

# Keeping In Touch

June 5, 2013



## Vacation Bible School Begins Sunday Night!

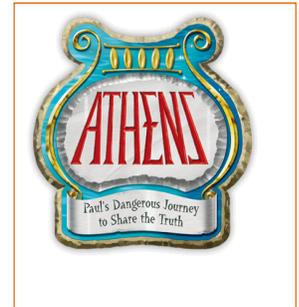
at The Church at Lake Cherokee ~ June 9-12

For Children, Youth & Adults

- 6:00 PM Snack Supper
- 6:30 PM Sessions with singing, crafts, recreation,

The theme for Vacation Bible School is **"Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth."** It's about his trip to Athens. Participants will "go back in time and culture" to relive the Apostle Paul's courageous efforts to spread Christianity. Each evening we'll have a snack supper followed by classes for all ages with Kids Kount youth serving as helpers. There will be a class for adults learning about "The Growth of Early Christianity," aka "Where'd we come from?"

**WELCOME, Y'ALL!**



## From Rev. Bryson

Maricela and I would like everyone to know how much we appreciated the warm and inviting reception she, David and I received this weekend. This will be Maricela's first time living in a small community. Last weekend went a long way toward making her already feel at home. We look forward to finding a home in the area and putting down roots. David is very excited about all of the activities the lake and the surrounding area has to offer; and we are delighted to hear from all of you that this is truly a special place to raise a family.

As I said last Sunday, "You guys have figured it out!" The Church at Lake Cherokee has called to me since the very first time I preached here four years ago. In your community I found love, patience and acceptance as I made my journey from the business world to ministry. I often found myself bringing up The Church at Lake Cherokee in my classes, and I believe that it can serve as a model for future churches everywhere. I am working with one of my professors, Dr. William Abraham, on a ministry that seeks to launch a number of churches in Romania and to use that country as a springboard to re-evangelize Europe. His theological vision of the church, stripped of its denominational divisions and returned to its earlier emphasis on the worship of God and the love for one another expressed in community, has been realized at The Church at Lake Cherokee. My dream of being part of a close-knit community whose lives are built around each other and the saving grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has also been realized here at CLC.

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## Kid's Kount Korner

OK "Kids" --and "kids-like:" Here're some important KIDS KOUNT dates:

- >VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 9-12, for ALL, Children, Youth & Adults
- >MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHURCH CAMP, June 24-29, completed grades 6-7, 9-12;
- >EIGHTERS CAMP: June 30-July 6; Completed grade 8;
- >KIDS KOUNT MISSION TRIP: July 8-12 (13), completed grades 6-12; New Orleans; and
- >JUNIOR CAMP: July 15-19, completed grades 4-5.

Thanks to Randy and Sharon Graves, Patrick and Terri Peerenboom and Bill and Sue Smythe for hosting Summer Kids Kount "Get Togethers." Details will follow; however, the dates & locations are:

- >Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM at the Smythes; go to Firecracker Island; swim, cookout, devotional;
- >Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>; 5:00 P at the Graves; swim, swim, cookout & devotional;
- >Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>; 5:00 PM at the Peerenbooms; swim, cookout & devotional.

### *Can you believe that much fun?*

*Note from Bill. This summer we have 41 folks participating in children and youth camps and mission trip. WE NEED DRIVERS for Camps. Parents and friends of our youth: please check the above dates and let me know if you could take kids "either way" to a church camp. All camping event are near Athens. Thanks, Bill!*

## Matters of Stewardship

**Sunday, June 2, 2013**

**General Fund                    \$5,097.00**

**T-shirt Sales                    \$36.00**

**Attendance ~ 152**

## The Church at Lake Cherokee T- Shirts

### *Sales Support Youth Mission & Ministries*

We have a new supply of The Church at Lake Cherokee T-Shirts which have recently gone on sale.

Proceeds from the sales will benefit Youth Mission and Ministries. Shirts are Adult Small to 3X and sell for 12.00 each.

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In the coming weeks I will be working very closely with Father Mike and Bill to draw up exciting plans for how the church can expand its small group program. I will also be working with Bill on the website and brainstorming ideas about how to utilize the wonderful opportunity afforded the church by the generous gift of our radio station. I have many other ideas, but rest assured that I have come to the community first and foremost to continue the outstanding work that Bill and Father Mike have done. Also, regardless of any ideas I might have, my first priority is and always will be serving the community at CLC and its immediate pastoral and spiritual needs.

Once again, I wish to thank all of you for the kindness and generosity that you have shown me and my family. It is my hope that as you run this race to its glorious conclusion in our Father's House I can repay that generosity by serving you as one of your pastors. I can think of no greater privilege than that of being able to run alongside all of you to the very end.

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