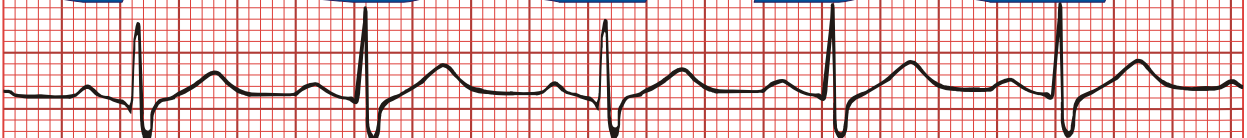


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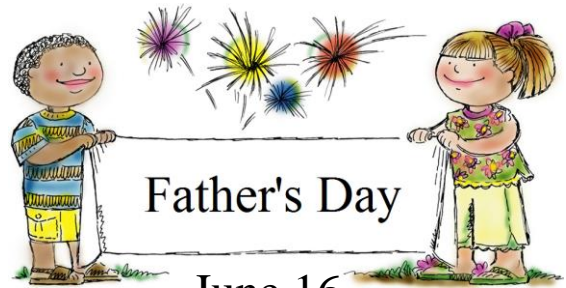
The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church

June, 2013



Group Prayer Time

June 2 following worship



Father's Day

June 16

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June 9

Birthday celebration
for April, May, and
June Birthdays

*Holy
Communion*

June 30



July 22 thru July 25
at FPC Co-hosted by
Cutler Presbyterian
Church

A Taste of the Hard Life

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. ²⁷

And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Romans 8, NIV

As I have been reflecting and praying about the future for Myra and me and the church, I was asking for the Lord's guidance for all of us and seeking guidance from his Word. I was caught off guard when I was rereading Deuteronomy 8. I have long recognized the time in the wilderness for the Israelites as a time of testing, but I had never understood all of the miraculous blessing poured out on the people as a part of that testing. Sometimes it is hardest to keep God's blessing in perspective. We start thinking that our goodness or abilities are the basis for the good things that come to us. Then we experience the "hard life" as God helps us to get our thinking back on track.

We have been blessed by God in our time together. I'm just starting to realize that many of the things we have experienced together that have not been generally recognized as blessing – really were God's blessing. Some of the things have been sweet like water and manna in the desert and some have not been so sweet like heat, snakes and scorpions in the desert. Yet everything we have encountered has been used by God to bring us to this point in our lives as his children.

God used all of the wilderness experience to provide a taste of the hard life to humble the Israelites and mold them into a people of blessing.

When I read about the plans God declared through Jeremiah (29:11-13), *"For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart"*, I get a spiritual sweet taste. And yet, I now understand more fully how some of that sweetness may come from what seemed bitter and badlands at the time.

As we move forward, let us embrace the fearsome, desolate, arid, snaky experiences as a part of the hard life, so that we may live well in the days ahead, as God continues to mold us. Just as the Israelites were never out of God's hand, but so often felt that they were on their own, even when God was pouring out sweet water from solid rock and sweet manna on the ground. Because they had never experienced water and manna in this form, they had problems accepting these experiences as blessing from God. We are all going to be experiencing new events in the near future, let us not forget God and his generosity in the midst of these new experiences.

We are challenged in 2 Chronicles 7:14 to not miss God's hand at work in our lives, *"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* We are in a preparation time for the future. Know that Myra and I will be praying for you and neither our love nor God's love will be withdrawn from you!



Sunday School 9:15, Choir practice 9:30, Worship 10:15

Flora Presbyterian Church

Birthday Nursery Scripture Readers Ushers

June, 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Katie Guenther
2 Shelby Moss Martha Clark Kris McGill Barbara Wilkinson Kent & Kathy King Group Prayer Time following worship 2 to 6 E.Clark open house	3	4 Sally Schmidt	5 Drew Scholl 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, First Assembly of God 6:30 PM Bible Study	6 Lain Ray Catron	7	8 Barbara Wilkinson 9:00 Clean Library 10:00 VBS meeting
9 Jason McCammack Joan Moss Martha Clark Tammy Moss Dale Snipes M & P McCammack Birthdays celebrated Session after worship 5 to 8 Sarah Wilkinson wedding shower	10	11 Patsy McCammack	12 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, Delphi Presbyterian Church 6:30 PM Bible Study	13 7:00 PM Lafayette Gr Banquet Gathering	14 Kris McGill Sarah Wilkinson Flag Day	15 Echo Hollis Hog Jog
16 Father's Day Martha Clark Ann Brown Bill Kearns M & P McCammack	17 Jaimee Ryan Jessica Lamberson Lauren Wilkinson	18 10:00 AM CPM 7:00 PM Mary-Martha Circle, Joan Moss hostess	19 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, Camden Baptist Church 6:30 PM Bible Study	20	21	22
23 Martha Clark Maureen Parker Joe Mayfield T. Langston, Susan Scholl	24	25 7:00 PM Logansport Great Banquet Gathering	26 Dan Reedy 8:00 AM Co. Pastor's Prayer Group, FPC 12:00 PM Lafayette Pastors Gathering 6:30 PM Bible Study	27	28	29 Brian McGill Tammy Moss
30 Communion Martha Clark Rachael Catron Doug MacLauchlan Kent & Kathy King 2:00 PM Aimee O'Connor Baby Shower						

Christian Education

by Tammy Moss

Sunday School

Please join us at 9:15 as we continue Bible studies that focus on understanding God's call.



VBS 2013



This year's Vacation Bible School's theme is "Hay Day" and will be held Monday, July 22nd thru Thursday, July 25th at Flora Presbyterian Church. Co-hosting with us is Cutler Presbyterian Church. Aimee Burns is the

director. Please contact Aimee or Tammy Moss if you are able to help. Signup sheets will be available soon.

Summer Small Groups



Please join us as we enjoy a small group Bible study each Wednesday at 6:30. We are meeting in various homes, so if you are interested please check with Tammy Moss for information. You can reach Tammy at 765-588-7408 or

tammy.moss@thefarmersbank.com.

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet June 18 in the Fellowship Room. Hostess, Joan Moss; Mission Yearbook, Laraine MacLauchlan; Horizons, Kathy King; Bible Study, Jane Bishop.

Thrift Shop Schedule for June

Fri., June 7 Libby Sparks sort/mark
Sat., June 15 cashier
Sat., June 22 Pat Beckham tags
Sat., June 29 sacker

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
FOR 15th AND 29th**



2013 BIRTHDAY OFFERING

The Birthday Offering, which will benefit the Westminster Neighborhood Ministries in Indianapolis, totaled \$441.00! It is a joy to be in a caring congregation.

Worship Committee

by Kevin Clark

Worship and Sunday School hours will remain the same time.

Sunday School 9:15

Worship 10:15

A big thank you to our choir for all their hard work during the year. Ideas for special music

would be appreciated.

We will be celebrating Father's Day June 16th.



Communion will be observed on June 30th.

Wishing everyone a safe and blessed summer.

Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower



after the review.

The session review on April 20th at the Lafayette Central Presbyterian Church was attended by Laurie Brower. No actions were required

Next session meeting will be June 9th following the service.



Congregational Life Committee

by Myra Compton

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On June 9 a birthday celebration for those in our church who have April, May, and June birthdays will be held during fellowship time (about 11:30). Worship is at 10:15 and then join us

in the fellowship room for birthday cake. Birthdays are a special time for all of us, and we want to honor all April, May, and June birthdays.



I will be resigning from Session at the July meeting because of Chuck's retirement. I had been on Christian Education Committee for many years. I really felt God leading me to try something new.

I have been so blessed by planning some new church fellowship times, such as the Palm Sunday breakfast, and celebrating birthdays every quarter.

Special thanks to Sally Schmidt who is also a session member on the committee. We also receive great help from Kent King and Dale Snipes. Please chat with them about how you can assist. The enthusiasm and love of this congregation has been such a blessing to me, and I will miss all of you!

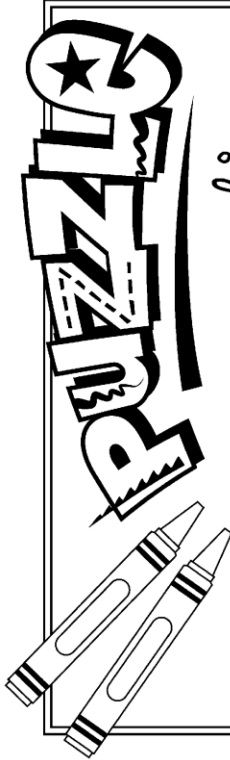


Sympathy is extended to the family of Jack Douglass who passed away Sunday, May 26, at Milner Community Health-Care in Rossville.

(Jenne McMillin shared the words to the following song which she wrote in 2006 for Father's Day as a memorial to her father.)



1. Oh Lord I thank you for my Dad
For all he means to me.
He mirrored You as best he could
So one day I would see
2. That You my Abba Father,
Like he on earth below
Both want what's best for me
In Your light and love to grow.
3. You both had hopes and dreams for me
I'm sure You had a plan
To finish this creation
You so long ago began.
4. My Dad and I will walk together,
Willing servants of our King
To walk each day as you direct
Or fly on eagles' wings.
5. Abba Father, Thank You so
For earthly fathers sweet and strong
Who guide us to Your holy throne
Where generations join in song.

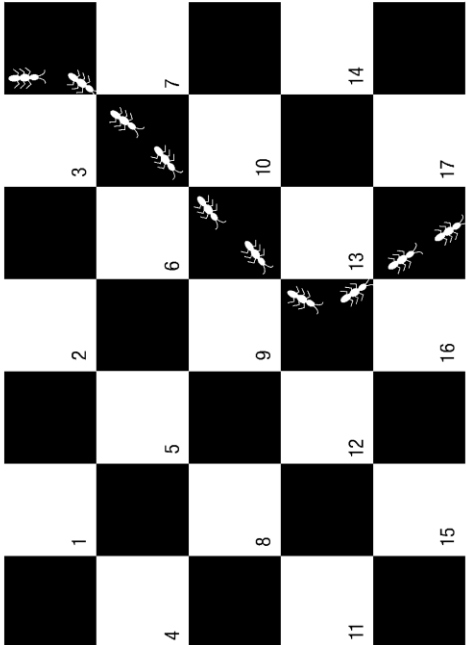


The ants go marching...

God created amazing insects and says we can learn lessons from their hard work.

Directions: Use the word bank below to fill in the tablecloth grid for ant-based wisdom from Proverbs 30:25, NIV.

4. of	6. strength	15. summer	12. food	9. store	2. are
8. they	3. creatures	5. little	7. yet	10. up	14. the
1. Ants	16. Proverbs	17. 30:25	13. in	11. their	



Answer: "Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer." Proverbs 30:25, NIV

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