

The Vignette

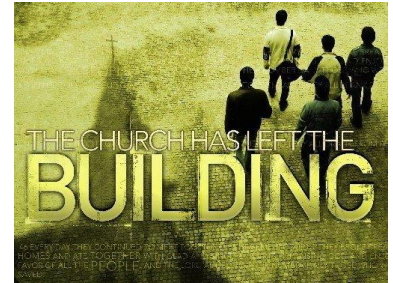
(Formerly "The Vine")

Shorter, more often, more relevant!

I've Seen the Future of LCCC's Service and Outreach

by Pastor Reg

"Christ came as a servant. As Christ followers, serving is a reflection of who we are. We do not need any other motive to serve others. It should naturally overflow from our hearts as we live Christ-centered lives in community." – Michael Mack, Small Group Vital Signs. That statement is as clear as it gets that a healthy church, with healthy members and healthy groups, out of the overflow of their love for Jesus, will minister to others. It is a natural extension of who we are. I've seen the future of LCCC's service and outreach, and it looks good. What does the future hold for the Lake City Family?



In last month's Small Group Vital Signs Session (leader trainings which are open to everyone), titled: "Healthy Groups Minister To Others," we discussed how small groups can lead the way in LCCC's continual maturing in the areas of service and outreach in 2013. Our elder, Tung Le, described a vision of how LCCC can capture our momentum of recent years to transform our service and outreach from "events of the church" to "the lifestyle of the church."

To demonstrate this, I set out to include one good story from our people or small groups serving together, but am simply overwhelmed by too many to choose just one! (And, you can click on the [Celebrations Report](#) in the Vignette to read about them each week.) People love one another here. Ministries reach out all over the community. Global missions are as strong as ever. Small groups care for their own members in incredible ways; they build up the church; and they reach the world around them increasingly as they mature. At least five small groups intentionally devote one week each month to service and outreach.

What we must proactively address right now is better church-wide unity and continuity in our church's "lifestyle" of service and outreach. One quote shared at the Vital Signs Session was, "There are two types of people in the church: those who have needs and those who can meet the needs. Everyone is in both categories all the time."

Tracking all the church's needs and resources, and getting entire church unified on a path for service and outreach is going to take some time, some work; some vision setting and vision casting. Our goal to roll it out as part the annual vision sermon series this June. Would you like to be on the leadership team? If so, send me an email at reg.overstreet@lc3.com.

Otherwise, keep serving; keep reaching out with the gospel of Jesus. It is, after all, who we are.

Pastor Reg

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See our Kids Shine for Jesus!

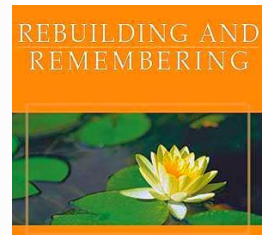
Hey all! You won't want to miss our very own kids sharing the truth of God's word through song and dance at 4PM on April 28. **That's this Sunday afternoon!** Show your support to our kids wanting to shine Jesus by joining us for *ROCK SOLID*, a musical that proclaims God's Promises! **It's great entertainment, uplifting, edifying, and FREE!** Join us and stay afterwards for cookies!



Journeying Through Grief

by Pastor Rich

This series of four short books is an excellent series to share with grieving people at specific significant times. They have been an important part of my ministry during the last seven years for those who have lost their spouses or children.

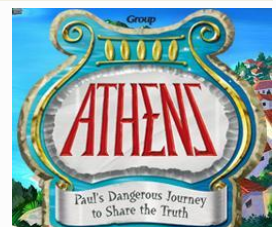


The reason I like them so much is that they are timed to help when grieving people most need them. They might be very helpful when one of your parents dies and you wish to comfort the surviving spouse (or for that matter when anyone with a close relationship passes on). It would be good if you read them yourself first before you send the books. This will require some of your time and will show an extended care for them. My suggestion would be to follow the provided instructions for the timing of the presentation of each book to the grieving person. I would also suggest you mark your calendar so you will send them at the correct time. Best of all is if you give them in person after a visit.

These books are available at our Faith@ Home Center for \$10 which includes all four of the books: Book One: A Time to Grieve; Book Two: Experiencing Grief; Book Three: Finding Hope and Healing; Book Four: Rebuilding and Remembering

VBS - July 15-22, 6-8:30PM

We are beginning preparations for VBS 2013 now. This year's theme will be "*Athens, Paul's dangerous journey to share the truth.*" Email Nicole.Oury@lc3.com or call the church office at 253-582-8040 to volunteer as director, co-director, group leader, refreshment server, decorations, or whatever. Be sure to mark your family calendar to reserve those days now!



Want more info? Try these links.

- [LC3 Website](#)
- [LC3 Celebrations - April 23, 2013](#)
- [LC3 Calendar](#)