

Lancaster Baptist Church

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A COMMUNITY OF **GRACE**
THAT IS **GROWING**
AND **GOING**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST

- **God's Not Dead 2** at Lancaster Grand Aug. 12, 13, 14 at 7:00 pm
- Sunday School Teachers meeting Aug. 14th at 9:00 AM
- Members Meeting August 28th after AM Service

PRAYER WARRIOR

Sunday, August 7th
Beth Walton

FAMILY LIFE CENTER WALKING

Monday – Friday
(7:42 – 10:02 AM)

REACH

August 8th @ 6:00 PM

From Your Pastor

First Impressions Are Important

When I go on vacation I almost always try to visit a church to see how God is working and moving in other places. Since we got back home last Saturday evening, I decided to visit a growing church in Danville. I want to share a few things I learned this past Sunday. First, Jenny and I were able to invite a friend who had lost her husband a few years ago and disconnected with church. When we invited her to join us she seemed very excited about the invitation. I was reminded that there are many folks out there who would come to church if somebody personally invited them (and maybe agreed to meet them before church). She was waiting for us in front of the church when we arrived.

When we went into the front doors we were greeted by several ladies with shirts that said, "May I help you?" or something like that. Most people are a little uncomfortable when they visit a new church and it was nice to have some smiling facings and people whose task was to offer assistance to anybody who might have a question or need. The children's area was nicely identified and there were lots of smiling workers waiting to receive the children.

The worship service was a little different than what I am accustomed to but I was so encouraged by the number of young people who were there for a 9:30 AM service. As a matter of fact, I ran into some people I used to pastor at Immanuel and I ran into several people who I used to work with at Hitachi. Some of them I had invited to church when I pastored in Danville. I was thankful that there is a church that was able to reach them. Sometimes we have to remind ourselves that churches that preach Jesus Christ as the way of salvation are not our enemies/competition but our brothers and sisters in Christ.

After the service was over, the man at the end of my aisle (I knew him) invited my family out for lunch. There was 6 in my party and this man insisted on paying for everybody's. I thought, wouldn't it be great if somebody invited our Guest out for lunch after church when they visited for the first time. I think I will plan to do that next week. If you see somebody visiting with us, maybe you would consider inviting them out for lunch.

I left encouraged and challenged to do more to reach people in our community for Christ. I had never heard a couple of the songs that were sung during the service but I didn't mind that at all. I wasn't used to the lights being turned down or people drinking coffee during the service but I don't see anything in Scripture about either of those things. What was most important was the fact that lots of people were gathering together to worship God, hear God's Word, and encourage one another in the faith. While the message of the Gospel doesn't change, our methods can change in order to reach our world. Let's make that our objective.

Bro. Harold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SS TEACHER MEETING: Meeting for all SS Teachers will be Sunday August 14th at 9:00 AM in the FLC.

GOD'S NOT DEAD 2: Showing at the Lancaster Grand Theater on August 12, 13, 14 at 7:00 PM (sponsored by the Garrard Ministerial Association). No cost but donations appreciated.

GOD'S NOT DEAD BIBLE STUDY: During Sunday school Aug. 21st – Sept. 11th in the Café. Everyone is welcome.

MEMBERS MEETING: August 28th after AM Service. All teams meeting on August 28th at 6:30 PM.

LADIES RETREAT: September 9th and 10th at Oasis Christian Center. There are flyers on the table with information about the Center. Please contact Vicki Murphy @ 339-0246 or the church office if you are interested in attending.

PIT STOP CHALLENGE MINISTRY: Pit Stop has been invited to be a part of the Festival of Salt and Light in Simpsonville September 25 from 4-8 PM. We need volunteers to help serve in this ministry outreach. Please let Rick Gastineau know if you might be able to go and help on Sept. 25th.

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP: Men's Discipleship group meets at 5:55 AM on Tuesday mornings for prayer, Bible study and accountability.

BABY SHOWER: A lady named Maria has been attending our Hispanic Church services and is expected to have a baby (boy) in the next couple of weeks. She doesn't really have anything so if you have anything that would be helpful for a baby boy please bring it to church in the next couple of weeks.

FALL REVIVAL: Mark your calendar for Revival (Sept. 11-14) with Dr. Richard Gaines (Consolidated Baptist).

PRAYER REQUEST (*Pray without ceasing... 1 Thessalonians 5:16*) Della Hall – 548-9250

Betsy Bailey	Wyatt Fielder	Cloyd Naylor	HOMEBOUND	LBC
Blanche Ballard	Mark Fields	Verity Morrow	Bob Ballard	Bro. Harold & family
Bob Ballard	Jimmy Flynn	Matt Morrow	Jewell Callis	Bro. Stephen & family
Sue Ballard	Jim France	Hildreth Patterson	Lois Carrier (CCC)	Bro. Nehemiah & family
Lynn Bateman	Arthur Gaffney Jr.	Brittany Robbins	Nellie Cole	Bro. Ken & family
J.O. Burkhead	Barbara Hackney	Adriana Rodriguez	JoAnn Grow	Chervens
Bud Byrd	Barb Hall	Lisa Logan Rogers	Allene (Peg) Dollins	Amanda Hubler
Lois Carrier	Jeanne Hall	Jerry Royalty	Juanita Gullett	Michael Anderson
Leah Cherven	Leland Hall	Dave Ruda	Della Meadows (CCC)	Tudors
Paul Clark	Shavanna Harwick	Jane Sammons	Anna Meadows	Our Deacons
Doty Ann Clifford	EJ Hasty	Amos Sharp	(Lantern in Lexington)	Our SS Teachers
Levi Clontz	Amanda Hicks	David Simpson	Tina Montgomery (CCC)	Church Leaders
Junior Cox	Marsha Hodge	Virginia Simpson	Marie Naylor	New Believers
Rosa Cranfill	David Hulsing	Danny Smith	Dorothy Shockley (CCC)	Lost
Joe Crawford family	Brian Hunt	TJ Taylor	Myrtle Stump (CCC)	
Christi Crouch	Carolyn Hunt	Pauletta Teater		COMMUNITY
Brian Crumb	Cheryl Johnson	Tink Teater		County Judge (Wilson)
Gladys Dailey	Julia Kay	Priscilla Tudor		City Mayor (Davis)
Lloyd Dailey	Abby Keith	Sky Tudor		Representative (Shell)
Tim Dailey	KY Choice Treatment	Bill Vanderpool		Police/Sheriff Dept.
James Davis	Carl Kidwell	Tonia Warren		Fire/EMS
David Decker	Bill Lamb	Flonnie Whitaker		Schools
Janie Denton	Molly Lanham	Lindsey Whited		Lost
Jo Denton	David Layton	Billy Williams		DUI Class participants
Mike Doughty	Jimmy Lowery	Charlotte Winter		NATION
Mike Durham	Mandy Lynch	Jacob Wix		President (Obama)
Frankie Eden	Landan Maynard	Melanie York		Governor (Bevins)
Rilda Edgington	Lindsay Meadors			Legislatures
Stephanie Elam	Judy Middleton			Armed Forces
				Missionaries