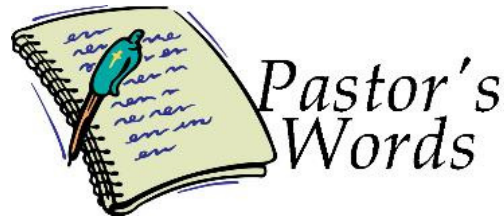




# THE GOOD NEWS



## Re-creation

As many of you know I just returned from a short period of rest and relaxation. Leanne and I were able to spend some wonderful time with our family and friends “up north”. May be its just me but it seem that on vacation I get more rest but I’m more tired. Eat more but am hungrier. Have more time to exercise but exercise less. Have more free time to pray, read my Bible and meditate but it’s the first thing that suffers. I guess the old saying is true we are creatures of habit or for me any way a creature of routine.

Often when we here the word routine we think boring, unimaginative or being stuck in a rut. However, there is nothing wrong with having a routine or structure. I think we all need it in some way or another. Kids need it to feel safe, secure and have a sense of belonging. We adults need it to help funnel our time and energy in a productive way.

This is all pretty evident when we look at creation. In Genesis the world is formless, empty and darkness was over the face of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the water. The world was in chaos with no purpose or direction. But God’s spirit entered the picture and gave it structure. Day and Night. Sky and Earth. Dry ground and Seas. Let there be in the expanse lights that separate the day from the night. Sun, moon and stars. The first routine! Six days God did the work of creation. God was busy creating routine and schedule. God was busy creating order for the world. God was creating daily life for us to enjoy, to give us purpose and direction. Is there a place for God in the midst of your ordinary life? Is God a priority in you routine and schedule? Have you made time for Him today?

Remember that routines and schedules are only as good as what you put into them. And that even God only work six days a week. Save some time for re-creation.

Dr. Bobby Dickerson

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Dear Members and Friends,

As fall approaches, we are looking at activities and programs and need your input please. First, **Worship On Wednesday**: Are you interested and will you attend? If so, when should it resume and what time? Please notify the church office by phone (924-8713) or by email at [office@benevachristian.com](mailto:office@benevachristian.com) by September 1. Thank you.

**Lunch N Learn** will be finishing its study of the Book of Romans Aug. 19. We will take a break Aug. 26, and Sep.2, and will resume meeting on Thursdays at 12:15 on September 9. We will announce the new study at a later date.

We are in need of a teacher for an adult **Sunday School Class** to be held during the 9:30 first service hour. If you would be interested in learning and helping others learn, please let us know of your interest in this.

Looking forward to hearing from you,  
Lisa Hatfield  
Secretary BCC



### **Hello Fellow Joshua's Men,**

Due to the special called meeting of Beneva Christian Church on August 2<sup>nd</sup> the Joshua's Men meeting was rescheduled. Not everyone got the rescheduled date so there was not a meeting in August. Frank Behrens had the lesson prepared and will present that lesson, A Miracle of Faith, at the September 13<sup>h</sup> meeting. The meeting will be held at First Baptist Church of Osprey at 7 p.m. At that meeting we will make a decision on the rest of the lessons.

## ***Deacons Serving Schedule July***

9:30 A.M. Contemporary Praise Service - Communion will be served up front

September 05		September 12		September 19		September 26	
1	Suzie Davis	1	Lisa Morrison	1	Tim Brodkorb	1	Kathy Bearden
2	Debbie York	2	Jeff Morrison	2	Alicia Brodkorb	2	Joe Bearden

Prep for 1st service and assist in prepping for 2nd service

10:45 A.M. Traditional Worship - Communion will be served in the pews rather than up front

September 05		September 12		September 19		September 26	
1	Kathy Bearden	1	Tim Brodkorb	1	Jennifer Fulkert	1	Nila Valvo
2	Joe Bearden	2	Alicia Brodkorb	2	Suzie Davis	2	Debbie York

## ***Elder Serving Schedule for August 2010***

Sept 5th Glenn & Jane Oneal Glenn call to Worship

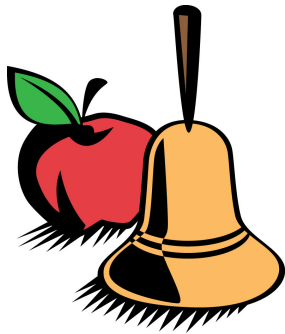
Sept 12th Sara & Frank Metheny Sara call to Worship. also visitation and serving communion to shut-in.

Sept 19th Garland & Patty Poquette Garland call to Worship

Sept 26th Greg Fulkert & Betty Freant Greg call to Worship



Sunday School Class is available for our youngest youth also at 10:45. Come Join US!!

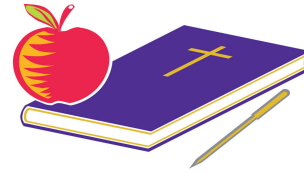


Dear Lord Jesus, bless the children and youth of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision and strengthen their wills. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Amen.



Remember Our Homebound Members

Wilma Kaulfuss  
Dortha Rogers  
Gail and Berta Boggs  
LaVerne Thomas  
Ruth Martin



The **Wired Word** class continues to meet in the CYF room at 10:45 on Sunday mornings. They discuss and study the most current events of the week and discover how our faith and the Bible intertwine. Be sure to give your e-mail address to Sara or Frank Metheny to be included in this exciting class.

**Cornerstone:** Bible Study class meeting in Fellowship Hall during second service.



Lunch and Learn  
Thursdays  
12:15—1:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

*Empowered by the Spirit, We will reach out in Love and Fellowship; Teaching and Making Disciples.*

## THE GOOD NEWS

The Newsletter is now being placed on the church's website. If you know of someone having trouble getting the Good News please notify the church office so we can print them a copy or email it to them,

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sep 01	Michaela Valvo
Sep 05	Travis Mason
Sep 05	Rhiann Brodkorb
Sep 05	JoAnn Kelly
Sep 05	Chance Beetham
Sep 07	Shirley Blanton
Sep 08	Cindy McDowell
Sep 09	Tanya Hart
Sep 09	Lisa Hatfield
Sep 11	Ty Beetham
Sep 11	Zack Beetham
Sep 11	Lionel Hart
Sep 11	Kailee Imperatore
Sep 15	Debbie York
Sep 18	Duane Wyatt
Sep 19	Jeff Morrison
Sep 21	George Oberle
Sep 22	Trippi Imperatore
Sep 23	Bob Walsh
Sep 24	Darrell Hill
Sep 25	Mabel Brunton
Sep 27	Greg Fulkert
Sep 28	Steve Creech
Sep 30	Mary Pat Spencer
Sep 30	Peter Harris



## IN NEED OF PRAYER

Family of Mary King  
 Patti Metrano — hip surgery  
 Walter Schneider — healing from long illness  
 Laverne Thomas  
 Pastor J.C. Steele with vision problems  
 Family of Sally Thornhill  
 Floyd Ryder — recovering from surgery  
 Sandra Weiss — neck surgery  
 Angie — pain relief  
 Lois Hall  
 Michael Gregg  
 Floyd Ryder's sister Robin  
 Al McDonald — heart surgery  
 Ruby Sievers — advanced colon cancer  
 Carole and Debbie Platt safe return to Sarasota  
 Mark Conklin

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### Congratulations to the Platt's

Oliver August Platt. - Born August 5th

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Due to illness Cluster Meeting was unable to be held as planned.

Presentation of the data will be done at a later date at each individual church. Please stay tuned for dates.

Sep 05	Joseph & Alice Stump
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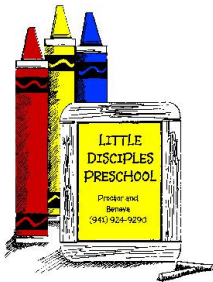
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# Little Disciples Preschool's Newsletter Article for September 2010

Welcome to our 2010-2011 school year. On September 2<sup>nd</sup> we will hold our Open House to kick off the school year. Now that our first days of school are finally here, we are VERY excited to begin making new friends and having lots of fun together.

Your Preschool Staff has seen a few changes since last months' article and I want to keep everyone up-to-date with the latest changes. Mrs. Lynn Plattner will be back in action at Little Disciples Preschool as a Lead Teacher as well as a classroom Aide. Additionally, Mrs. Paula Martin has received her teaching certificate (all A's!!) and will once again be a Lead Teacher. She enjoys her Aide position so much that she will also Aide for us on what has always been her days off these last 17 years! On a melancholy note, Mrs. Kimberly Noel has returned to the big school and we know how happy Ashton Elementary is to have her back. We will hope to see her here from time to time and will miss having her with us everyday. With these updates, here is:

### Your 2010-2011 Preschool Staff



Cindy M. McDowell.....	Director.....	21 <sup>st</sup> year
Paula Martin... Pre-K Teacher & Aide.....	18 <sup>th</sup> year	
Diane Christian.....	3's Teacher.....	15 <sup>th</sup> year
Susan Kohut.....	Pre-K Teacher.....	13 <sup>th</sup> year
Shelly Snider.....	2.5's Teacher.....	8 <sup>th</sup> year
Lynn Plattner....	2.5's Teacher & Aide.....	5 <sup>th</sup> year
Erin Sturm.....	Aide.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> year

A great big thank you in advance to our Preschool Parents for turning in all paperwork for your preschoolers by their due dates. Please also help us keep all files up-to-date with any changes to address, phone and cell phone numbers and preschool pick-up people...

September is sure to be a busy month. We will spend time getting to know one another and getting to know our preschool. We also welcome the return of "Chapel Moments" @ 11:45am each month, as presented by Pastor Bobby and other talented members of Beneva Christian Church. Parents are invited to attend and enjoy Chapel Moments.

Please note: As the school year opens, we are reminded of our Hurricane Season and how it may impact our preschoolers and their families. In the event the public schools are closed, Little Disciples Preschool will be closed. Listen to local radio and television stations for school closures and take appropriate measures to keep loved ones safe.

Once again this year the Teachers will enjoy some special time together with their class parents as they hold "Parent / Teacher" meetings throughout the month of September. The Mommies and Daddies will be taken on a virtual tour of many behind-the-scenes activities for both the children and their Teacher. Watch for more info soon.

**Here's wishing everyone a wonderful preschool year together!**

**Staff Tidbits:** Did you know that 6 of our staff are also Little Disciples Preschool alumni parents? Susan Kohut (both girls are graduates), Paula Martin (1 graduate), Cindy McDowell (1 graduate), Lynn Plattner (both children are graduates), Shelly Snider (1 graduate),



Recycling Fundraiser pays for EVERY item (in the categories listed on our price list) no matter what - regardless of whether or not the item(s) work and regardless of whether or not the item's model number is listed on our price list.

- **Cell Phones** (We pay up to \$300 per used cell phone)
- **Jewelry** (We pay the dollar highest amount for scrap metal jewelry)
- **Ink Jet Printer Cartridges** (Up to \$5 per used ink jet)
- **Laptops & Netbooks** (Up to \$350 per used laptop & netbook)
- **MP3 Players** (Up to \$50 per used MP3 Player)
- **Digital Cameras** (Up to \$10 per used digital camera)
- **Digital Video Cameras** (Up to \$25 per used digital camera)
- **GPS Devices** (Up to \$50 per used GPS device)
- **Radar Detectors** (Up to \$50 per used radar detector)
- **Kindle & Sony Book Readers** (Up to \$25 per used Kindle or Sony book reader)

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Please continue to bring your Aluminum cans to help support our Health Department Fund used to help people in need with medications costs. Cans can be dropped off behind the garage

## Beckham's Fundraiser

Don't forget about a great opportunity that awaits you at BECKHAM'S restaurant, located at 1272 S. Tamiami Trail in Osprey, (South Bay Plaza). They will send Beneva Christian Church a check for 15% of your bill for any Sunday noon meal. Simply enjoy a great lunch at BECKHAM'S after church on any Sunday, give your server the name and address of our church, and they will mail the church a check! Their food is delicious and served in generous portions, and the professional yet comfortable atmosphere of Beckham's will have you rushing back for more. We received a very heartfelt 'Thank You' letter from Beckham's for participating in their Brunch Cash back program, as it has helped them get through the financial slumps. They look forward to welcoming us to brunch throughout 2009, and I hope that everyone makes a trip (or two or three) to Beckham's! Take your friends and family along. Enjoy a great meal, great fellowship, and help support our church!!! ☩

## Property Report

For Jackie and I it's a gift to visit family and friends up north but in turn we miss our Beneva Christian family and friends here in Sarasota. I had tried to keep up with what is happening at Beneva Christian but as we all know it's nothing like being here.

We were back in town on Sunday and to get right back in the swing of things we attended the Tuesday called Board Meeting. Not to our dismay we heard the bleak situation of our organization but also the encouraging and willingness of Little Disciples and OUR Youth Group to financially help out. It was disappointing to see less than 20 people volunteer/attend this meeting. Volunteerism and contributing is part of being part of the team/family/organization that enables things to "work". What is "work" anyway... in my position at Beneva Christian it's the Property Department. I have asked, and others in my absence have as well, for help in keeping our "property" presentable, acceptable and most of all "pleasing to the eye" also called "curb appeal" which translates/invites curiosity and hopefully "visitors".

This Sunday as we drove in the driveway we found our entry sign had been hit and busted up a bit. In a quick effort to get our "curb appeal" back up we found one of the 4 inch posts had been broken, ie: no quick fix. I know a four inch by four foot post is not that much money but besides the money part we need a volunteer to reassemble and replant the sign. As well as the obvious sign issue I heard that during the week of rain that a leak in the Sanctuary building surfaced, we also know there is some leaking in Fellowship Hall.

Of course and more than ever at this time of year we need volunteers to help with mowing, trimming and blowing the grounds.

We all hope that it is not "too little too late". At this point all I/we can ask is our Lord help direct us to get more deeply involved in Life at Beneva Christian, in any way we can. Please feel free to contact me or the church office to discuss how we can help Beneva!!!

God Bless Beneva Christian Church  
Larry Hazen  
Property Chair



Remember  
Food Pantry is still open  
On Fridays and needs your  
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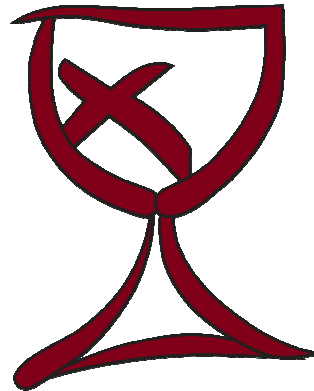
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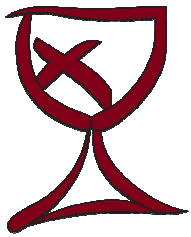
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## Officers June 2010— May 2011

Chair	Jon Hart
Vice-Chair	Frank Metheny
Secretary	Elsie McDonald
Finance Sec	Sarah Metheny
Treasurer	JoAnn Kelly
Trustee	Jerry Caress
Discipleship (Adult Christian Education)	To Be Determined
Worship	Sarah Metheny
First Impressions/ Outreach	Rick Cusolito
Property	Larry Hazen
Children and Youth (Ministries)	Olevia Fulkert Patti Poquette
Fellowship/Hospitality (Membership)	Jackie Hazen
Elders	Glenn and Jane Oneal Nila Valvo Betty Freant Frank and Sarah Metheny Greg Fulkert Garland and Patti Poquette
Diaconate	Nila Valvo Jeff and Lisa Morrison Susie Davis Alicia Brodkorb Tim Brodkorb Jennifer Fulkert (Jr. Deacon) Joe and Kathy Bearden





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## Sunday Schedule

Contemporary Service	9:30am
Adult & Youth Bible Study Class	9:30am
Traditional Worship Service (& Nursery)	10:45am
Adult & Youth Bible Study Class	10:45am

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## What Do Disciples Believe?

Like most Christians, Disciples affirm:

- ♦ Jesus Christ is the son of the Living God, and offers saving grace to all.
- ♦ All persons are God's children.

Beliefs and practices usually associated with Disciples include:

- ♦ *Open Communion.* The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is celebrated in weekly worship. It is open to all believers.
- ♦ *Diversity of opinion.* Each person is free to determine individual belief guided by the Bible, the Holy Spirit, study and prayer.
- ♦ *Baptism by immersion.* In baptism the old self-centered life is set aside, and a new life of trust in God is made possible. Although Disciples generally practice baptism by immersion, they honor other baptism traditions as well.
- ♦ *Importance of church unity.* All Christians should cooperate in ministry wherever possible, affirming each other as sisters and brothers in Christ.
- ♦ *The ministry of all believers.* Both ministers and lay persons lead worship, direct service opportunities and nurture spiritual growth.
- ♦ *Freedom of belief.* Disciples are called together around one essential of faith: belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. †



The chalice symbolizes the central place of communion in worship for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The X-shaped cross of the disciple Andrew is a reminder of the ministry of each person and the importance of evangelism.

## Discover . . . Spiritual growth

Every Disciples congregation meets weekly to worship God. In the warmth of God's presence and with the support of others, we grow in our understanding of God in ways that make a difference in our everyday lives.

Through worship that is both contemporary and traditional, we discover the joy of trusting and following Jesus.

Around the communion table, we acknowledge Christ's presence and remember the meal He shared with His followers. All believers are welcome at the Lord's table.

Whether you are a longtime follower of Jesus Christ, or curious about Christianity, the Christian Church can help you explore Christianity and learn about Christ. †

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