



The Communicator

May 5, 2010

MINISTER'S CORNER

Where Are You Serving in Ministry?

Nearly five years ago, I felt the call to enter the vocation of ministry where my profession's title would switch from that of "educator" to that of "minister." Now when I fill out forms such as our tax return or insurance forms and come to that box for occupation, I fill in the word minister. When I was in the profession of education, my job was to educate and in my new role, my job is to minister --- profound, huh?

However, it is no stretch to say that when I was in the education field my occupation box could easily have read "educator/minister," and each of yours could be followed by "/minister," because as followers of Christ we are all called to be ministers. Ministers called to spread the Gospel message of Jesus Christ through word and deed. In the last few weeks as Robin and I have combined our work schedules with hospital and doctor visits during his father's final earthly days, I was profoundly impacted by persons who were ministers, yet not in the field of the profession of ministry.

Jesus stated, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another" (John 13:34), and through the words and actions of many, I saw and felt that commandment in action. In the gentle and reassuring care given by various aides, nurses, therapists and doctors for an aged man who was at times frightened, angry, confused and frail, I saw the face and touch of Christ. In the compassion of doctors who called our home to express condolences, I felt the heart of Christ. In the embrace of a nurse who shared in our loss and provided us with comfort, we felt the arms of Christ. In strangers who we met in elevators, or parking attendants, or cashiers in the cafeteria, who knew nothing of our difficult days, a warm smile and a friendly greeting reminded us that there was goodness and hope in the world. In phone calls, hugs, cards, food preparation, and many acts of hospitality of our church family and friends, we saw love in action. In none of these individuals did it matter what the "occupation" line read on their various forms, as what was important was the heart of Christ that flowed through their work.

It is easy to become segregated by our jobs, our neighborhoods, and our activities. It is important to remember our commonality - not just to be followers of Christ, but also lovers for Christ. I pray that wherever you are and in whatever you do, you will always remember that you too are called to be ministers. You may never know the profound impact you make on another by your striving to obey this important commandment to show Christ's love to all you meet.

Praying for you with grace, peace and love . . .

Glenna



We extend our love and sympathy to Robin, Glenna, Jonathan & Meredith Manning in the death of Robin's father, John Manning of Lenoir City on April 28th, and to Joy Plunk in the death of her sister, Kay Peplinski of Buffalo, NY on May 3rd.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

"That we come together as one body in Christ, loving one another, supporting one another, uplifting and encouraging one another; that we lead souls to Christ, make disciples and glorify God."

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WORSHIP

Sunday Attendance

May 2, 2010

Sunday School.....130

9:00 am Service.....170

11:00 am Service.....111

Sunday Worship

Scripture: Acts 16:9-15

Sermon: *The Color Purple*

Rev. Nance

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MISSION INVOLVEMENT

Second Harvest Food Truck

Our first Second Harvest Food Giveaway was such a success that we have decided to do it again! On **Wednesday, May 12**, we will be unloading the truck. Rev. Nance is preparing dinner for us that evening, and we will begin unloading and setting out the food following dinner (around 6:30). Please come out and help us get ready for this wonderful community event.



On **Saturday, May 15**, we will open the doors at 8:00 a.m. to start giving out the food. We need people to help our "shoppers" and to load vehicles. Please be at the church by 7:45 if you can help with this effort. (We will

work until all the food is distributed or until 12:00 noon). It is a great time for the people of Beaver Ridge to meet many in our community.

A Call for Donations

On June 6th, fourteen hardy souls will be traveling to Willow, Alaska to support Fran Lynch (UMC Missionary). The following items are being collected for this trip:

- Hats
- Gloves
- Mittens
- Scarves
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Chapstick
- XXL Sweatpants & Sweatshirts

Drop donations in the collection box beneath the mission bulletin board (outside the church office).

Annual Conference

"Hands On Mission" Collection

For several years Holston Conference has given its members an opportunity to do mission...actually put our hands on items to send to needy people. This year the churches in Oak Ridge District are asked to fill food buckets for Liberia. Each bucket should contain the following:

- 1 box powdered milk (9 oz or less)
- 1 - 2 lb bag of dried beans
- 1 - 5 lb bag of sugar
- 1 box oatmeal (small - 18 oz)
- 1 bottle of cooking oil (48 oz or less)
- 1 - 2 lb bag of rice
- 2 cans total of canned meat: either ham, spam, or tuna
- \$5 cash or check for packing & shipping – *Checks should be written to BRUMC.*

Buckets are available in the church office. We hope that individuals, classes and/or small groups will participate. The Karns Dollar Store has the 1 lb. cans of ham that do not need refrigeration. Monetary donations are also accepted; bucket items will be purchased by one of our mission committee members.

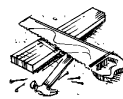
FOOD PANTRY NEWS – Next Altar Call

Many, many thanks for those who faithfully work in our Food Pantry each week and for each of you who generously donate food and monies to help support this wonderful outreach to our community.

In June we are scheduled to receive our annual food distribution from FEMA. In order to give out this food, we are required to match it with very specific donations. Therefore, our collection emphasis for May will be to receive these items. Please look at the items below and supply as many as possible in the next few weeks. You can leave items in the basket outside the office or bring them to the altar on **May 30**.

Chicken Noodle Soup
Macaroni & Cheese
Saltine Crackers

Tomato Soup
Cornbread Mix
Whole Grain Cereal



Project Crossroads Trip, July 7-10

Take part in a short-term mission trip to Project Crossroads in Marion, VA. Add your name to the list on the mission bulletin board outside the office or see Joe Dooley.



This past weekend I had the pleasure to attend the seminar by the "Flower Lady", or Karen Schaal. The seminar was GREAT! But what I'd like to focus on here is the "Plant One Seed" project Karen and her husband sponsor back in South Africa. According to statistics conducted in South African townships, the average black woman is responsible for feeding, clothing, educating and nurturing between 12-15 people. The "Plant One Seed" project empowers these women emotionally, physically, spiritually, and financially to take control of their daily needs and to become good stewards of their seed.

For instance:

Olga, a 57-yr. old grandmother of two, educates, empowers, and shows community members how to grow lettuce, cabbage, onions, tomatoes, beetroot and spinach in their own home-grown gardens. She also teaches them how to manage their harvest in such a manner that they can sustain themselves and their families from season to season, give to the poor and needy, store seed, save money and invest!

Or:

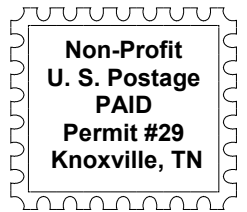
Daisy, a 78-yr. young lady, who every day pushes her home-made cart with garden tools for 3 km (about 1.5 miles) to a local primary school, where she transforms the hard, dry soil into a sustainable food system where she feeds the frail and elderly members of her community, as well as provide vegetables for the school kitchen.

It is amazing what these and other women are doing. And it is also amazing how far a small contribution can go to help out. As Karen says: Plant one seed...growing people...growing seeds...

For more information, email plantoneseed@iafrica.com.



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*Fifty Days
How have YOU been blessed?*

DEVOTION TIME

Weekly Scripture and Prayer

It is still Easter! We remember the Ascension this coming Thursday (or Sunday), and Pentecost in two weeks. Ascension Day is a major celebration in the life of the church even though it does not occur on a Sunday. This celebration has always been less about the physical action of Jesus "going up into the sky" than about his full "enthronement" as King of Kings forty days after his resurrection. The forty days of his sojourn with the disciples after his resurrection marks "the fullness of time" with them to get them fully prepared to declare not simply the kingdom of God, but Jesus as its Risen and Ascended King.

The unifying theme of this week's readings is living out God's mission with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The readings from this week's lectionary are as follows:

Acts 16:9-15 — Paul responds to a vision to go to

Macedonia, arrives at Philippi, and finds opportunities for witness and a leader (Lydia) ready to begin a congregation in her house.

Psalm 67 — God's way made known in all nations.

Revelation 21:10, 22:5 — In the Spirit, John sees a vision of the New Jerusalem and the way the whole world works in the fullness of God's kingdom.

John 14:23-29 — Jesus teaches that the Holy Spirit will guide his disciples to understand, remember, and live out his teaching in all Truth.

Blessing:

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:26-27)

DONATION

New Furniture Thanks!

We hope you have been into the Family Life Center and noticed the new furniture which was graciously donated to us by Shaw Environmental Group. We received a new reception area, cabinets, couch, chairs and tables which serve as a great welcome center for our FLC lobby. We extend a sincere and hearty thanks to Jack Briegel for his efforts to secure this furniture and for all those who have graciously donated time to pick it up, deliver, install, and set up all the new furnishings.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 9

Ushers, 9:00 a.m.

7th & 8th Grade Youth

Ushers, 11:00 a.m.

Bert Smalley, Gerda Kiser, Mary Lynn Tollison, Ann Shugarts & Jim Blazier

Acolytes, 11:00 a.m.

Stefanie Perry, Lauren Kelly

Audio/Visual Team

Gene Rayburn, Buddy Householder, David Walker

Monday, May 10

Food Pantry Servers

Judy Shaw, Susan Price, Bonnie Carroll

May

Coffee Hour Providers:
Good Samaritan SS Class

Sign Coordinator
Charlie Hill, 947-4913



on
Pentecost Sunday,
May 23

CALENDAR DATES

SUNDAY, MAY 9: *Mother's Day*

9 am Contemporary Worship
 10 am Sunday School
 11 am Traditional Worship

-No GAP, Youth or Sunday Night Bible Study-

MONDAY, MAY 10:

7:15 am Youth Bible Study/Breakfast (Fell. Hall)
 10 am Senior Beavers Outing
 6-8 pm Line Dancing

TUESDAY, MAY 11:

10 am Craft Group (Library)
 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study (Library)
 5:45 pm Aerobics
 7 pm Boy Scouts; Cub Scouts;
 Administrative Team Meeting (Room 209)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12:

1:30 pm Women's Bible Study (Library)
 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Dinner/Unload
 Second Harvest Food Truck
 6:15 pm FLC Blessings Team Mtg. (Library)
 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal;
 Sound Board Meeting (Sanctuary)

-No Praise Band Rehearsal-

THURSDAY, MAY 13:

5:45 pm Aerobics
 7-9 pm Adult Open Gym

SATURDAY, MAY 15: *Armed Forces Day*

8 am Second Harvest Food Giveaway (FLC)
 10 am-12 noon Angel Food Orders Received (Ed. Bldg.)

MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP

Up & Coming!

On May 12, please make plans to attend the mission dinner (Rev. Nance is cooking!) and the unloading of the truck from Second Harvest Food Bank as we prepare for another food give-away. Also, watch the calendar this summer for "Dinner and a Movie Night" and a planned church-wide trip to a Smokies baseball game.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

May 12 – 5:45 p.m.

Menu:

*Chicken Casserole, Green Beans,
 Fruit Salad, Chocolate Cake*

Cost:

Age 12-Adult \$5.00

Children, Ages 4-11 \$3.00

Maximum Cost/Immediate Family \$15.00

Come and enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Rev. Nance and then help unload the truck from Second Harvest Food Bank as we prepare for another food giveaway. Note to Parents: Nursery will be provided only for infants thru age 5 (children not yet in kindergarten) of parents participating in unloading food truck.

Fill out the reservation form in this Sunday's bulletin or contact the church office by e-mailing blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com or calling 690-1060.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory Of:

Barbara Hammer

Given By:

Jim & Debbie Blazier

In Memory Of:

John Manning (Robin Manning's father)

Given By:

Jack & Vera Harvey, Lorie Briegel, Bob & Betty Joyce, Doug & Patty Underwood, Martin & Charlotte DeLozier (God's Storehouse), Jim & Debbie Blazier, Ralph & Betty Lois Williams, Jan Shoupe

SENIOR ADULTS



**Day Trip
 for Senior Beavers**

On May 10th, the Sr. Beavers will be going to Marble Springs, Gov. John Sevier's homeplace. We will leave the church at 10:00am. Meet at the church office hallway. The cost to get in to Marble Springs is \$4.00. We will have lunch out. Please call **Eula 690-2085** or **BJ 690-1680** to make reservations. Space is limited.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

We humbly thank all of you for your words of kindness and concern, prayers, cards, and food given to us as we grieve the passing of Robin's dad. Your kind expressions of sympathy have deeply touched us and lifted our souls and we will be forever grateful.

Robin, Glenna, Jonathan & Meredith

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Interested in running sound?

If you are interested in being one of our sound board operators, please meet in the sanctuary on Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. to receive training from Mike Davenport. We need sound people for 9:00 and 11:00 worship services. (If you run sound in contemporary service, you must attend the praise team rehearsal the previous Wednesday night).

PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAY FOR:

Church Family—Louise Atwood, Janice Dunn, Bill Hawkins, Craig Hawley, Wally Ratliff, Chris Shoupe, Deborah Stansberry, Unspoken

Family—Virginia Absher (Harold Absher's stepmother), Jim & Glenda Cagle (brother & sister of Charles Cagle), Allen Case (Marty Dailey's brother), Cliff Cook (Phyllis Martinnelli's brother), Matt Cowser (Shirley Ashe's grandson), Arthur Creswell (Randy Creswell's father), Hunter Graham (Doug & Courtney Graham's grandson), Sandra Harling (Ann Shugart's cousin), Haywood Harris (Jimmy Harris' father), Greg Henley (Betty Bunner's son), Howard Jackson (Ron Johnson's cousin),

Kelli Kirby (Georgia Lee's granddaughter), Daniel Kitts (Kay Harris' nephew), Juanita Murrey (Jones Arnold's sister), Charles Robinson (Ann Shugart's father), Tony Shults (Debbie Blazier's brother), Don Stansberry (Deborah Stansberry's brother), Ed Sternberg (Maggie Smalley's father), Becky Takano (Leslie Little's sister), Jason Teliszczak (Pam Crane's son), Mary Thompson (Julie Moorefield's mother), Anne Tilley (Glenn Stewart's mother), Bob Tucker (Pam Crane's father), Fran Weeren (Leslie Little's mother),

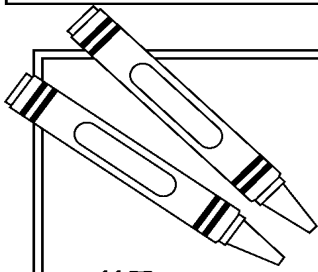
Friends—Darrell Baker, John Caulder, David Cobbold, Dr. Chris Harris, Freda Johnston, Tammy Knight, Jeffrey Richards, Brian Stucky
Military—1st Lt. Jake Ankrom, Jr., Joel Bomgaars—Air Force (Eleanor Bomgaars'

grandson), Denim Beeler, Airman Chase Brown, Brian Culberson-MP, Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Harris, Scott Henley (Betty Bunner's son), Phillip Jordan, Brandon Kahm, Bryant Knicerbocker—Military PVT Police, Aaron Mooneyhan, Keith Primavera, Jonathan Rau (Army), Chuck Stewart, Zachary Stewart (USMC), Joe Williams

Prayer Pagers:

Jeanne Becker.....301-0030
 Michelle Bolas.....800-340-0167
 Charlotte DeLozier.....597-1947
 Joni Lawlor.....888-897-7098
 Deborah Stansberry.....597-2443
 Tim Trammell.....301-0143

KID'S STUFF!



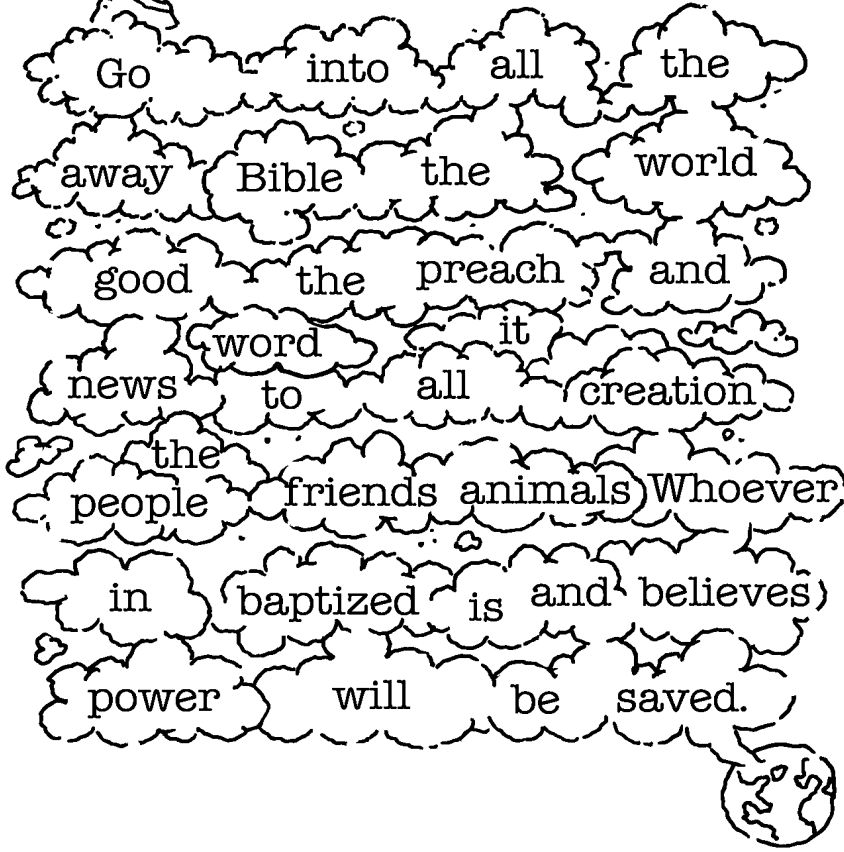
Just for KIDS

"I am with you always."

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he encouraged his disciples in the work they had to do. We, too, are Jesus' disciples and should follow his same instructions.



Follow the words in the clouds to find Mark 16:15-16a, NIV.



Answer: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:15-16a, NIV)

Children's Rotation Sunday School

"The Armor of God"
Ephesians 6:10-11, 14-18

May 9:

All classes meet together for
unit celebration!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The coming of summer also means the coming of our annual Vacation Bible School. The dates are **Monday, June 21 through Thursday, June 24 (5:45-8:15 p.m.)**. Planning is well underway and our theme this year is "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." Children who have completed grades K - 5 will have opportunities to participate in missions, storytelling, games, crafts and music. Already we have many volunteers in place, but we need others as well. If you are willing to participate in one of the following ways to help make VBS a memorable and wonderful event for our children, please contact Glenna.

Class Shepherd (Grades K - 5) - Accompanies a grade level group as they move from activity to activity. No preparation is necessary --- just a willingness to be with the children and show them Christian love.

Registration Helper - Work with Erica Zuckerman to help register the children and to check them in each evening.

Snack Helpers - Work with Whitney Chambers to prepare healthy snacks (which will be given out during storytime).

Pre-School Helpers - Work with Rose-Marie Davis and Jenna McCosh to provide support for our pre-school programs.

Photographer - Take pictures of our children as they participate in their various activities. Help prepare a PowerPoint presentation for the final evening.

In addition to the activities for children, Rev. Nance will lead an adult Bible study and all are invited to our "Build a Sundae" social following the closing ceremony on Thursday, June 24.

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this annual event!

YOUTH NEWS



THIS SUNDAY, MAY 9TH – ALL YOUTH MEET IN THE NARTHEX AT 8:45 AM. No Alpha Omega Youth Sunday night (Mother's Day).

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY -- Monday, May 10 at 7:15 am Invite all your friends and join us for the last Breakfast & Bible Study for the school year. Get the week started with scripture and prayer...and probably some strange conversation!

SECOND HARVEST FOOD TRUCK – Wednesday, May 12 at 5:45 pm Come help unload the truck and set up for the free food giveaway at our church!

STRESSED ABOUT FINALS? – Feel like hitting something to let out some frustrations? Well, bring your muscles to Alpha Omega at 6:00 pm on **May 16** and be ready to take it all out on a beat up old car. Wanna be the first to SLAM and SMASH the windshield? At every youth event you attend (Sunday School, Monday morning bible study, Diabetes Walk, etc.) between now and May 16, you can put your name in for the drawing to be the first to swing the sledgehammer. **SPREAD THE WORD AND INVITE ALL YOUR FRIENDS.** It's gonna be a smash!

CAR WASH – Saturday, May 22, 10 am-2 pm. Wash some cars, have some fun and help raise money for our Summer Mission Trip.

IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY!! – May 23 is Pentecost – birthday of the Church -- and we will be celebrating EVERYONE'S birthday with cake and ice cream, games and more!

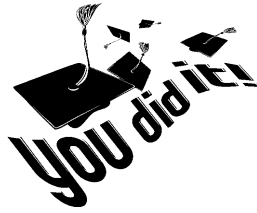
Rev. Nance needs a baby picture AND a picture from your favorite birthday party! You may email pix or drop them in her mailbox (be sure your name is on back).

SCHOOL'S OUT POOL PARTY – Sunday, May 30 at the Johnson's.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP – Noah's Ark in Panama City Beach, FL, June 27-July 2. Haven't signed up yet? It's not too late! Call Lori at 556-6459 or Catherine for more info.

JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH ASSEMBLIES – DEADLINE FOR EARLY REGISTRATION IS MAY 10!! Sign up NOW for this awesome week of worship and fellowship held at Emory & Henry College, July 5-9. Transportation will be provided from Beaver Ridge. If you are going for the first time, help another youth receive the "Bring a Friend" discount by registering with them. For more info, call Lori or go to www.holstonyouth.com to register.

GRADUATION



MEET OUR 2010 GRADUATES

Adam Bean – *Son of Dona Bean*

Adam is a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Biology with Teacher Licensure, May 16, 2010. Adam will celebrate with the rest of his classmates and will be serving his internship in the fall.

Kaihla Dailey – *Daughter of Ken Dailey & Janna Englehart*
Kaihla will graduate May 8th from the University of Tennessee School of Veterinary Medicine. She has been offered and has accepted a one-year internship in Ventura, CA.

Grayson Evans – *Son of Bob & Sandra Evans and grandson of Iris Guinn*

Grayson is graduating from Karns High School and will be attending the University of Tennessee.

Stan Frazier – Stan graduated from Walter State Culinary School.

Kelsey Gillenwaters – *Daughter of Martin & Teresa Gillenwaters*

Kelsey is graduating from Karns High School, and was a varsity cheerleader for 4 years and received the athlete academic achievement award and varsity letter all four years. She also played on the high school Varsity and JV softball team her freshman year. Kelsey is in the National Honor Society and served on Student Council. She will be graduating with over 500 hours in Cosmetology and will attend Tennessee School of Beauty in August.

Rachel Hester – *Daughter of Keith & Valerie Hester*

Rachel is graduating from Karns High School where she was voted Most Athletic by her senior class. She will be attending UT Chattanooga in the Fall.

Joshua Melton – *Son of Doug & Susan Melton and grandson of Margaret Melton*

Josh is graduating from Karns High School where he is a member of the National Honor Society. He will be attending Pellissippi State and then transferring to the University of Tennessee.

FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER

Remember our three goals:

1. If you currently have promised to support the Family Life Center financially, please do not stop.
2. Pray often about how God would have you support the FLC as we look ahead to the calendar year 2011.
3. **\$30,000 in 50 Days...** That is the goal that has been placed on the hearts of the FLC Blessings Team. Meeting this goal of \$30,000 between now and May 23rd shows we are committed to the ministries that are carried out in the FLC.