

Loyd Newsletter

Loyd Presbyterian Church

July 27, 2011

Update from the PNC

Good news from the PNC. We are getting much closer to finding Loyd Presbyterian's next pastor. We have narrowed our search from approximately 90 prospective pastors down to 5. Over the next few weeks, we will be trying to meet with these 5 pastors and have face to face interviews with them. The prospective pastors will probably be coming to LaGrange to tour not only our church but also the city. If you notice any of the committee members giving a tour of the church or the city to a "stranger" and we do not speak to you, **don't take offense. We are trying to protect the pastor's privacy.** All 5 of the prospective pastors are currently employed by other churches (some of which are in our Greater Atlanta Presbytery). It would be extremely unprofessional for one of those churches to find out by "word of mouth" that the pastor is looking for another church.

While we would love to give you a timeline for when we will have our new pastor, we can't do it. God is leading our next pastor to us, just as He is leading us to our next pastor. God will let us know when the time is right.

Please feel free to approach any of the committee members with any questions or concerns you might have during this time period. We will be happy to answer any questions you might have, as long as they do not violate the confidentiality of the process.

We continue to ask for your patience, and more importantly, your prayers as we continue our search.

The Pastor Nominating Committee
Maggie Brown Sandy Mann
Lynn Pauley Cy Wood
Vaughn Yarbrough Thomas Moat
Jeff Skinner

From the Pastor

INTERIM NO MORE!

The new Book of Order no longer has designations of interim or stated supply pastors. We are now called “temporary” pastors. I don’t know if I like that any better than interim. Both names seem to represent *temporary*.

Now that I have been a “temporary” pastor for a while (Loyd is my fourth congregation), there are parts of what I do that I struggle with. The work of the church is the easiest. Leading worship, committee meetings, planning, hospital visits are all the parts that come easily.

The difficult areas I struggle with are new programs and relationships.

I see places where new programs are needed, and I hope your next pastor will go in those directions. But he / she may see things I haven’t.

Relationships in the congregation are by far the most difficult. How close do I get to people? How much visiting should I do? How do I lead as a pastor so that when your next installed pastor arrives, relationships transfer easily?

Many of you know that I have cut back on my visiting. It’s very easy to get close to people at Loyd Church. With the time I have left at the church, I would like to do something different. If you would like me to stop by for a visit, please let me know. I do not want to interfere with the acceptance of the new pastor into the congregation.

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

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

Prayer Requests from Sunday, July 24

Jack Jones

Greg Traylor

Lucy Culpepper

Jack Crook

Dan Olinger

Angie Smith

Win Jennings

Richard Hudson

Cindy Davidson

Ryan Corkron

Jane Gallo

Richard Bell

Jim Faloon

Norway

The Rick Smith Family

Jeff and Jessica Nelson

Jeannie Hart Robinson

Our Troops and Families, World Peace

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 31

Liturgist: Mike Pauley

Elders on Duty: Ann Cathey and Carolyn Stephens

Ushers: Senior High Youth

Greeters: Wade and Anne Hall

Nursery:

Toddlers:

Children's Church: Alex Cathey

Attendance last week: Sunday School - Worship - 132

Operating Fund:

Received 07/24 - \$2,193.55

Month to date - \$14,821.07

Budget per month - \$16,250.00

Building Fund:

Received 07/24 - \$500.00

Month to date - \$2,555.00

Monthly Loan Payment - \$4,000.00

Building Fund Balance - \$10,880.07

Building Loan Balance - \$174,162.86

Building Repair Fund Balance - \$2,669.93



THE NEW "STREAMLINED" BOOK OF ORDER

Our Book of Order has gone through huge changes; many changes that impact our congregation have taken place. On Wednesday evening, August 17, I will be leading a class to study the book and learn about all the changes. We will meet from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, please

call Cathy in the church office, or fill in the tear-off form in Sunday's bulletin and put it in the offering plate. **—DAVE**

CALENDAR ITEM:

Sunday School Rally Day is scheduled for
Sunday, August 14, with the theme
LEAPIN' FOR THE LORD AT LOYD!

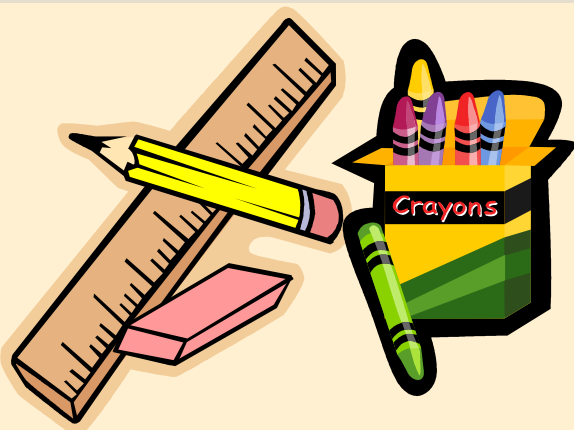


REMINDER: Our Glass Bridge Road Farmers' Market is partnering with the Hogansville Market to support their efforts to help those who endured tornado destruction. They will be taking personal items and dog and cat food to Joplin, MO, this weekend. If you can help, you may drop off items in the narthex. Patti Knox will pick them up on Friday evening and take them to Hogansville on Saturday morning. THANKS!

DONATIONS NEEDED

The Christian Education Committee is going to have a fundraiser yard sale in tandem with the Farmers' Market on August 20, with proceeds going to improvements in the Sunday School rooms. If you have any items to donate, you can bring them to the church or call Pam Darden or Melissa Robertson who can coordinate a pick-up. (CHILDREN'S CLOTHING is the ONLY clothing that we will accept.)

Our nursery is in need of a few items, including batteries for toys (AA, AAA, C, D), an area rug for the toddler room, and a cork board and tacks.



Loyd Presbyterian Church will be collecting school supplies for our Partner in Education, Long Cane Elementary School, during the month of July. So while you are out shopping for school supplies, please pick up some extra to donate. We are also planning to have a bake sale on August 7 after church to raise funds for this outreach project.

Our Middle School Youth had a great week at the Middle School Conference at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. Mike and Lynn Pauley went along with Jenna Stapp, Ellen Taylor, McLain Skinner and 16 youth from First Presbyterian.

Youth Worship will be held this Sunday, July 31, at 11:00 a.m. Join us to hear more about our Middle School trip and Camp Viola! Next week's newsletter will include pics from Camp Viola.



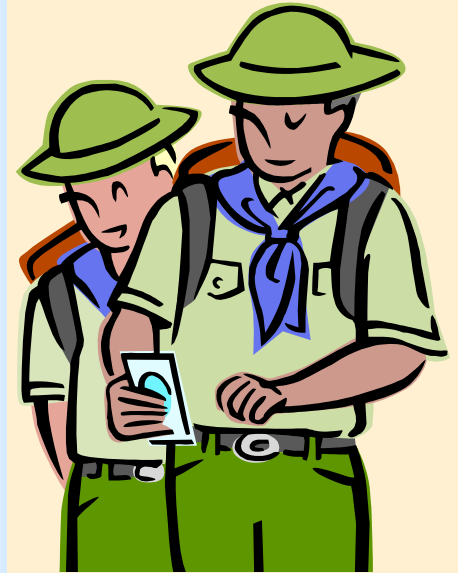
IMPORTANT MEETING—MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Stewardship Committee has been working for months with ideas to meet our financial challenges, so we can call our next pastor and give our congregation a new beginning. We believe we have a plan that meets these challenges. Now it is time to share it with you.

We will do so at a meeting for the congregation after worship this Sunday, July 31. Please make plans to attend.

MORE ON THE NEW CUB SCOUT TROOP

We are now applying to Scouts for their approval for the new pack. We're applying to be Pack 518, a number we selected to symbolize our belief in 1Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Once approval is in place, we plan to begin holding organizational meetings for parents and children, and to initiate our weekly Cub meetings in early September. Our Cubmaster will be Mark Davis. Neal Sandiford will lead the Webelos group (grades 4 & 5); Marshall Murray will lead the Bears (grade 3). We have several people willing to assist with other dens, but we still have openings and would welcome other adult leaders and any boys from grades 1-5 interested in participating in the program.



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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
Brandi Knox and Melissa Robertson	Children's Church Coordinators

