

# Florence-Carlton Community Church



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## *FCCC NEWSLETTER TO GO GREEN*

**This will be the last mailing of the FCCC NEWSLETTER.** 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](mailto: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.



**American  
Red Cross**

### **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.

### **COUNCIL CORNER**

The council met on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Present were Guy, Lois, Karen, Gary and Dean. The financials were reviewed and accepted. The checking account is a little lower because the \$10,000 was sent to our sister church in Mexico to put on the roof.

One Sunday service in July had no piano player and the council is looking into solutions. If you know a pianist/accompanist willing to play on Sunday morning, please talk to one of the council members. There is a small stipend paid for this position.

The cooling system in the church is running at its capacity, and sometimes is not keeping up. It was suggested a cheat-sheet be made up to help people during weddings and funerals to get the most out of the system.

In our upgrading of the down stairs classrooms it was determined that we need to upgrade the TV's and DVD players so they are mounted on the wall and less dangerous for little ones. The landscaping in the back is proceeding, with the dirt for the new lawn installed.

**A WORD FROM DAVID . . . . .**

Have you ever wondered what heaven will be like? Go to Creation.

Part of my summer schedule this year was to attend the Creation music festival with the youth group. My primary purpose for going was to do the cooking for the week. The group was camping on the Creation grounds this year, and cooking facilities would be whatever we could bring and set up outdoors. And since I am a pretty fair camping cook – not great, but you won’t starve – I drew the assignment this year.

Creation is a young person’s music festival. It is a dawn-to-well-past-dark event for three days that has music group after music group performing in two or three different locations. There are a variety of musical genres, but they lean heavily to the 30-and-under crowd, a demographic that I have moved past. So I was wondering what the week would be like for me, especially since our campsite turned out to be about 75-100 yards directly in front of the “Fringe Stage,” the area where the head-banging metal music would be played all day long. I was not looking forward to that with great enthusiasm.

It turned out to be a great experience for the week. I found that washing dishes to the sounds of Disciple, Hawk Nelson, and Icon For Hire was an amazingly uplifting experience – even if I had to occasionally rely on an interpreter to understand the lyrics. There was a joy and a energy in the music that was contagious. And when a singer in black leather begins to passionately share the gospel of Jesus Christ in between his metal vocals, and there is a dramatically positive response from teenagers who would never “walk the aisle” singing Just As I Am, your enthusiasm for the moment is multiplied. You see the incarnation of Paul’s principle to “become all things to all people, so that by all means I might win some,” you sense the working of the Holy Spirit in your midst. . . . , and you realize you have spent some time in the presence of God. That made the experience great – whether the music was my preferred listening style or not.

I have been asked on occasion if I thought that heaven would be boring. The picture painted of heaven in Revelation is one of the saints, the angels, and all of creation gathered together and singing praise to God the Father forever. “Doesn’t that sound a little monotonous?” I have been asked before. Without the experiences of the past week, I might have been tempted to agree. But after spending three days listening to music that under ordinary circumstances I would never load on the iPod, and sensing the presence of God in the middle of it all, I can say with certainty that the eternal music festival in praise of the King will be anything but boring! God will be present, we will know we are with Him, and that will be more than enough to make whatever else occurs the experience of the ages for us all.

Grace and peace,

 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

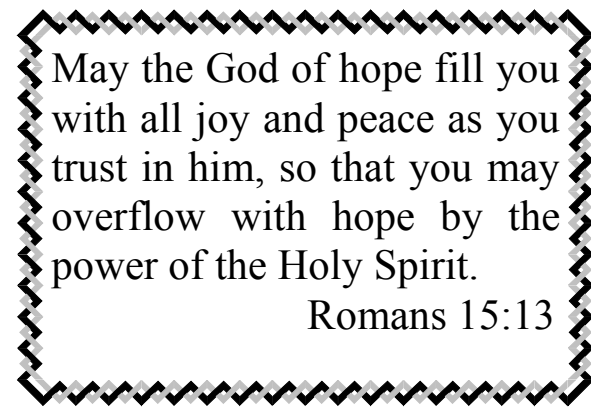
**Friendship Club will meet on Tuesdays at 11:30am.** If you can help on Tuesday please contact Judy Harvey 721-2691. The 2nd Tuesday monthly will be potluck.

**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.

**August council meeting will be held on the 18th at 6pm.** If you have agenda items, please get them to Lois Horsens by August 15th. 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.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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  
fcccpc@gmail.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.)

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**The Church Council  
August 18, 2011  
6:00pm**

- Lois Horsens — Moderator/ 239-7698
- Dean Heitzmann — Treasurer/Secretary 370-8847
- Gary Brownlee — Christian Education / 273-2359
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Happy August Everyone!  
This time of year always excites me because I really enjoy the fall. Fall means football, archery hunting, cooler weather, trees changing colors and a more relaxed schedule. I can honestly

say fall is my favorite season for the reasons above, and also I believe that the seasons changing is one of the great miracles of God. King Solomon, the wisest man to ever have lived, wrote in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8,

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.”

King Solomon states that there is a time for everything in a person’s life, and more specifically he says there is a reason for everything. These times in our lives, sometimes painful and difficult, can change like the seasons. What can be difficult and nearly impossible can give way to a time of peace and prosperity. As you begin to experience the changes that fall brings about, may you look forward to the changes in your life. God Bless!

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- 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



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. Please get your \$20 deposit in as soon as possible to reserve your seat. 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](mailto:sgreef@msn.com).

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**Newsletter Deadline September 26**

