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Following In The Footsteps Of Jesus

By Jim Moxley, Interim Minister

Inside this issue:

The theme of Vacation Bible School was “Come Along With Me” and portrayed in nine scenes the ministries of Jesus including the crucifixion and resurrection. It was an opportunity for the children and the adults working with them to consider the challenge Jesus gave to all His followers to follow Him. This VBS ministry gave all of us a new perspective on what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in our day.

Following Jesus took the twelve disciples out of their “comfort zone.” We human beings don’t like to leave our comfort zone often. In this new

*I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they
comfort me.*



Psalm 23:4

century life has become so complex and unsettling that all of us find ourselves wanting to retreat to our “comfort zones.” It is very difficult for nations to cope with terrorists who are willing to blow themselves up to fight a cause they hate. Logic does not reach them. Overwhelming force doesn’t reach them. It is hard to find them to even try to love them. The four hurricanes of last year took away a feeling of security from our “comfort zones”. At times we find ourselves wanting to retreat to the good old memories of the past to escape the threats we feel.

Jesus didn’t just preach from the tranquility of the Sermon on the Mount.

He led the disciples into the market place of each village and into the midst of the big cities. Everywhere Jesus went in the towns and cities the armed might of the Roman soldiers was always present. Israel was a captured country and the Roman army was always present to brutally quash any potential uprising. It was not a time of tranquility. What peace that was found was due to the overwhelming military force of the Romans distributed throughout the world of that day.

Jesus taught people that the love of God transcended all hostility and He taught them peace when He faced hostility by the religious leaders. Those who followed in His footsteps in succeeding years found that

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Reflections

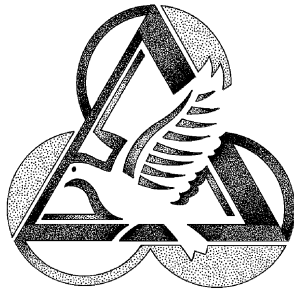
By Duane Wyatt, Board Chairman

The early Christians had no buildings, no airplanes, no printing press, no computers, no television, no newspapers, and no radio. Yet they turned their world "upside down" for Christ. They started a spiritual revolution that shook the very foundation of the Roman Empire.

In the face of hostile opposition and overwhelming odds they stayed courageous, bold, dauntless, and full of faith. They lived their lives daily for Christ, no matter what others thought. They suffered scorn, persecution and even death for their faith in Christ.

What was their secret? How did they do it? The Bible gives us the key: "They were filled with the Holy Spirit". The Holy Spirit changed their lives, and those they met couldn't help but be impressed by their love and the quality of their lives. What keeps us from turning our world "upside down" for Christ?

I think all of the material things we have that the early Christians didn't have sometimes prove to be a disadvantage for us. Things like TV, radio, newspapers, and computers take time out of our day. There is no question that as a result of these we are better educated, communicate better, travel extensively and probably have more leisure time. But, what do we do with it? We certainly don't have to fear for our safety by being Christians and we are more organized in our worship services. However, what is the quality of the "Holy Spirit" in our lives. Have we turned our lives "upside down" as the early Christians did? As we turn to the last half of 2005, let us pray for a revival of the "Holy Spirit" within us and for our light to shine brighter to the world. †



The grace of the
Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of **God,**
and the communion
of the **Holy Spirit**
be with all of you.
2 Corinthians 13:13

A Little Praise Can Have Great Results

A college professor once told a student, "Paul, you are an honest man." The student pondered that compliment and years later told a friend about the professor's comment. He said, "Ever since then I have found that I am incapable of being dishonest."

When put into practice, honesty can become a very healthy habit. †

Youth Ministries Result



A few months ago, youth of our CYF went out one evening to do, "random acts of kindness". They stopped people randomly and offered each an envelope and walked away. One woman, who was shopping at Wal-Mart, was one of those approached. She sent a letter to the church in which she wrote, "a young man approached me and handed me an envelope. I did not want to take it but did not want to hurt his feelings.

Inside was a note, "Jesus loves you," from Beneva Christian Church CYF." An hour before, I was crying and praying to God and I felt God used this teenager to give me comfort and reassurance of my faith and love of God and Jesus, their love for me and to trust. I am framing the money and note as a reminder of God's constant love through good and bad times. Enclosed is a check for \$100.00. Please use it as you see fit or divide it up into \$5.00 sections to give out with a note of God's love for us.

Thank you (name was signed)

Your good words and smile may be just the comfort of Jesus Christ someone is looking for. †

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when violence threatened any of them that they could find eternal peace in Jesus Christ no matter how bad things got. Living the faith in the name of Jesus Christ cost quite a few their lives and/or property but the spirit of God empowered them to rise above all troubles and find internal and eternal peace in Jesus while following Him through life with all that life brings us. It is reassuring that even though we can't always retreat to our comfort zones that Jesus goes with us even into all that life brings. Let us find our real security in following Jesus and serving Him through all that we face in life. †

*Take away any sorrow or gloom from us, dear God,
that joy may surge within us and that we may know
with certainty that we have been with you. †*

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Bogota, Columbia, South America

By Pat Kline

Recently I was blessed with an opportunity to be a part of a medical mission team to Bogota, Columbia, South America. There were 12 of us in the team. We ranged in age from the 40's to one 84 year old man. He was the uncle of our trip coordinator. Our missionary hosts called him Tio Himey. Tio shows respect for an elder in South America. He was such an inspiration to all of us.

Tio Himey worked in the pharmacy for the week, counting and packaging pills. He took a Polaroid camera with him to take pictures of the children, and would see that they each received their picture.

We set up our clinics for 4 days in three different villages. Each morning we would arrive to more than 100 people waiting for us. Another nurse and myself would take vital signs, screen the patients, through an interpreter, and determine their needs. We then directed them to see either the physician, nurse practitioner (for gynecology) or the dentist. Some went directly to the pharmacy.

Most of the children had parasites and stomach aches, (which go hand in hand) head lice, and all were in need of vitamins. We found adults' main complaints were hypertension, headaches, backaches, sinusitis and diabetes.

One afternoon a group of 20 boys came in with their caretakers. They were 7 to 9 years of age, and were known as the "throw aways" or street urchins. Their parents either didn't want them or were unable to care for them. These boys were rescued and were now living on a farm. They had very little discipline, if any, and were basically given only the necessities of life - food and

clothing, no love or affection. It was stressed that most of these boys would eventually become terrorists!

Another young boy of 16 came to the clinic with his mother. His complaint? Headache and backache. His mother explained to me that in their country when a boy turns 16 they take an exam for the military. Her son had taken his exam the week prior and he was scared to death and didn't want to go. He was hoping his backache would keep him from having to serve.

Our host was an instructor for beginning English class in the evening. He invited us to attend so the students could actually hear English spoken. We stood in front of the class gave our names, where we were from and a little about ourselves. The next morning during morning devotions our host shared with us that one of his students was so appreciative of our visit. She wanted to do something for one of us and then said it was me! She hand painted a scarf with beautiful flowers on it with my name printed in the corner. Her name was Edna and she made a special trip to our clinic the next day to present it to me.

Stories like these are numerous, however the main vision I continuously see is the sadness in their eyes. It was heartbreaking, but the joy for us to give hugs, hold a hand in comfort, to be able to pray with and for our newly found friends, then to see their smiles was

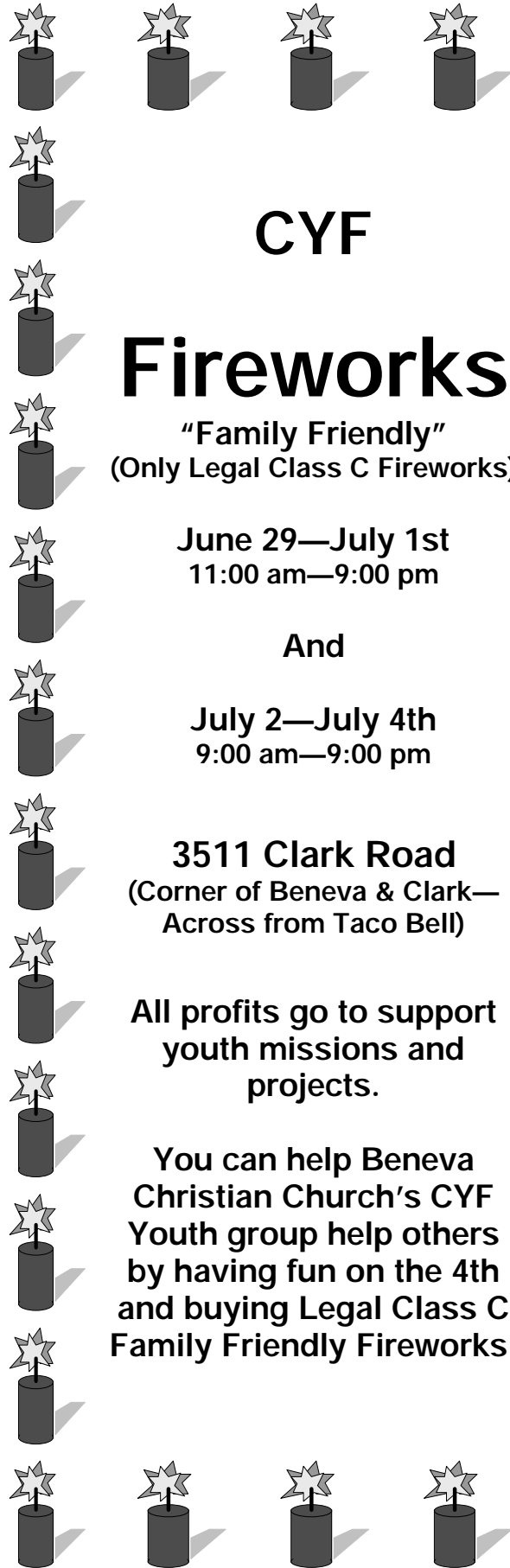
all the thanks we needed.

I have for quite some time wanted to go on a mission trip. My calling came in January 2005. I had been attending a new church for several months, and one Sunday morning I was tempted to attend another church near my home. As I left my driveway, my car automatically went to my current church. During morning announcements Pastor Steve said that anyone interested in the mission trip to Bogota see him after the service. At that very moment I became completely numb, I felt as though I was not physically there. I had palpitations and was actually holding my breath! This lasted for only a few seconds, and it was at that moment I knew I had to go on this trip. I am so very thankful I was given this opportunity. I know we made a difference but by the time we were leaving Bogota, we realized that we made a difference....in ourselves.

Let us be reminded of our service and faithfulness to God in 1 Peter 4:10. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. Also in Acts 20:35, "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: It is more blessed to give than receive." †

(This is a missionary story by Pat Kline who was a former member of Beneva and now a member of First Christian Church here in Sarasota. Thank you Pat for this moving, inspiring witness.)





CYF

Fireworks

"Family Friendly"
(Only Legal Class C Fireworks)

June 29—July 1st
11:00 am—9:00 pm

And

July 2—July 4th
9:00 am—9:00 pm

3511 Clark Road
(Corner of Beneva & Clark—
Across from Taco Bell)

**All profits go to support
youth missions and
projects.**

**You can help Beneva
Christian Church's CYF
Youth group help others
by having fun on the 4th
and buying Legal Class C
Family Friendly Fireworks!**

Vacation Bible School Thank You

By Joy Byrd & Corry Pruner

This years VBS was an extraordinary collaboration of amazing talents. Due to the 6 month effort of set designing, scripting, craft planning, and scene organizing, by Pete & Lynn Harris, everyone else's jobs fell right into place.

Thank you to all the volunteers on this project, adults as well as children.

For those of you who missed the downsized version, at both services, I have to say that you missed a wonderful excerpt. For those of you who got to experience the program, in full, or in part, we hope you can appreciate the effort and the time that was put into creating our own VBS.

If everyone is up to it, next year, we are hoping to possibly write a different theme using the same scenery. If anyone would like to join the team effort for next year, please let the Education Department know. It's never too early to start thinking of a new theme. All ideas will be welcome. Thank you all for your support for you truly are a great congregation! †

Worshipping With Success

By Emily & George Oberle, Co-Chairs Worship

Thank you leaders and students of Vacation Bible School. The sharing of the Father's Day Worship Service was truly enriching. The adaptability of Reverend Moxley and the enthusiastic young people of the Church made this service very meaningful. It illustrates that worship can be experienced in a variety of settings.

God could have developed a pattern of growth that would have made us all alike, but rather he afforded us CHOICE. He gave us the will to make those choices in light of teaching, training and experiences. He gave us the joys of childhood and the examples of caring and sharing while relying on others to lead us. The unity of our services on Father's Day exemplified how the interdependence of effort can manifest itself into an experience of fulfillment. Business has a buzzword called "teamwork". Working together as managers and workers in business and industry has produced a world of tremendous technology and understanding. In like manner, the youth and the leaders of our church brought us together on that day to experience a special time of delight through the fresh and simple exuberance of Youth Worship.

Thank you all for the message of UNITY, PURPOSE AND SHARED LOVE. †

Positions Available

Positions are available for people who are being called by God to minister to the youth of Beneva Christian Church. We are in need of adult sponsors for some of our youth groups for the 2005-2006 year. The only requirements for these positions are: a sense of humor, a young heart, a few hours a week that you are ready to share, and a Love of God that you want to pass on to the young people of our church.

We are also in need of adults to help prepare snack suppers once a month or so. If you believe God is calling you to either of these services please contact Corry Pruner at 371-1387. †

We Reached Our Goal - Relay For Life

By Bob and Susan Evans

Congratulations to the Hot Shots and Chi Rho's. These fantastic groups of youths earned \$3,098.53 for the Relay for Life, American Cancer Society. Thanks to everyone who helped on this project. †

Stay On Your Feet

By Pauline Totten, Healthcare Services

Physical therapists recommend the following advice for helping to prevent falls:

- ◆ Wear low heeled, well fitting supportive shoes with rubber soles and toe box to fit all five toes comfortably.
- ◆ Make sure clothes don't interfere with walking.
- ◆ Remove scatter rugs and loose cords from walkways.
- ◆ Wipe up spills immediately.
- ◆ Make sure lighting is adequate.
- ◆ If you have a pet, move the pet out of the way instead of stepping over it.
- ◆ Don't lift heavy objects.
- ◆ Don't bend at the waist to pick things up; bend at the knees.
- ◆ Don't do anything that will cause a strain on the back.

This is from Elder Floridians Foundation, Info for Life. †

Week of Compassion Update

By Glenda Morgan, World Outreach Chair

As we read in the paper and hear the news of humanitarian need around the world, remember that your giving through Week of Compassion is helping meet these needs. See the following report from Johnny Wray, Director, WOC. While we have a special offering once a year for WOC, you are encouraged to give throughout the year.



“In response to the ongoing and worsening violence in the Darfur region of Sudan, the Week of Compassion Committee has approved providing an additional \$50,000 toward a recently revised Church World Service appeal in support of the major humanitarian efforts of the joint Action by Churches/Caritas Network. Some 500 people a day are dying from violence, hunger, disease and exposure. The ACT/Caritas response is responding to 325,000 people with basic relief assistance and trauma care. Designated gifts are needed and will be used in their entirety to support relief efforts in Sudan.

In other action at its recent meeting, the WOC Committee approved more than \$93,000 in grants to church partners for development projects in Argentina, Pakistan, Mozambique, Kenya, Uganda, Congo, India and Nicaragua.

The Committee also received an updated report and response plan for support of tsunami relief, recovery and long-term rehabilitation work. Week of Compassion has now provided more than \$1.1 million dollars toward those efforts since the tsunami struck on December 26, 2004, including grants this week of \$165,000 to church partners in Sri Lanka and India, for major rehabilitation projects on behalf of some of the most vulnerable tsunami survivors.” †

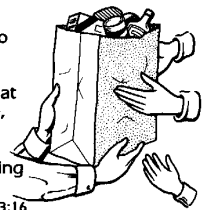
Food Pantry Update

By Mark Johnson

During the month of May your food pantry gave out 2,182 lbs of food to 56 families and bought 1,595 lbs at a cost of \$244.95.

We appreciate all the help and we could use macaroni and cheese and soups. We always could use spaghetti sauce and noodles as well. Thank you all! †

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
-Hebrews 13:16



Christmount 2005

As per Mr. Tom (Thomas Byrd)

The CHI RHO Mission Trip this year was to Christmount, which is located just east of Asheville N.C. Their group leaders, Miss Corry (Corry Pruner) and Miss Joy (Joy Byrd) are very special people, they love their church and they love their CHI RHO group.

This Mission Trip was a work camp to help keep up the grounds at the facility by doing trail work, landscaping projects and painting. Lauren and Autumn began our first work day by helping build at dam in one of the many cold, cold streams.

Each morning after breakfast we would meet at 9:00 am for worship and then the staff would tell us what work needed to be done, and how many people that were needed. The CHI RHO group also had some tag-a-longs on this trip, Matt, Chad, Alex and Quinton all from our C.Y.F. Also along were Jacey, Madison and Autumn. The work -- lots of raking and loading the leaves and tree limbs that had been cut. I was so proud of our kids that no matter what the task they jumped right in the middle of it and got it done. One job we had was to remove the rocks that had been in a

ditch and replace them with flagstone alongside a road way. The boys stood side by side handing and sometimes tossing the rocks to each other and finished the job faster than the camp staff had planned.

While we were working on that, Miss Joy with little ones in tow worked on the entrance area pulling weeds and mulching. Miss Corry had some of the girls helping on the playground, which was covered with leaves, (about 8 truck loads). Rea, Kelli, Deanna, Sam, Erin and Alicia all did great jobs. One time they had us walk to a spot and told us that the area needed to be raked and trees trimmed -- Garrett and Travis were there ready to go.

It was not all work, we had time to play volleyball, walk trails or just sit in the rocking chairs that were at our Group Lodge. Some went up to the pool for a swim, and everywhere you went you could hear the streams running. The facilities were great and staff was always around when needed.

Each night a youth group would lead a worship service. Our group did a wonderful job that was very



moving. We also got to go tubing down a river which was very rough, many sore body parts on the ride home.

The Blanton's met us at Deep Creek and stayed and talked with us until we had all our group back together again. It was good to see our friends and fellow church members and the kids thought it was cool that they came. This was a trip that this group of kids will never forget. I have to say that there were times when I was not sure if this trip was going to happen. We had overheating vans, a flat tire, and brake problems, but Miss Corry and Miss Joy were not going to let their group down. The Lord watched over us on this trip, every time something happened He gave us a way to overcome it. †

Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them... So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column,

much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this.... They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not

gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

"When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you get that for me?!!" †

Happy Hearts Eating-Out Schedule

Breakfast	Wednesday	9:00 am
July 6	Tasty Home Cookin	
July 13	Serving Spoon	
July 20	Demarco's	
July 27	Millie's	

Lunch	Sunday	12:00 pm
July 3	Demetrio's	
July 10	Olive Garden	
July 17	Longhorn	
July 24	Steak & Ale	
July 31	Marina Jack	



Happy Hearts News

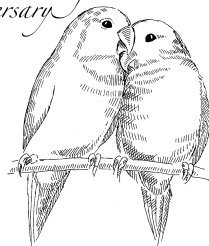
By Hazel Frazier

Twenty-seven members and two guests were present June 9th at our Happy Hearts carry-in and meeting.

On June 15th ten Happy Hearts and two guests left from the church to go to Tampa Airport bound for Vancouver B.C. Then on June 17th we boarded our cruise ship for an Alaskan Cruise. Our pastor, Jim Moxley and Thomas Byrd drove us to Tampa in their vans. Thank you to Jim and Thomas for their willingness to get up so early in the morning to take us. We all appreciate you doing that for us. Roy and Judy Fahrback joined us in Salt Lake City to enjoy the trip with us.

Our next meeting and carry-in dinner will be July 14th at 6:00 pm in Disciple Hall. †

Celebrating an Anniversary



Jul 01	Jeff & Anneliese Blanton
Jul 03	Greg & Olevia Fulkert
Jul 10	David & Kay Goodman
Jul 14	Calvin & Hattie Coulter
Jul 22	Russell & Sandy Robbins
Jul 22	Rob & Jennifer Gerkin
Jul 23	Jim & Ginny Evans
Jul 26	John & JoAnne Humbert
Jul 26	Lionel & Carolyn Hart
Jul 28	Jerry & Mary Caress

Bifocal Bunch Events

Let's have lunch after church, Sunday July 17th at Applebee's on Clark Rd.

Call Jane Wyatt for reservations at 484-0198. †

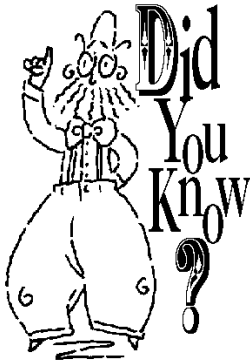
Worship & Wonder Schedule For July

3	.....	Wondering Day
10	.....	Wondering Day
17	.....	The Temple, The House Of God
24	.....	Wondering Day
31	.....	Exile And Return



Jul 03	Dale Root
Jul 06	Debbie Platt
Jul 06	Ginny Evans
Jul 10	Becky Brodkorb
Jul 11	Eric Sloat
Jul 11	Lillian Moore
Jul 13	Carly York
Jul 14	Jane Wyatt
Jul 14	Jenny Wise
Jul 16	Arlene Cueman
Jul 16	Bob Ely
Jul 17	Jim Huron
Jul 18	Chad Brunner
Jul 20	Barbara Clements
Jul 21	Ann Slingerland
Jul 24	Gary Schroeder
Jul 25	Walter Haupt
Jul 25	Amy Jo Hill
Jul 26	Barbara Alice Carroll
Jul 26	Larry Brown
Jul 27	Sibyl Keller
Jul 28	Jennifer Barrett
Jul 28	David Morgan

If we have dates that are not correct, or if we don't have your special days listed, please notify the church office. †



The last two months I have been writing about names in the Bible. Names were so important in biblical times that I thought I

would throw in one more article on names, then I will move on to something else.

In the Name of God:

Incorporating the name of God in a person's name was popular, especially for prophets, kings, high priests, and others with sacred duties. Religious leaders such as Samuel and Jesus, destined from the start for religious careers, had from birth names symbolic of union with God. Others, for whom a career linked with religion might not have been predicted, took on new names as adults.

One form of the name of God was El—the root word meaning “God” that occurred in Semitic languages. Canaanites, Phoenicians, and others used El for gods, and names with “el” were also given to the children of the Edomites (Gen 36:41), Hittites (Gen 26:34), and others. Among the Hebrews the “el” usually occurred as a prefix or suffix, not only in names of people but in geographic sites such as Bethel (“house of God”).

Elnathan (God the giver)
Eli (God is high)
Bezaleel (in the shadow of God)
Nathanael (God has given)

More germane to the Hebrews was the prefix Yah (the Lord), usually written in English as “Jeh” (signifying Jeho-vah), but sometimes contracted as “Jo.”

Jehoiada (Jehovah knows)
Jehoshaphat (Jehovah judged)

Interesting Bible Facts

By Jerry Dennis

Jotham (Jehovah is upright)
Jonathan (Jehovah has given)

The name Jesus is a Greek version of the Hebrew name Yehoshua, or Joshua. This is a compound of yah (the Lord) and shua (to be freed), and thus means “the Lord of salvation” or “the Lord the saviour.” (It still bothers me that we don't call Jesus by the same name that His followers called Him.)

Surprisingly, Hebrews sometimes gave their children names that incorporated the names of forbidden gods. The name of the tribe of Gad (“fortune”) is the name of an Aramean god of good luck. Especially popular were names incorporating that of Baal (“lord”), the son of El, an agricultural god whose widespread worship extended from Canaan to Mesopotamia. “Baal” occurs in geographic names—such as the Canaanite town of Baal-gad or the place called Baal-hamon where Solomon had a vineyard—as well as in personal names:

Baelis was an Animonite king (Jer 40:13), Baal-hanan was an Edomite king (Gen 36:38); and Ethbaal, Jezebel's father, was king of Sidon (1 Kings 16:3 1).

Baal-hanan was also the name of the official, from the Canaanite town of Geder, who was overseer for David's olive trees (1 Chr 27:28). Foreigners, even when they were employed by Hebrews, apparently did not change their names. However, Hebrews whose names incorporated “baal” were compelled to change their names when they assumed prominent positions. Usually this was done by substituting the Hebrew word bosheth (“shame”) for “baal.” Jonathan's son Meribaal (“contender with Baal”) was called

Mephi-bosheth (“exterminator of shame”) after he was favored by David (2 Sam 9:6; 1 Chr 8:34). Saul's fourth son had been called Esh-baal (“man of Baal”), but became Ish-bosheth (“man of shame”) when he succeeded his father as king (2 Sam 2:8; 1 Chr 8:33).

Change of Life:

Adults sometimes changed their names when they had undergone some experience that they felt made a profound change in their personalities.

Abram and Sarai changed their names to Abraham and Sarah to include the h symbolic of God after Abraham's renewal of the covenant and God's promise to multiply his seed (Gen 17:5, 15).

Jacob's name was changed to Israel (“prince”) after he had won his struggle with the angel (Gen 32:28).

When Moses sent Oshea to spy out Canaan, he changed his name to Jehoshua—the “Jeh” prefix of Jehovah symbolizing that this was a sacred mission (Num 13:16).

Nathan called Solomon Jedidiah (“beloved by Jehovah”) when he began to educate him, but this was either an intimate nickname between the two or was later abandoned, because it is not mentioned elsewhere (2 Sam 12:25).

This practice of name change at critical junctures in people's lives continued in New Testament times. Simon became Peter and Saul became Paul when they converted and became followers of Jesus (John 1:42; Acts 13:9).

Although the above examples

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Plan Ahead—Mark Your Calendars

For the 2005 Summer Church Camp Dates!

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Third Grade Camp	July 3-7	June 17	\$245
Canoe Camp (Grade 9-12)	July 3-9	June 17	\$255
Chi Rho II (Grade 6-8)	July 10-15	June 25	\$280
Creative Camp (Grade 8-12)	July 17-23	July 2	\$335
Young Adult Fellowship Retreat (Post High School)	August 5-7	July 22	\$ 99

Beautiful One-liners

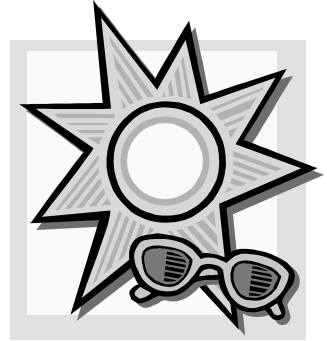
- ◆ Give God what's right — not what's left.
- ◆ Man's way leads to a hopeless end — God's way leads to an endless hope.
- ◆ A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
- ◆ He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
- ◆ In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma — but never let him be the period.
- ◆ Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.
- ◆ Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a faith-lift.
- ◆ When praying, don't give God instructions — just report for duty.
- ◆ Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
- ◆ We don't change God's message — His message changes us.
- ◆ The church is prayer-conditioned.
- ◆ When God ordains, He sustains.
- ◆ WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.
- ◆ Plan ahead — It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- ◆ Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.
- ◆ Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
- ◆ Exercise daily — walk with the Lord.
- ◆ Never give the devil a ride — he will always want to drive.
- ◆ Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
- ◆ Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
- ◆ He who angers you controls you. How true.
- ◆ Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
- ◆ Give Satan an inch and he'll be a ruler.
- ◆ Be ye fishers of men — you catch them and He'll clean them.
- ◆ God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
- ◆ Read the Bible — It will scare the heck out of you. †

Little Disciples Preschool

By Cindy McDowell, Director

Hello Everyone! After a few quiet weeks, we opened up Summer Camp Session #1 to 18 children and Session #2 to 17 children in June and I'm not sure who's having more fun, the children or the teachers! Many thanks to Mrs. Tromboni, Mrs. Kohut, and Mrs. Franco and Mrs. Christian for making Sessions 1 & 2 such a great time together.

Our next Summer Camp session will begin on July 11th and run through July 22nd and it's sure to be another great adventure. Our Summer Camp's offer the children opportunities way beyond the normal school year and we hope you will keep us in mind when making plans for your child next summer. You never know what those wild and crazy teachers will come up with in 2006!



I am keeping myself busy with a few renovations/additions to the preschool. To the playground, we are expanding the bike path to help us *wheely* have more fun. Also waiting for your return will be the addition of a theater/stage on the playground, complete with audience seating. This project is being provided through one of our preschool alumni, Ryan Howell (LDP class of '93), as he pursues his Eagle Scout Leadership service project. As Ryan enters into his senior year, we are honored that he chose to return to us and help us create an outdoor theater to be enjoyed for years to come.

I am also creating an outdoor classroom for our preschoolers to use. It begins with us fencing in the alcove, setting up a shed to hold various materials, and transforming the alcove into a functioning, outdoor classroom. Look for this and other summer projects to be done and waiting for your return. By the way, I'm looking for some landscaping and mulching help the week of August 8th. Please call me at 924-9290 if you are able to donate your time. I would LOVE to hear from you!!

Registration for the 2005-2006 school year finds us with a few vacancies. We have 100 students already signed up and ready to join us when we open the doors in August. The office is moving full steam ahead in getting ready for the new school year. We will be together with our students and their families at our OPEN HOUSES on August 17th & 18th at 7:00 pm both evenings. Open House invitations will be sent out the third week of July with additional information and the appropriate date for families to attend. Keep enjoying your summer everyone! †

Fate Of The Revolutionaries

We call them heroes. The British called them traitors. Many of them turned out to be martyrs. Here is what happened to some of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence:



Independence
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- ♦ Five were captured and tortured as traitors.
- ♦ Nine joined the revolutionary army, fought and died.
- ♦ Eight men had property looted by the British army or by vandals.
- ♦ One signer's home was taken over by a British general. The owner, Thomas Nelson Jr., asked General Washington to burn the home down. The general did.
- ♦ The home of Francis Lewis was destroyed and his wife put in jail. She died shortly thereafter.
- ♦ Three men had their fields and mills destroyed.

In one way or another, all of the men paid a dear price as a result of their rebellion. Still they were faithful to the pledge they made on July 4, 1776:

"We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." †

The First Day Of Vacation Bible School



One summer afternoon a grandfather picked up his 4-year-old grandson at church. "Well, Jason, how did you like your first day of vacation Bible school?"

"It was great!" the boy replied. "We heard some stories and drew some pictures. Then we went out

to play, and when we came back in God had juice and cookies waiting for us!" †

Bible Quiz

The New Testament encourages Christians to remember that we have a responsibility to respect governmental authority. Good government is seen to be "God's servant for your good" (Romans 13:4, NRSV).



It was for that reason that St. Paul told the Roman Christians to "pay to all what is due them — taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due" (Romans 13:7, NRSV).

But what if a government is corrupt and against God and the Church? St. John, toward the end of the first century, would not bow down to Caesar and hail him as a god. Neither would many other Christians. What was John's advice to his fellow Christians under such circumstances?

1. No longer bow down to those who defile you and the name of the Lord.
2. Ignore the ruler who is a haughty and blasphemous beast.
3. Endure the pain and remain faithful to God.

The answer is in the final phrase of Revelation 13:10. †

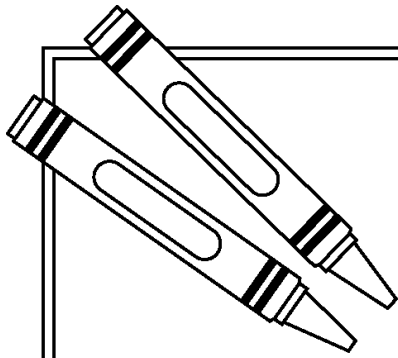
The Prize Under The Rock

On the road in front of his palace a king had his guards place a large rock. Standing hidden, the king watched to see how passersby handled the obstruction. Most travelers simply walked around it. A few tried to roll the rock, but found it too difficult to dislodge. They gave up and went on.



Eventually, a peasant pushing a cart full of vegetables stopped. He put his full strength behind the stone and pushed. It didn't budge. Undeterred, he pushed again and felt some movement. He pushed again and again until he finally managed to move the rock out of the path. When he started on his way again, he glanced down and saw a leather bag where the rock had been. He picked up the bag, opened it, and discovered it was filled with gold coins. There was also a note from the king. It said that anyone who found the bag could have the money.

The winners in life are those who work faithfully until the barriers to fulfillment are removed. "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10, NRSV) †



Just for **KIDS**

Jesus Traveled to Many Places

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of those places. Can you find all the names on the list?

BETHANY
BETHLEHEM
BETHSAIDA
CAESAREA PHILIPPI
CANA
CAPERNAUM
DECAPOLIS
EGYPT

EPHRAIM
GALILEE
JERICHO
JERUSALEM
JORDAN RIVER
JUDEA
MAGDALA
MOUNT OF OLIVES



NAZARETH
PEREA
SAMARIA
SIDON
TYRE
WILDERNESS

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Calling all golfers!

Participate in the 1st Annual PDCSC Golf Tournament!

Friday, July 15 — registration at 8:00 am

- 4-person team Scramble format
- Hole-in-one, Longest Drive, Straightest Drive, and Closest-to-Pin Contests
- Cost: \$200/team of 4 (\$50/golfer)
- All proceeds benefit PDCSC's yearly spring mission trip!

To sign up a team, contact:

The Presbyterian and Disciples of Christ
Student Center

1402 W. University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32607

(352) 376-7539

info@pdcsc.org



Team Sign Up Form

Name of Team: _____
(please print)

Name, Phone No. & Email of Contact Person:

Players Names: _____

We look forward to greeting you on July 15. Registration opens at 8:00 am. Please report to the registration table as soon as you arrive, for check-in and a photo of your team.

We are grateful for your support of our tournament, which benefits the PDCSC's students through the Annual Spring Break Mission Fund.

Church Chatter

Congratulations to Tiffany Valvo who is leaving for a seven-week music camp at Brevard College. Out of 129 clarinet players who tried out, Tiffany was one of 8 who were accepted. Tiffany has shared her gift of music with us in worship.

Thanks to our “golf cart” drivers who chauffer people from the parking lot to the front door of the Sanctuary and back after worship services: John Green, Frank Metheny, Thomas Byrd, Joe Bearden, Dale Root, Garland Poquette, Duane Wyatt, George Oberle, Alex Byrd, Charles Rabjohns, Forrest Fahrback and in the winter time Joe Stump has helped. John Green has overseen the maintenance on the cart to keep it running.

On Father’s Day Glenn Oneal was recognized in both worship services as, “a special father who truly exemplifies Christian fatherhood in all aspects of life!” Since Glenn was touring in Alaska with a group of Happy Hearts, his certificate of recognition was presented to him on Sunday in Alaska by Fran Hardt, Chair of Elders. Glenn has earned the admiration of all of us as a faithful father and a servant of Jesus Christ. Glenn has given sacrificially of his time to many ministries of the church. May God bless Glenn in his future life and ministry.

Congratulations to the Hot Shots and Chi Rho's. These fantastic groups of youths earned \$3,098.53 for the Relay for Life, American Cancer Society. Thanks to everyone who helped on this project.

Support our CYF by purchasing your “family friendly” fireworks at 3511 Clark Road (across from Taco Bell). All profits go to support youth trips and camps. †

The Top Ten Nations With The Most Christians

1. The United States: 235,742,000
2. Brazil: 155,545,000
3. Mexico: 95,169,000
4. China: 89,056,000
5. Russia: 84,308,000
6. Philippines: 68,151,000
7. India: 62,341,000
8. Germany: 62,326,000
9. Nigeria: 51,123,000
10. Congo Democratic Republic: 49,256,000

—Data from National Geographic Concise Atlas of the World

Let’s remember these
people in our prayers



Marjorie Hart moved to Pines of Sarasota, room 116.
Betty Ward is in Hospice House.

At home are: Barbara Taylor, Thelma McKahan, Mary Yarman, Liz Meyers, Berta Pasano, Harold Rabjohns, Alice Gipe, Dorothy Miller and Carole & Dean Platt. Stan Litwiller has had his first chemotherapy and coping well. †

Thank You Note

Dear Friends of Beneva,

We want to thank you for all your prayers, cards, visits and food during my hospital and rehab time for my back surgery. Please continue your prayers for my recovery and for Dean as he still needs oxygen. By the time you read this we will be in our mountain home where I will be continuing rehab. Please continue to pray for our family.

God bless you!!

Carole, Dean & Debbie Platt †

Thank You Note

To: Jim Moxley & Members of Beneva Christian Church,

We would like to say ‘Thank You’ for opening your beautiful church and your hearts to us in our time of double loss.

The service and your support was a wonderful tribute to mom and dad’s life on this earth together.

Our trust in the Lord will now be our guiding force as we all deal with their passing.

The Family of Gilbert & Lorene Bradley
Jim, Debbie & Ken Pittenger

*May the Lord repay you for what you have done.
May you be richly rewarded by the Lord.*

Ruth 2:12 (NIV) †

The Life of Beneva in July 2005

July 1 Friday
 CYF Fireworks Sale—Clark Road 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
 Food Pantry Open—Disciple Hall 3:00—5:00 pm

July 2 Saturday
 CYF Fireworks Sale—Clark Road 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

July 3 Sunday
 CYF Fireworks Sale—Clark Road 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
 Blended Worship Service 10:30 am
 Children Worship & Wonder—Disciple Hall 10:45 am
 Faith Seekers—Education Building 10:45 am
 Blood Pressure Check—Chi Rho Room 11:45 am
 Happy Hearts Lunch— Demetrio's 12:00 pm
 Search Committee Meeting at Fran Hardt's Home 7:00 pm

July 4 Monday
 CYF Last Day Fireworks Sale - Clark Road 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
 Church Office Closed

July 5 Tuesday
 Special Called Board Meeting—Disciple Hall 7:00 pm

July 6 Wednesday
 Happy Hearts Breakfast—Tasty Home 9:00 am
 Chimes Rehearsal—Sanctuary 6:00 pm

July 8 Friday
 Food Pantry Open—Disciple Hall 3:00—5:00 pm

July 10 Sunday
 Contemporary Worship Service 9:00 am
 Time of Fellowship—Disciple Hall 10:00 am
 Called Congregational Meeting Between 2 Services 10:00 am
 Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am
 Children Worship & Wonder—Disciple Hall 10:45 am
 Faith Seekers—Education Building 10:45 am
 Happy Hearts Lunch— Olive Garden 12:00 pm

July 11 Monday
 Vision Rehearsal—Sanctuary 7:00 pm

July 12 Tuesday
 Regular Scheduled Board Meeting—Disciple Hall 7:00 pm

July 13 Wednesday
 Happy Hearts Breakfast— Serving Spoon 9:00 am

July 14 Thursday
 Happy Hearts Pot Luck Supper—Disciple Hall 6:00 pm

July 15 Friday
 Food Pantry Open—Disciple Hall 3:00 pm—5:00 pm

July 17 Sunday
 Contemporary Worship Service 9:00 am
 Time of Fellowship—Disciple Hall 10:00 am
 Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am
 Children Worship & Wonder—Disciple Hall 10:45 am
 Faith Seekers—Education Building 10:45 am
 Happy Hearts Lunch— Longhorn 12:00 pm

July 18 Monday
 Friendship Knot Quilters Guild—Disciple Hall 6:00 pm
 Vision Rehearsal—Sanctuary 7:00 pm

July 20 Wednesday
 Happy Hearts Breakfast— Demarco's 9:00 am
 Chimes Rehearsal—Sanctuary 6:00 pm

July 22 Friday
 Food Pantry Open—Disciple Hall 3:00 pm—5:00 pm

July 24 Sunday
 Contemporary Worship Service 9:00 am
 Sunday Morning Bible Study—Disciple Hall 9:00 am
 Time of Fellowship—Disciple Hall 10:00 am
 Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am
 Children Worship & Wonder—Disciple Hall 10:45 am
 Faith Seekers—Education Building 10:45 am
 Happy Hearts Lunch—Steak & Ale 12:00 pm
 Family Gathering for Mary Yarman -Dis.Hall 1:00-5:00 pm

July 25 Monday
 Vision Rehearsal—Sanctuary 7:00 pm

July 27 Wednesday
 Happy Hearts Breakfast— Millie's 9:00 am
 Chimes Rehearsal—Sanctuary 6:00 pm

July 31 Sunday
 Contemporary Worship Service 9:00 am
 Time of Fellowship—Disciple Hall 10:00 am
 Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am
 Children Worship & Wonder—Disciple Hall 10:45 am
 Faith Seekers—Education Building 10:45 am
 Happy Hearts Lunch— Marina Jack 12:00 pm

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Worship & Wonder Schedule For July

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- 17 The Temple, The House Of God
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Interesting Bible Facts

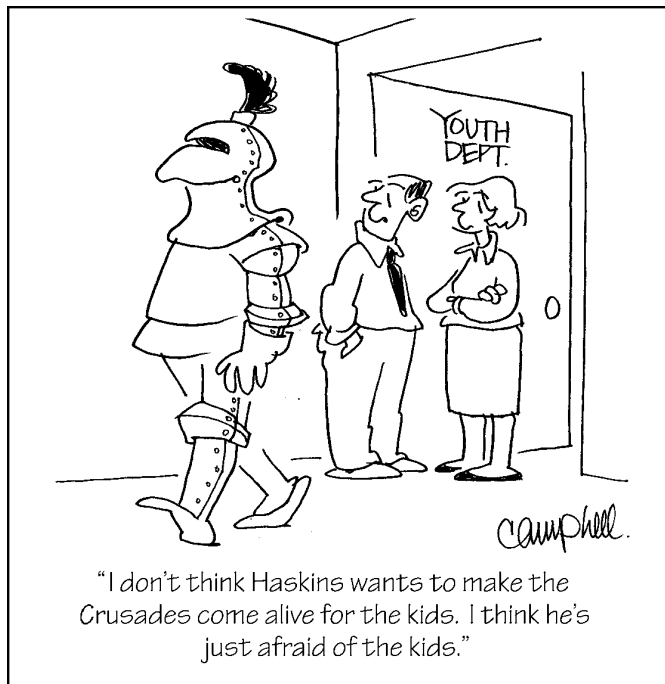
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indicated a new spiritual dimension, name changes were also made in secular life. Naomi (“pleasant”) changed her name to Mara (“bitter”) after her husband and sons had died, leaving her without means of support. She explained the change by saying, “The Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me” (Ruth 1:20).

Changing a person’s name was a way of demonstrating authority, so that when Joseph gained prominence in the Egyptian court the pharaoh changed his name to Zaphnath-paaneah (Gen 41:45). Daniel and his three friends who were taken captive to Babylon were all renamed for Babylonian deities by the master of the eunuchs. Daniel, for example, was called Belteshazzar (“Bel protect his life”) for the chief god of Babylon, while his friend Azariah, had his name changed to Abed-nego (“servant of Nego”) after the god of wisdom (Dan 1:6-7).

When Hebrew kings were made vassals by foreign powers, their names were often changed as a symbol of submission. Pharaoh Necho, who deposed Jehoahaz and made Eliakim the king of Judah, changed the latter’s name to Jehoiakim (2 Kings 23:34). When Nebuchadnezzar allowed Mattaniah to rule Judah, he changed his name to Zedekiah (2 Kings 24:17).

In Mesopotamia and Egypt it was not uncommon for monarchs to change their names, often incorporating into the new name the name of a god to signify that they were ruling with divine dispensation. Because kings of Judah sometimes seem to have had more than one name in the Bible—one in the Book of Kings and another in the Book of Chronicles or in the books of the prophets—some scholars believe that the Hebrew princes might also have changed their names when they ascended the throne. †



August Good News



Deadline for articles sent to the church is July 21st.

Articles may be sent directly to Nancy Dennis at nancydennis@verizon.net, or left in her inbox at the church office. †

Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday

8:30 am-12:00 noon Office Open

Office Closed for Lunch 12:00 noon-1:00 pm

1:00 pm-4:00 pm Office Open

Phone: 924-8713

Anna Ragone, our church secretary, will be in the office every day at the above office hours. Our Interim Minister, Jim Moxley, will be in the office at varying times according to his visitation schedules. Please let us know if you are going to the hospital and having surgical procedures. Jim, the Elders, and other volunteers are available at any time. Please do not hesitate to call if needs arise.

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Jim Moxley email — jimmoxley@lifeatbeneva.org

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Jim Moxley home phone — 378-5370

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If you would like to be added to our e-mail prayer chain please send your request via email to: churchoffice@lifeatbeneva.org

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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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