

CBF FLORIDA GATHERING 2010

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF MINISTRY AND MISSION

APRIL 23-24, BAYSHORE BAPTIST CHURCH, TAMPA, FL

Featured Speakers:

Daniel Vestal, Executive Coordinator, CBF; Rob Nash, Global Missions Coordinator for CBF; Colleen Burroughs, Executive Vice President, Passport, Inc., & Founder, Watering Malawi

This year's Gathering includes a Legacy Luncheon celebrating the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's 20 years of ministry and mission, the presentation of the Findley & Louvenia Edge Award, reports from Touching Miami with Love and Open House Ministries, and workshops on the future of church and state relations (Holly Hollman, General Counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee), ancient spiritual practices and faith in the 21st century (Dr. Linda McKinnish Bridges, Adjunct Professor of Religion at Wake Forest University), and more!

For more information, and to register for the Gathering, go to www.floridacbf.org and click on the most recent newsletter.



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Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. - Bible Study

10:15 a.m. - Worship Service



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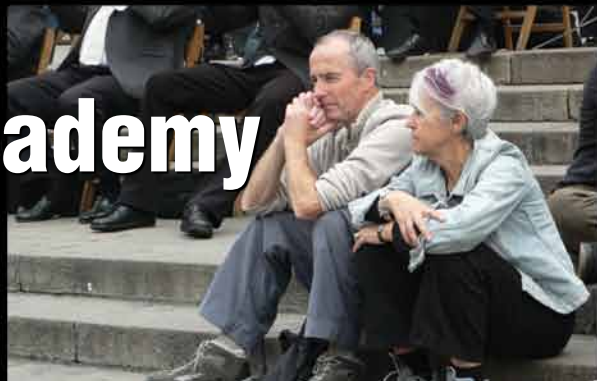
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CPBC Lay Leadership Academy

Friday, April 30 – Sunday, May 2





Stewardship and the Plague of Frogs

Now, there's a connection you probably never made! Except for little boys sticking them in their shirt pockets and surprising the girls, frogs are usually one of those "yuck," "ick," and "gross" creatures of God that certainly have no beneficial relationship to Christian Stewardship. However, in ancient Egypt they were worshipped as a symbol of fertility (whence the significance of the plague of frogs in Exodus 8). But, listen to what Mark Twain once said:

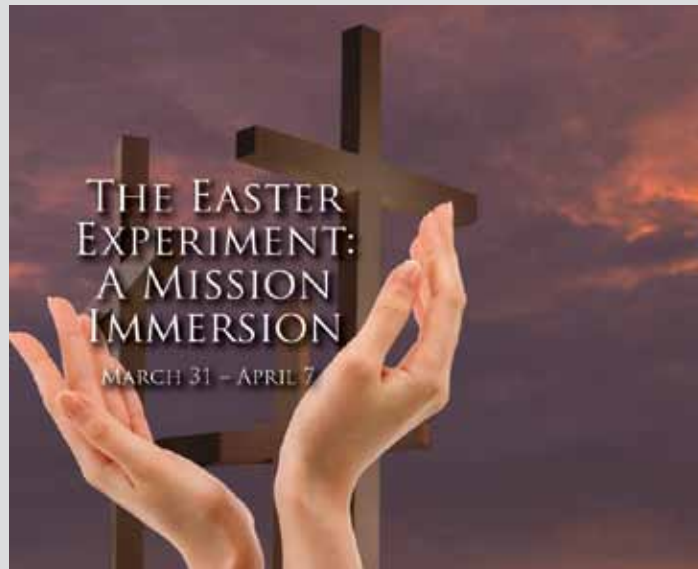
"If you have to swallow a frog, it is best not to stare at it too long."

THE POINT: Perhaps STEWARDSHIP is so difficult for some because they spend too much time "staring at it," and the longer they stare the harder it becomes to swallow the whole idea. I can't afford it ("yuck"); it is always about money ("gross"); I don't know where to start ("gross-er"); it is an Old Testament law ("grossest"); my little bit wouldn't matter anyway ("grossi-maximus"). Well, you get the point. The Egyptians saw only the frogs and it was truly "gross." But the Israelites saw God at work and they were asked to trust him.

God never said stewardship was easy; he just said "get 'er done" (with apologies to Larry the Cable Guy). God may ask us to do things that are difficult, but he will never ask us to do anything that is bad.

Now, don't go get a frog to swallow... just think about spending less time staring at stewardship and embrace it and, well, jump right in!!

Dr. David Medley, Stewardship Chair



It's not too late to be a part of the Easter Experiment at CPBC! Contact Lucas Dorion or Debbie Hairel in the church office (407-843-0140) to find out how you can participate in a week of service in the greater Orlando area. There are opportunities for children, youth, and adults of all ages and skill levels. Don't let yourself be left out of the Easter Experiment!

Celebration of Women Luncheon Saturday, April 24, 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Nurturing families – communities – the world

- Nostalgic Fashion Show
- Honoree Tables Available
- Recognition of Grandmothers
- Speaker: Graham Walker
- Cost: \$6.00 per person
- Reservations: Call the church office (407-843-0140)
- Invite family and friends to celebrate with you!



If you want to decorate a table in honor of some woman you love, or some woman you respect highly anywhere in the world, please call Nancy Glenn (407-422-6426) or Jeanne Walker (407-774-2490).



BRIEFS



Young at Heart • Thursday, April 8 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$5.00 per person for Lunch by Shelley
Our entertainment for the April meeting will be provided by Ron Brewer, accomplished singer/songwriter and musician. See you there!

CBF Heart of Florida April Meeting

Monday, April 12,

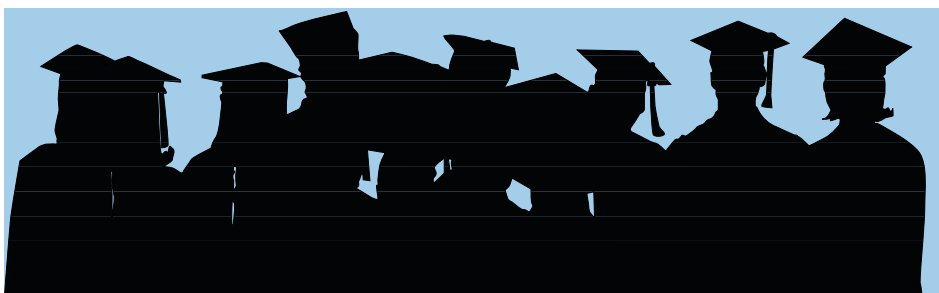
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Wycliffe Bible Translators Complex

Our monthly meeting has been changed from April 5 to April 12, and moved to the Wycliffe complex (11221 John Wycliffe Boulevard, Orlando) in southeast Orange County. Our day will include an interactive tour of the Discovery Center, media presentations, special speakers, and more. RSVP by Thursday, April 8, to Dianne_Forrest@wycliffe.org.

Financial Peace University Churchwide Rummage Sale

**Saturday, April 17,
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
CPBC Parking Lots &
Grassy Lot



Graduate Recognition Day Call for Photos

2010 High School and College graduates, please remember the deadline for pictures for the May Herald is Wednesday, April 14. Get your "formal" photo in to the church office so that YOU can be honored in next month's graduate recognition section of the Herald. If you are a 2010 grad and you haven't received a letter from the church asking for your picture, please contact Leslie Wayson in the office right away!

April Menus:

April 7

Cubed Steak
Yellow Rice
Salad Bar
Rolls
Chocolate Ice Box Pie

April 14

Baked Ham
Hash Brown Casserole
Salad Bar
Biscuits
Peach Crisp

April 21

Pork Loin
Sweet Potato Casserole
Salad Bar
Cornbread
Cinnamon Apples

April 28

Pulled BBQ Chicken
Loaded Mashed Potatoes
Salad Bar
Rolls
Ice Cream Sundaes



CPBC School of Music

Have you always wanted to play an instrument or sing like a professional, but just haven't gotten around to learning how to do it? Summer is a great time to learn something new!! We offer private, individual lessons in piano, voice, band instruments, and more. Contact Colleen Cart in the church office for more information about how to sign up for lessons this summer.

Water U Doing? Water U Doing this summer?

We hope you will be taking part in Vacation Bible School at College Park Baptist July 19-July 23. This year's theme is "Water u doing?" VBS this year will provide the children and families of our congregation with a chance to grow both in their faith and in their compassion for the millions of people who don't have adequate supplies of water. Be in prayerful consideration about how you want to be involved with this vital ministry of our church. If you have questions, please contact Lucas Dorion in the church office!

April Business Meeting

Sunday, April 25

5:00 p.m. • Fellowship Hall

Election of Deacons and Church Leadership – ALL MEMBERS are invited to

cast their votes for those who will lead CPBC through the next church year with their leadership on various councils and committees.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				The Easter Experiment: A Mission Immersion		
				1 Quilts on Mission 9:30 a.m./Rm 305 Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 p.m./Christian Service Center	2 Good Friday	3 Bible Study for Nigerian Men 9:00 a.m./Rm 205 Egg Hunt & Community Picnic 11:00 p.m./CPBC
The Easter Experiment: A Mission Immersion				8 Student Breakfast Club, 8:00 a.m./CLC Young At Heart Luncheon 10:30 a.m./FH	9	10 Second Saturday Cycling Group 8:00 a.m./Meet at CLC
4 Easter Sunday NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	5	6 The Easter Experiment: Dinner Celebration for Students, 5:00 p.m.	7	15 HERALD DEADLINE Quilts on Mission 9:30 a.m./Rm 305	16	17
11 Newcomers' Lunch, 11:30 a.m./FH Properties Committee, 4:00 p.m./Conf Rm Missions Committee, 5:00 p.m./Rm 208 Public Relations Committee, 5:00 p.m./Rm 209	12 CBF Heart of Florida Luncheon 12:00 p.m./Wycliffe Bible Translators	13 CBF Florida Pastors' Luncheon 10:00 a.m./FH Adult 5 Women's Class Meeting 7:00 p.m./Rm 205	14 Student - Late Lunch, 2:00 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks, 4:30 p.m./FH	22 Student Breakfast Club, 8:00 a.m./CLC	23 CBF Florida Gathering, Tampa, FL	24 CBF Florida Gathering, Tampa, FL Mothers' Day Luncheon, 11:00 a.m./FH
18 Center for Life Transitions Meeting, 11:30 a.m./Conf Rm SALT Meeting & Lunch, 11:30 a.m. Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m./Conf Rm Recreation Committee, 4:00 p.m./CLC Deacons' Meeting, 5:00 p.m./Rm 209	19	20	21 Budget Discussion, 6:20 p.m./FH	29	30 CPBC Lay Leadership Academy	
25 Endowment Fund Trustees Meeting, 4:00 p.m./Rm 208 Student Ministry Advisory Council, 4:00 p.m./Rm 211 Business Meeting - Elect Leadership, 5:00 p.m./FH	26	27	28 Student - Late Lunch, 2:00 p.m.			

Ministry Staff

College Park Baptist Church

Shaun King	<i>Senior Pastor</i>
Susan Deal	<i>Associate Pastor: Worship Arts</i>
Lucas Dorion	<i>Associate Pastor: Families with Children & Youth</i>
Cynthia McInvale ..	<i>Minister of Church Administration</i>
Debbie Hairel	<i>Minister of Senior Adults</i>
Abby Mejeur	<i>Instrumental Music Associate</i>
Leslie Wayson	<i>Ministry Assistant/Families with Children & Youth</i>
Colleen Cart	<i>Ministry Assistant/Music & Finance</i>
Betsy Daniels	<i>Ministry Assistant/Senior Pastor</i>
Shelley Garza	<i>Director of Food Services</i>

Ongoing Activities

Monday Under-35 Basketball/6:00 p.m./CLC Gym	Thursday Women's Home Bible Study/10:00 a.m./College Park Area SHIFT! Afterschool Program/4:00 p.m./CLC Over-35 Basketball/6:00 p.m./CLC Gym
Tuesday Gymnastics Classes/3:30 p.m./CLC Gym Women's Home Bible Study/7:00 p.m./College Park Area	Friday OFFICE & CLC CLOSED
Wednesday Women's Home Bible Study/10:00 a.m./Maitland Area Library Opens/3:00 p.m./Library Ladies' Intercessory Prayer/4:00 p.m./Room 207 Prayer Time/4:30 p.m./Sanctuary Family Dinner and Prayer Time/5:15 p.m./FH Collide! (Middle School Students)/5:45 p.m./CLC Knitting Group/6:00 p.m./Room 207 Quilts on Mission/6:00 p.m./Room 305 English Literacy Ministry/6:00 p.m./Senior Adult Wing Kids' Bible Drills/6:00 p.m./Room 81 Adult Bible Study/6:20 p.m./FH Adult Wind Ensemble Rehearsal/6:30 p.m./Sanctuary Children's Choir Rehearsal/6:30 p.m./Room 213 Shiloh (High School Students)/6:45 p.m./Student Wing/ Adult Choir Rehearsal/7:30 p.m./Music Suite	Saturday Saturday Morning Prayer Group/7:30 a.m./FH
	Sunday Library Opens/8:30 a.m./Library Sunday School/9:00 a.m./Various Rooms Worship Service/10:15 a.m./Sanctuary College/Career Class Meeting & Lunch/11:30 a.m./CLC Celebration Ringers Rehearsal/7:00 p.m./Music Suite Witness Rehearsal/7:00 p.m./Chapel Student Worship Arts Student Wind Ensemble/5:00 p.m./Sanctuary Student Choir/6:00 p.m./Music Suite Electives/7:00 p.m.

Empowered to Serve



One of the distinctive character traits of our congregation is our belief in an empowered laity. At the core of our congregational identity is the conviction that each member is a minister; each follower of Christ uniquely equipped to serve God and lead Christ's church.

This principle, of course, is not something we invented. It is rooted and grounded in the scriptural injunction to be the body of Christ. Here is how Paul put it:

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who **activates all of them in everyone... To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.** To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, **who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses...** For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ... **Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.**"*

(from 1 Corinthians 12, bold added).

In our common service within the Body of Christ, so much of what we do and who we are is simply a matter of individual Christians seeking to deepen and mature in their own relationship with Christ. So much of who we are and how we are known in our community has to do with individual members and individual families seeking to have the spirit of Christ nurtured and developed from within, so that all that we do and say is an expression of the greater BODY of which we are all a part.

When it comes to organizing and carrying out the work of ministry, however, there are several who are sought out for particular purpose. Currently, our nominating committee is working diligently to seek out and call members from within the congregation to serve in various leadership positions. Many of you have served in leadership positions for years. For some of you, your willingness to serve will be a new experience. Either way, it is important to understand when the church approves a new slate of leaders each year, it is never simply to fill positions or "plug holes." It is, in reality, a fulfillment of our scriptural responsibility to care for and nurture the Body of Christ.

That is why I am eager to announce a very special weekend event. On April 30th-May 2nd, College Park Baptist will host "**The 2010 Lay Leadership Academy: Empowered to Serve.**" This event is especially designed to encourage, train and equip all the various leaders within our congregation, for each of their unique callings to serve. Below is the weekend schedule at a glance:

Friday, April 30

6:00 p.m. Spiritual Leadership Dinner for Deacons and Ministerial Staff (spouses invited)

Saturday, May 1

8:00 a.m. Church Council Vision-Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Break

9:45 a.m. Super-Committee Workshop (For ALL standing committees within the church)

11:15 a.m. Break

11:30 a.m. Family Ministries Luncheon for Leaders of Children and Youth

6:00 p.m. Worship Arts Imagination Dinner for newly designed Worship Arts Team

Sunday, May 2

8:45 a.m. Sunday School Leadership Empowerment Breakfast for all Adult Sunday School leaders (Teachers, Department Heads, Officers, Community Leaders, Care Group Leaders, etc) in FELLOWSHIP HALL

Simultaneously, Dr. Tom Pinner will teach a Mass Adult SS Class in the sanctuary for all students, while the SS Leadership is in session in Fellowship Hall

10:15 a.m. Worship

As you can see, the weekend promises to provide encouragement and training for all areas of lay leadership. Leaders are strongly encouraged to participate in the sessions that apply to their particular areas of service. Since many of the sessions will include meals, we will need all leaders to R.S.V.P. as soon as possible.

It is my prayer that we have 100% participation in this very important event in the life of our congregation. Let's come together in service and prayer, seeking to become the leaders God desires for College Park Baptist.

Shaun