

Lancaster Baptist Church

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY

- Men's Breakfast and Stepping Up kickoff on Sun. Jan. 14th at 8:45
- Martin Luther King Jr Commemoration Service on Mon. Jan. 15th at Noon at First Baptist
- Collecting cans for Garrard Co. Food Pantry
- Upward games each Saturday

FEBRUARY

- Valentine Banquet Sun. Feb. 11th at 5PM

PRAYER WARRIOR

Sunday, January 14, 2018
Willena Crutchfield

REACH

(Join us as we reach out during Upward practices.)

Tuesday Jan. 16th at 6PM
Thursday Jan. 25th at 6PM
Friday Feb. 2nd at 6PM

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER
WALKING**

Monday – Friday
(7:42 – 10:02 AM)

From Your Pastor

Reflections on the Cross

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Galatians 6:14

As we start a new year, one of my desires for you (and myself) is that we would more frequently reflect upon the amazing, precious, beautiful cross of Jesus Christ and regularly go running to the cross as our only hope, not just in this life but for eternity. I was asked to pick a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr. to talk about at the commemoration service on Monday (Noon at First Baptist) and I am going to use something Dr. King said about the cross. He said, "When I look up the cross I recognized its meaning. The cross is something that you bear, and ultimately, that you die on."

While we often like to glamorize the cross today and put it on a necklace or hang them on our walls, the folks in the first century had a much different perspective of the cross. To them, the cross was gruesome because it represented death, execution, and was designed to be as torturous, shameful and humiliating as possible. The cross was reserved for the vilest of criminals and evil doers. The victim was most often beaten, bloodied, and with their arms spread out on the cross, they would grasp for air until their body finally suffocated. The Bible says (Gal. 3:13), "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us-for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.'"

The cross reminds us of the depth of God's love for us. Christ would willingly suffer (and not just a little suffering) on the cross in order to pay the just punishment for our sins. On Monday evening, a child at Upward asked how a loving God could send anyone to hell. Is it appropriate for a judge to sentence a criminal to jail to be punished for his/her crimes? Yes. Is it loving for a parent to punish a child for doing wrong? Yes. Are there consequences for our sins? Yes. Let us never forget that God in His perfect justice and holiness is going to punish sin. Either we will bear the punishment for our sins or we believe upon Jesus, and through faith, allow Him to bear our punishment for us. I'm thankful for God's mercy and grace provided by the cross.

Yes, the Cross is so central to our lives because it reminds us (hopefully day by day) that Almighty God (our Creator and Sustainer) so loved us that He was determined to send His Son to die so that you and I might be saved and adopted as His children; so that we might have hope, joy, peace, strength, and life in him. When we reflect and journey to the cross, we are reminded of the grace of God (because we didn't deserve to have the sinless Son of God die in our place) and we are reminded that we are to be image-bearers of God. We can love, and show mercy, grace and kindness to others because God has shown each of these towards us. Let us not neglect taking some time to reflect regularly on that old rugged cross. Let us not neglect telling others what was accomplished on the cross. Thank God for the cross!

Bro. Harold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S STUDY: Men's Bible study (called *Stepping Up*) will kick-off this Sunday, Jan. 14th. We will have a men's breakfast that morning at 8:45 AM and an introduction to the study.

MLK COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE: All are invited to participate in the Martin Luther King, Jr. commemoration service on Mon. Jan. 15th at 12pm at First Baptist Church on South Paulding Street. Bro. Harold will be participating in the service and we would love for you to attend. Rev. David McPhersons is the host pastor.

UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING: Games every Saturday and we could use help with devotionals, concessions, and clean up. You are invited to come out any night and visit with parents while their child is practicing. We would love to get some SS classes involved one night a week.

JOY CLUB: Meeting Thursday, January 18 @ 11:00 am in the Youth room. Speaker will be Bro. Gary. Bring desserts please. All invited!

CHURCH SECURITY CONFERENCE: Mon. Jan. 22nd from 6:30-9:30pm in Winchester. Training is free. We will plan on taking a bus and leaving at 5:15 pm.

VALENTINE BANQUET: We will have a Valentine Banquet on Sun. Feb. 11th at 5:00 PM with proceeds from the meal going to help support Chervens. We will have tickets to sell (\$30 per couple) and childcare will be provided.

FOOD COLLECTION: We will once again collect food for our local food pantries in the month of January.

CHURCH TEXT MESSAGES: If you would like to receive text message updates (prayer request, canceled services, deaths) from the church you can text (502) 512-0276 and put **@4e5fd** as the message and you will be added to the list.

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

Paul Abney
Buddy Arnold
Steve Baker
Sue Ballard
Don Banks
Lynn Bateman
Dorothy Bennett
Scott Brown
Kaleigh Burkhart
Cameron Caldwell
Rosa Cranfill
Kristine Caudill
Jerry Carrier
Nancy Childers
Joyce Clark
Levi Clontz
Nikki Coulter
Betsy Cox
Jr. Cox
Gladys Dailey
Dorsey Davis
Roy Davis, Sr.
Laikin Day
Bro. Gary Durham
Elizabeth Durham
Mike Durham
Stephanie Elam
Beth Estes
Heather Farris

Jimmy Flynn
Mandy Lynch
Darin Mackey
Sherry Martin
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Arthur Gaffney, Jr
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Rae Ann Grubbs
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Barbara Hackney
Barb Hall
Jeanne Hall
Leland Hall
Diana Henderson
Eva Hicks
David Holland
Dixie Holman
Misty Horton
Jeff Hoskins
Judy Hopkins
Betty Howard
Brenda Huffman
Carolyn Hunt
David Hulsing
Cheryl Johnson
Lisa Jones
Julia Kay

Don King
Landyn Maynard
Betty Montgomery
Lisa Morrow
Verity Morrow
Cline Mullins
Dorothy Murphy
Ralph Murphy
Avonda Noe family
Robert Pass
Samantha Rush-
Peek
Amber Rankin
Deanna Rice
Mrs. Bobby
Robbins
Lisa Logan Rogers
Dave Ruda
Wayne Ruff
Leroy Russell
Bob Schrock
Amos Sharp
Patricia Shearer
David Simpson
Virginia Simpson
Danny Smith
Derek Smith
Tyler Stratton

Andy Sutton
Donna Sutton
Mike Sutton
Beth Turner
Isaac White
Eddie Woods
Crystal Tutor

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
New Believers
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