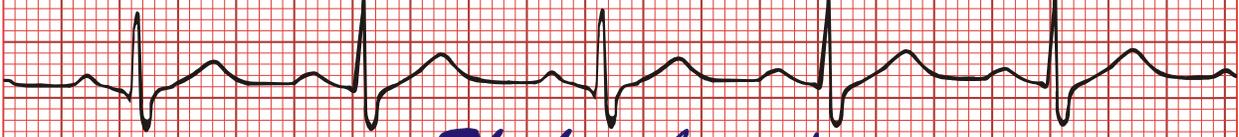


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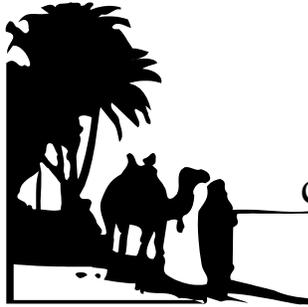
*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

August, 2013



**Group
Prayer Time**

August 4 following
worship



August 4
Oasis "Super 7"
cook-out and putt-putt
golf outing



HOLY
Communion

August 18



August 25
at
Flora Park

To Love Or Not To Love

Why Pastors Wear Robes

"People ask me why pastors wear robes," Rev. Charles Somerville of the First Presbyterian Church of Post, TX, told the *Post Dispatch*. "Last Sunday, during the children's sermon, I bent over to pick up something I dropped (I forget what). I heard a ripping sound as my pants, purchased four years ago, lost its seam all the way from the top down.

"I felt a sudden rush of air-conditioning as well as a new sense of self-awareness. The sermon rambled on longer than usual, probably because I was pondering when I might take the robe off. I wore it home with the firm conviction that wearing a robe is a good thing for a minister.

The items on this page are from the PULSE from shortly after I came to Flora. Do we still struggle with certain aspects of our worship service?

Sometimes it even seems that "true" love is hardest to practice in the church. The following quote speaks to an issue on which I have heard various opinions. I hope it gives some food for thought. I don't know who wrote it, but I appreciated the insights.

"It's controversial to include hand clapping in a worship service - at least it is in some congregations. There are many traditional churches that consider themselves 'freed up' because they do allow clapping in their worship setting. There are others who don't want it, don't accept it, and don't understand how anyone else could.

"This may come as a surprise to some, but clapping our hands in worship is Biblical. Still, there are those who reject it. They do so on the basis that hand clapping is an Old Testament activity - one not entered into by the New Testament, born again Christians. At least the New Testament is silent on the subject.

"So David, as an example, clapped and sang and danced (ouch) before the Lord - the same Lord before Whom you and I stand when we don our choir robes, folders and hymnals in hand. I say that hand clapping in worship is as valid today as it was 1000 years before Christ. The important question we have to ask ourselves in all acts of worship is not so much 'what' am I doing as 'why' am I doing it?

"When the heart is inspired by the Spirit of God, physical expressions such as clapping are a natural response. To refuse that leading is to yield to cultural conditioning that quenches the Holy Spirit."

It seems to me that the insights from this quote also apply to how we pray and praise - whether on our knees, with our hands raised, or sitting/standing quietly before our Lord.

There is no set method for Worship as Presbyterians, but there is a set attitude for approaching worship. We are called to approach worship with covenantal commitment, hearty zeal {ardor}, loving manners {order}.

Please reflect on your ardor and order as you continue to participate in the scripture, music, prayers, and your response to these and the power of the Holy Spirit at Flora Presbyterian Church. Myra and I will be holding all of you and the ministry to which you are called by God in our hearts and prayers. Thank you for all the blessings you have shared with us.



Worship 10:15

Flora Presbyterian Church

Birthday Nursery Scripture Readers Ushers

August, 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Lafayette Great Banquet Celebration 100/25, 1:00 to 7:00 at Frankfort Camp Ministries
4 Denise Good Marlene Smith Barb Mayfield Laurie Brower Kathy King Dick & Jane Bishop Group Prayer Time Mark Good, Guest Speaker Oasis outing	5	6	7 6:30 PM Bible Study	8 Stanley Langston	9 Dick N. Bishop	10
11 Barb Mayfield Janis Burns Vicky Snipes Dick & Jane Bishop Session meets after worship Diana McCracken, Guest Speaker	12 Myra Compton	13	14 6:30 PM Bible Study Oasis planning meeting	15	16	17
18 Communion Barb Mayfield Melanie Cox Mike Kearns Craig & Kris McGill Lee McReynolds, Guest Speaker	19	20 Maureen Parker 7:00 PM Logansport Great Banquet Gathering 7:00 PM Mary-Martha Circle, Laraine Mac Lauchlan, hostess	21 6:30 PM Bible Study Oasis planning meeting	22	23	24
25 Church Picnic Barb Mayfield Martha Clark Kent King Craig & Kris McGill Diana McCracken, Guest Speaker	26	27	28 6:30 PM Bible Study Oasis planning meeting	29	30	31

Christian Education

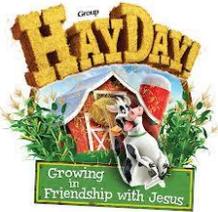
by Tammy Moss

Sunday School

Sunday school will resume after Labor Day.



VBS Thanks YOU!



A great big thank you to leaders, kitchen helpers, and everyone who helped make VBS so special for the children who attended. We all learned that Jesus always loves us, no matter what, and wants us to be His friend. It was a great week!

Junior Church

Please see Tammy Moss if you can lead Junior Church for one month or even for two weeks. The materials are easy to use.



Summer Small Groups



We have enjoyed meeting in various homes this summer for a Bible study based on specific words.

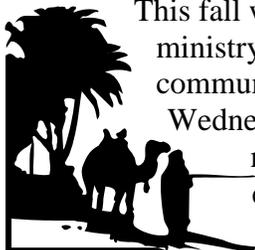
Oasis News

Our "Super 7" cook-out and putt-putt golf outing is set for August 4th. Twenty-eight children, who earned "7 stars" last spring, and their parents, have been invited to attend.



Hopefully, we will be treated to a "cool" summer evening! Any adult who regularly participates in Oasis is welcome to attend. Contact Barb Mayfield for more information.

Come and See...Oasis Year 12!



This fall will start our twelfth year of ministry to the children of our community. Starting on August 14th on Wednesday evenings we will begin meeting to plan for another exciting year. This year we plan to study "The Story" and learn how God's Story is My

Story. We have wonderful resources from preschool through adult.

There are so many ways you can be a part of this ministry: Some are weekly, others periodically,

and still others completely behind the scenes (like donating and praying!). We will have sign-up sheets later in August to indicate your interests. Please prayerfully consider how you can be involved. If you've never come to see what your church is doing on Wednesday evenings... come and see! Jesus is calling...



The Dog Days of summer have arrived and almost everyone wants to stay inside where the air is cool. Why not take out an interesting biography, DVD or novel from the library to idle away those hours. There is no time frame to return the book – read at your leisure.



I have been working at weeding our collection. If there are any books that you would like to have, please let me know, especially if they are donations in memory of family members that you would like to keep. Hope you are having a great summer!

Laraine MacLauchlan, librarian

Lafayette Great Banquet

by Tammy Moss



Celebration 100/25 will be held Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 1:00 – 7:00 pm at Frankfort Camp Ministries to mark the 100th Great Banquet and the 25th Awakening. This event will be in lieu of the traditional summer picnic and August Gathering.

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet August 20 in the Fellowship Room at 7:00 PM. Hostess, Laraine MacLauchlan; Mission Year-book, Marlene Smith; Horizons, Jane Bishop; Bible Study, Libby Sparks.

All women are invited.

Thrift Shop Schedule for August

Sat, Aug. 3 Pat Beckham tags
 Sat, Aug. 10..... sacker
 Fri., Aug. 23 Jane Bishop..... sort/mark
 Fri., Aug. 30 Joan Moss sort/mark

VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED FOR 10th

Nominating Committee

by Tammy Moss



We continue working on the replacement of a total of four Session members. Please give prayerful consideration if you feel a call to fill a leadership position for our church.

Worship Committee

by Kevin Clark

We will be celebrating communion on August 18th.



Pulpit fills for August are as follows:

August 4 th	Mark Good
August 11 th	Diana McCracken
August 18 th	Lee McReynolds
August 25 th	Diana McCracken

Anyone wishing to share special music, please contact Kevin Clark or Rhoda Kratz.



Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower

Carroll County
Religious
Education



Laurie Brower is now attending the Carroll County Religious Education Meetings. The last meeting was hosted by the Flora Presbyterian

Church on July 8th at 7:00 PM. A donation was made to the community for the purchase of the land that hosts the bus used at Carroll Elementary School, purchase has been made.

Next Session Meeting will be August 11, 2013.



Congregational Life Committee



Watch for these upcoming dates:

- *August 25 – Church picnic at Flora Park
- *September 15 – Birthday celebration after worship for July, August, September birthdays
- *September 29 – Wedding shower for Jeremy Gilman and Melanie Cox after church. Join us for a carry-in lunch and a time to celebrate the upcoming marriage of Jeremy and Melanie.



Pastor Chuck will be completing his pastorate of our church when he retires as of September 1. It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell to him and Myra.

To each of youWe wish you happiness in your future endeavors but will miss your professionalism, wit, and presence in the church.



Summer's long days can remind us of our Creator, who made the sun and wants us to live in his light.

Directions: First, write the opposite of each word in parentheses. Then use the Word Bank words, in order, to complete 1 John 1:5-7, NIV.

WORD BANK: is in is at if in as is in with

God _____; _____ (her)
 (dark)

there _____ (light) _____ ness _____ (none) _____

But _____ we _____ the _____ (dark) _____

_____ (she) _____ the _____ (dark) _____

we have fellowship _____ one another. ...

1 John 1:5-7, NIV

Answer: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ... But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. (1 John 1:5-7, NIV)

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