

## Lancaster Baptist Church

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### JUNE

- Alaska Mission Trip June 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>
- Kids Camp June 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>
- SBC Convention June 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>
- Student Life Camp June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>
- Community Outreach in Cardinal Circle June 26<sup>th</sup>

### PRAYER WARRIOR

Sunday, June 19th  
Anna Ward

### FAMILY LIFE CENTER WALKING

Monday – Friday  
(7:42 – 10:02 AM)

### REACH

June 13<sup>h</sup> @ 6:00 PM

## From Your Pastor *The Good the Bad and the Ugly*

This week I have been participating in the Southern Baptist Convention. Last week, the most recent Annual Church Profile (where SBC churches report their own statistics). What did we learn about how things are going in the Southern Baptist Convention?

### POSITIVE from the report:

- 1. The number of churches is growing.** In 2014, we had a total of 51,094 churches and congregations. In our 2015, we have a total of 51,441 churches and congregations. We are planting lots of churches (which is biblical and important in reaching the lost).
- 2. Our present giving through the Cooperative Program is increasing.** Our Cooperative Program giving, which funds our Great Commission ministries statewide, nationally, and internationally has increased in the first eight months of this fiscal year from \$128,551,618 to \$131,956,901. This is an increase of \$3,405,283 or 2.65% from our prior year. We should celebrate that churches are giving more money through our Cooperative Program to allow us to do more for the sake of the gospel around the world.
- 3. Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions was our largest in history.** In the 127-year history of our churches giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, this was our highest ever. Our Southern Baptist churches gave a total of \$165.8 million through our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (an increase of \$12.8 million over last year). This giving explosion to Lottie Moon is an encouraging response to our crisis of bringing home over 1,000 missionaries last year.

### CONCERNS from the report:

- 1. The membership in our churches declined.** The membership in our churches declined from 15,499,173 people to 15,294,764 people (a decline of 202,409 people).
- 2. The baptisms in our churches declined.** Baptisms declined from 305,301 people to 295,212 people. We had under 300,000 baptisms for the first time since 1947.
- 3. The weekly worship average attendance in our churches declined.** Our worship attendance went from 5,674,469 people to 5,577,088 people in 2015. Sunday worship seems to be coming less and less a priority in the lives of our people.
- 4. The average attendance of Sunday School, Bible Study, or Small Groups in our churches declined.** The attendance of our Southern Baptist people in Sunday School, Bible Study, or Small Group declined from 3,723,679 people to 3,605,303 people. This is not surprising due to the growing infrequency of church attendance on Sundays.

### The Key Question and Our Great Need

The current SBC President (Ronnie Floyd) said, "The key question for Southern Baptists is: ***Are we pushing back on lostness in America?*** I think we know the answer is no. ***We are losing our nation spiritually.*** It comes back to my theme for the last two to three years: ***The greatest need in America is the next Great Spiritual Awakening.*** Anyone who denies this needs to adjust their spiritual glasses concerning the spiritual condition of our nation and the need in this hour.

May God help our churches and convention recapture the passion for evangelism, return to God in repentance seeking Jesus with greater intensity for spiritual revival, and remind ourselves even in this uncertain, volatile U.S. presidential election cycle, ***America must have the next Great Spiritual Awakening.***"

May we take note of the decline in baptisms (and attendance) and pray for God to stir our hearts to evangelism and disciple-making. May we be reminded that Jesus is the only way of eternal life and the only solution for revival and spiritual awakening in America. May He awaken His bride (the Church) for His glory.

**Bro. Harold**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALASKA MISSION TRIP:** Please pray for the Alaska Mission Team as they serve this week and return on Sunday.

**MEN'S CONFERENCE:** Our Men will be going to the Main Event (with Tim Tebow, Johnny Hunt and others) on Fri., July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> in Nashville. Cost will be \$150 per person (conference/hotel). Please let Michael Anderson know if you want to attend.

**NOMINATING TEAM:** If you are interested in serving please let them (Anna Ward, Donna Sutton, Bill Morrow, Sarah Fox, Sherrie Johnson, Michael Anderson, Perri Ann Friend, or Wilena Crutchfield) know.

**HISPANIC CHURCH PLANT:** Iglesias Bautista Lancaster meets on Sunday's at 2:00 PM. Please be praying for this church plant and if you have any Hispanic contacts please let us know.

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

**OUR KIDS MATTER:** Sign up your kids for Wed. nights this summer. If interest is there, we will be providing some wonderful opportunities for our children's spiritual growth this summer.

**VBS:** 2016 VBS will be July 10-15. The theme will be Ocean Commotion: Diving into Noah's Flood. Sign up now on the front table. Katie Farthing is our coordinator.

**SUNDAY EVENINGS:** Will move back to 6:30 in July (based on Sunday Evening Surveys).

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

Alaskan Mission Team Jimmy Flynn  
Betsy Bailey Jim France  
Blanche Ballard Arthur Gaffney Jr.  
Bob Ballard Lisa Green  
Sue Ballard Barbara Hackney  
Lynn Bateman Barb Hall  
Derek Brummett Jeanne Hall  
J.O. Burkhead Leland Hall  
Bud Byrd Candi Hamilton  
Forrest Calico family Shavna Harwick  
Morris Caudill EJ Hasty  
Gordon Clark Nancy Helton  
Paul Clark Amanda Hicks  
Doty Ann Clifford Marsha Hodge  
Levi Clontz David Hulsing  
Junior Cox Carolyn Hunt  
Rosa Cranfill Cheryl Johnson  
Christi Crouch Julia Kay  
Brian Crumb Abby Keith  
Gladys Dailey KY Choice Treatment  
Lloyd Dailey Services  
Tim Dailey Carl Kidwell  
James Davis Ed & Jean Land  
Jamie Denton Molly Lanham  
Jo Denton David Layton  
Mike Doughty Mary Lindsey  
Mike Durham Jimmy Lowery  
Frankie Eden Jimmy Lucas  
Stephanie Elam Mandy Lynch  
Wyatt Fielder Landan Maynard  
Mark Fields Sharon McCarty

Lindsay Meadors  
Judy Middleton  
Tina Montgomery  
Cloyd Naylor  
Hildreth Patterson  
Donnie Prewitt  
Brittany Robbins  
Adriana Rodriguez  
Lisa Logan Rogers  
Jerry Royalty  
Jane Sammons  
Amos Sharp  
David Simpson  
Virginia Simpson  
Danny Smith  
Pam Smith  
William Sullivan  
Pauletta Teater  
Tink Teater  
Michael Terry  
Priscilla Tudor  
Sky Tudor  
Tonia Warren  
Flonnie Whitaker  
Lindsey Whited  
Billy Williams  
Sandra Wilson  
Charlotte Winter  
Jacob Wix  
Melanie York

#### HOMEBOUND

Bob Ballard  
Jewell Callis  
Lois Carrier (CCC)  
Nellie Cole  
JoAnn Grow  
Allene (Peg) Dollins  
Juanita Gullett  
Della Meadows (CCC)  
Anna Meadows  
Tina Montgomery (CCC)  
Marie Naylor  
Dorothy Shockley (CCC)  
Myrtle Stump (CCC)

#### LBC

Bro. Harold & family  
Bro. Stephen & family  
Bro. Nehemiah & family  
Bro. Ken & family  
Chervens  
Amanda Hubler  
Michael Anderson  
Tudors  
Our Deacons  
Our SS Teachers  
Church Leaders  
New Believers  
Lost

#### COMMUNITY

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

#### NATION

President (Obama)  
Governor (Bevins)  
Legislatures  
Armed Forces  
Missionaries