

Florence-Carlton Community Church



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FCCC NEWSLETTER TO GO GREEN

The Florence-Carlton Community Church will be implementing their first **GO GREEN newsletter** in September. Please help us go green! To join our electronic newsletter, please email your name and email address to papplgat@florencecarltonchurch.com. You will have the option to pick up the newsletter in the Narthex if you like, or we can drop one in the mail if you prefer. Please let us know your preference so we can plan on how to proceed and make the transition as smooth as possible, **WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS AN ISSUE**. Look for an insert in your weekly bulletin to note your preference.



MONSTERS, INC.

**July 13th, 2011
6:30 PM**

Come join us for a "monsterly" fun time! We will eat monster cookies, play monster tag, and watch *Monster's Inc.* on the big screen at Florence-Carlton Community Church. The night should wrap up around 8:30 pm. Kids ages K to 6th grade and pre-school age are welcome with a parent. If you have any questions, please call Johnny at (406)273-6811. See you on the 13th!

A WORD FROM DAVID

It is around Independence Day each year that my love of history is re-energized. I am ready to grab a book and read about the significant events of times past and try to understand how they have shaped who I am, and shaped the culture in which I live.

As I read, I am repeatedly awestruck by the work of the Founding Fathers. This array of men from many different walks of life, and different views of faith, successfully created a unique place in the world as they formed our country. Coming from the European continent, they were steeped in a worldview shaped by notions of class-based station and feudal organization. Some people are just better than others, they were told. It was in response to what they had experienced that they formed a country with a different way of viewing its citizenry – “a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal,” as Abraham Lincoln would say. It has not been matched since. Other systems of government have tried to duplicate this “rule of the people,” and “equality of all”, only to end up as tyrannical states with a few ruling the masses by brute force. How did the Founding Fathers succeed while others before and since failed?

The secret to their success is revealed in their own words. They understood that the liberty they craved was not of their own making, but a gift. “We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, and are endowed *by their Creator* with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” (Declaration of Independence, emphasis added). They recognized that the equality of humanity rested not on the individual’s personal worth, or his contributions to society or to the state, but on his value to God. They understood that liberty could only exist as long as each person understood their neighbor was the prized possession of a loving Creator, and they should treat one another in that light. Without the understanding of God’s ownership, power and Lordship over all, we lose a real sense of the worth and respect of others, and drift back toward our natural tendency to self-centered domination of those around us. And the Founders’ vision of ‘democracy’ is lost in mob rule.

That is why Benjamin Franklin told the Constitutional Convention of 1787 that they must seek the work of God among them as they formed their new government. “I have lived a long time,” he said, “and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: ‘that God governs the affairs of man.’ And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?” The Founders constantly reminded themselves of the need for ‘Divine Guidance’ – the presence and blessing of God in their lives. So should we.

Grace and peace,



Friendship Club will meet on Tuesdays at 11:30am. If you can help on Tuesday please contact Judy Harvey 721-2691. The 2nd Tuesday monthly will be potluck.

Sunday morning Greeters are needed for both services—see the sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.

Please give Susan Inman a call with your updates to our Military wall 273-3416.

July council meeting will be held on the 21st at 6pm. If you have agenda items, please get them to Lois Horsens by July 18th. Council meetings are open meetings and Church members and non-members alike are welcome to attend the meeting.

If you have any request for our library please let Susan Inman know of them 273-3416.

Friendship Club honored Vi Schrage as a thank you for playing piano for us. The celebration was opened to the whole church and a number of people came. The highlight was the serenade by the men's group (they hadn't met for 10 years). Greg Jones, Clint Carlson, Dick Bailey, and Rory...(I blanked!) accompanied by Faye Pederson were wonderful! Obviously Vi trained them well. We all enjoyed their gift and Vi was almost speechless. Thank you Vi for your years of wonderful service and thank you all for helping us pull off this treat for her. Judy Harvey and Karen Hill

Sun Schedule: Worship Service 9:00am and 11:00
Wednesday: Cowboy Church 6:59pm—Carlton Chapel
Nursery care is provided downstairs during worship for 3yrs and under for your worshipping enjoyment.
Children's Church meets downstairs during the sermon for ages 3 through Kindergarten during the 9:00 service.
Coffee is served in the New Fellowship Hall every Sunday at 10:30.

Sunday School meets downstairs on Sundays:
Preschool—5th grade 11:00 – 12:00
Jr High—6,7,8 grade 11:00-12:00 Youth room
High School—9:45-10:30 Youth room
Adult—11:00-12:00 Conference Room

Opportunities for Involvement:

Weekday Bible Studies:

Monday 9:30am; contact: **Dace Hawkinson 273-0209**

Monday 1:30pm; contact **Connie Dierking 273-4229**

Jo Walton 273-2487

Tuesday 6:45-7:45am; Hayloft Cafe (Lolo)
contact: **Steve Arno 273-6271**

Weekly Activities:

***Friendship Club** - Tues. 11:30am,
contact: **Judy Harvey 721-2691**

***Youth Group** - www.f-ccc-zion.com
Jr. High Sunday 6-8pm—Sr. High Tuesday 7-9pm

***AWANA Program**— will resume in the fall.

***Choir Practice** - Wednesday 7:00pm (Sept.—May)

***Worship Band Practice** – Thursday 6:00pm

***Grief Share** - contact **Lois Horsens 239-7698**

***Mary/Martha Fellowship**
1st Monday monthly at 6:00pm, at the church.
contact: **Dace Hawkinson 273-6601**

***Men's Outreach Movement**
Contact: **Russ Copeland 273-2599**

If you have a **Prayer Concern** for the FCCC Prayer Chain,
contact: **Wilma Marchinek at 273-4907** or
emzgram5@msn.com

***For use of the church facilities**
contact: **Phebe Applegate 273-6811**
(Please remember to stack all tables and chairs after each activity. The facility is in use most evenings during the week and should be ready for the next group coming in.)

The Church Council
July 21, 2011
6:00pm

Lois Horsens — Moderator/ 239-7698
Dean Heitzmann — Treasurer/Secretary 370-8847
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Summer Youth Events

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Osprey Baseball Game
July 7



July 20–24

Presenting the Gospel through music, teaching and any other creative means so that those attending will be



drawn to salvation and discipleship in Christ. We come together by the thousands to "Give Tribute to Our Creator" and to allow His Spirit to birth many as "new Creations" in Jesus Christ who will love and serve Him. (Colossians 1:15-18)

Look for upcoming weekly events to include, swim night, water weekend, and Sunday and Tuesday night Youth Group programs.

Jr. High Sunday School—11:00 Sundays
Sr. High Sunday School—9:45 Sundays
Youth Group "ZION"
Jr. High Youth Group—Sunday 6-8pm
Senior High Group—Tuesday 7-9pm



Blood Drive

The Florence Carlton Church is sponsoring its annual Red Cross blood drive on **Wednesday, August 10, from 1 to 6** in the church fellowship hall. **Mark your Calendars.** This drive is especially important as it helps prepare our Red Cross blood supply for Labor Day weekend. If you can help with the drive by working at the check-in table or in the canteen, please let Kathy McCaughey 273-6759 know. Thanks.



You are invited to a **BABY SHOWER** for Amanda Ostler (Davies). **Join us on July 9 from 10am to 12:30pm** in the Church hall. See how tall we can build the pyramid—bring a package of diapers. You'll be entered to win a prize.



Will and Mary Crews will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at their home on July 9 from 3 7pm. Stop in and have a bite to eat and share with them on this special occasion. 505 Hidden Valley Rd. S. Florence, MT 59833, 273-0215 (No Gifts Please!)



God loves us more than we know. He gives us more than we can ask or dream. He's unrestrained... excessive... outrageous... *Over the Top.*

Spokane

September 16-17, 2011

OK.....our conference is getting closer! Over the Top tour will be in Spokane September 16th and 17th this year. Cost is \$89 which includes the conference plus 2 box lunches. A \$20.00 deposit will be collected at a later date. Ask your friends and family to share this with you! **I will be offering tickets to other churches so we need to get YOUR name on the list now!** Mark the date on your calendar and make this weekend YOURS to be fed, lifted up and surrounded by awesome Christian ladies!Sharon Greef 370-0580 or sgreef@msn.com.

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