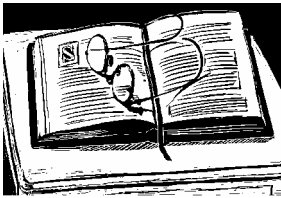


THE ROCK



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



September 2nd:

Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1-16; Hebrews 13:1-16; Luke 14:1-14

September 9th:

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 16th:

Jeremiah 4:11-28; Psalm 14; 1Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 23rd:

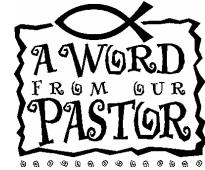
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 30th:

Jeremiah 32:1-15; Psalm 91:1-16; 1Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

The Tattler

By Pastor George



It's September, and the bells are ringing. Not just school bells but wedding bells, as well. Three couples will be married here at RPC within the next month, including our Christian Education and Youth Coordinator, Tiffany Shumack, and her fiancé, Israel Goggans on October 6th. In the course of counseling couples about marriage, I emphasize the vital role of communication and outline some helpful guidelines for healthy relating. Since all of us, whether we are married or not, have a responsibility to practice good communication skills in all our relationships, I commend the following covenant for our prayerful consideration and personal application, especially as it relates to matters of disagreement or conflict:

We will share our concerns directly with individuals or groups with whom we have disagreements in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus' teaching;

We will focus on ideas and suggestions instead of questioning people's motives, intelligence or integrity;

We will share our personal experiences about the subject of disagreement so that others may more fully understand our concerns.

from Seeking to Be Faithful: Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement

In essence, healthy communication depends on a mutual commitment to talk **to** individuals or groups not **about** them. Jesus models this kind of direct, face to face encounter throughout his ministry and makes it a vital ingredient of faithful discipleship:

So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Matthew 5:23-24

It just may be that offering ourselves to each other in open, honest, and respectful ways is the gift that God treasures most and the one the church needs most if it intends to bring honor to our Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, teach us how to speak the truth in love so that in all our dealings—even our disagreements—we will discover your will and grow in your grace. Amen.

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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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Special Notes of Thanks



THE TRUSTEES WISH TO THANK MOLLY MAIDS FOR THE VERY THOROUGH CLEANING THEY GAVE OUR KITCHEN IN JULY. THIS GIFT IS PART OF THE COMPANY'S POLICY IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OUR OWN DEAR MARCIA WILCOX THOUGHT OF US LAST MONTH WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY AROSE. THANK YOU FOR TAKING SUCH GOOD CARE OF YOUR CHURCH FAMILY!

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Please consider providing us your e-mail address so you may receive your newsletter via e-mail instead of postal mail. It will save our church on stamps and also the cost of paper. You can read your newsletter on the computer and print out only the pages you need to keep. Just e-mail Kim Trujillo kwtrujillo@hotmail.com and start receiving your newsletter on your computer (No waiting in lines at church to pick it up or waiting for the mail to arrive). Thanks for all your support!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS.....

At the August 14, 2007 Stated Meeting, the RPC Session

- Voted, with deep regret to support Karen Jolly's request to be removed as a "Candidate Under Care" for Ordination as a Presbyterian Minister. Karen's many talents and attributes, and her continuing contributions to the spiritual and social life of RPC, are prayerfully appreciated, and this Session wishes her well as she considers how best to use her talents and commitment to service.
- Approved the awarding of a gift certificate to Anita Waddington in recognition of her service and dedication as she retires after over 21 years in the church Nursery and other endeavors.
- Approved the expenditure of up to \$7,000 from Memorial Funds as requested by the Facilities Improvement Committee and recommended by the Memorial Committee for the refurbishing of Calvin Hall.

TIME FOR PEACE.....



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

This Peace Column starts in the Tradition of the Teachings of Sr. Francis of Assisi. As we read *The Peace Prayer* we can learn about peace and follow it to make it a part of our daily prayers for peace. This is something we can all do in the cause for Peace.

THE PEACE PRAYER

LORD, make me an instrument of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light and
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, Grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Peace be unto you! Irene Ney

Church Bulletin Blips

Ø The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth Into Joy."

Ø For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs

Ø Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER.....

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

It's a new Christian Education year at RPC! It is great to hear the sound of children, in the hallway, after a very quiet summer. I am excited about all the great new programs and new classes we have lined up for the fall. My prayer is that Christian Education attendance more than doubles this year. Check out all we have to offer this year.

CHAOS is here! CHAOS stands for Christ Has All Our Solutions. We hope CHAOS is a positive solution to our Wednesday night program. What makes CHAOS different from Kids Night? Instead of the children rotating to different centers, they will get to choose an elective. All the children will have the opportunity to choose from three or four electives every four weeks. These electives will be anything from Greek to sports to cooking to music to arts and many other fun activities. The three and four year olds will be in their own classroom where they will sing, play games, do crafts, and listen to awesome Bible stories. If you have a talent you would like to share, we would love to have you teach an elective. Call or email Tiffany if you would like to volunteer or have any questions concerning CHAOS.

All Teachers and Volunteers for CHAOS and Sunday school are invited to a **teacher training workshop** on September 8th at 10:30 a.m. This workshop will cover multiple intelligences, age characteristics, how to adapt curriculum to the learners in your classroom, asking good questions, and creative teaching methods. Lunch will be provided following the workshop. Please call me to let me know if you are coming so we have enough food for everyone. I hope to see everyone here on the 8th.

Middle school and high school youth are gearing up for the fall. Middle school youth (6th – 8th grade) will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Annex. Middle schoolers are invited to come a little early to help on the playground for CHAOS and eat dinner at 5:45. High school youth (9th – 12th grade) will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings in the Annex. Youth group is a time for fun, fellowship, mission opportunities, group building, and faith development with friends.

We have **two exciting opportunities for small group study beginning this fall.** On Wednesday evenings, at 6:30, Pastor George will be offering a study using the book "When there's no burning bush." When there's no burning bush emphasizes the ministry of all believers and will help you identify and understand your unique call in ministry. Lynwood Everson is offering another small group study, out of his home, using the book "Prayer and Temperament: Different prayer forms for different personality types." This study will help you identify your personality type, using the Myers- Briggs Type Indicator, and which form of prayer best suits your personality. If you have any questions regarding these studies please contact Tiffany, Pastor George, or Lynwood Everson.

New Adult Sunday school class. After great reviews, from this summer, the Christian Education committee decided to keep using The Thoughtful Christian as an adult Sunday school curriculum. This will take the place of our current Shorts class, but the studies will still be "short". The Thoughtful Christian has studies on topics such as items in the news, Bible and Theology, Popular Culture, Contemporary Issues, Spirituality, and Christian Living. If you can only teach or attend a lesson one Sunday, or a few Sundays then this is the class for you. Please contact me if you are interested in teaching and I will send you a list of topics.

Welcome back to a new Christian education year. God is good all the time!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN.....

Rockledge Presbyterian Women are going to kick off the New Year with a covered dish lunch on Wednesday, September 5th at 11:30. Come get your new yearbooks! If you are new to our church, please come and meet us. Choose the circle that best fits your time schedule. We have two evening circles and two day-time circles. This year the circles will be using the Bible Study - - ABOVE AND BEYOND: HEARING GOD'S CALL IN JONAH AND RUTH.

The Annual Bible Study Event will be Saturday, September 15th at First Presbyterian Church, Vero Beach. Reservation forms were in the last issue of the newsletter. If you did not save it, you may get one from the PW bulletin board, next to Tiffany's office. This is always a huge event. Registration includes lunch. The program always seems to follow the time schedule and the event ends at 2:00 pm. We hope to have good representation, as this is helpful and has never been disappointing.

Project Day will start up again after a summer's rest. We will meet at 9:30 am on Monday, September 10th. We meet in Calvin Hall and spend a couple of hours trimming stamps and soup labels, cutting out little dresses for the migrant children at Beth El Mission in Wemauma, and having a good visit with each other. Everyone is welcome.

Come join us in Calvin Hall for the covered dish luncheon. For further information, please call Jeanne Ryder, Moderator (632-0929).

STEPHEN PROJECT.....

The project went through some changes in August. We added two new team members for Thursday's team- Hal and Janet Neuhard and we lost the participation of two of the Tuesdays' group. Because of changes in the State of Florida funding policy the other two groups working Monday may not be with us soon.

We activated the Thursday night team to serve the missing days, now we have a split schedule for part of the month. Our Wednesday groups will be on call for service, when the Monday team is no longer able to help. We will need help for Wednesday Team session when the time comes. Please contact me (Gary Pearson; snookyhook@gmail.com or phone # 259-3411) if you would like to help on Wednesday afternoons. Thanks to you all. Prayers are requested for support.

Gary Pearson
Project Coordinator



Stephen Project Cost Summary July 2007:

9 service days with 270 lunches = \$205.45 @ \$.76 per lunch

Volunteer Hours for July 2007:

9 service days with 57.25 volunteer hours (average of .97 hours per volunteer)

NOTE: We serve 30 lunches per day 2 days a week!

SEPTEMBER 2007

- Sun 2** 5:00pm Hand Bell Choir (C)
3 **Labor Day - Office Closed** 6:30pm IPN; 7:00pm FIT (L)
4 1:00pm Stephen Project; 7:00pm AA (A)
5 11:00am PW Covered Dish Lunch; 5:30pm CHAOS (Kid's Night) (C)
6:30pm Lexio Devina; 7:30pm Choir
7 7:00pm AA (K)
8 8:00am Men's Fellowship (RCC); 10:30am Teacher Training
- Sun 9** 2:00-6:00pm Tiffany's Bridal Shower; 5:00pm Hand Bell Choir (C)
10 9:30am PW Project Day; 10:00am Stephen Project; 5:00pm Corp. Adm. (L)
Abigail Circle; 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN
11 1:00pm Stephen Project; 7:00pm AA (K); 7:00pm Session (L)
12 5:30pm CHAOS (Kid's Night) (C); 6:30pm Lexio Devina; 7:30pm Choir (K)
14 4:00pm Rehearsal Dingley/Steward Wedding; 7:00pm AA (K)
15 10:00 am Dingley/Steward Wedding
- Sun 16** 5:00pm Hand Bell Choir (C)
17 10:00am Stephen Project; 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN
18 10:00am Mary Martha (C); 1:00pm Stephen Project; 6:30pm C.E. (L)
7:00pm AA (K); 7:30pm Ruth Circle
19 10:00am Esther; 5:30pm CHAOS (Kid's Night) (C); 6:30pm Lexio Devina;
7:30pm Choir
20 Special Gathering (C)
21 7:00pm AA (K); 6:00-9:00pm Audubon Society Dinner (C)
6:30pm Rehearsal Molignaro/Sharkey Wedding
22 8:00am Men's Fellowship (RCC); Molignaro/Sharkey Wedding
- Sun 23** 5:00pm Hand Bell Choir (C)
24 10:00am Stephen Project; 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN
25 1:00pm Stephen Project; 6:30pm Worship (L);
7:00pm AA (K); 7:00pm Trustees (C); 7:00pm Deacons (P); 9:30am CT (P)
26 10:00am Ruby Wednesday; 5:30pm CHAOS (Kid's Night); 6:30pm Lexio Devina;
6:30 pm Social Concerns (L); 7:30pm Choir
27 7:00pm AA (K)
Sun 30 5:00pm Hand Bell Choir (C)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

For the following Gleaning events:

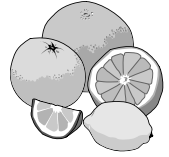


October 20th
7:30 – Noon

Sweet Corn
Zellwood

January 26th
8:00 – Noon

Citrus
Brevard County



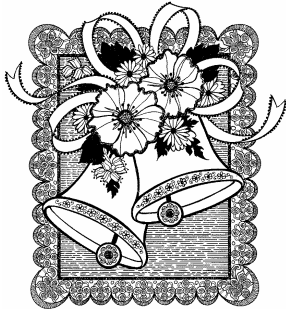
We participated in our first gleanings earlier this year when we picked citrus from groves in the North Brevard area. Ask any of our 30 volunteers, ranging in age from 12 to 75+, and you can expect to get rave reviews about their experiences. This year we've been asked to coordinate a day of gleaning in our area—so we'll need lots of volunteers in January.

But before then... We're going to try our hand at gleaning Sweet Corn in the Zellwood area. We will meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. and try to carpool together since we'll have a bit of a distance to travel. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the hallway bulletin board across from the C.E. office.

If you are unfamiliar with gleaning...it has its foundations in the Bible (see the book of Ruth, for example). After fruits or vegetables are harvested, there is still good produce left behind. Rather than just plow it under, people are allowed to come in and pick the remainder. Through the Society of St. Andrew the produce is shipped to Food Banks for distribution to the poor and hungry.

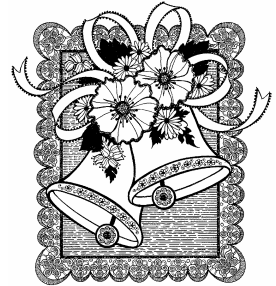
Ladies...you're invited!

Celebrate Tiffany Shumack's Pending Wedding Nuptials



At a Shower in her Honor

Sunday, September 9th
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Calvin Hall



**There will be games, snacks, gift opening,
laughter, and lots of fun!**

**RSVP by September 5th to
Cheryl Carson (453-5992) or Jane Rowe (632-2579).**

FELLOWSHIP / BODY BUILDER NEWS.....

We have activities planned for the rest of the year. Please mark your calendars!

Sept 16th -- Pot Luck Luncheon (Right after Church) to wish Tiffany Schumack well as she leaves RPC to get married.

October 28th – Fall Festival – Combine with CE and Youth groups - Time TBA.

October 12, and/ or Nov 7th -- **Possible** “Game Night/Ice Cream Social”
Will post dates in the bulletin as dates are confirmed.



Thanksgiving Breakfast –We all are busy on this day for dinner so we thought it would be nice to do a Thanksgiving Breakfast. We will be surveying the congregation to see if there is an interest in doing this breakfast. If you are interested please let us know.

December 2nd – Annual Progressive Dinner (5:30pm)



December 24th – Christmas Eve Service Cookies/Punch & Coffee

Coffee Hour

If you are interested in helping to serve coffee on Sunday Morning please get in touch with Linda Williams (631-6102). We could always use more volunteers.

We would like to express our thanks to Nancy Wingo and Cheryl Carson for their dedicated service to the Body Builders committee. They both have decided to take a well deserved break so we wish them the best. We still plan on tapping their ideas throughout the year so they are not totally free and clear. Thanks to you both!!

Fellowship Chair – Steven Mercer



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 CINDY MERCER...

Cindy is our September 2007 Rockledge Presbyterian Church’s Steward of the Month. Just a few of the Time and Talents activities that she has volunteered for on her Time and Talent ballot are: serve as Deacon, serve on prayer chain, prepare food for the bereaved, Glean with Society of St. Andrews, Sunday Service Greeter, help Body Builders with monthly activities. These, along with **many** other important Talents, make Cindy our “Steward of the Month”. We appreciate Cindy for sharing her wonderful talents through our Church missions and programs.



...A SPECIAL THANK YOU to **Cindy Mercer** for all her wonderful Stewardship....

FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT TASKFORCE

ESTIMATED COSTS OF REPAIRING, REMODELING, AND BUILDING RPC FACILITIES

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION MEETING WAS HELD ON AUGUST 12, 2007 (The following items were discussed)

I. NEW MULTI-PURPOSE 10,000 SQ. FT. BUILDING	\$1,500,000
II. REFURBISH EXISTING BUILDINGS	\$1,451,760



ROOF LOAN
LIFE SAFETY
STRUCTURAL
HVAC
PLUMBING
ELECTRICAL
CALVIN HALL SPRUCE UP (*)
REMODEL KITCHEN
REMODEL NARTHEX
REMODEL SANCTUARY
NEW PEWS
RE-PAVE SOUTH PARKING LOT
15% CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY FACTOR



III. FUTURE ACQUISITIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND	\$300,000
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IV. MISSION TITHE	\$325,000
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TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS	\$3,576,760
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(*) Memorial Committee approved \$7,000 for this project to be done immediately

BITS AND PIECES.....

Sharing Center Update

Again I want to compliment all those who so faithfully donate food for the pantry. You have no idea how much the Sharing Center uses.

For the year ending 6-30-07:

- The pantry served 10,177 clients with food valued at 356,195.00
- 46,515 meals were served through our daily meal service
- Financial Assistance (rent/mortgage, utilities, prescriptions, eye exams/eyeglasses) provided to 553 clients
- Client Assistance (clothing, furniture, household items, hygiene items, bicycles) provided to 5,572 clients
- Showers to 3,857 homeless clients
- Cold Night Shelter to 235 homeless clients
- Holiday meals to 311 families
- Christmas stockings to 287 children
- New shoes to 213 school children

Our daily meal service continues to grow and the need for monetary support is great. \$5000.00 from our operating funds had to be used until October 1st when a new grant will come in. Unfortunately, this grant is only for \$11,000. If anyone knows of grant monies the Sharing Center might look into, please call us at 631-0306. We are in the process of making a promotional video to be used so various groups might know a little more of who we are and the services we provide to so many. If you belong to a group and would be interested in having this video to show to your group, please contact the Sharing Center.

Remember the Golf Tournament scheduled for October 6th at the Cocoa Beach Country Club. All are welcome. You do not need a foursome to sign up. We would also welcome any who would want to sponsor a hole for \$100.00 or if you know anyone or place who would be willing to donate a gift certificate or other items to be used as door prizes. Please see BJ for forms or any questions you may have and come to visit the Sharing Center anytime. We will be glad to give you a tour of our facility.



Bob Rowe Scholarship Winners



Congratulations to the following Rockledge Presbyterian Bob Rowe Scholarship winners:

Daniel Bradford is attending Florida State University and pursuing a business degree.

Laura Bradford is attending University of Florida and studying for a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Landscape Architecture.

Kristin Trujillo is attending Palm Beach Atlantic University and studying Elementary Education with her eye on Teach for America after graduation.

Heather Williams is attending Valencia Community College and studying Graphic Design.

Kelsey Workman is attending Florida Gulf Coast University and working on a Bachelor's degree.

Kiley Workman is attending Wellesley College and pursuing a Bachelor's degree in French.

We hope these Bob Rowe Scholarships will make the cost of higher education a little easier.

Please continue to keep all the students in our congregation in your prayers!

TICKLE YOUR FUNNY BONE.....



Do you have a humorous story to share?

Everyone has a life story from their own past. We are looking for those stories that will give our Church Members a chuckle. Take a moment to write it down, type it on the computer, and send it to: The Rock Newsletter at the Church Office, or Kim Trujillo at kwtrujillo@hotmail.com

Church Humor

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water."
The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.
Smile at someone who is hard to love.
Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Smith sang "I will not pass this way again,"
giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church.
So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

Don't let your worries get the best of you, remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited - until you try to sit in their pews.

People are so funny - we want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

"A cheerful heart is good medicine" (Proverbs 17:22).

The Rock

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Return Service Requested

Sunday Worship: 8:30am & 11:00am

Church School for all ages: 9:30am

Coffee/Fellowship in Calvin Hall: 10:30am

