

Lancaster Baptist Church

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY

- Upward Games this Saturday (8AM-7PM)
- Upward Sunday, Feb. 25th

MARCH

- Bro Harold preaching for "Marvelous Mondays" at Bethel Baptist in Harrodsburg on Mar. 4th

PRAYER WARRIOR

Carol East
Sunday, February 25, 2018

REACH

Thursday, Mar. 1st at
6:00 PM

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER
WALKING**

Monday – Friday
(7:42 – 10:02 AM)

From Your Pastor

Social Media

*If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. **Matthew 18:15***

Lancaster Baptist Church has a Facebook page where we post a lot of announcements, articles, and pictures to help communicate with members and others who "follow" us. Social media can be a great way to reach out and connect with a wide audience. Our Facebook page allows us to share our weekly services with many people. As Christians, I think it is important to communicate the Gospel in as many ways as is possible. So, I'm thankful for the extra doors and opportunities afforded by social media.

Of course, with most good things come plenty of bad things. I don't get on social media (like Facebook) as much as I use to because I am often disheartened by some of the stuff I see posted. People are very divided and mean-spirited about politics, ideologies, and just about everything under the sun! I get especially disappointed when Christians criticize one another or even their church. Yes, it is tempting to put something on social media because we know lots of people are going to see it. Most of us have a following of like-minded individuals who will like our comments and even fuel the fire that we are trying to start. But, does it honor God???

I want to lovingly provide a few warnings for believers to consider in regards to social media. First, Jesus gave us instructions (Matthew 18:15) regarding dealing with conflict. If your brother sins against you (or offends you in some way), you are to go to him (or her) **one on one** and share your concern. Jesus does not say that if we are offended we are to put our complaint on social media. Paul gives some good instructions to the believers in Corinth about dealing with divisions and grievances in the church (1 Cor. 3 and 6). Jesus (in John 17) prayed that we would be unified (not divided). Our love for one another is evidence that we are even saved (see John 13:35).

More and more, I see believers criticizing their church or another church. I've had to exercise self-control at times because I wanted to respond to such criticism. Proverbs 26:4 warns us not "to answer a fool according to his folly, lest you be like him yourself." I want to remind us *all* that Jesus loved the church and gave His life for the church. The church is His bride. I don't like it when somebody criticizes my bride and I don't suspect Jesus does either. Many are hurting their testimony by some of their posts and comments. If it doesn't glorify God, you don't need to post it. I've had to repent of that in the past (and remove the post).

Let's be reminded that "a soft/gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (Proverb 15:1). Christians aren't to be characterized by "grumbling and complaining" (Phil. 2:14) Let's be a little more careful in these areas lest we bring reproach upon the cause of Christ. Let's use social media to make Christ known! To God be all the glory!

Bro. Harold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPWARD SUNDAY: Sunday, Feb. 25th, we are inviting our Upward players and leaders to join us (wear their Upward gear). We will have donuts, juice, etc. for them around 9:30 AM. Please make them feel welcomed.

MISSION MEAL: We will kick off our week of prayer and giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering with a Mission Meal on Sun., March 4th, after the AM service. (Menu: pulled pork, baked beans, slaw, chips, drinks, and desserts. Carryout available.) No evening service on March 4th. Sunday evening services will return to 6:30 on March 11th.

LADIES STUDY: 8-week study on idols (No Other Gods) is being offered on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM in room 313.

MEN'S STUDY: Men's Bible Studies (Stepping Up) is being held on Mon. at 6:30 PM, Tues. at 5:55 AM, Sat. at 7:15 AM, and Sun. at 4:00 PM. All men are encouraged to participate.

STUDENT CAMP: Summer Camp for 7th through 12th Grade will be June 13-17, and 3rd through 6th Grade July 20-23, both are at Cedamore. Sign-up now. \$100 deposit will be required by 2/25/18.

CHERVEN SUPPLIES: Dana and Leah will be returning to Haiti on Feb. 27th. If you would like to help them with some supplies they use in Haiti there is a small board on the front table that has some items they need. Please bring them by Sun. Feb. 25th.

WELCOME CENTER TEAM: Short meeting on Feb. 25th after AM service in the Prayer Room.

MARVELOUS MONDAYS: Bro Harold will be preaching at Bro. Stephen's church (Bethel Baptist) on Monday, March 5th (Marvelous Mondays) at 7:00 PM. If you want to go we will take a bus and leave LBC at 5:55 PM. Let Bro. Harold know if you would like to attend. The theme for the Marvelous Monday Services is "Grace Wins."

HOPE RALLY: Bro Randy and Jake McPheron will be at LBC on April 13th-15th (Friday through Sunday) to lead us in a Hope Rally weekend. We will witness training, a united prayer service during the rally, and some outreach efforts that weekend. Please be praying for those dates and make plans to participate.

PRAYER REQUEST (*Pray without ceasing... 1 Thessalonians 5:16*) Della Hall – (859) 548-9250

Buddy Arnold	Zachery Gay	Landyn Maynard
Sue Ballard	Jean Goins	Marjorie McBride
Don Banks	Rae Ann Grubbs	Betty Montgomery
Lynn Bateman	Deborah Gumm	Bradlee Aguilar-
Dorothy Bennett	Barbara Hackney	Moreno
Family of Billie K.	Barb Hall	Lisa Morrow
Broaddus	Jeanne Hall	Verity Morrow
Scott Brown	Leland Hall	Cline Mullins
Kaleigh Burkhardt	Phillip Haynes	Dorothy Murphy
Eric Caldwell	Diana Henderson	Ralph Murphy
Jerry Carrier	Eva Hicks	Robert Pass
Nancy Childers	David Holland	Samantha Rush-
Joyce Clark	Judy Hopkins	Peek
Levi Clontz	Misty Horton	Amber Rankin
Nikki Coulter	Jeff Hoskins	Bo Renfro
Jr. Cox	Sara Hoskins	Deanna Rice
Rosa Cranfill	Betty Howard	Mrs. Bobby
Gladys Dailey	David Hulsing	Robbins
Dorsey Davis	Carolyn Hunt	Lisa Logan Rogers
Bro. Gary Durham	Pete Jeffries	Dave Ruda
Elizabeth Durham	Cheryl Johnson	Wayne Ruff
Mike Durham	Lisa Jones	Leroy Russell
Stephanie Elam	Julia Kay	Bob Schrock
Beth Estes	Don King	Betty Scott
Jimmy Flynn	Anna Lewis	Amos Sharp
Rosetta France	B.G. Lewis	Patricia Shearer
Bro. Chad Fugitt	Mandy Lynch	David Simpson
Arthur Gaffney, Jr	Darin Mackey	Virginia Simpson
Vernon Gallagher	Sherry Martin	Danny Smith

Derek Smith
Tyler Stratton
Andy Sutton
Mike Sutton
Beth Turner
Crystal Tutor
Isaac White

HOMEBOUND

- Mary Atkinson
- Jewell Callis
- Lois Carrier (Landmark)
- Nellie Cole
- JoAnn Grow
- Allene (Peg) Dollins
- Juanita Gullett
- Della Meadows (Landmark)
- Anna Meadows
- Tina Montgomery (Landmark)
- Marie Naylor
- Dorothy Shockley (Landmark)
- Katherine Sowder
- Flonnie Whitaker
- Billy Williams (Landmark)

LBC

Bro. Harold & Family
Bro Nehemiah & Family
Bro. Gary & Family
Bro Michael & Family
Chervens
Our Deacons
Our SS Teachers
Church Leaders
Adam and CJ
College Students
Lost

COMMUNITY

County Judge
(Wilson)
City Mayor (Davis)
Representative
(Shell)
Police/Sheriff Dept.
Fire/EMS
Schools
Lost

NATION

President (Trump)
Governor (Bevins)
Legislatures
Armed Forces
Missionaries
Persecuted Christians
Spiritual Awakening
Racial Tensions

