



# *The Good Shepherd Newsletter*

*August 2012*

## **Navigating Christian Issues Scripturally (NCIS)**

This month we are continuing to navigate through some tough issues people have with Christianity using the Bible as our guide. Invite a friend to join you.

This summer's Sunday Sermon Series is aimed at handling the world's objections to Christianity –

### **August**

- 5<sup>th</sup> "Isn't the Creation Story Just a Myth?"
- 12<sup>th</sup> "Isn't Christianity Just a Crutch for the Weak?"
- 19<sup>th</sup> "Aren't there Many Roads to Heaven? Don't All Paths Ultimately Lead to the Same Place?"
- 26<sup>th</sup> "If You Could Ask God One Question What Would it Be?"

## **Cross Examine – Adult Bible Study – Sunday Mornings at 9:30 AM**

Join us as we **examine** life through the **cross** of Jesus during the Sunday School hour.

### **AUGUST**

**Hiding From The Obvious** – Astronomer Guillermo Gonzalez studied the stars discovering overwhelming proof of a Creator. That enraged the academic community. This Cross Examine episode explores the scientific evidence of God found everywhere from the cells to the cosmos.

**The Rise and Fall of a Hollywood Producer** – Mark Koch was a top Hollywood producer, but as his career skyrocketed, his life spiraled downward. Instead of bringing him happiness, his success only brought misery. That was until Mark found redemption and restoration in a most unexpected way.

**Let Boys Be Boys** – Are boys and girls different? Is our culture anti-boy? Though ever increasing numbers of young boys are prescribed medication for hyperactivity, ADHD, and other maladies, could the problem actually be a culture that wants boys to be more like girls?

**Desire To Help** – Why would a New Orleans football player give up the game to serve the poor in the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward in New Orleans? Come hear what Danny Wuerffel has to say about faith and trusting God.





## Children's Summer Sunday School

- PreK – Kindergarten - Jenise Russell
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> - Julie and Natalie Cox
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> - Donna Howsden
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> - Curtis Wiese



### The Rock – High School Youth Group

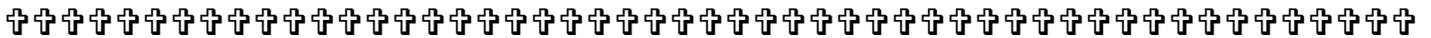
Meets Sunday evenings from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



**One Man Café – Middle School Youth Group** (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
**COMING SOON!** Watch the bulletin and newsletter for more details.



**Nu Thang – Elementary School Youth Group** – (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
 Watch the bulletin and newsletter for more details.



On **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**, an Early Communion Workshop will be held by Pastor Ray, to prepare those in the fifth grade and up for the reception of Holy Communion.

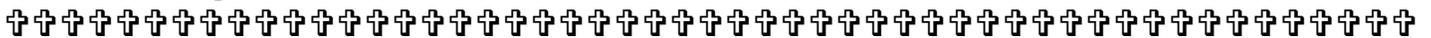


The workshop will be held in the Alpha Classroom off the Sanctuary. At least one parent is required to attend this workshop.



Family Life Minister Curtis will meet on **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** immediately following late service, with all eighth grade and new confirmation students and their parents to discuss Confirmation Class.

Beginning **Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30 PM**, Family Life Minister Curtis will be meeting with all ninth grade students to continue Confirmation Class.



There will be a Special Voters' Assembly meeting on **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** immediately following Late Service to vote on the issue of health insurance for the Called Staff.







# NEWS

## LWML Mission Grant Story

(This is one of the national projects funded by the mite box offerings. 25% of our mites go to national projects)

### Children's Nutrition and Care –Vietnam – \$72,255

Less than 10% of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is Christian and the government is traditionally closed to outside religious organizations. Most Vietnamese are Buddhist or worship their ancestors.

LCMS World Mission personnel have been in Vietnam since 1995, and work jointly with the Vietnamese National Institute of Nutrition to identify nutrition problems among the poor. They hope to reduce the hunger rate to less than 1%. This program also offers reasonably rated loans to the poor. Recent interest rates outside this program have reached 500%. LCMS personnel also teach management, farming, fishing, food preparation, and food storage skills.

Because of its strong and valued history in education, LCMS World Mission personnel are also able to reach out to the people of Vietnam through several different education ministries: daycare centers, English classes, and English workshops for Vietnamese English teachers. Day care teachers receive training in both education and health care. The children get lunches at day care so they have at least one nutritious meal a day. The children learn basic health and nutrition skills, and they often share their knowledge with their families at home.

Rural English teachers often know English grammar, but lack proper pronunciation. Through conversational training, the staff can develop relationships and often have an opportunity to share Christ in word and action. The purpose of this grant is to form relationships with the people of Vietnam and share the love of Jesus through humanitarian care and education projects. The hope is that these relationships will grow even more through the work of the new international school.

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Ladies, start the fall off right! Plan to join us for our monthly meetings starting on the third Tuesday of September (18<sup>th</sup>). In the meantime, remember to bring your mite box to church for the ingathering during the offering, on the first Sunday of August (5<sup>th</sup>).

The Fall Rally is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> at First Lutheran Church, Florida, AL. Reserve the date now, so you can join us!

**HELP NEEDED!** The ladies of the LWML have been delivering the altar flowers to members who are in the hospital, nursing homes, and shut-ins for years (some for 40 to 50 years). It has gotten to the point that we are getting old. We need help with this project! It takes an hour of your time to cheer a member of the congregation up with a bouquet of flowers, a smile, and conversation and a prayer/devotion. If you are willing to give this a try, please call me, or see me after church, and I will help you get started. ~ Bea Daily, 862-8130 or 830-3163.



**ENGAGE IMPACT TRANSFORM**  
*Jesus Boldly Advancing His Mission*

## **Invitation to Lay People and Professional Church Workers Regional Mission Summit**

If you have noticed that we live in a changing world where strategies and programs that used to work no longer work – If you believe that God has called you to be an instrument to reach those who do not yet know Jesus –If you believe that God has also called you to be an instrument to equip others to build relationships with those who do not yet know Jesus – If you believe that God’s Word is just as powerful today as it was on the day of creation and the only issue is figuring out new ways to deliver the old message of Jesus and His love – If you believe the above, the Southern District Missions Committee has an opportunity for you!

Our keynote speakers are Greg and Susan Finke who have been involved in developing missional communities. For more information on Greg and Susan, go to [www.dwelling114.org](http://www.dwelling114.org). There will also be a presentation on LifeTree Café. For more information about LifeTree Café go to [www.LifeTreeCafe.com](http://www.LifeTreeCafe.com).

**Where: Good Shepherd, Shalimar, FL**

**When: Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 AM –3:30 PM**

**Who is invited?** Every member of the Southern District who has a desire to reach those who do not yet know Jesus. If we are blessed with more than 80 registrations at any given site, registration for that site will be closed.

**Cost:** Cost for the Summits will be covered by the Southern District.

**To register for the Summit:** Email Pattie Faith at [pattie.faith@yahoo.com](mailto:pattie.faith@yahoo.com) or call her at 256-305-1005. Registration will close when a Regional Summit reaches 80 registrations or the Wednesday before the date of the Summit.

**Questions:** Contact Gary Faith at [garyfaith@aol.com](mailto:garyfaith@aol.com) (504-858-8872) or Pattie Faith at [pattie.faith@yahoo.com](mailto:pattie.faith@yahoo.com) (256-305-1005).



<b>Stewardship Update</b>	
<b>June Year-to-Date</b>	
Received:	\$282,815.00
Budgeted	\$288,612.00

