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REPENT: The Second Step in Effective Prayer

Last month we began to look at what makes for effective prayer by using the acronym P-R-A-Y. The first step is praise. Today, I want to focus on the second letter of our acronym, “R”, which stands for repent.

By repentance in prayer, I mean taking the time before God to search your heart and repent of anything that has come between you and Him. Psalm 19:12-13 expresses it well,

“Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.”

Verse 12 begins with the question, “Who can understand his errors?” The psalmist is telling us, “You will not always know when you do something wrong. You will not always know when you get into an area that is not right.”

What David is pointing to are the secret faults and presumptuous sins which can still have dominion over you—even though you may not be aware that what you did was wrong.

For example, sometimes we can allow attitudes to get into our hearts that we don’t realize are inconsistent with God’s character. Or sometimes we can do and say things that are detrimental, not only to us, but to others, and not really understand the damage we have done.

How do you deal with these sins? You come before God and say, “God, put the spotlight on anything in my life that has raised a barrier between You and me, and I will repent of it.”

So when you pray, ask God to reveal any sin in your life you may be overlooking. God will honor your heart of repentance.

By Baless Conley

<http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/answersforeachday/>

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)

Week of Compassion Update

The outbreak of hostilities between Russian and Georgian forces in the disputed regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia has uprooted and displaced tens of thousands of people, many of whom are in urgent need of basic relief assistance. The situation remains tense and fighting continues in places, despite a reported ceasefire.

Church World Service has two local partners in Georgia, but has been able to make contact with only one, based in the Georgian capital of Tblisi. A



number of members in the Action by Churches Together [ACT] network, including the US based Orthodox Christian Charities [IOCC] and the United Methodist Commission on Relief [UMCOR], have active programs in Georgia. Regional ACT members, Hungarian Inter church Aid [HIA] and the Russian Orthodox Church [ROC], have already begun distributing emergency relief assistance. ACT is now issuing an initial emergency grant from its Rapid Response Fund and is preparing a follow - up appeal to its member churches . Week of Compassion, in turn, is preparing a response to the ACT appeal, as well as support for CWS efforts with its local Georgian partners.

Recently, the Week of Compassion Committee approved a sustainable development grant to support a major CWS initiative in Georgia to provide vocational education and employment opportunities for vulnerable youth through Tblisi Youth House Foundation [TYHF]. TYHF has assisted more than 15,000 displaced and local vulnerable children over the past 10 years. This specific project will directly assist 780 young people. Of course, WOC will work closely with CWS to monitor the progress of the project, especially in light of the fighting. We will continue to post information on the humanitarian situation in Georgia and the response of our church partners. If you can afford even a little money, please consider giving to WOC. The money isn't wasted.



Health Initiative Launched in South Sudan

IMA World Health, a key Disciples ecumenical partner, has recently launched a major health initiative in South Sudan. The program will provide basic health services to an estimated 1.8-2.5 million people in the South Sudan states of Jonglei and Upper Nile, and rebuild and strengthen a decentralized country health system that has been decimated by decades of war.

Week of Compassion is a strong supporter of IMA World Health and has recently funded other IMA initiatives in Haiti, Tanzania, and Congo. Many Disciples congregations have participated in the IMA/WOC Medicine Box program, including the current campaign to provide medicine boxes to six hospitals of the Disciples community in the Congo. IMA World Health has consistently received 4 star ratings [the highest given] by Charity Navigator for both efficiency and capacity.

Keeping you informed,

Your outreach team,

Amy Abbott, Mary Caress, and Dave Harlow †

Celebrate Labor Day

Labor Day, first celebrated in 1882, provides a day of rest for working Americans, showing their importance to the country's well-being. Christians see work as a gift and command from God. Adam was put in the Garden to "till it and keep it" (Genesis 2:15, NRSV). Even Jesus chose workers to help carry out his mission.

Rest is just as significant as work. God commanded us to rest one day each week (Exodus 20:10). The Sabbath is a time for worship, family activities, renewal and recuperation.

Labor Day is a reminder to be grateful for the creativity, ingenuity, minds and muscle power of countless workers — all gifts of God. That's worth setting aside a day to appreciate. †

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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See You at the Pole

In April 1990, a group of Christian teenagers in Burleson, Texas, decided to pray around the flagpoles at three schools. Thanks to word-of-mouth publicity and announcements at youth rallies, that September about 45,000 students prayed around flagpoles at 1,200 schools in four states.



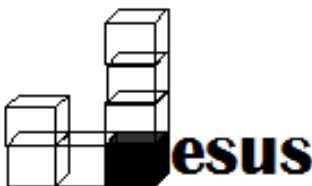
See You at the Pole (SYATP) is now an annual, international event. Students of all ages organize prayer gatherings outside of regular school

hours, usually at 7 a.m. local time. Many parents, teachers and youth pastors join in. This year's event occurs on September 24.

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

Cornerstone

Sunday School Class: Sundays—9:00 am



Each Sunday at 9am, Pastor Bobby offers a Sunday School Class called "Cornerstone".

The class meets in 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 helps us to read and understand basic biblical passages. It is a catalyst for our prayer and devotional lives and gives us an opportunity for discussion 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 also 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. †

Tidbits from the Chair

By Olevia Fulkert

VERY glad to report the mold has been eradicated and the remodeling is DONE in the education building. The preschool teachers will be moving back in ONE week before school begins. Beneva is continuing to work with the insurance company to reduce the amount of money that will come out of our pocket. Unfortunately, certain mold removal procedures are not covered in our policy.

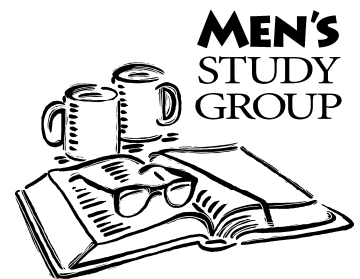
Christmas Tree time is here again. Please contact the church office, Dale Root or I if you would like to help organize this much needed fundraiser and community outreach activity. We are gathering a group of individuals to help organize the Christmas Tree stand.

Thanks to everyone for always stepping up and doing things for Beneva. †

Joshua's Men

September 8th — 7:00 pm

All men are invited to the gathering of Joshua's Men. We will be meeting on Monday night, September 8th, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for Fellowship, Prayer, and Bible Study.



We are grateful to Steve Dziadik for leading this month's class, it's guaranteed to be a fulfilling experience. The Pastor will be at a Disciples Pastor's Conference in Chicago, and will join you again next month. We will be discussing a few important things, and will be taking a closer look at the word of our Lord. Come with an open heart and be ready to be blessed.

For more information contact Dr. Bobby Dickerson at 941-400-7349. †

"Any fool can count the seeds in an apple. Only God can count all the apples in one seed."

—Robert Schuller

Come Join us for the 2008-2009 Youth Group Year

By Corry O'Carroll

School is starting; which means it is also time to start youth groups! The season started on August 24th with a night of games, catching up with friends, and mom and dad filling out paperwork. This year, youth groups start at 4:30 with snack supper at 6pm (\$2 per person). Besides the new time, there will be a few other changes as well. Sunday Night Live will have a new name! We are also changing our groups a little:

Genesis	grades K, 1st, 2nd
Hotshots	grades 3rd, 4th, 5th
Chi-Rho	grades 6th, 7th, 8th
CYF	grades 9th thru 12th



Attention Adults: we are still in need of sponsors so please search your heart to see if God is leading you to work with the best youth in Sarasota, if not the world. Curriculum will be provided as will be spiritual and practical support. Call Patty Poquette 780-2300 or Corry O'Carroll 915-3206. †

My Church

My church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

My church will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with those things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be! †

Important Dates for Our Youth

CYF Assembly is January 23-25, 2009

Beneva Youth please put these important dates on your calendars.

We hope for a great attendance. †

Youth Bible Studies

By Patricia Poquette, Christian Education

Worship & Wonder is being held between 9:00 & 10:00 am in the morning while adult Bible studies are also in session. 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. †

Night of Joy

Come join us for a trip to the Disney Hollywood Studios for a night of Christian music and fellowship. The charter bus leaves Beneva Christian Church September 6 at 2pm and returns at 2am on September 7. The cost is \$45 per person plus money for food. This event is open to all ages, however if you are younger than middle school age an adult must accompany you. Any high school or middle school youth whose parents are not attending are welcome to spend the night in fellowship hall and attend church on Sunday morning. Groups performing are Casting Crowns, Tobymac, Mandisa, Marcos Witt, Fred Hammond, Red, Aaron Shust, and Pure NRG.

You can contact Corry O'Carroll at 915-3206 to confirm your space or if you have any questions. †

Beneva Scholarship Fund

By JoAnn Kelly

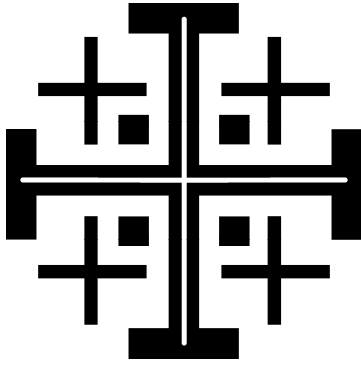
The Beneva Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for continuing education for any youth or adult in the church. Please contact Kathy Bearden or JoAnn Kelly if you have any questions or need an application.

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. †

Christian Symbols +



Jerusalem Cross

This complex cross, also called the Crusader's Cross or Fivefold Cross, has several interpretations. The main cross is composed of four tau (T) crosses representing the Old Testament law. The four small Greek crosses symbolize the fulfillment of the law in the gospel.

The five crosses together represent the church's mission: to spread the gospel to the four corners of the earth. They're also said to symbolize Christ's five wounds (hands, feet and side). Godfrey de Bouillon, the first ruler of Jerusalem after it was liberated from the Muslims, used the cross on his coat-of-arms. It was also embodied in the heraldry of the Crusaders. †

Advantages of joining the choir

1. You never have to worry about what to wear.
2. You have excellent seats and are assured a reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.
3. From your advantageous seat, you can smile at, gawk at, ignore and otherwise enjoy the rest of the people in the congregation.
4. The pastor is nearly always looking the other way.
5. You're in a wonderful spot to see new members.
6. The cost for all these benefits? Just one evening a week.
7. Oh, yes, one more reason to join the choir: You're a leader in the worship experience.



Stay tuned for info regarding Beneva's Choir, which will be resuming its season soon. Don't hesitate to join! †

To Worship Is To Sing

The worshiper who sings ... drinks more deeply of the message of the hymns. The gospel as found in our hymns is the same as that in the Scriptures.

The worshiper who sings ... becomes more deeply involved in the service; less of a spectator and more of a participant.

The worshiper who sings ... draws more closely to those who worship with him.

The worshiper who sings ... expresses faith by lifting his or her voice in praise to God.

The worshiper who sings ... upholds the service, making it finer and richer for fellow worshipers, the pastor, the church and God. †

Snack Supper

By Lynn Harris

I have volunteered to do the Snack Suppers at the Sunday night youth program again this year. To enable us to keep the price at \$2 a head, I am looking to our wonderful congregation for donations of certain items that we use quite a bit of.

- Drink Mix – large containers of Kool-Aid, Lemonade
- Canned fruit – peaches, pears
- Canned vegetables – green beans, corn, peas
- Baked beans
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Cookies
- Chips
- Pretzels
- Brownie Mix
- Popcorn (bagged microwave type)
- Ice pops
- Jell-o – strawberry
- Chocolate pudding mix
- Parmesan cheese
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Mayonnaise
- Dressing for salad (Ranch, Caesar, Blue cheese, Italian)

Thank you in anticipation of your kind donations, and rest assured if I receive too many of an individual item, I shall donate them to the Food Pantry. Please mark your donations "Snack Supper". †



Sep 01	Michaela Valvo
Sep 03	Dorothy Miller
Sep 05	Travis Mason
Sep 05	Rhiann Brodkorb
Sep 05	JoAnn Kelly
Sep 05	Chance Beetham
Sep 07	Shirley Blanton
Sep 08	Cindy McDowell
Sep 09	Tanya Hart
Sep 11	Zack Beetham
Sep 11	Kailee Imperatore
Sep 11	Lionel Hart
Sep 11	Ty Beetham
Sep 15	Debbie York
Sep 15	Susan Kohut
Sep 17	Don Weaver
Sep 18	Cathy Robinson
Sep 18	Duane Wyatt
Sep 19	Jeff Morrison
Sep 21	George Oberle
Sep 21	Cassandra Borchert
Sep 22	Trippi Imperatore
Sep 23	Bob Walsh
Sep 24	Darrell Hill
Sep 25	Mabel Brunton
Sep 27	Greg Fulkert
Sep 27	Ed Hurst
Sep 28	Jeanette Haase
Sep 28	Steve Creech
Sep 30	Peter Harris
Sep 30	Mary Pat Spencer

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

“More tears are shed over answered prayers than unanswered ones.”

—St. Teresa of Ávila

“No job is boring if we can see God's purpose in it.”

Celebrating Their ANNIVERSARY

Sep 01	Dean & Carole Platt
Sep 05	Joseph & Alice Stump
Sep 18	Lloyd & Marilyn Marvin

Prayer Partners

The following people had prayers requested for them during the month of August. Please take a moment for them, and continue to lift them up in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you and God Bless.

- John & Charlotte Green
- Dean & Carole Platt
- Elsie McDonald
- Jerry Caress
- George Oberle
- Joe Bearden
- Family of Lillie Bell Small
- Wilma Kaulfuss
- Oscar Thomas
- Beneva & LDP Staff
- Gerry Lacey
- Pavla McDonald
- Lynn Wilson
- Carol Hall
- Larry & Joyce Brown
- Rev. Edd Spencer & Family
- Ryan Bergeron
- David, in Ohio
- Greg Freeman
- Brad Hall
- Joseph Douvillier
- Military overseas & natural disaster victims
- Those who are victim to political and social upheaval

Regional:

- Margaret Hoffman
- Rivera Family
- Lois Baker
- Rev. Dr. B.J. Spoto-Russell
- Rev. Hector Santiago
- Family of Isaac Ivery
- Family of Michael Locke
- Family of Willie Moore

“When we come together as one in prayer, all things are possible”. †

July Financial Update

By Duane Wyatt, Stewardship Chair

	July 2008		July 2008 YTD	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	\$24,532	\$9,000	\$109,425	\$86,475
Expenses	30,661	16,643	133,961	130,482
Gain(Loss)	(6,129)	(7,643)	(24,537)	(44,007)
Checking Bal.			\$15,267	



July's income was \$15,000 higher than budget because we received that amount in special gifts, while the expenses were \$14,000 over target. These high expenses were Insurance(\$7,000) that was to have been paid in June, A/C unit for Little Disciples (\$5,600), and a

\$1,300 repair bill for the BCC van. On a YTD basis our income is \$23,000 above forecast and our expenses are up \$3,500 - which came from the unusual cost of the A/C and van repair.

We still have the \$30,000 debt to Wachovia. At this time we do not have a final fix on the total cost of the "Little Disciple flood". At this time we know that our insurance does not include the cost of mold damage. We will know in the next week or so what the total cost to BCC will be.

Thanks to all for your help keeping us close to our financial plan for 2008. God bless! †

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. 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 any time that you have a question, concern, or need. If you have any questions regarding this program, or would like to offer a helping hand, please contact Frank Metheny at (941) 966-4668, 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. †

Daily Meditation

Remember, Christian soul, that thou has this day and every day of thy life: God to glorify, Jesus to imitate, the angels and saints to invoke, a soul to save, a body to mortify, sins to expiate, virtues to acquire, hell to avoid, heaven to gain, eternity to prepare for, time to profit by, neighbors to edify, the world to despise, devils to combat, passions to subdue, death perhaps to suffer and judgment to undergo.

—St. Augustine †

Grief

Grief is perhaps the most difficult of human emotions to face, though it also has the potential for being the most therapeutic. Grief isn't a bad thing; it is the cost of having loved. If we hadn't loved, if we hadn't cared, we wouldn't grieve. And our lives would have been even emptier. †

From Johnny Wray

Volunteer Work Crews Needed

The response to recent announcements from the Office of Disciples Volunteering [ODV] and Week of Compassion about the need for flood recovery work groups in Iowa has been quite good. Great news. Work groups are still needed for flood recovery in Indiana; tornado recovery in Greensburg, KS.; hurricane recovery in the Gulf South, especially with the beginning of Phase 2 of the Disciples Hurricane Recovery Initiative; and the "La Casita" project with Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in Los Fresnos, TX. There are a host of other Disciples related volunteer opportunities from Appalachia to Yakama. Contact ODV for details and WOC for the availability of work trip grants. Your Outreach coordinator will be working in Metairie, LA. Sept 20th to Sept 28th. I'll let you know how it goes for an "older guy". There will be another work trip in February. Why not think about going?

Dave Harlow †

"The dignity of labor depends not on what you do but on how you do it."

—E.O. Grover

Little Disciples Preschool

By Cindy McDowell, Director

Welcome to our 2008-2009 school year. Our Open Houses on August 27th & 28th were very well attended and enjoyed by all. Now that our first days of school are finally here, we are VERY excited to begin making new friends and having lots of fun together.

A great big thank you in advance to our Preschool Parents for turning in all paperwork for your preschoolers by their due dates. Please also help us keep all files up-to-date with any changes to address, phone and cell phone numbers and preschool pick-up people...



September is sure to be a busy month. We will spend time getting to know one another and getting to know our preschool. Our special programs will begin with Judy Kendall bringing back our "Handwriting Without Tears" program twice a month, and Lenice Haber bringing Sign Language into the classrooms each day. On Wednesday, September 10th, our four and three year olds will begin Movement class with Miss Yseult. We also welcome the return of "Chapel Moments" @ 11:45am each month, as presented by Pastor Bobby and other talented members of Beneva Christian Church. Parents are invited to attend and enjoy Chapel Moments with us.

Please note: As the school year opens, we are reminded of our Hurricane Season and how it may impact our preschoolers and their families. In the event the public schools are closed, Little Disciples Preschool will be closed. Listen to local radio and television stations for school closures and take appropriate measures to keep loved ones safe.

Once again this year the Teachers will enjoy some special time together with their class parents as they hold "Parent / Teacher" meetings throughout the month of September. As the Mommies and Daddies lower themselves into very small chairs, they will be taken on a virtual tour of many behind-the-scenes activities for both the children and their Teacher. Watch for more info soon.

Here's wishing everyone a wonderful preschool year together!

Staff Tidbits:

Did you know that 8 of our staff are also Little Disciples Preschool alumni parents?

Roxann Borchert (all 3 children are LDP graduates), Lenice Haber (both children are LDP graduates), Susan Kohut (both girls are graduates), Paula Martin (1 graduate), Cindy McDowell (1 graduate), Kim Noel (1 graduate), Lynn Plattner (both children are graduates), Shelly Snider (1 graduate).

Look here each month for "Teacher's Tidbits". †

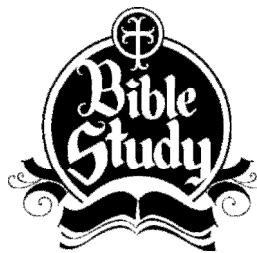
Bible Book of the Month

Revelation

What makes Revelation unique?

The word translated as "revelation" (1:1) comes from the Greek word apokalypsis, meaning a revealing or an unveiling. Revelation belongs to a kind of writing called apocalyptic literature. Apocalyptic writings attempt to reveal the secrets of heaven to human beings, and are often about the way human history will end. Such writings usually divide the whole universe into two parts, one good and one evil. At the end of time, the good part of the universe, which God rules, will win a final victory over the evil part, which Satan has ruled. Having defeated evil, God will bring in a new creation, and everyone who has been faithful will live with God forever. Apocalyptic passages

can be found in other books of the Bible such as Daniel 7-12 and Mark 13, but this is the only book of the Bible made up entirely of apocalyptic writing.



Revelation excites the imagination. It features brilliant visions of a coming Day of the Lord. These

visions are expressed through many symbols, including people in the shape of animals or monstrous beasts, colors and numbers that have secret meanings, and predictions about when God will bring the world to an end.

The writer of the book knew the Jewish Scriptures (Old Testament) very well. Over half the verses in Revelation are directly or indirectly based on Old Testament passages. This is important for understanding the meaning of the book.

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Why was Revelation written?

Around the end of the first century A.D., all people in the Roman Empire were ordered to offer prayers and sacrifices to the Roman emperors, who had declared themselves gods. This practice is referred to as the Imperial Cult. Those who refused were regarded as traitors to the Empire, and could be put to death. Christians wondered whether their disobedience would mean the end of the church. What would happen to the hope that God would rule on earth? The writer of Revelation received a special message from God that answered these questions. He shared it with seven churches in Asia, but the message is really for all Christians. This message has three main parts:

1. Evil forces are at work in the world, and Christians may have to suffer and die;
2. Jesus is Lord, and he will conquer all people and powers — including the Roman Empire — that oppose God; and
3. God has wonderful rewards for those who remain faithful to him, especially for those who lose their lives while serving him.

This was a powerful message of hope for those early Christians who had to suffer or die for their faith. In this book, they learned that, in spite of the cruel power of the Roman Empire, Jesus (the Lamb of God; 5:6) would win the final victory.

What's the story behind the scene?

The exact identity of John, the writer of this book, is still debated today. John was a common name among Jews and Christians, and he never claims to be one of Jesus' twelve key disciples. If we take Revelation 1:9 at face value, which most biblical scholars do, then the fact that the author had been exiled rather than put to death indicates that he may have been a person of some social standing, because exile was a punishment reserved for those who held a certain degree of status. Therefore, there would have been a great deal at stake for the author in taking the sort of world-rejecting action that he advocates throughout the book. He would have appreciated deeply the consequences of such a strong religious and political position.

The issue of authorship is inextricably tied to the more complex (and perhaps more relevant) issue of determining when the book was written. Domitian, who

ruled the Roman Empire from A.D. 81 to 91, was the first Roman emperor who tried to make Christians worship the emperor as a god. The emperor Trajan later made a policy that also required everyone to worship the Roman emperors who had died. Since Revelation seems to speak to Christians who were being persecuted for not worshiping the emperor, many scholars think the book was likely written sometime late in Domitian's reign, or even later, when Trajan ruled. Other scholars, however, believe the book was written much earlier, just before the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

Revelation uses many numbers as symbols, such as the number seven, which stands for completeness or perfection. Other kinds of symbols are also used. For example, the main symbol for the powers opposed to God is the city "Babylon." Christian readers knew that this really meant Rome, and they also knew that when the book says "the Lamb," the writer means Jesus Christ.

How is Revelation constructed?

This complicated book was written in a series of sections that show the struggle of the church against the enemies of God. This struggle begins in the story of seven earthly churches and ends with a vision of God's great victory and the completely new heaven and earth that God will bring in the future. Revelation can be outlined in the following way:

- John's prophecy and prayer (1:1-8)
- Vision for the seven churches (1:9 - 3:12)
- Vision of God and the Lamb (4:1 - 5:14)
- Opening the seven seals (6:1 - 8:5)
- The seven trumpets (8:6 - 11:19)
- The opponents of God (12:1 - 13:18)
- Visions of God's judgment and protection (14:1 - 16:21)
- Victory over the enemies of God (17:1 - 20:15)
- God makes all things new (21:1 - 22:5)
- Final promises, blessings, and warnings (22:6-21)

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

Christian Education Volunteer Survey

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email address _____ Alternate Phone Number _____

Best day to volunteer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Best time to volunteer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Are you available year round? Yes ___ No ___ If no when are you available _____

What age group would you like to work with?

Sunday morning Bible study

Kindergarten to 1st grade	3rd 4th 5th grade	6th 7th 8th grade	9th 10th 11th 12th grade

Youth Groups

Little Bits (3-5yrs)	Genesis (K-1st)	Sonburst (2nd-3rd grade)	Hot Shot (4th-5th grade)	Chi Rho (middle school)	CYF (high school)

Adult

Sunday school	Assist With Sunday School	Small Group Leader

Would you want curriculum provided for any group you do? Yes ___ No ___

Area's you would like to help with:

Sunday Snack Supper	Chaperone Youth Trip	
Vacation Bible School	Children Church	
Chaperone Teens Thursday Evenings	Help youth with mission work	
Children's Choir	In town	
Arts and crafts	Out of town	
Sewing	Youth sponsored meals (Breakfast with Santa)	
Live Nativity		

What are you not comfortable doing:

Positive/negative experiences with Christian Education:

What interests, hobbies, work experience can you bring to the Christian Education department:

Kids Activities

OUR HOUSE

This craft is a reminder of the blessing of your family and what you and your family should do for God.

What you need:

- 8 1/2" x 11" cardstock
- Markers or crayons
- A photograph of each person in your family that you can cut apart
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- A hanging picture frame that holds an 8 1/2" x 11" photo (optional)

What you do:

- Draw a colorful picture of the outside of your house. Remember to add a door and windows.
- Decide where you want each person's photo to go. Cut out a whole body (if you want someone to stand on the front porch, for example) or just cut out a face (if you want someone to be looking out a window).
- Use the glue stick to glue the cut-out photos onto your drawing.
- Write out Joshua 24:15b, NIV: "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."
- To frame your picture, have an adult help you. If you don't have a frame, display your house on a refrigerator or bulletin board for everyone to see.

Just for KIDS

As for our family...

With school starting, schedules are getting busy again. Sometimes you might feel like you're going in too many directions and forgetting what's really important. Use the key below to remind you of where your family's real focus should always be.

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JOSHUA 24:15B

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Answer: "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."



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
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Elders

<u>Expires 2008</u>	<u>Expires 2009</u>	<u>Expires 2010</u>
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

<u>Expires 2008</u>	<u>Expires 2009</u>	<u>Expires 2010</u>
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 Overlay
Youth Director Corry O'Carroll
Custodian: Yves May
Preschool Director: Cindy McDowell
Nursery Attendant:

Youth Deacons

Expires 2008

Deanna Root

Trustees

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

Group Chairs

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

Committee Chairs

Little Disciples Preschool: Erin Sturm
Memorial: Barbara Clements
Music: Suzie Davis
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.

Elder Serving Schedule for September 2008

<u>September 7</u>	<u>September 14</u>	<u>September 21</u>
L Sara Metheny	L Garland Poquette	L Glenn Oneal
R Frank Metheny	R Duane Wyatt	R Jane Oneal

September 28

L Greg Fulkert
R Olevia Fulkert

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

Deacon Serving Schedule for September 2008

Elements Preparation for September — JoAnn Kelly & Debbie York

<u>September 7</u>	<u>September 14</u>	<u>September 21</u>
1 Alicia Brodkorb	1 Debbie York C/B	1 Deanna Root
2 Gail Brodkorb C/B	2 Nila Valvo	2 Brenda Root B
3 Tim Brodkorb	3 Suzanne Pruse	3 Tim Brodkorb B
4 Deanna Root	4 Lori Walsh	4 Jan Bogart
	JoAnn Kelly B	

September 28

1 Amy Abbot
2 Lori Walsh
3 Jan Bogart
4 Suzanne Pruse 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.

Please Remember our Homebound

Ruth Martin

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Venice, FL 34285

Wilma Kaulfuss

3260 Lake Pointe Blvd
Sarasota, FL 34231

Thelma McKahan

22 Horton Cir
Sarasota, FL 34232

Oscar Thomas

3310 Westerly Ln
Sarasota, FL 34239

or

5640 Rand Blvd
Sarasota, FL 34238



Blood Pressure Check

By Pauline Totten, Healthcare Services

Our Blood Pressure service will take place in the CYF room on September 7th 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. ☩

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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

Volunteer Survey

If you would like to be involved with our youth programs, please tear out and complete the form on page 10. You may turn it into the church office or place it in our offering tray during worship. Thank you! ☩

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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

October Good News

Deadline for articles sent to the church is September 19th.

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

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The Life of Beneva in September 2008

September 1, 2008 Monday



September 2, 2008 Tuesday

LDP Begins 08-09 School Year 8:30 am
 Elder's Meeting 7:00 pm

September 3, 2008 Wednesday

Pastor Bobby Returns

September 5, 2008 Friday

Food Pantry Open 3:00-5:00 pm

September 7, 2008 *National Grandparent's Day* Sunday

Cornerstone Sunday School Class—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am
 Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am
 Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am
 Faith Seekers—Nursery 10:30 am
 Blood Pressure Check—CYF Room 11:30 am
 Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall 4:30 pm

September 8, 2008 Monday

Joshua's Men—Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm
 Pastor leaves for Disciples Pastor's Conference in Chicago

September 9, 2008 Tuesday

Board Meeting—Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm

September 11, 2008 *Patriot Day* Thursday

Community Bible Study—Fellowship Hall 7:00-8:30 pm
 Pastor Bobby returns from Pastor's Conference

September 12, 2008 Friday

Food Pantry Open 3:00—5:00 pm

September 14, 2008 Sunday

Cornerstone Sunday School Class—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am
 Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am
 Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am
 Faith Seekers—Nursery 10:30 am
 Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall 4:30 pm

September 15, 2008 Monday

National Hispanic Heritage Month begins

September 18, 2008 Thursday

Pastor Bobby leaves for Regional Assembly, in Orlando.

September 19, 2008 Friday

Food Pantry Open 3:00—5:00 pm

September 20, 2008 Saturday

Angel's Attic Fundraiser—Reuben's 9:30 am
 Pastor Bobby returns from Regional Assembly

September 21, 2008 Sunday

U.N. International Day of Peace

Cornerstone Sunday School Class—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am
 Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am
 Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am
 Faith Seekers—Nursery 10:30 am
 Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall 4:30 pm

September 22, 2008 Monday

Food Drop-Off—All Faith's Food Bank 10:00am-12pm

September 26, 2008 Friday

Food Pantry Open 3:00—5:00 pm

September 28, 2008 Sunday

Cornerstone Sunday School Class—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am
 Worship & Wonder—Fellowship Hall 9:00 am
 Traditional Worship Service 10:30 am
 Faith Seekers—Nursery 10:30 am
 Youth Groups—Fellowship Hall 4:30 pm

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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



THE GOOD NEWS September 2008

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