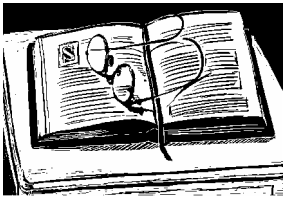


# THE ROCK



*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*



**August 5<sup>th</sup>:**

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9; Colosians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

**August 12<sup>th</sup>:**

Isaiah 1:10-29; Psalm 50:1-23; Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:32-40

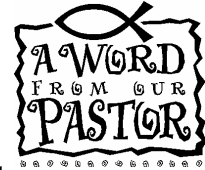
**August 19<sup>th</sup>:**

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

**August 26<sup>th</sup>:**

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 12:10-17

*The Tattler* .....  
**By Pastor George**



The first time I participated in a charity Fun-Run it took me two minutes to cross the starting line—yes, the *starting line!* I wasn't *that* out of shape, just far enough back in the pack that I had to wait for all the runners in front of me to start surging forward. Of course, those first two minutes were not wasted. Along with the other runners around me, I began jogging in place, anticipating the moment to move ahead.

Sometimes it seems to me as though we've been "running in place" here at RPC, waiting to cross the starting line and move forward with vital decisions and clear directions for our future. And that is NOT all bad! We Presbyterians are deliberate folk who tend to carefully consider our actions and opinions. I'm particularly proud of and grateful for the devoted members currently serving on our Christian Education/Youth Coordinator Search Committee and Facilities Improvement Task Force and Board of Trustees. They have been "running in place" in a very responsible way--considering options, pursuing leads, gathering information, praying for God's guidance.

Now, though, the time has come to cross the starting line and act on various recommendations that will help determine the future of RPC. In order to bring the congregation, "up to speed" on developments related to our upcoming Capital Campaign, care for our facilities, staffing needs, and my anticipated Sabbatical during the summer of 2008, a CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON AND "STATE OF THE PARISH" REPORT will be held on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from Noon-2:00 p.m. in Calvin Hall. Congregational leaders will make brief presentations concerning these key matters and invite questions and comments from the congregation. Please make every effort to attend this event.

In The Book of Habakkuk, God instructs the prophet to, "Write the vision; make it plain upon tablets, *so the one may run who reads it.*" Habakkuk 2:2, emphasis added. Having a vision is one thing, carrying it forward, implementing it by means of clear, concrete plans—running with it—is quite another. With confidence in the Spirit's prodding, I pray we will gather together and give ourselves to the adventure of discerning and doing God's will here at RPC!

See you at the starting line on August 12<sup>th</sup>!

# “The Rock”

is a newsletter for and about the Rockledge Presbyterian Church



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

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## Deacons

Cindy Mercer  
Marty Lampson  
Pete Aude`  
Tim Burr  
Carole McKinley  
Jeanne Ryder  
Leeta Witherspoon

Jane Rowe  
Helene Munson  
Della Rose  
Marcia Wilcox  
Joyce Roth



## Session Elders

Tom Milsap  
Bill Carson  
Bob Trujillo  
Kimberly Prosser  
Kim Workman  
Steve Mercer

Richard Waters  
Catherine Shelton  
Phil Rose

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## Special Notes of Thanks

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for all the prayers and cards. Thanks also to the VBS kids who sent me the beautiful crafts, they sure brought a smile to my face.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Clyburn

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Many thanks to the Congregation for the prayers and cards. They were very much appreciated!  
God Bless you all!

In Christian Love,  
Ginny Wright

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# TIME FOR PEACE.....



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

The United Nations General Assembly has set aside September 21 of each year as the International Day of Peace, a day of global ceasefire and non-violence when all nations and people are encouraged to honor a cessation of hostilities. In 2007 the World Council of Churches invites congregations worldwide to pray for peace possibly using the same prayers - on September 21 or the Sunday preceding it. We are all peacemakers, one in the love of God. As we pray for a world that seems clouded with conflict, we keep our minds in the truth of the Christ Presence of that One, living within each person as the light of Christ is the assurance of peace. A river of peace flows deep and strong and peace prevails in our hearts and in the world. In quiet moments with God, I give thanks for divine life, light, love, and peace within me. With hearts united we establish harmony and peace in our lives and in the world. Attuned to the love of God, we radiate peace. World peace is becoming a reality one heart at a time. God's love is uniting us in peace and we are expressions of peace and goodwill in the world. We bring peace to all situations as we bring them to God in prayer. We bless the world with acceptance, understanding and peace. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with God's love in our hearts. Let us be one in love and spirit with all people. Let peace prevail in our hearts and in the world.

Pray for peace,  
Irene Ney

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## SHARING CENTER NEWS

We now have a new P.O. Box due to the demolition of the old Post Office. Our new address is:

P.O. Box 3363  
Cocoa, Fl 32924-3363

Remember our golf tournament will be held October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cocoa Beach Country Club. Even if you do not play golf, you can support this event with gift certificates or hole sponsorship. See B J Smith for more information.

Here are some highlights of the ways in which the sharing center helps in our community:

- Kitchen - 36,000 meals: sit down lunch on Mon-Sat and carry out on Sundays
- Pantry - 10 tons of food per month
- Financial Assistance - rent, mortgages and utilities
- Children's Vision Care - eye exams and glasses through a private grant
- Prescriptions - through Brevard County Community Development Block grant funding
- Cold Night Shelter - when temperatures go below 45, we are open for the night
- Health Kits - health and hygiene items
- Household/Clothing - basic essentials and clothing provided. We also sell items to raise funds to support other programs

We always have need of volunteers, canned food, contributions (tax deductible) and donations of items in good repair. If you need items picked up from your home, please call 631-0306.

# CHRISTIAN EDUUCATION CORNER.....

Tiffany Shumack • DCE • 631-5459 • [rpccecoord@bellsouth.net](mailto:rpccecoord@bellsouth.net)

Fall is always such an exciting time for me. I love the anticipation of a new school year. The CE committee is gearing up for another wonderful year of class and programs that will help us all grow in our faith. I hope everyone else is as excited as I am about the fall and the new Christian Education year.

Before I move into the fall, I have a bit of sad news to share from the nursery department. After 20 plus years of ministry to our children, Anita Waddington (nursery attendant) has retired. Mrs. Anita (as the children called her) touched many of the Children's lives here at RPC. Children looked forward to going to see Mrs. Anita on Sunday mornings because she always made them feel at home. She will be greatly missed. Thank you Mrs. Anita for touching the lives of our children. The CE committee is currently deciding on how to best thank Mrs. Anita for her many years of service here at RPC.

The good news is we already have a replacement. The CE committee has hired Gina Figueroa to replace Mrs. Anita in the nursery. Some of you might recognize Gina from our preschool. Gina has been working at the preschool for 5 years. Through her work in the preschool, Gina has many hours of training through the Florida Department of Children and Families. She has two sons, Trey and Tyler who went to our preschool. Gina worked in our nursery during VBS so the children are already familiar with her. We are excited about the addition of Gina to our nursery staff. Please take a moment to stop in the nursery to welcome her.

**CHAOS is coming!!!** What is CHAOS you ask? Why are we calling Wednesday evening CHAOS? CHAOS means Christ Has All Our Solutions. We hope CHAOS is our solution to help make Wednesday evening a more spiritual yet fun evening for our children. CHAOS will be very similar to kids night, but with a bit of a twist. After dinner all the children will experience a Bible story time where they will get energized about God's word. After the Bible story children will have their choice of electives. Some Electives we are working on are scrap booking, cooking, jewelry making, soccer, and sign language. The children will choose one elective to take per month. Each month the electives will change creating new and exciting activities for the children to choose. We hope you will help us on Wednesday nights whether it be an elective teacher, a cook, or just someone to sit with the children. If there is a talent you would like to share with the children, please contact Tiffany at 631-5459 or Peggy Burley (CHAOS coordinator) at 254-1428. CHAOS will begin on August 29<sup>th</sup> with a party and the regular program will begin on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Rally Day is August 26<sup>th</sup> • 9:30 -10:30 • Calvin Hall**

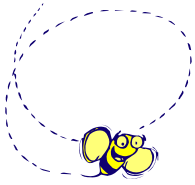
Everyone is invited:

- To celebrate the new Christian Education year
- To meet teachers and leaders
- To preview this year's opportunities
- To enjoy fellowship
- To celebrate, with the second graders, as they receive their Bibles

All ages will begin together in Calvin hall then children and youth will go with teachers and classmates to their respective rooms for activities. Adults will hear from teachers and class coordinators about this year's coordinators about this year's topics for study and discussion. There are many ways to nurture your faith at RPC – come and find out how!

# AUGUST 2007

- 1 6:30pm Lexio Devina; 6:30 CE Meeting (L)
- 2 6:30pm RPS Board (L); 7:00pm Stephen Project
- 3 7:00pm AA (K), Youth Lock In
  
- Sun 5** 5:00pm Bell Choir (C)
- 6 10:00am Stephen Project; 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN
- 7 1:00pm Stephen Project; 7:00pm AA (A)
- 8 6:30pm Lexio Devina; 7:30 Choir
- 10 7:00pm AA (K)
- 11 8:00am Men's Fellowship (RCC)
  
- Sun 12** 12:00 Town Hall Meeting with lunch provided; 5:00pm Bell Choir (C)
- 13 9:30am PW Project Day; 10:00am Stephen Project; 5:00pm Corp. Adm. (L)  
Abigail Circle; 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN
- 14 1:00pm Stephen Project; 7:00pm AA (K); 7:00pm Session (L)
- 15 6:30pm Lexio Devina; 7:30pm Choir (K)
- 17 7:00pm AA (K); 7:30pm Audubon Society (C)
- 18 6:00pm Spina Bifida (C)
  
- Sun 19** 5:00pm Bell Choir (C); 6-8pm Body Builder's Party (Information to come)
- 20 10:00am Stephen Project; 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN
- 21 1:00pm Stephen Project; 7:00pm AA (K); 7:00pm Cub Scouts (C)
- 22 6:30pm Lexio Devina; 7:00pm Social Concerns; 7:30pm Choir (K)
- 23 7:00pm AA (K)
- 24 8:00am Men's Fellowship (RCC)
  
- Sun 26** **RALLY DAY!!! Return to 8:30 and 11:00 Worship;** 5:00pm Bell Choir (C)
- 27 10:00am Stephen Project; 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN; 6:30pm Shawl  
Ministry (P)
- 28 1:00pm Stephen Project; 6:30pm Worship (L);  
7:00pm AA (K); 7:00pm Trustees (C)
- 29 5:30pm Kid's Night; 6:30pm Lexio Devina; 7:30pm Choir (K)
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- 31 7:00pm AA (K)



# WHAT'S THE BUZZ AT RPC?

If you want to be “in the know” about what’s going on at Rockledge Presbyterian Church, here’s your chance!

Get an update on the following topics:

- ❖ Building and Property Issues
  - ❖ Capital Campaign Plans
  - ❖ Mission Priorities
- ❖ CE/Youth Director Search Committee Progress
  - ❖ Pastor George’s Sabbatical

**Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>  
After Worship**

**In Calvin Hall**

**A Lite Lunch will be provided.**

**The program will feature brief presentations about the topics listed above, followed by a time for answering questions & receiving input**

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## STEPHEN PROJECT.....

In August the Stephen Project will reach 3 years old, a toddler whose continued growth has been steady up until May of 2007. An idea to service another labor pool office has surfaced. But a potential loss of the special needs groups because of restructuring of the state funded programs whose agencies oversee their activities may occur before the end of the year. If it does then we can activate the church staffed groups who will continue service on Wednesday and Thursday. A prayer that the economy improves and the labor pool can operate as before is as the Spirit leads. God bless you all!

Gary Pearson  
Stephen Project Coordinator

**DRAFT DRAFT DRAFT DRAFT DRAFT**

*Pastoral Sabbatical Proposal*  
**Rockledge Presbyterian Church**  
**July 2007**

This plan follows the guidelines of the Central Florida Presbytery's Sabbatical Policy and is based on Pastor George's original pastoral terms of call which provide for a three month sabbatical during the seventh year of ministry at Rockledge Presbyterian Church.

**Proposed timeframe:** June-August 2008

**Purpose of sabbatical:** To provide Pastor George and his family with an extended period for renewal, reflection, and re-commitment to the call to ministry at Rockledge Presbyterian Church.

**Plan:** Based on the biblical call to celebrate the Year of Jubilee (cf. Isaiah 61:1-4 and Luke 4: 18-19), this sabbatical will incorporate the four components of Jubilee:

**DEBTS ARE CANCELLED** My greatest debt is to my wife, Marcia, and son, John, who have both patiently and lovingly supported me throughout my ministry. I envision my sabbatical being as much for them as it is for me since ministry for us is truly a shared calling.

**To this end, therefore, I intend** to travel to Scotland with Marcia and John to attend the St. Andrew's Summer Institute of Theology and visit the Iona Community, a world-renowned center for spiritual renewal.

**Great for you, Pastor George, but what's in it for us?**

**First hand knowledge of how a community (Iona) puts its faith into practice and engages in a ministry of hospitality (a strength of RPC)...**

**Cutting edge insights which can enrich the Christian Education ministry of RPC...**

**PRISONERS ARE RELEASED** The image of being released suggests a degree of freedom I expect to exercise during sabbatical. Walter Brueggeman, writing about the biblical practice of Sabbath, argues that it encourages "the public assertion of a different identity."

**To this end, therefore, I resolve** to step out of my prevailing pastoral role in order to hone my skills and passion in the areas of spiritual formation (priest=spiritual guide) and leadership development (prophet=one who challenges God's people to honor God's will and encourages them to walk in God's ways).

**Great for you, but what's in it for us?**

**Having a pastor who will possess the spiritual, emotional, and vocational resources to help RPC face the challenges and seize the opportunities that will arise with the implementation of several important pending decisions (e.g. Capital Campaign, staffing, mission focus, relationship between the church and the Preschool)**

**THE LAND LIES FALLOW** Rest—soul restoring, mind inspiring, and body enhancing rest—will enable me to tap into my creative juices and stoke the embers of my passion for the Lord and his church.

**To this end, therefore, I commit** to a month of reading and reflection, beginning with some of the unread books in my personal library but also including some recommended reading in the areas of the missional church, small group formation, and congregational spirituality. I will establish a regular practice of reading/reflection which I can continue upon my return from sabbatical.

**Great for you, but what's in it for us?**

**A “Rev’d” up Pastor who can lead RPC with “energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.”\*  
Spirited and engaging sermons and creative approaches to programming.**

*\*cf. Ordination/Installation Question #8 “Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?”*

**CAPITAL IS REDISTRIBUTED** In anticipation of my sabbatical, I will work with the Session to educate the congregation about my sabbatical and motivate them to share in it.

**To this end, therefore, I expect** to train and equip members, based on the discernment of their spiritual gifts (specific spiritual gifts inventories are readily available), to assume some, if not most, of my pastoral responsibilities during my absence. Many gifts and talents at Rockledge Presbyterian Church would be identified and exercised in keeping with the “priesthood of all believers” and my commitment to advancing the ministry of the membership. In addition, a retired pastor or seminary faculty member could serve as pastor-in-residence so as to ensure leadership continuity and support.

**Great for you, but what's in it for us?**

**Identification of the as yet undiscovered and untapped gifts and talents of RPC members.  
The vital shift from being a congregation centered on a minister to being a ministering community.**

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- Continuation of current terms of call during the course of the sabbatical
- Additional sabbatical funds to help offset travel and study expenses
- Stipend for Pastor-in-residence

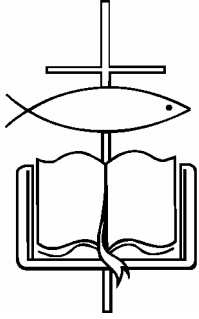
**Great for you, but what's in it for us?**

**Several national and denominational funding sources are available for sabbatical support which could substantially reduce anticipated costs.**

*“...I tell you the truth; it is to your advantage that I go away...”* John 16:7

“Pastor George, thank you for loving us enough to go away!”

Wise RPC member



# GO F.I.S.H.

## Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

### 9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

#### Wekiva Presbyterian, Longwood

The Central Florida Presbytery is offering its annual FISH (Fresh Ideas Start Here) educational ministry seminar in August. The event highlight will be special guest and worship leader, Rev. Jon Brown, the Coordinator for Christian Education/Mission Education for the General Assembly Council of the PCUSA. He will also lead two workshops during the event: “Embracing God’s World Through Mission” and “Gently Lead: Nurturing Spirituality in Children and Families.”

In addition to Rev. Brown, there will be three workshop periods focusing on topics of interest to virtually anyone in the congregation. Whether your interests lie with education and youth ministry, mission, evangelism, worship, and spiritual growth, there is something for you. Our own Tiffany Shumack and Cheryl Carson will be leading a workshop on the Festival of Nations Christian education event held in conjunction with World Communion Sunday last year.

The Christian Education Committee is offering a special bonus to anyone from RPC who chooses to attend-- to pay the \$15.00 registration fee. See Tiffany Shumack or Cheryl Carson for registration information. You must turn in your registration information by Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. An effort to carpool to the event will be made.

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## TIME AND TALENT – STEWARD OF THE MONTH

Have you turned in your Stewardship 2007 Time and Talent ballot in the boxes which are 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  
STEVE MERCER!**

Steve is our August 2007 Rockledge Presbyterian Church’s Steward of the Month.

Just a few of his Time and Talents that he has volunteered for on his Time and Talent ballot are: Help with fix-it jobs around the church, volunteer as Lay Leader, Serve as Fellowship Committee chairperson, member of hand bell choir, helps with Sunday fellowship hour, assists with church office computers and database. These, along with *many* other important Talents, make Steve our “Steward of the Month”. We appreciate Steve for sharing his wonderful talents through our Church missions and programs.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU to **Steve Mercer** for all his wonderful Stewardship.

## MONTREAT YOUTH



To our church family,

We are so grateful for all your support which helped make Montreat happen for us. It means a lot to us that you would give so much so we can have a spirit filled week up in the mountains of North Carolina. Your support gave us the opportunity to open the doors to God, and to grow in our faith. We also thank you for all the prayers while we were away. We felt good knowing that our community of faith was back home praying for us.

This week we had the opportunity to get to know the youth group better, meet new friends, and see old friends. It gave us some time to be refreshed and inspired. We learned some pretty cool songs from our music leader Colby Logan. We were also reminded of some old songs that we sung in years past. We were inspired by the words of our keynote and worship leaders Scott Phillips and Rodger Nishioka. One of the best things about Montreat is feeling comfortable doing goofy things in front of people and knowing that the only real goofy ones are the people not doing anything. We were able to be goofy with the help of our recreation leader Emily Dixon.

We will miss sitting on the porch of our dorm (Howerton hall) and enjoying the cool air of North Carolina. The guys will miss waking up at 6:00 am for a sunrise run in the mountains. We will also miss our small groups who helped us turn the pages this past week.

Thank you for helping to make all this possible. We had a great time!

Michael Battista, Josh Burnham, Luke Higgins, Kindell Workman, Tyler Rose, Sarah Burley, Tiffany Henry, Robbie Trujillo, Matthew Allen, Tiffany Shumack, Pastor George, and Lynwood Everson.

**Presbyterian Women in Central Florida Presbytery  
Presents  
The 2007-2008 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY**

**Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth**

The presenter will be Rev. Sandy Hill  
Pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Melbourne, FL

**Date: Saturday, September 15, 2007**

Place: First Presbyterian Church  
520 Royal Palm Boulevard  
Vero Beach, FL 32960

Schedule:  
9:00-10:00am- Registration and coffee  
9:45-10:00am- Music in the sanctuary  
10:00-11:15am- Bible Study  
11:15- 11:30am- Break  
11:30-11:45- Music by the Key of G  
11:45am-1:00pm- Bible Study  
Lunch to follow

**REGISTRATION**

Cost \$12 per person (box lunch provided)  
Make checks payable to: Presbyterian Women

Mail checks and response form (below) to: Rosemary Freas  
First Presbyterian Church  
520 Royal Palm Boulevard  
Vero Beach, FL 32960

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:** September 7, 2007 (late fee- \$5)

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-95, take the Vero Beach exit (147). Travel east on State Route 60 (20<sup>th</sup> street). Take a left onto Indian River Boulevard then take a left onto Royal Palm Boulevard.

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**Presbyterian Women CFP Bible Study Event    September 15, 2007    \$12.00 per person**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE**(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_

Nursery needed: \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no If yes, list name(s), age(s) of children and please bring lunch(es)

# The Rock

**RPC News  
August 2007**

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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**

