

Lancaster Baptist Church

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY

- Ordination of Bro. Gary and Bro. Michael Jan. 21st at 5:00 PM
- Church Security Conf. Leave LBC at 5:15 pm
- Collecting cans for Garrard Co. Food Pantry
- Upward games each Saturday

FEBRUARY

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

PRAYER WARRIOR

Sunday, January 21, 2018
Walt Browning

REACH

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

Thursday Jan. 25th at 6PM

Friday Feb. 2nd at 6PM

Tuesday Feb. 6th at 6 PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER WALKING

Monday – Friday
(7:42 – 10:02 AM)

From Your Pastor When Beliefs & Behaviors Don't Match

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

On Wednesday nights, we have been talking about the power of the church praying together. I think we would all agree that prayer is important. We would say prayer is imperative for us individually and corporately (as a church). However, when we have special times of prayer, the participation is often considerably lacking. What we notice in Acts is that the early church was dependent upon prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit. They regularly gathered for prayer and God did some amazing things.

Someone said that it seems like the church treats prayer more like the spare time rather than the steering wheel. Could it be that we believe better than we behave when it comes to praying together? Could it be that we believe prayer is important but gathering to actually pray is sometimes viewed as optional, extra, or even vain. I suspect God sees us spinning our ministry wheels sometimes and wonders why we didn't just ask Him.

In Luke 10 we read about Jesus' visit to the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Martha got busy with preparing a meal while Mary decided that spending time with Jesus was more important. Martha was frustrated with Mary's choice of devotion instead of meal preparations. Jesus pointed out to Martha that Mary had made the best choice. Maybe we need to be reminded that the best choice we can make is to spend time with our Savior. Maybe the church gets so busy with the details of ministry that we neglect the most important thing which is living in dependence upon God (manifested in our praying together).

As I have been thinking about the idols of my heart and the importance of prayer, I realize that the enemy loves to distract us and lure us into chasing our idols all the while we neglect our time with the Lord. We miss out on the presence of Jesus and we end up laboring in our own strength instead of enjoying God's power. Jesus was pretty clear when He said that "apart from me you can do nothing."

Yes, we want to see God move in some big ways this year and we want to see a great harvest. We must labor in the harvest but we must labor in His power. We need to spend time on our knees in prayer and we need to spend time in prayer TOGETHER. I love Acts 4:31. It specifies that "when they (church) had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. Wow. Wouldn't you like to gather one Wednesday evening for prayer and God begin to shake the place with His presence. That would surely wake up the church. Let us be reminded of the necessity and blessings that come from praying together, united in one heart. Let us come together and pray. Will you join us? Bro. Harold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDINATION SERVICE: This Sunday (21st) we will ordain Michael Anderson and Gary Carringer at 5:00 PM. Ordained men need to be here at 4:15 PM. Reception to follow the service with cake and punch.

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.

MEN'S STUDY: Men's Bible Studies (*Stepping Up*) will be 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.

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.

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.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (GETHSEAME BAP. - DANVILLE): Sat., Jan. 27 at 8am to 3pm. No charge (breakfast and lunch will be provided). Guest speaker will be **Iris Blue**. Deadline to sign-up is Jan. 22. If you have any questions see Vicki Murphy.

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.

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

Buddy Arnold
Sue Ballard
Don Banks
Lynn Bateman
Dorothy Bennett
Scott Brown
Kaleigh Burkhardt
Rosa Cranfill
Jerry Carrier
Nancy Childers
Joyce Clark
Levi Clontz
Nikki Coulter
Jr. Cox
Gladys Dailey
Dorsey Davis
Bro. Gary Durham
Elizabeth Durham
Mike Durham
Stephanie Elam
Beth Estes
Jimmy Flynn
Mandy Lynch
Darin Mackey
Sherry Martin
Rosetta France
Arthur Gaffney, Jr
Vernon Gallagher

Zachery Gay
Jean Goins
Rae Ann Grubbs
Deborah Gumm
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
Pete Jeffries
Cheryl Johnson
Lisa Jones
Julia Kay
Don King
Landyn Maynard
Betty Montgomery
Lisa Morrow
Verity Morrow

Cline Mullins
Dorothy Murphy
Ralph Murphy
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
Sue Ann Davis-
family
Andy Sutton
Donna Sutton
Mike Sutton
Beth Turner

Isaac White
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