchen or prescription monies are something that appeals to your sense of generosity, a donation to those accounts would be greatly appreciated. You may send directly to Central Brevard Sharing Center, P.O Box 2716, Cocoa, FL 32923-2176. If you are out and about, come see us at the thrift store on Aurora Rd in Cocoa. I think you will be pleasantly surprised by all the upgrading that has been done. Again, Thank you for all your generous support of the Sharing Center! And remember the first Sunday of each month is Sharing Center Sunday.

Golf Tournament news includes the NEW, new date which is October 6 at the Cocoa Beach Country Club. Anyone interested in playing or sponsoring a hole, as well as providing any door prizes can see BJ Smith for more information.

Memorial Committee




The Memorial Committee would like to extend a heart felt thank you to those who have contributed to the Memorial Fund. Our most recent use of funds includes the approval for the purchase of musical instruments for our church children and sets of risers for performances.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact a Memorial Committee member:

Bill Mercer, Chair
Catherine Shelton
Linda Rose
June Milsap

Joan Meekins
Lisa Schnoke
Gil Bickum

JULY 2007

- Sun 1** 6:30-8pm Body Builders Ice Cream Social
2 10:00am Stephen Project; 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN (K); 7:00pm FIT (L)
3 1:00pm Stephen Project; 7:00pm AA (K)
4 **4th of July- Office Closed**
6 7:00pm AA (K)
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- Sun 8** 6:00pm Montreat Meeting (A)
9 9:30am PW Project Day; 10:00am Stephen Project; 5:00pm Corp. Adm. (L)
5:30pm Abigail Circle; 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN
10 1:00pm Stephen Project; 7:00pm AA (A)
11 6:30pm Lexio Devina; 7:30pm Choir
13 7:00pm AA (K)
14 8:00am Men's Fellowship (RCC)
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- Sun 15** 5:00pm Bell Choir (C)
16 10:00am Stephen Project; 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN
17 1:00pm Stephen Project; 6:30pm CE (L); 7:00pm AA (K);
18 6:30pm Lexio Devina
19 Special Gathering (C);
20 7:00pm AA (K); 7:30pm Audubon Society (C)
- Sun 22** 5:00pm Bell Choir (C)
23 10:00am Stephen Project; 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN
24 1:00pm Stephen Project; 6:30pm Worship (L); 7:00pm AA (K);
7:00pm Trustees (C); 7:00pm Deacons (P)
25 6:30pm Lexio Devina; 7:30pm Choir
27 7:00pm AA (K)
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- Sun 29** 5:00pm Bell Choir (C)
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2007 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE UPDATE

Please remember to continue your Pledge giving through the summer months and for all of 2007. We are getting closer and closer to the \$300,000 pledge goal for the 2007 Stewardship campaign.

Here is a summary of our Church member's 2007 Pledges:

Total Number of Pledges = **131**
Total Pledge Amount = **\$298,462**



Includes:

- Number of new Pledges in 2007 = **21**
- Number of Pledge amounts in 2007 that went up compared to 2006 = **67**
- Number of Pledge amounts in 2007 that went down compared to 2006 = **10**

Thank you for your continued RPC Stewardship support of all our church missions and programs.



TIME AND TALENT STEWARDSHIP OF THE MONTH

Have you turned in your Stewardship 2007 Time and Talent ballot in the boxes located in the Church Narthex, South Hallway, and the Church Office?

Each month we spotlight one of our wonderful church members who volunteered for the most church related activities on their Stewardship 2007 Time and Talent ballots.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PEG MESSINA!

Peg is our July 2007 Rockledge Presbyterian Church's Steward of the Month.

Just a few of her Time and Talents that she has volunteered for on her Time and Talent ballot are: Help with church grounds upkeep, Help with landscaping, Serve on Worship Committee, Decorate church for Christmas and cleanup afterwards, Bake or cook for special occasions, and answer the church office phones. These, along with *many* other important Talents, make Peg our "Steward of the Month". We appreciate Peg for sharing her wonderful talents through our Church missions and programs.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to **Peg Messina** for all her wonderful Stewardship.



Camp Geneva

Corbin & Cassidy Kramer attended **Central Florida Presbytery's Camp Geneva** on June 10-June 14. Camp Geneva is located in Fruitland Park, Florida. The Camp's theme this year was "Just Say So" which focused on everyone learning to share the good news of Jesus. The Mission Project included all the kids donating school supplies to ROW (Rivers of the World), which would be providing educational packets to children in Honduras. Camp activities included devotionals, worship services, singing, bingo, talent show and skits, canoeing, swimming in the lake and pool, a low ropes course, paintball, group recreation (games), arts and crafts, giant fuse ball and a super slipping slide. Corbin & Cassidy report that the experience was **exciting and fun!** They met many new friends from several churches and hope that lots of kids from RPC attend next year! A big thank you to everyone that kept Corbin & Cassidy in their prayers while they were at camp and to the church for supporting them with the wonderful experience!



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FUNNY BONE.....



Most of us have now learned to live with voice mail as a necessary part of our lives. Have you ever wondered what it would be like if God decided to install voice mail? Imagine praying and hearing the following:

Thank you for calling heaven.

For English press 1

For Spanish press 2

For all other languages, press 3

Please select one of the following options:

Press 1 for request

Press 2 for thanksgiving

Press 3 for complaints

Press r for all others

- I am sorry; all of our angels and saints are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us and we will answer it in the order in which it was received. Please stay on the line.

- If you would like to speak to:

God, press 1

Jesus, press 2

Holy Spirit, press 3

To find a loved one that has been assigned to heaven, press 5 then enter their social security # followed by the pound sign. (If you receive a negative response, please hang up and dial area code 666)

- For reservations to heaven, please enter JOHN followed by the numbers 3-16

- For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, life and other planets, please wait until you arrive in heaven for the specifics.

- Our computers show that you have already been prayed for today, please hang up and call again tomorrow.

- The office is now closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday.

- If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact you local pastor.

- Thank you and have a healthy day.

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Return Service Requested

Sunday Worship: 8:30am & 11:00am
Summer Worship Hours: 11:00am only

Church School for all ages: 9:30am

Coffee/Fellowship in Calvin Hall: 10:30am

