

Mid-Week Informer

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Lancaster Baptist Church

201 Richmond Street Lancaster KY 40444 (859) 792-2781

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH

- Upward Award Night Mar. 8th at 6:00 PM
- Time Change (Spring Forward) this Sat. PM
- Palm Sunday Service on March 25th at 6:00 PM at Hyattsville Baptist
- Clean-up day March 24th at 9:00 AM

APRIL

 Easter April 1st – 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM services

PRAYER WARRIOR

Debbie Nunemaker Sunday, March 11, 2018

REACH

Monday, March 12th at 6:00 PM

FAMILY LIFE CENTER WALKING

Monday – Friday (7:42 – 10:02 AM)

From Your Pastor

A Gracious Reminder

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:14

Monday evening, I had the privilege of preaching at Bethel Baptist (where Bro. Stephen is the Pastor). The theme of their Marvelous Monday's is "Grace Wins" and I preached about the church being a community of grace. When I was wrestling over God's will for me to come to Lancaster Baptist in 2012, the Spirit impressed upon me to come and lead LBC to be a community of grace. A community of grace is a place where people come and find the grace and love of God on display. It's easy to talk about grace but not always as easy to extend that grace. God has extended His grace towards us (a bunch of sinners) and we get the privilege of sharing that amazing grace with others in our community.

In case you didn't make it (I sure appreciate the 30+ who were able to make it on Monday evening), here are some characteristics of a community of grace. First, we are committed to a "grace gospel." That means that we proclaim the truth of Scripture that no one deserves, or can earn, their salvation. Grace is God's unmerited favor towards sinners. Second, we must be committed to "grace teaching." We are careful to avoid teaching and practicing legalism. We teach and preach the truth and allow the Holy Spirit to work in people's lives to convict them of sin. I like to be reminded, we are not someone else's Holy Spirit. Thirdly, we are committed to "grace-oriented lifestyles and relationships." That means that we treat each other with the kind of love, kindness, forgiveness, and patience as God treats us. (Yes, we need lots of His grace to be able to show such grace to others.)

Paul talks about putting on grace clothes (compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience). He encourages us to bear with one another and forgive one another. We look a lot like our Lord when we extend forgiveness to those who have wronged us. Above everything, Paul encourages us to put on love. I love Billy Graham's quote, "It's the Holy Spirits job to convict, God's job to judge, and my job to love." May we be a people quick to extend the love and grace of God to others. People (visitors) will notice when they feel genuine love when they walk through our doors. May God allow us to be ambassadors of His grace.

Speaking of Guests, we just have 3 Sunday's before Easter. Let's go "all out" in inviting our neighbors and friends to join us this year. People are often receptive when invited to come on Easter. Then, let's go "all out" in showing love to each person who walks through our doors. We can be a community of grace, all to the glory of our gracious God.

Bro. Harold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPWARD AWARD NIGHT: Join us Thursday, March 8th at 6:00 PM at Garrard Middle Gym for our Upward Award Service.

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 2/28/18.

VERITY'S BIRTHDAY: Verity turns 9 on March 13th. If you would like to send her a birthday card, her address is 1938 Old Danville Rd., Lancaster, KY 40444.

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.

RIGHTNOW MEDIA: Resources from over 150 leading Christian publishers are available. See Bro. Gary to sign-up.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING: We have received \$2,868 (\$1020 from the meal). Our goal this year is \$6,000.

CONCEALED CARRY: If you are interested in participating in a Concealed Carry course please let Barney Parker know.

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.

PEARLS & PIZZA: Friday, March 16th at 6:30 PM in the FLC Café. All ladies are invited to attend.

HOLY LAND TOUR: If you are interested in going to the Holy Land this October please see Bro. Harold for details.

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

Diana Henderson

Dorothy Murphy

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

Ralph Murphy