

Lancaster Baptist Church

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JANUARY

- Collecting cans for Garrard Co. Food Pantry
- Upward games each Saturday
- Haiti Mission Trip informational meeting on Sun. 28th after AM service in Choir room

FEBRUARY

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

PRAYER WARRIOR

Sunday, January 28, 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

Courageous Living

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

The first week of our men's study (Stepping Up) dealt with "Courage." There are lots of different definitions and thoughts about what courage looks like. "Real courage is doing your duty under fire." John Wayne's famous quote is, "courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway." As we were reminded in the study, courage is sometimes working through a difficult marriage or parenting a hard-will child without throwing in the towel. We are often called to be strong and courageous (not in our own strength but in the power of God).

The opposite of courage is fear. Over and over the Scriptures exhort us to, "fear not" or "do not be afraid." A few weeks ago, I preached on Proverbs 29:25, "the fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe." I have often thought more about what others (man) think, than what is most pleasing to God. I've had to repent of that a lot. Personally, I want to be more courageous. I'm going to ask the Lord to help me be more courageous. (Watch out.)

The men's study asked some very important questions about courage.

- **What is the most courageous thing you have ever done?**
- **Who are the most courageous people you know? What do you admire most about their lives? What aspect of their lives do you most want to emulate?**
- **What is the one area of your life where you most need to display courage?**
- **Are there any Scriptures that have strengthened your courage in the past? What are they and how did they serve you?**

Personally, going through Joshua challenged me in the area of having courage. God repeatedly called Joshua (and Israel) to be strong and courageous. I think He is calling us to be strong and courageous as we live out our Christian faith. It takes courage to talk to people about the Lord and to even start a spiritual conversation. It takes courage to stand up for the helpless and weak. It takes courage to not go along with the crowd when they are going in a direction that isn't honoring to the Lord. It takes courage to lead a church when it is easier to stay in the comfort zone or maintain the status quo. Most often, our comfort is a hindrance to our courageous actions.

I would love for you to pray for me that I would be a courageous leader. Pray for our men as they go through this Stepping Up study. I am looking forward to seeing God continue to work in the lives of our men.

Bro. Harold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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**. 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 are collecting food for our local food pantries in the month of January.

HAITI INFORMATIONAL MEETING: If you would like some information about possibly going to Haiti in October there will be an informational meeting after the Sunday AM service in the choir room.

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

Bradlee Aguilar-
Moreno
Buddy Arnold
Sue Ballard
Don Banks
Lynn Bateman
Dorothy Bennett
Scott Brown
Kaleigh Burkhardt
Eric Caldwell
Jerry Carrier
Nancy Childers
Joyce Clark
Levi Clontz
Nikki Coulter
Jr. Cox
Rosa Cranfill
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
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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
Bo Renfro
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
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