



## CFL High Tidings

The Christian Family Living Center  
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*Every picture tells a story*



*Ooooh ... Ahhhh ...*

**Excellent!**

**Jun 24-29** Week # 1 – Open to all families

**Jul 1-6** Week # 2 – Families of Hispanic Ancestry

**July 8- 13** Week # 3 – Open to all families

**Jul 15-20** Week # 4 – Single Parent Families

**Jul 22-27** Week # 5 – Open to all families

**Jul 29-Aug 3** Week # 6 – Open to all families

**Aug 12-17** Week # 7 – Open to all families

**Aug 19-24** Week # 8 – Open to all families

**Aug 26-31** Week # 9 – Families that Home school

Plan to be a part of this summer program: "God's Amazing Race". Ages 8 to adult: \$220; Ages 2-7: \$100.

Under age 2 are free. Family max. is \$980. Deposit is \$475.00

### Maintenance Ministry Updates:



Marc Oglesby, owner of **Sign This** (a sign company in Raleigh, NC) generously donated this wonderful new sign. It is 2 inch redwood with 4 x 4 posts and will grace our center facility for decades to come. Thank you Marc!

Again thanks go to Marc Oglesby and Jim Keck for repairing our storage shed roof – the roof was leaking badly and it is a valuable storage space for building

materials. Want to join our Maintenance Ministry? All skill levels needed.  
Call today 910-328-1584

## Calling **All Young Adults** (18-29 years old)

If you have attended at least two summer family weeks, you are eligible to apply for a volunteer position to staff a 'weekend' or summer 'week' retreat at CFL. We want to help our Young Adults grow in leadership through service to others. Call or email for an application. 910-328-1584 or email [CFLdirector@charterinternet.com](mailto:CFLdirector@charterinternet.com)

## **CFL Oceanside Weekends: Come Alone or Bring the Family** **MOTHER'S DAY – May 11-13**

### **Mother's Day Family Retreat at the Beach:**

Treat Mom like a queen: ocean view rooms, breakfast-in-bed, candlelight dinner, & fun activities for kids of all ages. Celebrate Reconciliation, Mass and Exposition & Benediction.



Adults: \$90, kids 2-7 \$60 (Family Max is \$450) includes 2 nights/3 days, all meals, snacks and a special gift for each Mom. Call early – last year was a sell out: 910-328-1584.

### **ART as PRAYER – May 18-20**

Come to CFL to play quietly before the Lord with hands that spread color and draw shapes.

Each person who uses art to pray is unfailingly blessed. Bring a friend or your whole

Family for a unique bonding experience. This retreat is for men, women, girls and boys.

No artistic skill is required - all it takes is a desire to connect with a loving God. material

will be supplied. \$125.00 per person for a single room. \$100.00 per person for a shared

room. Includes room, meals and materials

## **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND - May 25-28**

Memorial Day Weekend is dedicated to training our volunteer staff. The staff also help decorate the retreat center.

**THE WEEKEND IS FREE BUT A RETREAT APPLICATION FORM IS REQUIRED.**



## **FATHER'S DAY – June 15-17**

### **Take Time to Celebrate Dad:**

Take time to pay tribute to the most important Man in your life. Celebrate his generous outpouring of love with this spiritually renewing retreat. Breakfast-in-bed (for Dads), special dinner and fun, faith-based activities for all ages.

Adults: \$90, kids 2-7 \$60 includes 2 nights/3 days, all meals, snacks and a special gift for each Dad. 910-328-1584.



### **PARENTING RETREAT – June 13-15**

- Helping your children to be responsible and successful
  - Understand why children misbehave and what to do about it
  - Developing the courage to do what is best for your children
  - Maintaining authority without being an authoritarian
- Long-time CFL'er Greta Morris will facilitate this

Christian focused program based on Kevin Leman's book "[Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours.](#)" There will be activities for younger children to allow parents to attend discussion including:

**"Invisible threads are the strongest ties"** Friedrich Nietzsche

### ***On the Lighter Side - Bulletin Goofs***

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.
- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement on Friday.  
The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- Miss Charlene sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 pm at the Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



## Introducing: CFL in a Suitcase

We have "packaged" the CFL experience into a one-day program that you can bring to your parish! Letting other people know about CFL may be your most significant gift to our ministry. And, depending on your location, Fr. Rich may be able to be the spiritual director. This is your chance to share the pillars of Affirmation, Communication and Forgiveness with the people in your parish. Jim Keck assembled the kits and Carol Weiss is providing puppets - our CFL signature mascot!

Call to learn about this fun and easy way to spread the good news about CFL and our family ministry.

## CFL serves dozens of ministries each year.

Here are a few of the ministries that CFL was able to serve with housing and/or meals in the past few weeks:



Kairos Outside is designed to support the families of men and women who are or have been incarcerated in the country's state and federal correctional facilities, as well as county jails and youth offender programs. The spouses, parents and other relatives of the incarcerated often "do time" right along with their loved ones. It is important for them to know that they are not alone and that there is a Christian community that cares.



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their wives.

We were honored to serve the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus who arranged a day of reflection with



Men's Cursillo – Fr. Paul Brant, S.J. led over 70 latino men through the Cursillo Movement of proclaiming the best news of the best reality: that God, in Christ, loves us.

We hope to see you and your families soon,  
Easter Blessings from all of us at CFL.