



# Lakewood Presbyterian Church

*Thinking with Christ's mind • Loving with Christ's heart • Serving with Christ's hands*



## A Message From Terry

*DEAR FAMILY CALLED LPC,*

In our denomination's publication, *Presbyterians Today*, Presbyterian pastor Dr. James Ayers answers questions about the Bible, the church, and the beliefs of Presbyterians. I was intrigued by a recent question that dealt with a concern that Rodney and I tend to deal with every week ... how long will the service last?

The question was: Why do Presbyterians believe that a Sunday morning worship service must be only one hour long? Other denominations within the United States and abroad do not put such a limit on how long church should last.

Dr. Ayers answer is worth repeating in full:

"A basketball game isn't over till it's over. A romantic candlelit dinner can continue till very late at night. A hike through the woods, an outing to a museum, and a trip to the state fair: we may have a rough idea of a schedule, but who really knows how long we'll spend? And in virtually all times and places, worship has been the same way. We continue until we're done; it takes however long it takes.

Television, in contrast, teaches us that life can be segmented into one-hour blocks. It works in a non-participatory fashion: something happens, I sit and watch, and then the program is over after an hour.

But sporting events, romance, and excursions are all highly participatory events; we are emotionally involved with them; and so we let them take however long they need to be complete.

Someone once argued with me against this point of view, suggesting that watching sports is non-participatory. I said, "Ummm, have you ever been to a college basketball game?" Because, of course, the fans there are fanatically involved in the outcome.

For many people, a church service functions like a

television program (although with less drama or interest). We attend under an implicit contract: I will pay a certain amount of attention, for one hour; and just as I'd be pretty perturbed if a television program ran over its allotted time, I'll feel the same way about a church program.

The solution is not to strive to be more entertaining than television. (Why would we want to be more appealing to non-participatory watchers?) Besides, no church could accomplish that. Think about the millions of dollars and dozens of people devoted to making the weekly TV episode entertaining.)

Instead, worship needs to invite us to full emotional and spiritual participation.

What would it mean for worship to matter to us as much as whether the power forward hits that game-winning three-pointer at the buzzer? Or to experience God's passion for us just like falling in love at a late night restaurant dinner? Or for our pathway through worship to feel like a challenging uphill climb that brings us at last to a mountaintop view that takes our breath away?

For many churchgoers, worshiping God means all of that and more. So they don't worry about whether it's over in exactly one hour."

And so, how about you? When we go a little past 12:00, are you put out because you're not going to beat the other churches in our area to the restaurants? Or do you feel like that power forward, or the romantic couple, or you've finally reached the mountaintop that takes your breath away? It's worth thinking about.

*WITH LOVE,*

*Terry*

February  
2011

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30	Sunday Service
9:45	Sunday School for Adults & Children
10:30	Fellowship Time in Benz Hall
11:00	Sunday Service

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Our deadline for item submission is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Email [Lori@lpcjax.org](mailto:Lori@lpcjax.org) or place articles in the newsletter mailbox located in the church office. Please include your name when submitting an article. Articles may be edited for content and length.

## WN @ LPC

Join us each Wednesday night for dinner at 6:00 and a program at 6:45. Watch the LPC Sunday News and This Week @ LPC e-newsletter for details. Why not give us a try?!

Children under 10 eat free; adult meals cost \$6.00. E-mail dinner reservations to [Suzanne@lpcjax.org](mailto:Suzanne@lpcjax.org) by noon Monday.

## Bag Ladies Celebrate!

On January 8, the Bag Ladies celebrated their third year of operation--and the delivery of 1,536 Welcome Bags to Hubbard House by the end of 2010! We also celebrated the start-up of new Bag Lady groups at Lakewood Methodist Church, Grace Episcopal Church of Orange Park, St. Giles Presbyterian of Orange Park, First Presbyterian Church of Fernandina, and our own Grocery Bag Kids, sponsored by Resurrection Episcopal Church! After filling another 45 Welcome Bags on Saturday morning, our ecumenical members (Presbyterians, Baptists, Episcopalians, and Catholics) shared a hearty Third Birthday Brunch and got energized toward reaching our goal of 2,000 Welcome Bags by the end of 2011.

See what miracles you have wrought by your support? We are all grateful and ready to tackle the year ahead.

The Bag Ladies (and Bag Dudes)

## ICARE Update

Micah 6:8 and Matthew 23:23 and 24 state that the Lord requires us *"to do justice, and to love kindness (mercy), and to walk humbly (faithfulness) with your God."* This is the biblical basis of our Justice Ministry Network.

As a congregation, we show faithfulness when we attend worship services. We show mercy by charitable acts of giving: blood donations, Sulzbacher dinners, food for UCOM, Welcome Bags for children at Hubbard House, youth mission trips, etc. In November 2010, LPC joined with twenty-three other ICARE member congregations to address the biblically stated justice requirement.

ICARE's purpose is to hold the political and economic systems accountable for fairness in our communities by powerfully addressing neighborhood and city-wide justice issues. If you attended one of the house meetings, or other informational programs about ICARE, you may be aware of their impressive accomplishments over the past several years. Last year, ICARE was able to implement a Restorative Justice program, an evidence-based program to reduce school suspensions and referrals to the Department of Juvenile Justice at two schools. Also, ICARE secured 2.1 million dollars to increase access to full-day quality early literacy programs for more than 400 four-year olds.

Since November, LPC had 54 people participate in house meetings, 17 attended the Community Problems Assembly, and 25 volunteered to be in LPC's Justice Ministry Network. Several members are participating in Research Committees to gather information and better understand the problems so that effective solutions can be found to make improvements in Education, Crime and Homelessness in Duval County (the three problems ICARE will address this year/chosen by a democratic voting process in which LPC participated.)

LPC's Justice Ministry Network will meet on February 24, at 7:00 p.m. in Benz Hall. Please attend to learn more about ways *you* can be involved. Other dates to put on your calendar: March 22 is the ICARE Rally and April 11 is the great Nehemiah Assembly--where we will exercise our power in numbers to win needed changes!

By: Carolyn Hillhouse-Jones, Justice Ministry Network (JMN) Team Member

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## Christian Education

We are so proud of our Young Disciples who did a great job leading in worship on January 23. They also made Valentine's cards for our DOVES (Dear Ones Visited by Elders). We are excited about our guest visitors this month, Neil and Pat Eisinger who will be sharing the lesson on the widow's mite and Bill and Dodie Walker who will be sharing Shaker music and talking about music and worship. If you would like to be part of our Young Disciples team or perhaps a guest presenter, please contact our Young Disciples Coordinator, Doris York, at 993-2117.

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February is the "LOVE" month so why not check out through Scripture the love God has for you and for all his people? We offer several different adult classes and are always open to offering others as well. If you are not currently participating in a Sunday School class, visit one to see what goes on. If you don't feel comfortable in that class, try another, or another, or ask for a specific type of class to be offered. If you do attend a class, why not try out a Bible Study in addition to your regular Sunday class? On Thursday morning at 10:00 a group gathers to study the Scripture that will be used in the sermon the following Sunday. The leaders of this class spend time researching and preparing so we look at Scripture and also get insights into when it was written and other details otherwise unknown. Our women's Bible Study meets on Thursday night at Robyn Momberg's home. Sunday classes include: Bible Discovery, Ambassadors, Grace Patrol, LPC Men's Reserves and the Pastor's class. We have Sunday School for 4<sup>th</sup>-Senior High School. All classes meet at 9:30 a.m. Preschool Sunday School begins at 11:00 a.m. and Young Disciples (K - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) dismisses from the Sanctuary after The Children's Time. For more information about any of these classes, please contact Associate Pastor Katie Robb through the church office, or Sunday School Superintendent, Doris York.

## The Youth Group at Lakewood

### Youth Group Regular Sunday Night Schedule 2010-2011

4:30 – 5:30	Middle School Youth Group
5:30 – 6:00	All Youth Music
6:00 – 6:30	All Youth Dinner
6:30 – 8:00	High School Youth Group

### Super Duper Bowl Helps LPC Youth!

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

The LPC Youth want you to get excited about Super Bowl Sunday! It is a day of consumption and celebration for our country. Americans will eat over 293,000 miles of potato chips, laid end-to-end that day. Please order a sub sandwich to go with those chips and some of your \$ will go toward our summer mission trips (order forms will be available in the Sunday bulletin and on Wed. nights). 151 million people will watch the game. Imagine if each gave \$1 what that could do to end hunger in this country. Please give \$1 or more when the youth are out holding soup pots on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> and that money will go directly to the hungry here in Jacksonville (via Sanctuary on 8<sup>th</sup> St.). LPC will also host the Souper Bowl of Caring Service Blitz for the Jacksonville area on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> so we can give equal time to watching the game and serving the poor. Check it out at [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org).

### Sweetheart Dinner – Friday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

The Annual Sweetheart Dinner is on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> with hourly seatings from 5:00-8:00. Come enjoy a spaghetti dinner served by LPC youth and see Benz Hall transformed into a romantic restaurant for one night! \$15 per couple benefits youth mission trips. Childcare provided for \$5 per child. Tickets for sale in Benz Hall before and after church starting Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, or by calling Scott and Chrissie Griffin at 226-2918.

- Feb 13 Youth help in worship/no lunch
- Feb 20 HS Movie Night/6:00-8:30 pm (MS @ Montgomery)

Montgomery Center is hosting two fun events for young people:

Man Camp retreat will be held February 20-21 from 3pm-3pm.

Visit [www.montgomerycenter.org/ManCamp](http://www.montgomerycenter.org/ManCamp) for details.

Middle School Girls Retreat will be held February 20-21 from 3pm-3pm.

Visit [www.montgomerycenter.org/GirlsRetreat](http://www.montgomerycenter.org/GirlsRetreat) for information.

- Feb 27 Regular schedule

Contact Pastor Katie at 733.8055 with any questions.

## Young Disciples

These K-3rd graders meet following The Children's Time during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Feb 6.

The Widow's Mite

Feb 13.

Music in Worship/The Hymnal & Best of the Best

Feb 20.

Music in Worship Part II/Anthems & Instruments

Feb 28.

Confession & Confessions of Faith

If you have questions, contact:

Paul Chrisman 737.1293

Doris York 993.2117

## Help LPC "GO GREEN"!

To receive a monthly newsletter by e-mail, contact [Lori@lpcjax.org](mailto:Lori@lpcjax.org), tell her "I'M GREEN", and you'll receive the full color version of the LPC Herald and be removed from the mailing list.

## Ministry News and Notes-December 21, 2010

### Examination of new officers:

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Officers of the Class of 2013, following their examination by the members of the Session.

### Administration:

Projected income should come in between \$515,000-\$520,000. Expenses were down for November. Cash position is very good, compared to the last two years. Ministry will be budgeting for a loss and will strive to engage the congregation to help make up for the loss. Ministries will be asked to help schedule "Special Giving" opportunities. Looking into the process of establishing Endowment Funds. Pastor Lucarelli will meet with the Preschool Director in January to discuss the future plans, mission and vision and financial impact of the Preschool. 2011 budget was brought to the Session for approval with a \$42,000 deficit. Staff Christmas bonuses were brought to the Session for approval.

Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the 2011 budget.

Motion made, seconded and carried to approve Christmas Bonuses for the Church Staff, totaling \$4,850. The amounts paid will be based upon salary and years of service, as recommended by the Administration Ministry.

### Building & Grounds:

Discussed 2011 budget goals; 2011 budget is \$25,000. New contract signed with Southland Republic Services for garbage disposal. New contract resulted in annual savings of \$3,103.08. Discussed elimination of "Work Day" dumpster; this expense in 2010 was \$1,090.59.

### Building Update:

The Youth Hut exterior renovations are underway. Completion of the pergola should be within the next three weeks. Kitchen renovations have begun. The existing refrigerator was donated to UCOM. Flooring will begin on January 21 or 22. The new dishwasher was installed. Sign pricing should be in by the end of December.

### Christian Education:

The ministry will make sure that there is better accounting and knowledge of restricted funds assigned to their budget. The Beth Moore series "It's Tough Being a Woman" will begin January 13, 2011. Middle School cookie baking event was held at the Chrisman's home. Cookies were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House. High School lock in was held with a theme of giving more, being open and being fully loving. Items were prepared for the homeless shelter.

### Communication:

Home page was changed to reflect the Christmas season. Local media contacted for coverage of the Live Nativity.

### Congregational Care:

Documents were provided to the Moderator for next year. Donations will be sought to cover cost of gift cards for college students. DOVES list was updated with two new members.

### Evangelism and Church Growth:

"E-Corner" blurb for January will be to make a New Year's "Evangelution." Ministry is responsible for February bulletin board.

### Outreach:

Moderator will meet with Treasurer regarding finances and donations to the ministry. ICARE meeting resulted in the following topics to be researched this year: Education, Crime and Homelessness. LPC will host the February 24 meeting of Justice Ministry Network members. March 22 is the Rally and April 11 is the Nehemiah Assembly. Blood Drive recorded 30 units donated. Mission Fair raised: \$127.50-Volunteers in Medicine; \$358.35-Bag Ladies; \$437.50-Marion Medical Mission; \$142.50-Sanctuary on 8<sup>th</sup> Street; \$392.50-Sulzbacher Center; \$115.50-Heifer Project; \$589.50-UCOM/Turkey Fund; \$179.50-IPODERAC; \$200.00-Salvation Army Stockings.

### Program:

Attendance: Service of Thanks-70; Dinner/Decorating Sanctuary-30, Youth Music and Joy Gift-106, Holiday Concert-80. Celebration of the Sanctuary (50 years)-83, Caroling-N/A. Eight people were recruited to help the Kitchen Krewe. The kitchen will be closed from December 17-January 5 during the renovations. December 22 dinner will be held offsite. Dinners will resume January 12, 2011. Recommendation made to change the ministry's name to better describe the function and purpose of the ministry.

Motion made to approve the changing of the Ministry's name from "Program" to "Family Life."

### Stewardship:

Christmas Joy Offering collected \$965.80. "Now What" campaign concluded with a large response from the congregation. Terry will follow up with families that did not pledge. Recommended that the offering from the Family Service on Christmas Eve be directed to Children's Ministries and the offering from the Candlelight Service be directed to the General Offering Fund.

Motion made, seconded and carried to direct the offering from the Family Service to Children's Ministries and the offering from the Candlelight Service will be directed to the General Offering fund.

### Worship:

Sanctuary was decorated on November 27. Decorations will be taken down after Epiphany on January 8 at 9:00 a.m. Important dates: December 19-Choir Cantata; December 24-Family Service at 5:00 p.m./Candlelight Service at 11:00 p.m.; December 26-One Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.; January 2-Communion.

### Unfinished Business:

Terry Lucarelli reported that the current sexton is interested in changing his schedule for two Sundays each month and we will need to research hiring a part-time employee for the other Sundays. A recommendation will be brought to the January Session meeting.

## THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE BLOOD ALLIANCE

"What is the HERO Recipient Benefits Plan? "Helping Everyday Recipients Offset medical expenses." The Blood Alliance's Recipient Benefits Plan is designed to provide limited financial assistance to blood donors, their immediate families, or specific designees who have received blood transfusions. It helps these recipients recover some of the blood processing fees. "These are (processing) fees The Blood Alliance must charge health care organizations for the collecting, testing and processing of the blood products to ensure the safest blood possible is available for local patients. The Plan reimburses 20% of the total processing fee for blood or blood products charged by The Blood Alliance. (Please remember this is not what the hospital charges.)

Lakewood Presbyterian Church has a Group Plan that provides benefits for members of our church. "This plan was created to give a percentage of those fees back to the donors who so generously give the gift of life, and to encourage the replacement of transfused blood so there will always be enough available for patients who need it." (That's why LPC has Blood Drives six times a year.)

From time to time, we have individuals within our church family who need blood transfusions for various reasons. Sometimes we don't know what the process is for seeking assistance. "The Plan can only be set up by an immediate family member, legal guardian or medical designee, Medical Power of Attorney, or the contact person for the group account." Claims can then be filed with The Blood Alliance for processing.

Brochures describing benefits and the process for filing claims are available on the table in the Narthex. We are pleased and proud our church is a member of The Blood Alliance, so that we are able to offer these benefits to our members and their families.

Barbara Jump  
Blood Bank Coordinator



*Building  
Dedication*

### Youth House Dedication!

Save the date for Sunday, March 6, at 9:45 a.m. when the construction will finally be over and we can celebrate the official opening of our new youth space at LPC! Sunday School classes will be cancelled and we'll have a reception, open house, and prayer center to dedicate ourselves to this space and the sacred activity that will occur there.

### Sanctuary Flower Calendar

\$40.00 First Sunday/\$55.00 All other Sundays

Feb 6	Kris & Ed White
Feb 13	Brenda Jo Schawang
Feb 20	Dottie Stone
Feb 27	Penny & Dudley Mendheim
Mar 6	Judy & Paul Chrisman Diane & Stan Pilinski
Mar 13	Meg & David Sheffield
Mar 20	Ellen Schubert
Mar 27	Connie & Rob Darner

Please note these changes:

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## Birthdays

Sandra Farhat, 2/1  
Dixon Stater, 2/1  
Marie Hall Larsh, 2/2  
Paige King, 2/2  
Bruce Roberts, 2/2  
Donalea Bush, 2/3  
Samantha Clapsaddle, 2/3  
Diana Allen, 2/4  
Mary Darner, 2/5  
Helen Beechler, 2/8  
Scott Wallace, 2/8  
Susan Keith, 2/9  
Isaac Ogunsan, 2/9  
Diana Quinlan, 2/10  
Sydney Braswell, 2/12

Fulton Woodlief, 2/13  
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Martha Hale, 2/20  
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Helen Taylor, 2/26  
Lisa Wetzel, 2/27  
Michael Barnwell, 2/28  
David Owen, 2/28

Caroline Palopoli, 2/28  
Allison Pound, 2/29  
Meg Sheffield, 2/29

## Anniversaries

Marilyn & Bruce Harrington, 2/2  
Joy & Chuck Atkins, 2/6  
Pat & Ed Bloebaum, 2/10  
Diana & Gary Decker, 2/21  
Janet & Will Dickey, 2/25

We thank God for you! If your birthday or anniversary is not correct, or if it is not listed, help us update our records by e-mailing Lori Appenfelder at [Lori@lpcjax.org](mailto:Lori@lpcjax.org).