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**Growth Through Faith**

“They were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a mighty violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit” Acts 2: 2-4

These words are still fresh in our hearts and minds as just a few short days ago we celebrated Pentecost. And the Spirit continues to move among us today. Just as Peter was emboldened by the Holy Spirit to stand and preach to the crowd gathered at the temple so too our Board was led by the Spirit to hire a new Youth Director. This is truly a step of faith because as of now we don't have the necessary funds to make the position financially secure. However, the Board believes that God will provide as we follow the Spirit's leading to minister to our children and youth. The worship team is also beginning the process of seeking a new Worship Leader/Choir Director and we ask that you would keep them in your prayers.

As Peter preached on the day of Pentecost the scripture says, “And about three thousand were added to their number that day.” We haven't quite experienced that much growth yet, but believe that God will continue to add to our numbers as we are faithful to His call. God has blessed us with 15 new members since January 1 and they have already become active in the ministry at Beneva. Also, on June 1st we will have another membership Sunday and expect another ten to twelve people to make that commitment. We thank God for them all.

All the growth the early church experienced, both spiritual and numerical, was because they devoted themselves to the apostles teachings, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers. Here at Beneva we will continue to grow as we devote ourselves to the same things with the leading of the same Holy Spirit.

Pray for an out pouring!

Pastor Bobby ✝

*Empowered by the Spirit, We will reach out in Love and Fellowship; Teaching and Making Disciples.*

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## World Outreach

By Dave Harlow, World Outreach Chair  
(Amy Abbott and Mary Caress also on the committee)

### We Are Indeed "Our Brother's Keeper"

Three of the five "special day" offerings have been made for the brotherhood. Each offering is designated for specific causes. Week of Compassion is our money that goes for emergency disaster relief. When Mary and I were in the Holy Land recently, Jesus' story about the Good Samaritan really meant so much to me. The land around Jericho is very hostile. Had the Samaritan not stopped to help, the man would surely have died a terrible death. Our money to the Week of Compassion gives needed money to aid victims all over the world. WOC is able to send emergency help almost at once. Governments are slower to respond because of regulations and bureaucracy.

Our Easter offering went for general church programs — Division of Homeland ministries, and the minister's pension fund are just two of the uses. Pentecost monies were used this year to "Share the Chalice". As



our churches age, and our populations move, we have to move our churches to them. Over 500 new churches have been started in the last few years from seed money from the special offering. You may always give money to the WOC. All you have to do is designate your offering to WOC.

Week of Compassion is trying to get severely needed aid to the citizens of Myanmar [Burma]. The federal government is not being very cooperative with the aid offering. It is hard for those of us who believe life is sacred to understand why aid is being turned down, or at least delayed. Tropical Cyclone Storm Nargis has killed thousands and left people without shelter or food. Week of Compassion and the United Church of Christ's "Great Hour of Sharing" is working with Church World Service and the churches in Myanmar to assess the situation. Meanwhile the suffering continues. Watch your news for further updates.

Tornados, fires and floods have all occurred this past week. An earthquake struck China killing untold numbers and leaving thousands homeless. You may be sure that our WOC is aiding these people representing Beneva CCDOC and its generous people. †

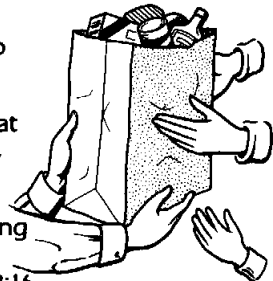
## Food Pantry Update

By Jackie Hazen

We saw a decline in the number of families that we served during the month of May. Someone pointed out that we will probably see an increase once school is out as many of the children will be eating breakfast and lunch at home. We continue to see new faces and hear the many expressions of gratitude for the assistance that they are receiving from the Food Pantry at Beneva Christian.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

-Hebrews 13:16



Pastor Bobby has suggested that we designate the first Sunday of each month as "Food Pantry Sunday". In ordering food from All Faiths Food Bank, we try to get as much donated or salvage foods as possible, but many items we still have to purchase. We strive to keep our costs as low as possible and your donations are truly appreciated. We are always in need of spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly, canned fruit, canned vegetables, rice, instant potatoes, beans, mayo, ketchup, and mustard. Fresh produce, milk and cheese are also hard to come by. Please drop off donations in the basket outside the Food Pantry or in the Narthex, or place in the refrigerator marked "For Food Pantry". We appreciate cash donations as well, simply place your donation in an envelope in the offering plate and mark it "Food Pantry".

A very special thank you to everyone who came to help unload the truck and put the groceries away on Thursday afternoons and to those who help check the families in and deliver the food to them on Friday afternoons. It is very rewarding to know that we are making a difference in their lives. If you are interested in helping please drop by the church on Thursday or Friday afternoon at 3:00 pm or call Sara at 321-0393. †

Matthew 25: 34-36

Hebrews 13: 2

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Interested in a home visit with Pastor Bobby, or a cup of coffee at the church? Please contact him at **400-7349** (cell) or the church at **924-8713** to arrange a convenient date and time. †

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## Beautiful Faces

By Jane Wyatt, Growth Chairman

Be sure to check out the photos on our "New Members" poster in the Narthex. It's a good way to put names and faces together, so that the new members may be integrated into life at Beneva Christian Church. You'll want to know each of them. They are great additions to this family of believers, and we are proud to have them "officially" in the fold!! (Thanks to Dave Harlow for suggesting this pictorial display and taking most of the pictures.)

The Worship Committee and Pastor Bobby have named June 1st, "Membership Sunday". It will be an extra special worship service for all members, friends and visitors, so please come to enjoy it with us. See you then! ☩

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## Tidbits from the Chair

Olevia Fulkert

The personnel committee and the church board have approved the position "Director of Youth" to coordinate activities for all ages of youth. Corry O'Carroll has accepted this position. Stay tuned for upcoming events for the youth this summer.

It may seem too early to talk about Christmas, however because of the financial deficit that we are experiencing right now we will need to sell Christmas Trees again this year. Those interested in helping to organize this needed fund raiser please contact the church office, Dale, or myself.

The By-Laws Committee will meet this month so if you have any suggestions or changes or additions please submit them to the office or my email [gregf2112@aol.com](mailto:gregf2112@aol.com).

A list of items that need to be done around the church is being assembled and will be available in the church office. If you find yourself this summer with some extra time and are able to complete an item on the list it would be greatly appreciated.

This month a committee will be organized to hire a new Choir Director in September/October. Who said Beneva slows down during the summer.

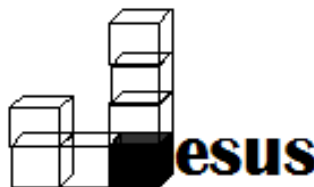
Remember if you have any questions about what is going on please contact your Elder, Dale or myself.

Good Luck Pastor Bobby on your Triathlon in San Francisco. ☩

## "Cornerstone"

Sunday School Class each Sunday—9:00 am

Each Sunday at 9:00 am, Pastor Bobby will be offering a Sunday School Class called "Cornerstone".



The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall. A cornerstone is a large stone used to anchor and align the corner of a wall or the keystone of an arch. For

Christians, our Cornerstone is Jesus Christ upon which we are to build our lives. See Psalm 118: 22 and Acts 4:11.

This class will help us begin to read and understand basic biblical passages. It will be a catalyst for our prayer and devotional lives and give us an opportunity to discuss and fellowship with other disciples. This group is designed for all adults — any age. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor Bobby at the church.

Worship & Wonder class for Kindergarten through 4th grade will be held during this time. The nursery will be provided for the Preschool and younger children. We hope to see you at Cornerstone each Sunday. ☩

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## Calling JOSHUA'S MEN

June 2nd — 7:00 pm

All men are invited to the gathering of Joshua's Men. We will be meeting on Monday night June 2nd at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for Fellowship, Prayer, and Bible Study.



Listen to the Shofar. We will be discussing a couple of important things. One is what type of mission project we want to take on as a group. There are a number of opportunities both at the church and locally. Also we need to decide what kind of Bible study to use for the summer months. Come with an open heart and be ready to be blessed.

For more information contact Dr. Bobby Dickerson at 941-924-8713. ☩

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*We must all work to make the world worthy of its children.*

—Pablo Casals

*Lord, make me see thy glory in every place.*

—Michelangelo

## Summer Youth Programs

By Corry O'Carroll

Attention all youth. Beneva Christian Church will be up and running all summer with youth programs.

Starting June 5th from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm the CYF and Chi Rho are invited to come and hang out at Disciple Hall. We will be having games (the Platts have already donated a ping pong table — thank you so much Carole and Dean), fellowship and maybe even live music. This will be a weekly event for the summer, so be sure to schedule us into your summer calendar, and bring a friend.



Not to be left out we will be soon be announcing summer activities for our younger youth.

This is an exciting time to be a youth at Beneva Christian Church and any adult who wants to be involved. We need volunteers as chaperones and helpers, please call Corry O'Carroll at 915-3206. †

## Beneva Scholarship Fund

By JoAnn Kelly

The Beneva Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for continuing education for any youth or adult in the church. Please contact Kathy Bearden or JoAnn Kelly if you have any questions or need an application.



The money for the scholarships is from interest earned from investments made through the Christian Church Foundation located in Indianapolis. These funds are from contributions made by members of the congregation and from people donating in memory of a loved one.

Thanks to all who have given to the Scholarship fund through the year. †

## Important Dates for Our Youth

Jigsaw is August 15-17, 2008

CYF Assembly is January 23-25, 2009

Beneva Youth please put these important dates on your calendars.

We hope for a great attendance to these events. †

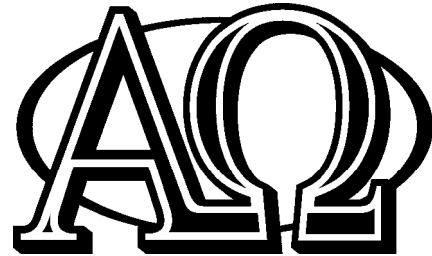
## Youth Bible Studies

By Patricia Poquette, Christian Education

Starting June 1st Worship & Wonder will be held between 9:00 & 10:00 am in the morning while adult Bible studies are being held. This class is for ages Kindergarten through 4th grade. Any preschool ages are to go to the nursery where we will have classes for them.

While church is in session all children will remain in church except those that go to nursery. †

## Christian Symbols +



Alpha and Omega

Alpha and Omega are the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet, respectively. They signify the eternal nature of Jesus Christ, who is the beginning and the end of all things. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13, NRSV). (Also see Revelation 1:8 and 21:6.) †





**2008**  
**Camps and Conference**  
**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Florida**



Early Registration fee for all camps ends May 9th 2008\*\*

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Cost</u> Post Marked By May 9, 2008	<u>Cost</u> Post Marked By May 9, 2008
Genesis Camp (4-7th Grade)	June 8 —13	\$285	\$300
CYF Conference (9-12th Grade)	June 15 — 21	\$295	\$310
3rd Grade Camp (3rd Grade)	June 22 — 26	\$245	\$260
Primitive Canoe Camp (9-12th Grade)	June 22 — 28	\$255	\$270
Spiritual Arts Camp (8-12th Grade)	June 29 — July 5	\$335	\$350
CHI-RHO Camp (6-8th Grade)	July 6 — 11	\$280	\$295
Junior Camp (4-5th Grade)	July 13 — 17	\$245	\$260

**Rules for acceptance and participation in the program are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap.**

2008 Directors

Genesis Camp (4-7th Grade)	Rev. Donn Brammer
CYF Conference (9-12th Grade)	Libby Snyder & Rev. Suzanne Stout
Third Grade (3rd Grade)	Rev. J.C. Steele
Primitive Canoe Camp (9-12th Grade)	Steve Turrentine
Spiritual Arts Camp (8-12 Grade)	Lora Davis-Henningsen
CHI-RHO Camp (6-8th Grade)	Rev. Jeff Smith
Junior Camp (4-5 Grade)	Pastor Roslin Springer

**Handle With Care**

**\*\*Early Registration must be post marked by May 9, 2008 and must include full payment less any scholarships awarded.**



Jun 01	Michaela Harris
Jun 03	Michael Keller
Jun 04	Deanna Root
Jun 07	Ruth Smith
Jun 08	Darren Platt
Jun 11	Lance Robbins
Jun 12	Jo Carless
Jun 12	Frances Pence
Jun 15	Sandy Mackey
Jun 16	Melissa Eastman
Jun 16	Judy Fahrback
Jun 16	Pat McKahan
Jun 18	Myrna Wolf
Jun 20	Florence Bollman
Jun 23	Linda Creech
Jun 23	Linda Brodkorb
Jun 24	Brad Satterlee
Jun 24	Diane Oberheu
Jun 26	Hazel Davies
Jun 29	Dylan Borchert

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

## Dinner on the Grounds June 8th

The Worship Committee has decided to initiate a monthly dinner immediately following the Sunday morning worship service. Beginning Sunday, June 8th, we would like to have "Dinner on the Grounds" every 2nd Sunday.

Please plan to join us for great food, fun and fellowship! The Worship Committee will provide the meat and drinks and ask that each family bring a dish to share. We are looking for another committee or group to sponsor the dinner in July. Please contact Sara Metheny at 321-0393. See you there! †



Jun 04	John & Susan Kohut
Jun 05	Edd & Mary Pat Spencer
Jun 12	Marshall & Iris DuBois
Jun 16	David & Susan Sell
Jun 17	Peter & Lynn Harris
Jun 17	Wally & Mabel Brunton
Jun 22	Duane & Jane Wyatt

## Bifocal Bunch By Shirley Blanton

The majority of the Bifocal Bunch folks have returned north for the summer. We leave Thursday, May 22nd, and we'll be gone through October.

During the summer Jane Wyatt will be putting together activities every now and then. Get in touch with her if you have any ideas or suggestions (484-0198). †

## The Sound Team By Marshall DuBois, Technology Chair

If you can hear everyone who speaks or sings during Sunday morning worship, it's probably due to the effort of the Sound Team. Those are the people who operate the Sound Mixer in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Our "S" team consists of Jonathan Case, Marshall DuBois and Larry Hazen. We also have our backup team of Frank Metheny and Charles Rabjohns.



These folks work with the person who runs the video system, and the weekly sermon is recorded and posted to the Beneva website. If you do not have Internet access and would like a copy of a sermon please ask. We'll do our best to accommodate you. †

## April Financial Update

By Duane Wyatt, Stewardship Chair

	April 2008		April 2008 YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$11,893	\$12,883	\$69,076	\$57,032
Expenses	14,632	15,593	74,277	73,870
Gain(Loss)	(2,739)	(2,710)	(5,201)	(16,838)
Checking Bal.			\$902	

BCC's financial loss for April was right on target, which means that our YTD for April remained the same as March's position — about \$2,000 better than expected (allowing for the \$10,000 loan in February).

We did make it thru April without borrowing — but we did have to add to our debt another \$10,000 the first week of May. The good news is that we are about \$3,000 ahead in our cash position at this time, we will still have to borrow the forecasted \$50,000 to get thru 2008.

Thanks for your help in keeping us on target for 2008! †

## A Question About Loneliness

In 1961, when United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld died in a plane crash, documents found in his apartment revealed his “negotiations with myself — and with God.” They were published in a book titled *Markings*.

One topic Hammarskjöld pondered was why his loneliness ran so deep and was so persistent. He asked God, “Didst Thou give me this inescapable loneliness so that it would be easier for me to give Thee all?”

A hint of how Hammarskjöld handled the situation is found in this prayer he wrote:

Give me a pure heart that I may see thee,  
A humble heart that I may hear thee,  
A heart of love that I may serve thee,  
A heart of faith that I may abide in thee. †

*Man wishes to be happy even when he lives as to make happiness impossible.*

—St. Augustine of Hippo

*The miracle is this — the more we share, the more we have.*

—Leonard Nimoy

## New Signs

By Frank Metheny

The board has approved the addition of new signs on church property. The signs will be placed to give directions to all of the buildings on the church campus. The only problem is that we do not have money earmarked for this project. It is very important for visitors to be able to find their way around the church property.

The goal is to raise \$2500 which will be more than enough to purchase the signs needed. Any money not used on the signs will be put into the general fund. This donation should be in addition to your regular giving. Frank Metheny is collecting the money so please give what you can to make this project a success. Make your check payable to Beneva Christian Church. †

Frank Metheny 941-966-4668  
352 Park Trace Blvd.  
Osprey, FL 34229

## Shepherding Program

Frank Metheny, Chairman of the Elders

The Elders have reinstated the Shepherding Program. Each member, or friend, of the church has been assigned an Elder. Your Elder should be contacting you in the near future. The purpose of this ministry is to provide better two-way communication between you and our church. As spiritual leaders of the church, the Elders are available at anytime that you have a question, concern, or need. If you do not hear from your Elder within the next few weeks, please contact Frank Metheny at (941) 966-4668, [frank@methenymotorsports.com](mailto:frank@methenymotorsports.com), or the church office.



We will make sure that your Elder has your correct contact information. We would also like to have your birthday and anniversary dates. The Elders are very excited about this ministry to improve communications and strengthen our spiritual life at Beneva Christian. †

## Little Disciples Preschool

By Cindy McDowell, Director

Hello Everyone! There have been a few quiet days around here and I MISS all the laughter! We open up our Summer Camps in June and I'm not sure who's going to have more fun, the children or the teachers! There are still openings in all camp sessions so call today to register your preschooler. Our Summer Camp's offer the children opportunities way beyond the normal school year. You never know what those wild and crazy teachers will come up with!

Last month I said thank you to all our Preschool families for sharing their children with us and for a wonderful year together. I'd like to take a moment now and recognize those wonderful ladies who make everyday fabulous. To Diane, Kay, Susan, Shelly, Lynn, Flor, Kim, Paula, Roxie, Tinna, Lenice, Lori and Sandy a GIANT thank you for everything you have done this year. The months and months of work you give to Little Disciples Preschool and all those hours spent in planning, evaluating, labeling, RE-evaluating, maintaining our NAEYC ACCREDITATION, checking the playground, doing ant-treatments, taking children to the potty, washing dishes, setting up snack, washing your hands....does not go unnoticed. I am so proud of you, so blessed by each of you, and remain so honored to be part of this very special family/team. I am already counting the days until we are all back together again.

Registration for the 2008-2009 school year finds us very happily full in many classrooms. We have vacancies at the 2.5 and 3 year levels still available. 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 27th & 28th at 7:00pm both evenings. Open House invitations will be sent out the last week of July with additional information and the appropriate date for families to attend. Keep enjoying your summer everyone! †

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*"I have had prayers answered — most strangely so some times — but I think our heavenly Father's loving-kindness has been even more evident in what he has refused me."*

—Lewis Carroll

*"If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."*

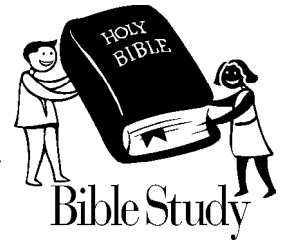
—Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama

## Bible Book of the Month

The Second Letter to the Thessalonians

### What makes 2 Thessalonians unique?

As in 1 Thessalonians, the author thanks God that the Thessalonian Christians continue to grow in faith and love, in spite of the difficulties and suffering they are going through. The author lets them know that they continue to be an example for other churches. The letter also gives further insight into the apostle's beliefs about the return of Christ and his teachings about how to prepare for this event.



### Why was 2 Thessalonians written?

Some members of the Thessalonian church were upset because people were saying that Christ had already come back again, and that they had missed out on this event. But the author assures them that such is not the case, and tells them what will happen when Christ does return: the "wicked one" (CEV) and unbelievers will be punished (2:12), and those who are faithful to Christ will be saved (2:13). The Thessalonians are told to pray for the spread of the good news (3:1-5), and they are warned to listen to Paul's teachings and to avoid being lazy (3:6-13).

### What's the story behind the scene?

This letter was probably written shortly after 1 THESSALONIANS. Even though the members of the Thessalonian church were good examples of faith and love, some of them were listening to some false teachings about Christ's return (2:1-5). The author then explains more about the Lord's return and the Lord's victory over the "evil one." The author concludes by reminding them that the belief that Christ would return soon is no excuse to quit working. Some scholars believe this letter may have been written by one of Paul's followers after Paul died. It was not unusual in the ancient world for a follower to honor his or her teacher by writing something in the teacher's name.

### How is 2 Thessalonians constructed?

The letter can be outlined in the following way:

The Truth about Christ's Return (1:1 - 2:17)

The author greets the Thessalonians and tells them he is pleased with their faith and love, which has grown in spite of their suffering. God is using this suffering to get them ready for Christ's return when God will save them. Then

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## Dad's Incredible



Author Jim Wallis tells how his young son ends telephone conversations with him.

“Daddy,” the boy says, “I love you, I like you and you’re incredible.”

What makes an “incredible” father? It isn’t as difficult as it might seem. Children, of course, aren’t awed by the size of your paycheck, office or retirement account. Instead, it’s the simple, everyday gestures that make you a No. 1 dad.

In *Stories for the Family’s Heart*, Steve Stephens offers some sure-fire ways to be incredible in your kids’ eyes:

- Play tic-tac-toe and hide-and-seek.
- Be consistent.
- Buy ice cream cones.
- Don’t discipline in anger.
- Count stars together.
- Pray with (and for) your children.
- Hug and say “I love you” often. †

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### Bible Book of the Month

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he explains what will happen to the “wicked one” who will try to fool people when the end is near. This section concludes with the repetition of the promise that God has chosen them to be the “first ones to be saved.”

### Prayers and Warnings (3:1-18)

The author asks the Thessalonians to pray that he and his companions may be kept safe from evil people. In turn he prays that God will continue to make them loving and patient. Finally, he warns them to stay away from people who do not work, and people who refuse to obey what he has written in his letter.

A Bible Study Resource provided by  
www.BibleResourceCenter.org †

## A Father’s Influence

Studies show that if the mother of a family attends worship, there’s a 16 percent chance that the rest of the family will also attend.

Yet when a father attends worship, there’s a 93 percent chance that other family members will be present, too.

Just think, Dad, of the clout you have. Hope to see you in church this weekend! †

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## Father’s Day

The first celebration of Father’s Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who’d cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father’s Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father’s Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father’s Day as a national observance. †

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## The Meaning Of Service

After the Korean War, an American journalist was searching for human-interest stories. Inside a clinic run by Christians, he found a nun who was treating a Korean peasant’s gangrenous wound.

The sight of the ugly infection turned the reporter’s stomach. He said to the nun, “I wouldn’t do what you’re doing for all the money in the world.”

The nurse calmly kept at her task and simply replied, “Neither would I.” †

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*“Whatever makes [people] good Christians makes them good citizens.”*

—Daniel Webster

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## Nevaeh?

Ever know anyone named Nevaeh? This increasingly popular name is “Heaven” spelled backward.

Nevaeh is a recent invention, appearing suddenly in 1999. That year, there were eight baby Nevaehs born in the United States. The next year, there were 86. Now the name is in the top 50 most popular baby girl names. Parents select Nevaeh because it has meaning, uniqueness and star-connection.

Names during biblical times carried not just meaning but a hoped-for destiny. While the name “Jesus” was as common in that day as Michael, John or David are today, its meaning was entirely uncommon for him. Jesus literally means “salvation” or “the Lord saves.”

No matter your given name, take pride in your label as a Christian. That name shows your true meaning and destiny.

—Adapted from Homiletics †

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## “Healthy” Spirituality

While studying elderly people and their immune systems, Duke University scientists discovered that senior adults who attend worship regularly have healthier immune systems than those who don’t attend regularly.

And at the University of California, Los Angeles, a study showed that college students who participate in religious activities have better emotional and mental health than those with no religious involvement. A high degree of spirituality correlated with high self-esteem.

Participating in worship and other church activities appears to boost not only your spiritual health but also your physical and mental health. Make a commitment to stay involved — even in the busy summer months. †

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## An Enthusiastic Faith

Fred Rogers, the gifted minister to children known as “Mister Rogers,” said: “Attitudes are caught, not taught. The best way to cultivate faith in children is to share our own enthusiasm about what we believe.” †

## Handling Grief

When a Southern Christian woman became a widow, several people asked what she was going to do. She always answered by saying, “I’m going to do Proverbs 3:5-6 and Philippians 4:4-7.”

Both passages provide wonderful doses of strength and encouragement. (If you aren’t familiar with the verses, look them up to see for yourself.) When we completely trust in God for guidance and peace, he not only sees us through difficult times but allows us to rejoice rather than worry. †

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## The Soul Lover

Prolific hymn writer Charles Wesley wrote the moving song “Jesus, Lover of My Soul” in 1739. According to one story, Wesley penned the lyrics after surviving a raging storm at sea. A frightened bird apparently flew into Wesley’s window during the uproar, seeking safety in the folds of Wesley’s coat.

The first stanza is as follows:

*Jesus, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high,  
Hide me, O my Savior,  
hide, till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide;  
O receive my soul at last.*

This brings to mind the frightened disciples in Matthew 8:23-27. Pummeled with wind and waves, they feared drowning and called to Jesus to save them.

We, too, can take refuge in our Savior during life’s storms, knowing we have a safe haven and a sure destination. †

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## Benefits Of Worship

We go to church to be with others who either know God or wish to know God. The church is a place of acceptance, friendship and fellowship. It’s a place to honor and worship our loving Creator who accepts us as family.

In church we pray to God, sing about God, hear God’s Word for us and find support and direction for whatever challenges face us. In church we find comfort in our sorrow, encouragement in our struggles and the Holy Spirit’s assurance that “all things work together for good for those who love God” (Romans 8:28, NRSV). †





**Beneva Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)

**2008 General Board Members**

**Church Officers**

**Chair:** Olevia Fulkert  
**Vice-Chair:** Dale Root  
**Secretary:** Elsie McDonald  
**Financial Secretary:** Frank Metheny  
**Treasurer:** Duane Wyatt  
**Historian:** Pauline Totten/Jane Oneal

**Elders**

<b><u>Expires 2008</u></b>	<b><u>Expires 2009</u></b>	<b><u>Expires 2010</u></b>
Sara Metheny	Garland Poquette	Charles Rabjohns
Frank Metheny	Jane Oneal	Bob Blanton
Olevia Fulkert	Glenn Oneal	Shirley Blanton
Greg Fulkert	Duane Wyatt	Bob Evans

**Department Chairs**

**Worship:** Sara Metheny  
**Christian Education:** Patty & Garland Poquette  
**Stewardship:** Duane Wyatt  
**Church Growth** Jane Wyatt  
**Membership:**  
**World Outreach:** David Harlow  
**Property:** Thomas Byrd  
**Healthcare Services:** Pauline Totten  
**Nurture:** Florine Blake

**Deacons**

<b><u>Expires 2008</u></b>	<b><u>Expires 2009</u></b>	<b><u>Expires 2010</u></b>
Gail Brodkorb	Lori Walsh	Cindy McDowell
Brenda Root	Debbie York	Suzanne Pruse
JoAnn Kelly		Tim Brodkorb
Amy Abbot		Becky Brodkorb
		Jan Bogart
		Dean Hoover
		Joyce Hoover
		Nila Valvo

**Staff**

**Minister:** Pastor Bobby Dickerson  
**Secretary:** Caitlin McDowell  
**Director of Music:** Greg Fulkert  
**Pianist/Organist:** Janene Overley  
**Youth Director** Corry O'Carroll  
**Custodian:** Yves May  
**Preschool Director:** Cindy McDowell  
**Nursery Attendant:** Stephanie Ward

**Youth Deacons**

**Expires 2008**

Deanna Root

**Trustees**

<b><u>Expires 2008</u></b>	<b><u>Expires 2009</u></b>	<b><u>Expires 2010</u></b>
Glenn Oneal	Bob King	Jerry Caress

**Group Chairs**

**Elders:** Frank Metheny  
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**Trustees:** Bob King  
**Greeters:** Ruth Wolf  
**Acolytes:** Kathy Bearden  
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**Christian Men Fellowship:** David Harlow  
**Bifocal Bunch:** Shirley Blanton  
**Young Couples/Singles:**  
**Technology:** Marshall K DuBois  
**Newsletter:** Nancy Dennis  
**Web Site:** Marshall K DuBois  
**By-Laws:**

**Committee Chairs**

**Little Disciples Preschool:** Melanie Bussiere  
**Memorial:** Barbara Clements  
**Music:** Iris DuBois  
**Personnel Committee:** Duane Wyatt  
**Local Benevolence:** Jackie Hazen  
**30/30 Vision:** Elders  
**New Building:**  
**Scholarship:** Kathy Bearden  
**Hostess:** Brenda Root/Gail Brodkorb

**Notice**

Everyone on this page is requested to attend the General Board meetings.  
 All Church Officers, Department Chairs, Staff, Committee Chairs and Group Chairs are requested to attend the Cabinet meetings.

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## Elder Serving Schedule for June 2008

<u>June 1</u>		<u>June 8</u>		<u>June 15</u>	
L	Duane Wyatt	L	Jane Oneal	L	Bob Evans
R	Sara Metheny	R	Glenn Oneal	R	Garland Poquette
<u>June 22</u>		<u>June 29</u>			
L	Olevia Fulkert	L	Frank Metheny		
R	Greg Fulkert	R	Sara Metheny		

Elders of the month: Duane Wyatt & Greg Fulkert (shut-ins, lockup facilities)

## Deacon Serving Schedule for June 2008

Elements Preparation for June — Jan Bogart & Amy Abbot

<u>June 1</u>		<u>June 8</u>		<u>June 15</u>			
1	Alicia Brodkorb	1	Brenda Root	C/B	1	Debbie York	
2	Gail Brodkorb	C/B	2	Deanna Root	2	Nila Valvo	B
3	Tim Brodkorb	3	Lori Walsh	3	Jan Bogart	B	
4	Deanna Root	4	Suzanne Pruse	4	Tim Brodkorb		
			JoAnn Kelly	B			
<u>June 22</u>		<u>June 29</u>					
1	Lori Walsh	1	Brenda Root	C/B			
2	Amy Abbot	2	Deanna Root				
3	Debbie York	3	Tim Brodkorb				
4	Suzanne Pruse	B	4	Alicia Brodkorb			
				JoAnn Kelly	B		

B= Bulletins: Arrive at 9:45 am to hand out bulletins.

C=Captain: Arrive at 10:10 am to check that the communion table is complete and all Deacons are accounted for.

U=Usher stays in the back and seats the late people and handles the microphone or announcements and prayer requests.

If you are unable to serve on scheduled date — Please arrange to have someone cover for you on that date.

All Deacons serving on their Sunday are to make sure all bulletins, cups and papers are picked up from the pews.

Communion Cups — fill grape juice to line right before it starts to curve — IF MUCH POUR SOME OUT.  
Communion Preparation — Give to Organist (on wooden shelf), Worship & Wonder (in Fellowship Hall) and Nursery.

If you have any questions call Amy Abbot (Deacon Chair) at 922-1089.

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## Please Remember our Homebound

Ruth Martin  
Thelma McKahan  
Oscar Thomas

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### Blood Pressure Check

By Pauline Totten, Healthcare Services

Our Blood Pressure service will take place in the CYF room on June 1st at 11:30 am (after church). Please come if you are concerned about your health.

Would anyone who is involved in the medical field contact me at 349-3167. I would like to set up a meeting during the summer. †

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### [www.lifeatbeneva.org](http://www.lifeatbeneva.org)

In addition to our sermons now online we also have the following features:

- Weekly Sermons to listen to and save
  - Prayer Requests
  - Elder and Deacon Schedules
  - Good News newsletter in downloadable format
  - Slideshows of church events
  - Links of interest to Disciple websites
  - Church event calendar and weekly schedule
  - Contact information and more . . . . .
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### Thank You Letter From Ginny Evans

Dear Friends of Beneva,

Thank you all for your cards, prayers, sympathy, and love. It was very comforting to me.

I will be moving to a smaller apartment near my sister on May 16th. New address:

1533D Pine St  
Tallahassee, FL 32303-5755

In Christian love,  
Ginny †

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### Every Christian's Mission

"If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain," wrote Emily Dickinson. We don't know what prompted her comment, but Christians should consider that a vital part of our mission in God's world is to prevent hearts from breaking. †

## Church Office

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Pastor: 400-7349

The office hours are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday.

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### E-mail Prayer Chain



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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### July Good News

**Deadline for articles sent to the church is June 19th.**

Articles may be sent directly to Caitlin McDowell at  
bccoffice2@verizon.net †

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## The Life of Beneva in June 2008

June 1, 2008 Sunday  
 Cornerstone Sunday School Class—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am  
 Children Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am  
 Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am  
 Blood Pressure Check—CYF Room 11:30 am  
 Faith Seekers—Nursery 10:30 am

June 2, 2008 Monday  
 Joshua's Men Group—Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm

June 5, 2008 Thursday  
 CYF & CHI RHO Youth night—Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm

June 6, 2008 Friday  
 Food Pantry Open 3:00—5:00 pm

June 7, 2008 Saturday  
 Girl Scouts — Fellowship Hall 4:00 pm

June 8, 2008 Sunday  
 Cornerstone Sunday School Class—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am  
 Children Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am  
 Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am  
 Faith Seekers—Nursery 10:30 am  
 Dinner on the Grounds—Fellowship Hall 11:30 am

June 12, 2008 Thursday  
 CYF & CHI RHO Youth night—Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm

June 13, 2008 Friday  
 Food Pantry Open 3:00—5:00 pm

June 14, 2008 Saturday  
 Girl Scouts — Fellowship Hall 4:00 pm

June 15, 2008 Sunday Father's Day  
 Cornerstone Sunday School Class—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am  
 Children Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am  
 Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am  
 Faith Seekers—Nursery 10:30 am

June 19, 2008 Thursday  
**Deadline — Good News articles for July**  
 CYF & CHI RHO Youth night—Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm

June 20, 2008 Friday  
 Food Pantry Open 3:00—5:00 pm

June 21, 2008 Saturday  
 Girl Scouts — Fellowship Hall 4:00 pm

June 22, 2008 Sunday  
 Cornerstone Sunday School Class—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am  
 Children Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am  
 Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am  
 Faith Seekers—Nursery 10:30 am

June 26, 2008 Thursday  
 CYF & CHI RHO Youth night—Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm

June 27, 2008 Friday  
 Food Pantry Open 3:00—5:00 pm

June 28, 2008 Saturday  
 Girl Scouts — Fellowship Hall 4:00 pm

June 29, 2008 Sunday  
 Cornerstone Sunday School Class—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am  
 Children Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am  
 Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am  
 Faith Seekers—Nursery 10:30 am

### A Jar For Tears

When our children were small and began to cry excessively, I'd say, "Keep crying, but wait until I get a jar. I want to catch your tears and save them." Then I would pretend to search for the suggested vessel.

The ruse worked every time. The children would quiet down and begin laughing at my ridiculous antics.

A jar for tears? In biblical times there were such things. Biblical scholar James Fleming makes several suggestions about the possible use of tear jars by biblical characters.

Remember the woman who cried at Jesus' feet? The sorrow she felt about her wayward lifestyle may have caused her to bring a jar of her tears, and then add to them as she cried near Jesus. She would have plenty of tears to wipe up with her hair afterward.

When the author of Psalm 23 wrote about his cup running over, Fleming suggests he may have meant his tear cup was filled with tears of joy due to God's goodness.

Tear cups are still available in Old Jerusalem antiquities stores. And at the Vatican Museum in Rome, a large glass cabinet is filled with ancient tear cups.

—Charles Ferrell †

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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. †

## Summer Sunday Schedule

Cornerstone Adult Sunday School Class	9:00-10:00 am
Children's Worship & Wonder	9:00-10:00 am
Traditional Worship Service	10:30 am
Faith Seekers—Nursery	10:30 am



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