

# Loyd Newsletter

*Loyd Presbyterian Church*

June 8, 2011

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY—JUNE 12**

**Pentecost Sunday is rapidly approaching. This is the Sunday we celebrate the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit. Because of the coming of the Holy Spirit, they had the courage to leave the room in which they had been hiding to go out and teach, preach, and heal.**

**I would like for us to do two special things on Sunday:**

- 1. Wear red to church to signify the fire that surrounded the disciples.**
- 2. Bring a candle (any kind, any shape, any size) and put it on the communion table nearest the choir. We will light the candles just before worship begins.**

**We will also have communion on Sunday, and the communion table on the main floor will be used for the Lord's Supper. Let's fill to overflowing our communion table with reminders of the fire the Holy Spirit brought to that room.**

**"...tongues of fire appeared among them, and a tongue of fire rested on each one of them." (Acts 2:3)**



# From the Pastor

## WHERE THE ANSWERS ARE TO BE FOUND

Thanks to everyone who kept up their “estimate of giving” for May! March and April didn’t come close to the estimates of giving we made in our campaign. But it looks like everyone did their part for May!

It takes a lot of courage to meet the needs of the church during our economic downturn. All around us we hear of those struggling to make ends meet. The value of our homes continue downward as the supply of foreclosed homes remains high.

This creates an atmosphere of scarcity in a land of plenty. We are still the wealthiest country in the world!

I have a friend in Thomaston whose son became a multi-millionaire through his business venture. They were discussing the way large corporations operate. The son said, “Business has the answers to the problems of our country.” The father replied, “That may be so, but the truth is they don’t do what is needed.”

Again, it falls on us to do the right thing. I guess we are closer to where the rubber meets the road.

I believe we are so confident in the future of our congregation that we will soon be calling a new pastor, and this means there will be a need to raise our budget from current levels. Even so, we have pushed forward.

Thanks to those of you who support Loyd Church with your offerings. You see the need for our congregation to speak to a culture where greed is seen as good and where “it’s all about me” still reigns supreme.

I find it so refreshing to be part of a congregation that sees the world through Biblical eyes!

**DAVE**

Please continue to remember in your prayers  
the following people:

**Pete Gordon**

**Marie Holcomb** (Anne Hall's mother)

**Myrtle Rowe**

**Frances Hollis**

**Betty Thompson**

**Macel Ballew,**

**Jr.**

**Alice Cavender**

**Brett Lamb** (in Afghanistan)

Please help keep our prayer list up to date. Notify us if someone needs to be added or removed.

**Prayer Requests from Sunday, June 5**

Demeris Carter

Owen Norris

Elaine Howard

Nancy Hamby

Jane Gallo

Levi Colwell

Hal Davidson

Sara Daniell

Mary Ann Davidson

Nancy Beth Merna

The Moody Family

Jeff and Jessica Nelson

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 12**

**Liturgist: Jeff Skinner**

**Elders on Duty: Maggie Brown and Charles Darden**

**Ushers: Dawn Briggs, Pat Briggs, Peggy Darden, Lee Cathey**

**Greeters: Doug Pauley and children**

**Nursery: Doug and Jayne Pauley**

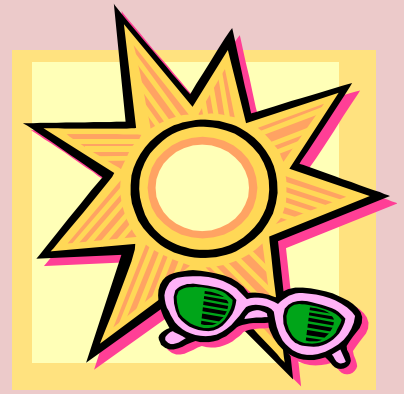
**Toddlers: Melissa Robertson and Brandi Knox**

**Children's Church:**

<b>Attendance last week:</b>	<b>Sunday School -</b>	<b>Worship - 102</b>
<b>Operating Fund:</b>	<b>Building Fund:</b>	
Received 06/05 - \$4,968.71	Received 06/05 - \$705.00	
Month to date - \$4,968.71	Month to date - \$705.00	
Budget per month - \$16,250.00	Monthly Loan Payment - \$4,000.00	
	Building Fund Balance - \$8,683.07	
	Building Loan Balance - \$177,275.91	
	Building Repair Fund Balance - \$4,948.66	

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS!

Vacation Bible School will be held from June 20th through June 23rd. Supper will start at 5:30, and activities will wrap up each night by 8:15 / 8:30. The theme this year is SonSurf Beach Bash. Registration sheets will be available this Sunday in the Narthex. If you need more information, please contact Laurie Hester at [cshlhh@bellsouth.net](mailto:cshlhh@bellsouth.net) or 706-881-1038.



### NEW CLASS— "RECOGNIZING GOD'S GRACE"

4:30-5:30 P.M. IN THE PASTOR'S STUDY

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, & RUNNING FOR 6 WEEKS

**First lesson:** ~ Who first taught you about grace?

~ How have you seen God's grace at work?

~ How have you seen others pass grace along?

Please feel free to sit in on any class.

I have been asked to lead an hour-long class at Bible School for adults. What I think I will do is have those of you who want to be in the class to bring current event articles for us to discuss. This would be a great way to take things happening in our culture and the world now and flesh them out with a Christian perspective. Class will begin at 6:30 and go to 7:30 p.m. Just show up in the pastor's office with what you want to share.

**DAVE**

**FOOD DRIVE!** The Presbyterian Women are again leading a food drive to help the food pantry in LaGrange restock their shelves. The food drive begins today and will run through the second Sunday in July. The pantry will accept any non-perishable items (they go through a lot of canned items and peanut butter and jelly) and would also like to receive personal care items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes. On Sunday mornings, you will see a decorated box on the steps in the sanctuary in which you may place your donations.



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

- **TO CHARLES AND PEGGY DARDEN AND TO BUDDY AND JO LOYD FOR KEEPING THE COMMUNITY BUILDING CLEAN. CHARLES AND PEGGY RECENTLY DID SOME PAINTING THERE AS WELL.**
- **TO JOYCE ROWDEN AND ANNE HALL FOR KEEPING THE OFFICE RUNNING AND ANSWERING THE PHONES DURING CATHY'S RECENT VACATION.**

Dear Loyd Church Family & Friends:

We are looking forward to a BIG celebration in 2012... the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Loyd Presbyterian Church! **Mark your calendars for May 6, 2012.** This will be the date of our next Homecoming celebration, and we look forward to as many of our church family and friends as possible sharing in this special time. There will be many memories to share as we rejoice in this milestone in Loyd's history.

In order to begin early in planning and preparing for this wonderful event, we have decided not to have our annual Homecoming celebration in 2011. This tradition, while a special one in our history, has been the topic of much discussion in recent years: Should we continue to have it every year? Is it too hot? Is there a better time of year to have it? Why aren't as many people "coming home"? As we plan for the future, we will continue to discuss Homecoming, and we welcome your input!

This past year has been a busy one for us at Loyd:

Following the retirement last May of Dr. Tony Dean, our minister from 2002 – 2010, we hired an interim minister, Rev. Dave Omerod in October of 2010. We have enjoyed working with Dave and his wife, Barbara, who recently became a member of Loyd.

The Pastor Nominating Committee is working diligently to find our new pastor. Members of the PNC are: Maggie Brown, Sandy Mann, Thomas Moat, Lynn Pauley, Jeff Skinner, Cy Wood, and Vaughn Yarbrough.

We have made progress in completing needed building repairs as money has been given to the Building Repair Fund. We have replaced the Community Building deck, repaired windows, doors, and roof line in Darden Hall and Edwards Hall, repaired termite and water damage in Edwards Hall and Darden Hall entrances, renovated classrooms in Edwards Hall basement, and added gutters to the Sanctuary. Work to be done includes extending the downspouts from the Sanctuary and repairing damage from leaking in the Sanctuary basement. Continued contributions to the Building Repair Fund are welcomed.

Our organ that had served us well for 30 years decided to expire last December. We had a new organ on trial for 30 days and thanks to many of your contributions, we were able to raise the funds to purchase it in January. On Sunday, June 26, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary, we will have an organ concert featuring David Kocsis, a Juilliard-trained organist from First Presbyterian in LaGrange. Everyone is invited to this special event followed by a reception in Darden Hall.

A new office manager, Cathy Sargent, was hired in January, and Shelley Skinner has served as the Financial Secretary since last July. Mike and Lynn Pauley continue to work with our Youth Program. Marty Davis has served as our choir director since the summer of 2007. We are currently looking for a pianist to replace Zack Wright and Jo Loyd is our organist. The children's programs continue to thrive under the leadership of Jayne Pauley (Nursery), Donna Barton and Kathey Sandiford (Children's Church), Maggie and J.J. Brown (Youth Club), Pam Darden (Sunday School) along with many other dedicated volunteers!

The work of Loyd Presbyterian Church continues under the leadership of our Session and ministry teams: we continue to receive new families into our congregation, we work to reach out into the community through special projects including a partnership with Long Cane Elementary School, we share our facilities with the community through the walking track and community building / pavilion, and most of all we hope to share the love of God with everyone with whom we come into contact.

Thank you for your special relationship with Loyd Presbyterian Church. We hope that you will pray for our continued ministry in this community for many years to come! We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on May 6, 2012!!

In Christ,

The Loyd Presbyterian Worship Ministry Team

# Church Signs?

**CAN'T SLEEP?**

**TRY COUNTING YOUR BLESSINGS.**



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**A Partner in Education with Long Cane Elementary School**

## **Session Members**

Maggie Brown (2011)  
Carolyn Chaput (2011)  
Lynn Pauley (2011)  
Bill Rowden (2011)  
Arnold Darden (2012)  
Gary Headrick (2012)  
Jane Moat (2012) - Clerk of Session  
Koren Stapp (2012)  
Ann Cathey (2013)  
Charles Darden (2013)  
Hal Davidson (2013)  
Carolyn Stephens (2013)

## **LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

### **PROGRAM TEAM**

David Omerod	Interim Pastor
Cathy Sargent	Office Manager
Shelley Skinner	Financial Secretary
Mike Pauley	Youth Director
Marty Davis	Music Director
Jo Loyd	Organist
Jayne Pauley	Nursery Coordinator
Pam Darden	God's Promised Land
Kathey Sandiford & Donna Barton	Children's Church Coordinators





