

PULSE

*The heartbeat of
Flora Presbyterian Church*

September 2015



September 16th
6:00 PM
Oasis "Kick-Off"
Carnival in Church
Parking Lot



Communion
September 13th



September Guest Speakers:

6th = Pastor David Smook
13th = TBA
20th = Pastor David Smook
27th = TBA

**Labor
Day**



September 7th
Give Thanks!



Christian Education

by Barb Mayfield

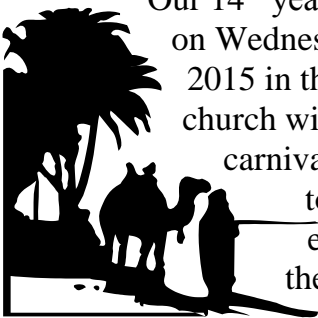
Sunday School

We will begin adult Sunday School again in September. We are working out the best time to meet. Be watching the bulletin and listen for announcements. We are researching an exciting study to use created by the same group that brought us "The Story." You won't want to miss Sunday School; plan to participate!



Oasis Kick-Off

Our 14th year of Oasis will "kick-off" on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 in the parking lot of the church with our annual outdoor carnival. Everyone is welcome to come and be part of the excitement! Sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Room to volunteer.



Participate in ...Oasis Year 14!

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!). 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!

Some ways you can be a part of this ministry:

Cooks and Kitchen helpers – this can be weekly or just once in awhile. Sign up to prepare one or more meals. See the sign-up sheet. Talk to Laurie Brower or Donna Sholty if you are unsure of what this entails. If you don't feel up to cooking, there are lots of good frozen, premade entrees to provide a meal.



Group Helpers – Several groups need someone to assist the leader: Young children grades K-1, (mixed boys and girls), Grades 2-3 (mixed boys/girls), Grades 4-5 (mixed boys/girls), Young Teen Girls (grades 6-8), Young Teen

Boys (grades 6-8). Coming weekly is preferred, but we are grateful for any help!

Homework helpers – A need we have identified is to provide homework help before Oasis begins. If you think you could sit with one or more children between 5 and 6 p.m. on Wednesday nights before our meal and programming begins, please let us know (see below). No special training required, just an encouraging spirit.

Help support this ministry:



Oasis is possible because of the generosity of our church members over and above their regular giving. The church budget cannot cover what it costs to run the weekly program and the special events throughout the year, but *you* make them possible. We appreciate everyone who gives so faithfully to this ministry. If you feel led to give a special gift for Oasis, please designate "Oasis" in the memo line of your check. If you are interested in helping in any way, speak to Barb Mayfield, or send an e-mail to: barb.mayfield@gmail.com.

Block Party update

The Flora church was well represented at the Cutler block party on Sunday, August 23rd. In spite of a couple of showers, the crowd was good sized and good fellowship was enjoyed by all. We will update you on upcoming events planned in conjunction with our neighboring Presbyterian churches.



September Library Corner

by Laraine MacLauchlan



The library is gearing up for another year with our Oasis family. The children enjoy coming to the library once a month to choose books and/or DVD's that they keep until the following month. We have some exciting new books to try for the children and also for the adults. I'm sure you

will like the new selection that will be displayed starting in September.



Communion by intinction will be on September 13th.

Presbyterian Women

by Jane Bishop



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet September 15 in the Fellowship Room at 7:00PM. The Hostess will be Ruth Erisman; Year Book of Prayer, Donna Sholty; Horizons, Laraine MacLauchlan; Bible Study, Jane Kearns. All women are welcomed.

Thrift Shop Schedule for September

- Thurs. Sept. 3.....Jane Bishop.....
- Sat. Sept. 5.....Jane Bishop.....
- Mon. Sept. 7.....Closed.....
- Thurs. Sept. 10.....Jane Bishop.....
- Sat. Sept. 12.....Donna Sholty..... Cashier
- Mon. Sept. 14.....Ruth E.....
- Thurs. Sept. 17.....? ? ? ?
- Sat. Sept. 19.....Libby Sparks..... Tags
- Mon. Sept. 21.....Donna Sholty.....
- Thurs. Sept. 24.....? ? ? ?
- Sat. Sept. 26.....Joan Moss.....Sacker
- Mon. Sept. 28.....Libby Sparks

The Thrift Shop will be moving to 39 Center St. (the former Dime Store) before the end of September. All money received by the women of the six participating churches is used for missions, local United States or world. In August the women of the Mary-Martha circle voted to give \$400.00 to the Buddy Bag Program.



Worship Committee

by Terry Langston

As we quickly move into September, we will have the following guest speakers:

- September 6 - Pastor David Smook
- 13 - TBD
- 20 - Pastor David Smook
- 27 - TBD

Our speakers also need a lay leader, so if you feel called to help lead on a Sunday, please let me know.

Clerk of Session

by Laurie Brower

The next Session meeting will be September 13th at 6:00PM.

Pastoral Nomination Committee (PNC)

The Ministry Information Form (MIF) has been completed and approved by Session. It will next need to be reviewed by the Committee of Ministry and hopefully approved in early September. Once we have this approval, the PNC will be ready to start reviewing Pastoral Information Forms (PIFs) of candidates that meet our criteria.

Stewardship/Mission

by Joe Mayfield



The kids are back in school, the sun sets a little sooner, and the mornings are cool, I guess the lazy days of summer are over. At church it is time for Oasis, Sunday School, and Carry-Ins.

Bringing you up to date on the church finances, for the first half of the year we had income of 49,828 dollars, with expenses for the same period at 52,925. With Mary Ann having taken another position, and session's decision not to seek another interim



pastor, I think we will end the year without having to use reserve funds. The congregation's increased support this year will place us in a very good position to support a full time pastor.



Continue to pray for our Christian brothers and sisters around the world. They so need our prayers and support.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the coming weeks and months ahead. God is so gracious to us.

Choir Practice 9:30; Worship 10:15; Sunday School as announced

B=Birthday N=Nursery SR=Scripture Readers U=Ushers

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 B=Ron Austin	2	3	4	5
6 N=Susan Hollis SR=Barb Mayfield SR=Joe Mayfield U= Bob & Ann Brown	7 Labor Day 	8 B=John Helvie	9	10	11	12
13 Communion N=Susan Hollis SR=Brian Cripe SR=Maria Cripe U=Joe & Tammy Moss	14	15 7:00PM Mary Martha Circle – Hostess Ruth Erisman	16 6:00PM Oasis Kick-Off Carnival in Church Parking Lot	17	18	19 B=Chris Parker
20 N=Susan Hollis SR=Kevin Clark SR=Barbara Wilkinson U=Marty & Julie Catron	21 Crafters @ Cutler Presbyterian Church 7 – 9PM	22	23  First Day of Autumn September 23	24	25	26
27 N=Susan Hollis SR=Martha Clark SR=Joe Moss U=Susan Scholl, Maggie Scholl	28 B=Matt Clark	29	30 B=Mark Good B=Marshall McCammack	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3

Flagpole prayers

Each September for the past 25 years, young Christians across America have gathered around school flagpoles to pray. See You at the Pole (SYATP), which began at three schools in Burleson, Texas, is now an international event, with about 3 million participants annually.

Students organize prayer gatherings, usually at 7 a.m. local time. Teachers, parents and youth pastors often join them. The theme verse for this year's event, which occurs September 23, is Acts 1:14 — "They all met together and were constantly united in prayer" (NLT).

Student-led prayer, even at public schools, is free speech protected by the U.S. Constitution. By gathering around their flagpoles, young people take a stand for Christ as they call on his name in prayer.



PRAYER IS POWERFUL

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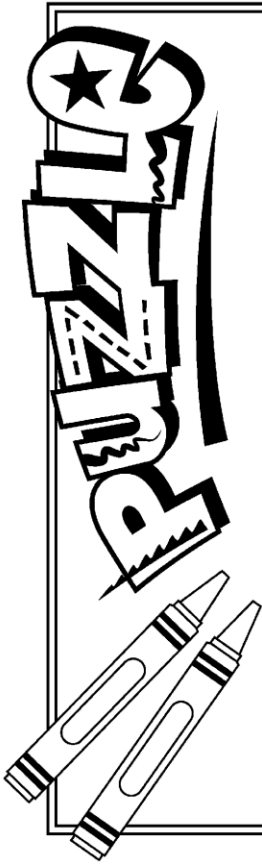


Working for God, serving others

No matter your occupation, each day brings opportunities to honor God by helping other people. This applies to everyone from a prince to a laborer, as Martin Luther said:

"The prince should think: Christ has served me and made everything to follow him; therefore, I should also serve my neighbor, protect him and everything that belongs to him. That is why God has given me this office, and I have it that I might serve him. ...

"The same is true for shoemaker, tailor, scribe or reader. If he is a Christian tailor, he will say: I make these clothes because God has bidden me do so, so that I can earn a living, so that I can help and serve my neighbor. When a Christian does not serve the other, God is not present; that is not Christian living."















STAY NOURISHED

Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."

Directions: Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.



Do not be  in your own  ;
 the  and shun  .
This will bring  to your 
and nourishment to  bones.
 the LORD  your wealth,
with the firstfruits of  your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

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