



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY LEADERLINE



SPEAKING FROM THE HART MISSION – WHY WE EXIST... MISSION – WHAT WE ARE



If there are more Presbyterians in Korea than in the United States... If there are more Christians in Africa than in North America... If on any given Sunday morning more than 50% of Americans are not in church... then where is the mission field?

Over the next 20 years, Florida's population will continue to skyrocket, to the degree that many experts project Florida will be the third largest state in our country. A significant percentage of that growth will come from baby-boomers retiring. However, baby-boomers as a group have not been church-ed like past generations. There is an immediate implication for us: how well do we reach out? Chances are your new neighbor will not be church-ed, and may not be a Christian. In the past 30-40 years, a majority of those who came to Florida to retire sought out a church home, and our churches have grown. The next generation will not seek us out, so we will have the wonderful opportunity to share faith and invite our new friends and neighbors into the reality of and a relationship with Jesus Christ that they have not known.

Where is the mission field? There are 37 mission outposts, if you like, called Presbyterian churches spread throughout this part of God's creation. In 2004, the churches in Peace River received 1,175 new members; 1,674 died, transferred, or dropped out. The exciting news is that in our midst there were 30 adult baptisms, baby-boomers or genXers who affirmed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Twenty clergy and educators spent two refreshing and inspiring days at Cedarkirk with Jill Hudson, author, conference speaker and recently-retired executive of White Water Valley (Indianapolis area). Her first presentation was on this new day in which we live and the new opportunities we have.

Why does Peace River Presbytery exist? Peace River's purpose is simple and singular: *connecting and supporting congregations to advance Christ's mission near and far*. Yes, we have a mission to support overseas which we will hear about at our May 26 Presbytery meeting when Marian McClure, the Director of Worldwide Ministries, will give the keynote presentation.

We also have missions to support in our back yard with hurricane relief (see page 2), Beth-El's mission in Wimauma and, potentially, Beth-El's expansion into Immokalee. We have a mission to help the ten vacant congregations in our midst find, with the help of the Committee on Ministry, the very best pastors available, those whom God has called. We have a mission to support Cedarkirk, where 1,000 children this summer will experience both the wonder of God's creation and the love of Jesus. We have a mission to support as we encourage young disciples growing in their faith through summer mission trips. We have a mission to support as we plant new churches and over the next nine months call organizing pastors for the Lakewood Ranch Fellowship and the Immokalee Road New Church Development, even as the Committee on Preparation for Ministry nurtures the five candidates under the care of this Presbytery.

What is a Presbytery? It is a network of congregations, elders and pastors (one part of the Body of Christ Universal) who:

- with our common Reformed Theology and our Presbyterian polity, support and encourage one another,
- join together in mission,
- work and pray so that God's mission near and far, and in particular in the 37 mission posts of our Presbytery, is carried on faithfully and effectively in the common ministries to which God calls us.

There is work to do... a mission to accomplish... even as we celebrate and worship, God is at work. Thanks be to God!

Graham Hart
General Presbyter

HURRICANE RELIEF CONTINUES

How Long, O Lord?

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

*How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?*

How long shall [these hurricanes] be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

and these [storms] will say, 'I have prevailed';

my foes will rejoice because I am shaken."

Psalm 13:1-4 NRSV

In times of stress and disaster we can quickly enter a "manic-depressive" state. As I work with people whose homes have been damaged, some slightly, some mightily, I witness these states of over exuberance and deep depression played out, time and again.

When a work team arrives and begins cleaning away debris, or demolition, or rebuilding the tattered remains of that once safe, secure dwelling place, the excitement builds and a relationship is born that often continues long after the work team has returned to their own safe places. I often remind work teams that half their work has been accomplished just by showing up! Anything else they can achieve is often secondary. A prime example of the ministry of presence as it unfolds in a disaster area.

But when the work team leaves, and especially when there is not another team the following week, to continue the task of rebuilding, emotions can run as deep into depression as they leaped into the great joy and expectation at the work team's arrival.

At present, we find ourselves in a time of high anxiety and deep depression. The past few weeks, though hectic, with seven work teams in three weeks, including weekends, were exciting. A great deal was accomplished and the lives of more than a dozen families and individual home owners were touched in special ways.

One that stands out is the woman, who though long in years, was even longer in hospitality. As the work team from South Carolina ended each of those two days of cutting down and cutting up the remains of several pine trees leaning over a corner of her home, she would tell them stories of her service in Vietnam as an Intelligence Officer in the Army, and shared with them the picture of herself and Pope John Paul II, taken when she visited her native Poland at the same time as the Pontiff.

Then there is the little man living a "cave-like" existence because of the damage to his home. His partner of 18 years now lies in a nursing home with the onset of dementia and he is so alone and isolated. But as each team worked on a different phase of repairing the roof on that house, he began to come out, and then to talk, and than to tell the story, first of the storms, and then some about his life. Last week as we finished the roof, he joined us on that roof in quiet celebration. Eventually he was able to tell that work team that he prayed for them and their safety every night.

For now the work is mostly silent. We have only one small work team until the first week in June and our clients are beginning to ask, "How long?" There are several small jobs that with a little work would complete the repairs on those homes. Several in the Port Charlotte area are in need of the finish coat of drywall cement, and then some paint and texture. There is also a home in Bonita Springs that had the roof replaced incorrectly by a contractor, who has since disappeared. Needed are some minor repairs to the shingles and wood fascia.

In most cases the supplies are already on site. We can provide supervision, training, and assistance where needed. If you, or someone you know has a day or two, or a weekend, or a week to give some time to these projects, please call the Presbytery Office at 941-426-8421 and ask for Vickie or Larry.

If you can help supervise a work team during the summer months, provide logistical support, assist in finding and acquiring building materials and tools, or act as advocate for a client, please contact one of your staff people at the Presbytery Office and let us help you become more involved in the recovery effort of your Presbytery and communities.

Peace,

Rev. Larry Graham-Johnson, Rebuilding Coordinator

Rev. Robert Alexander, former Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bradenton, brought a work team from his church, First Presbyterian Church in Union, South Carolina. Thanks, Robert!!!!



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Beth-El Mission Appoints New Director

Dave Moore, of Plant City, has been named Executive Director of Beth-El Mission in Wimauma. Dave follows the documented career of Evan Jorn, who has retired after eleven impressive years of guiding Beth-El. The Mission currently houses a Church, RCMA Academy and Day Care, Bay Area Legal Services, Hillsborough County School District Adult Education, and a weekly food pantry along with an off-site housing assistance program.

Beth-El has made a dramatic improvement in the lives of the local farm worker community. "I intend to focus on the day to day needs of the farm worker community and rely on the Lord to guide the mission in both daily life and with our vision," said Moore. He also noted that the mission has room at the present site for expansion, either of existing facilities or programs with new partners.

The Mission is primarily sponsored through the Presbyterian Church. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church based in Memphis, through the local Grace Presbytery was the original founder of the mission in 1976. Additional support is received from the Presbyterian Church (USA) by the Presbyteries of Peace River and Tampa Bay. Local grants, donations and volunteers help sustain the many and varied programs at Beth-El.

Moore intends to acquaint himself with all the sponsoring Presbyterian churches in the local twelve county area before turning to the future. "In our current economic climate, we can not afford to let any of our current donation levels slip as we must continue all existing programs", stated Moore. An ordained Elder, he brings to Beth-El a varied business background, and a deeply seeded faith. He received his B.A. from Florida Southern College in Lakeland and spent a year studying at the University of Madrid, Spain. Mr. Moore has participated in six international mission trips sponsored by the Presbyterian Church. He and his wife Kathe are members of the First Presbyterian Church, Brandon. He has three children and one granddaughter.

"We have many tasks to accomplish here at Beth-El. The Lord has ambitious plans for us in the continuation of His work. Through the many contributions of local community organizations and churches, we will continue the marvelous assistance to the farm worker community", stated Moore. He may be contacted at 813-633-1548 for additional details or donations.

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CONGRATULATIONS, ELAINE!



Elaine Barnett, Peace River Presbytery's Moderator in Nomination and a member of the Committee on Ministry, has been chosen as Educator of the Year for 2006 by the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators. She was selected from a membership of over 1,700 Christian Educators and Pastors serving four denominations: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Reformed Church in America, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and Christian Reformed Church. The Educator of the Year is the association's highest award. Elaine will be recognized for this honor at its annual Event to be held February 1-4, 2006 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Thornwell Welcomes New Florida Development Officer!

The Floridians for Thornwell office welcomes The Reverend Michael A. DeArruda as the new Thornwell Resource Development Officer. Mike is a member of Presbytery of Tampa Bay and has served the Presbyterian



Church (U.S.A.) in both mission and local church ministry settings. He brings skills in pastoral care, youth and family services, international missions, and church fundraising to his new call with Thornwell.

Mike is eager to meet Thornwell's friends in Florida, and equally eager to make new Thornwell friends, too! He is available to provide a program on Thornwell for your church or church group, to lead worship, or offer a Thornwell Minute for Mission.

Describing his new work at Thornwell, Mike says, "In these days of crisis for children and families, it is gratifying to know and support a community that is dedicated to offering hope and wholeness to those who are hurting. That community is Thornwell."

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

STATED MEETING

Thursday, May 26, 2005
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
5550 Sumter Blvd.
North Port

SAVE THIS DATE !

Saturday, June 11, 2005

There will be a gathering of Clergy and Church Leadership to intentionally look forward to the one year anniversary of Hurricane Charley.

Please watch for details which will be sent to all the churches in Peace River Presbytery.

“Effective Preaching in a Post-Modern World” Preaching Conference

July 7 - 9, 2005
Whitworth College Campus
Spokane, Washington

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Craig Barnes, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Dr. Charles L Bartow, Princeton Theological Seminary



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LEADERFEST 2005

OCTOBER 8, 2005
Pine Shores Presbyterian Church
Sarasota

Mark your calendars NOW!

We promise you won't want to miss this event!

UPDATE ON ACTIONS REGARDING ISRAEL/PALESTINE

Presbyterians continue to work actively with other faith communities in urging all parties in the Middle East to take advantage of the recent movements in that region to achieve peace with justice. At the same time, work continues to interpret the actions of the 216th General Assembly (2004) regarding Israel and Palestine.

“Steps Toward Peace in Israel and Palestine” was a churchwide training event related to the assembly’s actions. The event, held in Louisville in February, drew more than 200 Presbyterian leaders, representing all but one synod and more than half of our presbyteries. Workshops explored the history and realities of the region, Presbyterian theology and Christian Zionism, and ways to be in dialogue with people of other faiths and perspectives. Attendees returned home equipped and motivated to enable and enrich meaningful conversations on these issues.

More information is also available online at www.pcusa.org/pcusa/wmd/ep/country/isr-resource.htm. In addition, you may check out a video entitled “Can Peace Prevail: Inside the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict” by Dr. Paul Kirbas (Church of the Palms) from Peace River Presbytery’s Resource Center. Dr. Kirbas spoke at the April 7, 2005 Israel/Palestine Workshop sponsored by Peace River Presbytery.

The Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee (MRTI) has established six criteria by which it will examine the church’s investment portfolio. Four of the criteria focus on companies that support the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and Gaza, including the construction of Israeli settlements in those territories. The fifth criterion looks at companies that facilitate violence (by Israelis or Palestinians) against innocent civilians. The final criterion includes multinational corporations who support or facilitate the construction of the separation barrier (also condemned by the 216th GA).

MRTI is currently in the evaluation process and will present a list of companies to the General Assembly Council at its September 2005 meeting. If approved, conversations with corporate leaders will be held through the fall and winter months. Any decision about recommending divestment will only come if the dialogue cannot produce change. Such recommendations will need to be approved by the 217th General Assembly (2006).

MISSION

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?



The Youth of First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota, recently had the experience of seeing Micah 6:8 in action. On the weekend of April 9 – 10, they drove to Naples to spend the night at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. This was exciting because we have a close connection to the youth and their adult leaders there as we have participated in many activities together.

But the true excitement was that the Moderator of the General Assembly, Rick Ufford-Chase, was there! He ate pizza with us, played games, participated in a discussion group, and spent the night on the church floor with us. How many times in the history of the Presbyterian Church has that happened? This was most likely a first in Presbyterian history.

Sunday morning, we joined with other youth groups and drove to Immokalee to attend a worship service and informational presentation by the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) and Rick Ufford-Chase.

What did the youth learn?

- 1) Right in our “own backyard” are people who live in abject poverty. Farm workers, many of whom are migrant workers from Mexico, Haiti, Guatemala, and other Central and South American countries, are treated as less than human.
- 2) Farm workers have not had a pay increase since 1978. Have you had a pay increase in that time?
- 3) Farm workers live in deplorable conditions. We toured one of the labor camps and saw trailers that housed the farm workers. Many of these trailers had no furniture other than a few bare mattresses, no water and/or electricity, and were literally falling apart. The trailers often housed 12+ people in order for them to pay the rent - which is a whopping \$1,500 a month!
- 4) A typical day for a farm worker begins at 4 a.m. They meet in a parking lot in Immokalee to catch buses that take them to the fields. They work 12+ hours a day in the Florida heat. They must pick and then lift buckets of tomatoes weighing approximately 38 pounds. In order to make \$50 a day, a farm worker must pick two tons of tomatoes a day. This is about 100 buckets a day.

5) The CIW is a community-based worker organization made of up Latino, Haitian, and Mayan Indian low-wage workers who come together to raise wages, modernize agricultural labor relations, and to put an end to modern day slavery (which exists in Florida in our back yard.)

6) In April of 2001, the CIW spearheaded a national boycott of Taco Bell, the largest buyer of tomatoes from Immokalee, to make them more responsive to the abuse of workers. The boycott grew with the help of churches, such as the PC(USA), youth, community advocates, and college students who demanded that Taco Bell be removed from their campus until they offered a decent wage to the farm workers. The struggle ended this year in March! Praise God!

7) Taco Bell is offering a penny more a pound for tomatoes to farm workers. That translates into a new and improved salary of approximately \$7,500 annually. Farm workers still have no health benefits or retirement plans. To most of us, that does not sound like much, but it's one small step for our church.

The youth spent a day sitting on the floor of a community center in Immokalee, listening to men who talked to us from CIW. It was amazing that a poorly educated, disenfranchised group of people stood up proudly and spoke to a group of “rich white Gringos” without any fear. The hope in their future and their faith were inspiring. We ate a meal they had prepared for us, that was far better than what they can afford to feed themselves. There was meat on our plates. There was no cheese – and it was Mexican food! They could either afford the meat or the cheese and they decided on serving meat. This was a lot more food and a lot better food than these workers have on a daily basis.

I woke up the next morning after our trip with a sore back from sleeping on the floor at Vanderbilt Church, and from sitting on the floor all day in Immokalee. However, I woke up thinking that at least I didn't have to get up at 4 a.m., work a 12+ hour day, and come home to a rat-hole to live in. I have a whole new perspective on how good my life is, and how blessed I am. I hope you do too.

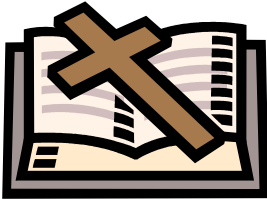
For more information on the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, visit www.ciw-online.org, or visit the website: www.pcusa.org/fairfood, for what we can do to help in the effort to promote justice in the world, as Christ calls us to do.

Submitted by Mary Brown,
 Children's & Youth Coordinator
 First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota

MISSION

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SARASOTA, FUNDS TRANSLATION

It took nineteen years, but on January 2, 2005, the Guaymi Indian group of Panama received the New Testament in their own language. When funds for the actual printing came up short, a donation from the World Service Committee of First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota helped cover the cost. A formal presentation was made at the open air site of the Guaymi Evangelical Church's annual conference. An estimated 4000 people made their way there by foot and horseback from their mountain settlements. A banner at the front of the meeting place declared "God's Word has Arrived in Our Language in Our Hands." The 50th Anniversary of the Church was also celebrated.



The translation was done by Bill Bivin, a member of Wycliffe Bible Translators, with Eustacio Prado, his Spanish speaking Guaymi co-translator. Bill's mother, Betsy, is a long time member of FPC. Bill, his wife Ann, and baby went to Panama in 1984 where they lived in a native style dwelling with the Guaymi for five years to learn and analyze their language. As translations progressed, they, as well as Eustacio and his family, moved into the Canal Area. In addition to the New Testament, Genesis, and several other Old Testament books have also been translated. Other projects include audio tapes of New Testament books, the dubbing of the Jesus film, a hymnal, and a book of children's Bible stories. To make all this come alive, another Wycliffe couple has developed a literacy program that has been underway for several years.

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REACHING COLLEGE STUDENTS

As a part of our efforts to continue ministry with our college and young adult population in *PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY*, the Mission and Justice Committee are hoping to connect our college age folks, who attend a school in Florida, with the Campus Ministry program.

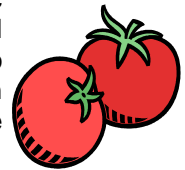
Please take a few minutes to send the following information to Jack Lewis (College and Campus Ministry liaison for Mission and Justice Committee) Peace River Presbytery, 5600 Peace River Road, North Port, Florida, 34287.

Name of student, name of Florida college, year in college, home address

Deadline: August 1, 2005

TACO BELL BOYCOTT COMES TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION

Through the dedicated work of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, its supporters - including Presbyterians - and Yum Brands executives, an historic agreement has been reached that will enhance the human rights of tomato pickers in Taco Bell's supply chain. On March 8, 2005, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly issued the following:



In accord with actions of the General Assembly, and at the request of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, I call upon all members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to immediately cease boycotting Taco Bell and to join with the CIW and Yum Brands in advancing the gains for human rights made today throughout the fast-food industry. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) commends Yum Brands for leading by example and laying the cornerstone for socially responsible purchasing in the fast-food industry. I am also grateful to Presbyterian congregations for the important role they played in making this day a reality.

The boycott began in 2001. The 214th GA (2002) voted to support the effort. The issues at stake were wages and working conditions for the Florida farm workers.

BULLETIN BOARD

TIME TO ORDER!

The Presbytery office is preparing bulk orders for the 2005-2006 Presbyterian Planning Calendar, the 2006 Mission Yearbook, and the 2006 Children's Mission Yearbook. The tentative prices, including shipping, are as follows:

Planning Calendars	\$6.50
Mission Yearbooks	\$8.00
Children's Mission Yearbooks	\$5.00

The prices may actually be lower, depending on the total number of items we purchase. We ask that orders come only from your church office, so individuals should contact their own church to request any of the items. The church will prepare an order and send it on to Bill Setchel at the Presbytery office.

DEADLINE FOR CALENDAR ORDERS: June 1, 2005

DEADLINE FOR YEARBOOKS: July 1, 2005



PRAYER MINISTRY AT PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY

Please continue to join us in praying for our churches.

Northminster, Sarasota	Week of May 1
Pine Shores, Sarasota	Week of May 8
Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Sarasota	Week of May 15
Siesta Key Chapel, Sarasota	Week of May 22
Whitfield Estates, Sarasota	Week of May 29
Trinity, Venice	Week of June 5
Venice, Venice	Week of June 12
First, Arcadia	Week of June 19
First, Bonita Springs	Week of June 26

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

First Presbyterian Church, Punta Gorda, is seeking to hire a **secretary/bookkeeper**. This person will provide secretarial services to the pastor, maintain financial records, and be the office administrator. Skills needed: computer, familiarity with QuickBooks, Word, and Excel. Benefits will be provided. This is a 35 hour week, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Phone: 941-639-1959

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217th GENERAL ASSEMBLY DATES

When you receive your 2005/2006 edition of the Presbyterian Planning Calendar, please note that we have been advised of an error. The correct dates for the 217th General Assembly are Thursday, June 15 through Thursday, June 22, 2006.

COOK COLLEGE OFFERS NEW DEGREES

Cook College & Theological School (CCTS) is pleased to announce its recent partnership with the University of Dubuque (IA). The agreement between the two institutions, each well-known in the American Indian community, affords CCTS the ability to offer three new, accredited, Associate of Arts Degrees: in Christian Ministry, in American Indian Studies, and in Liberal Studies. The College will continue to offer its certificate program in Lay Leadership, as well.



For more information, contact Vivian Winter Chaser (480) 968-9354, www.cookcollege.org

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



PARISH NURSE ADVICE

"May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month"

Even here in Florida we experience seasons, some years more than others. We definitely felt it was winter this year, cool rainy days and less sunshine. Personally I enjoyed it and the opportunity to get out the sweaters and jackets that I seldom use.

Spring is definitely here now, however, and we will be heading for the beaches, spending more and more time outside participating in sports and yard work. The point being: be sure you protect yourself and your largest organ, the skin, from the damaging sunrays.

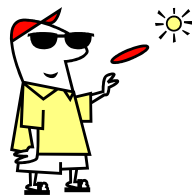
Tans do look great but let the fair-skinned and freckled beware!

Malignant melanoma is the most severe type of skin cancer. If you have a family history of melanoma, suffered one or more sunburns, even long ago when you were a child, or have multiple moles and freckles you are at higher risk.

Watch for these changes in moles when examining your skin:

1. Changes in shape and color of the mole
2. Change in texture
3. Change in size
4. Itching or bleeding around the moles

- Always use sunscreen of at least #15 when going out in the sun.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses.
- Wear long sleeves whenever possible.
- Limit your direct sun contact time to early in the morning or late afternoon when the sunrays are not as direct.
- Consult you doctor annually for a skin check and examine yourself regularly after you shower. Use a mirror to check your back or have someone else check it for you.



Yours in good health,

Donna Davenport, Parish Nurse

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bradenton

NEW IN OUR RESOURCE CENTER

(Available for check out June 1, 2005)

"AFTER BAPTISM: SHAPING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"
by John Burgess

After baptism, then what? The church will only live up to its potential by living in the Spirit.

"CHURCH HISTORY 101: An Introduction for Presbyterians"

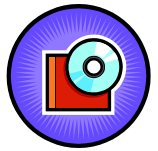
by William Ramsey

"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO AMERICA"

by David Dark

A Meditation on a God-Blessed, Christ-haunted Idea

"NOOMA": We can get anything we want from anywhere in the world, whenever we want it. That's how it is and that's how we want it. Still, our lives aren't any different than other generations. Our time is. We want spiritual direction but it has to be real for us and available when we need it. NOOMA short **DVDs** offer a new format. Short and concise, compact and portable with communicators who really speak to us. Each issue touches on issues we care about, issues we want to talk about. 10 DVD's in all, with a study guide, include: RAIN (Where Is God When It Hurts?), TREES (Why are we here?) SUNDAY (Why do we do the things we do?) NOISE (Is there a connection in our lives between all the noise and our inability to hear God?) and 6 more.



"PRO-ACTIVE PARENTING": 6 **DVD's** with study guide on the following subjects: Discipline for Children and Teens, Parenting 101, Communicating with Your Child, Single Parenting, Handling Anger in Your Home, Your Family Money

"NEXT DOOR SAVIOR": Max Lucado offers eight 20 minute sessions on the life of Jesus

IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT: John Ortberg

6 sessions with study guide

We have many additional resources!

Check it out on our web page

www.peacriverpresbytery.org

YOUTH NEWS

PYC

GOT YOUTH???? If you have one or more youth in your congregation who might be interested in serving on the PYC (Presbytery Youth Committee) of PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY for 2005-2006, we would love to talk with them. Please contact Candy Reid, Program Coordinator, at candy@peaceriverpresbytery.org with the name and contact information. We will do the rest.

MISSION TRIPS 2005

This summer unprecedented number of Peace River Presbytery youth and adults will spend a portion of their summer vacation in mission work in a variety of places. PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY will be sending the following groups:

MIDDLE SCHOOL URBAN MISSION CAMP AT CEDARKIRK. Up to 29 youth and adults will spend the week of June 5-10 working at Metropolitan Ministries in Tampa during the day and enjoying all that Cedarkirk has to offer when they return to camp mid afternoon.

WEST VIRGINIA SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP. About 30-35 Senior High and adult mission team members will go to one of the poorest areas of our country to work on local housing projects so that folks who have no other means of help can remain 'safe, warm, and dry'.

Many churches within our bounds will send out missionary teams, as well, to share the love of Christ. Palma Sola and Kirkwood in Bradenton are headed out west to work on the Chinle Navajo Indian reservation,. Vanderbilt in Naples will also head out west to work with Native Americans and also attend the Montreat West Youth Conference.



BE SURE TO TAKE LOTS OF PICTURES TO SHARE AT OUR AUGUST MEETING OF PRESBYTERY. WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS IN FUTURE LEADERLINES.

PLEASE KEEP ALL OF THESE GROUPS IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY SEEK TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST.



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May

1-3 Clergy & Educator Retreat, Cedarkirk
4th PW Coordinating Team, 9:30 a.m.
5th Records & Overtures, 9:30 a.m.
7th Orientation for Youth Mission Trips, 10:00 a.m.
10th Committee on Ministry, 9:00 a.m.
12th Board of Trustees, 10:00 a.m.
17th Evangelism & NCD/R, 1:30 p.m.
19th Mission & Justice, 9:30 a.m.
19th Interim Pastors Lunch, Noon
19th Clergy Study Group on PUP, Noon
19th PUP Video Dialogue Group, 1:00 p.m.
19th Theology & Worship, 3:30 p.m.
23rd Hurricane Task Force, 9:30 a.m.
24th LeaderFest Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
25th Capital Campaign Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
25th Stewardship Development Team, 11:00 a.m.
26th STATED MEETING, St. Paul's in North Port
30th OFFICE CLOSED, Memorial Day

June

2nd Records & Overtures, 9:30 a.m.
5th-10th Middle School Urban Mission Week
9th Board of Trustees, 10:00 a.m.
11th Gathering sponsored by the Hurricane Task Force
14th Committee on Ministry, 9:00 a.m.
16th Mission & Justice, 9:30 a.m.
16th Theology & Worship, 3:00 p.m.
18th-26th West Virginia Mission Trip
21st Evangelism & NCD/R, 1:30 p.m.
23rd Council, 9:30 a.m.
23rd Preparation for Ministry, 1:30 p.m.
28th LCD, 2:30 p.m.

