

**Lancaster Baptist Church**

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**MAY**

- Mother's Day & Baby Dedication May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Membership Meeting May 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 PM

**PRAYER WARRIOR**

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Paul East

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
WALKING**

Monday – Friday  
(7:42 – 10:02 AM)

**REACH**

Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM

**From Your Pastor**

**Don't Settle for Less!**

I've been thinking about the tribes/families (Reubenites, Gadites, and half of Manasseh) who asked to settle in the land east of the Promised Land (Numbers 32). God had promised them a bountiful land (*land flowing with milk and honey*) but they came across some land that was good for their livestock and decided that land would be good enough for their families and livestock. As I mentioned Sunday, I believe there are lots of Christians who are just like them. They are willing to settle for the good things of this world and miss out on God's best for them. Many are more concerned about making a living than they are in having the kind of life God wants for them.

I think this is a very real hazard for both Christians and churches today. We can enjoy our facilities, do some occasional ministries, pay our bills, and just settle for going through our religious motions. It is tempting to want to take the easy route. Satan tempted Jesus to take the easy route but Jesus knew the cross was necessary (to accomplish His mission of salvation). God has called us to reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Great Commission requires some labor. It requires prayer, loving our neighbors and community, building bridges in order to share the Gospel, and then it requires boldness to proclaim the Gospel. Because the Gospel is labor intense, Jesus told the disciples to pray for more laborers.

In regards to settling for less than God's best, there are many people who have trusted Jesus for salvation but that is as far as they have progressed. They are not growing as disciples or helping to make disciples of others. They are not growing and changing in their faith and fruits. God desires more for His children than this surface level Christianity. He desires a close walk with us. He wants us to walk in victory over sin, spiritual depression, and temptations. Yes, surface level Christians are usually the first to fall in times of spiritual attack or temptation. They often feel spiritually dry and ineffective. They are usually quick to complain about things at church (like the music, or the sermons, or the hospitality, or just about anything else). It doesn't have to be that way for any of us. We have God's Word to feed and nourish our souls. We have the Holy Spirit to teach us and to convict of us sin and our need of our Savior. We have the promises of God's Word that includes His presence and power in our lives.

I want to challenge some of you to turn from your complacencies and compromises and commit yourselves fully to the Lord. Get all in for Jesus. You will never regret it. Jesus told His disciples (Matt. 16:24), *"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."* That is a high calling and as I mentioned on Sunday, you can't hold on to the things of this world with both hands and expect to follow close to Jesus. Don't settle for staying in your comfort zone when Jesus is calling you in a different direction or to a higher level of ministry/service with Him. I hate to think God had some blessings for any of us but we settled for less. Don't allow your fears, laziness, or sins to keep you from going with God. Remember, without faith it is impossible to please God.

May God use us in accomplishing His glorious purposes.

**Bro. Harold**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BABY DEDICATION:** We will have a baby dedication on Mother's Day (May 14<sup>th</sup>).

**MILK JUGS NEEDED:** We need empty (clean) gallon milk jugs to make an igloo for VBS this year. Please bring them in as soon as possible.

**VBS KICKOFF:** Backyard Ministries will be here on Saturday, June 17th (7:00-9:00 PM) to help us kick-off our VBS. We will need lots of helpers to work with the inflatables and sign up kids for VBS.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS:** We need a few more couples to help with Children's Church. We would like to have enough so that you only have to do it once a quarter. Please let Vanessa May know if you would like to help. We will not have Children's Church the last Sunday of the month throughout the summer. (Also, Vanessa would like somebody to coordinate Children's Church this fall as she will be having a baby.)

**MATERIALS REQUESTED:** This year LBC turns 175 years old and we are making plans to have a celebration in July. Linda Rudolph would love to have any old pictures or memorabilia to use for the celebration. Thanks!

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY:** If you are interested in participating in a Financial Peace University (FPU) course this summer please let Misty Dailey know.

**GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP:** Bob and Carmen Miniard will be leading a mission trip to Guatemala July 29-Aug. 4th. Shelia Taylor is coordinating the trip (Miniards are in Florida). See Shelia if interested.

**RIGHTNOW MEDIA:** Resources from over 150 leading Christian publishers will be available. See Jana Oliver for details.

**HOLY LAND TOUR:** If you might be interested in going to the Holy Land in March of 2018 please see Bro. Harold for more details.



**2017 VBS** will be June 18-22. The theme this year is Operation Arctic: *Exploring the Coolest Book on the Planet.* Sign-up sheets are on the front table.

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

Paul Abney  
Sue Ballard  
Dorothy Bennett  
Enith Benthley  
Sheri Beth  
Melvin Bottom  
Kaleigh Burkhart  
J.O. Burkhead  
Bud Byrd  
Cameron Caldwell  
Kristine Caudill  
Jerry Carrier  
Nancy Childers  
Joyce Clark  
Nancy Clark  
Sally Jo Clark  
Levi Clontz  
Nikki Coulter  
Rosa Cranfill  
Gladys Dailey  
Laikin Day  
Charles Denton  
Jo Denton  
Mike Durham  
Stephanie Elam

Heather Farris  
Jimmy Flynn  
Jr Cox  
Rosetta France  
Arthur Gaffney, Jr.  
Vernon Gallagher  
Mac Gay  
Zachary Gay  
Jean Goins  
Rae Ann Grubbs  
Barbara Hackney  
Barb Hall  
Jeanne Hall  
Leland Hall  
Marge Hasty  
Diana Henderson  
Marsha Hodge  
Phyllis Honey  
Misty Horton  
Carolyn Hunt  
David Husing  
Cheryl Johnson  
Julia Kay  
Donna Kendall  
KY Choice Treatment  
Don King  
Mandy Lynch

Molly Lanham  
Chris Lawson  
Theo Long  
Darin Mackey  
Sherry Martin  
Landyn Maynard  
Lindsay Meadors  
Joyce Meadows  
Barbara Middleton  
Lisa Morrow  
Verity Morrow  
Cline Mullins  
George Peek  
Amber Rankin  
Deanna Rice  
Lisa Logan Rogers  
Leo Russell  
Dave Ruda  
Leroy Russell  
Amos Sharp  
Kathy Shelton  
David Simpson  
Virginia Simpson  
Ben & Kim Smith  
Danny Smith  
Derek Smith

Seth Smith  
Katherine Sowder  
Tyler Stratton  
Andy Sutton  
Priscilla Tudor  
Sky Tudor  
Bill Vanderpool  
Tonia Warren  
Lucy Wayne  
Flonnie Whitaker  
Billy Williams  
Charlotte Winter

#### HOMEBOUND

- 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)

#### LBC

Bro. Harold & family  
Bro. Stephen & family  
Bro. Nehemiah & family  
Bro. Ken & family  
Chervens  
Amanda Hubler  
CJ & Adam (Clear Creek)  
Michael Anderson  
Our Deacons  
Our SS Teachers  
Church Leaders  
Lost

#### COMMUNITY

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

#### NATIONALLY

President (Trump)  
Governor (Bevins)  
Legislatures  
Armed Forces  
Missionaries  
Persecuted Christians  
Spiritual Awakening