

Lancaster Baptist Church

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY

- Membership Meeting
May 21st 6:00 PM

PRAYER WARRIOR

Sunday, May 21st
Carol East

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER
WALKING**

**Monday – Friday
(7:42 – 10:02 AM)**

REACH

Monday, May 22nd @ 6 PM
We will discuss summer
outreach.

From Your Pastor

Bible Study Helps

Our Men's Discipleship Group was talking about Bible study helps this morning. Digesting the Bible into our souls takes much more than simply reading the Bible. A four-step process that was suggested in our reading includes: Remember, Reflect, Retell and Repeat. In the Old Testament, God repeatedly reminded the Israelites to remember all that He had done for them. We are quick to forget things. But when we are intentional about remembering the Scriptures, we are lead to reflect upon God's Word.

Reflection really means meditating. God told Joshua, "This Book of the Law shall no depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." So many people struggle with their time in the Word because they aren't intentional about meditating on the Word. Sometimes, just praying about what you have read is so helpful. Reflection can include memorizing a command, enjoying God's presence, claiming His promises, or just treasuring His attributes revealed in the Scriptures. (Today I was reading in Ezra 7 and in verse 10 it says, "Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel." That is a good summary of growing as a disciple. Studying God's Word. Obeying God's Word. Teaching God's Word to others.)

Reflection should lead to retelling. When we tell somebody what we are learning, we are much more likely to remember it ourselves. We should make it our aim to share a nugget from God's Word with somebody every day. We don't have to preach them a sermon but just share what we learned. Today (in Ezra 7) I was reminded that God took a pagan king (King Artaxerxes) and moved him to issue a decree allowing the Israelites to return to Jerusalem and rebuild. Not only were they allowed to return but he provided them with the resources (gold and silver) to provide for their sacrifices and the cost associated with rebuilding Jerusalem and the temple. Our God is big enough to use a pagan king to accomplish His purposes and he does it several times throughout the Scriptures.

Repeating is the last step in this process. It is pretty easy to remember, reflect and retell something today but the key is to make it a habit. We could take what we learned from God's Word today and share it with our spouse and children and have a family devotional time. The more we repeat it, the more we will remember and be able to reflect upon it. "A rabbi once said, 'A person who repeats his lesson 100 times is not as good as one who repeats his lesson 101'." Yes, repetition is good and helpful.

I hope we can all be reminded of our need (and the value) of feeding our soul upon the Word of God. We need to come and eat/drink from the Word every day. We will find nourishment and refreshment from God's living and active Word. Where are you reading in God's Word? What did you reflect on today? Who did you share a Scripture nugget with today? Blessings on your time in God's Word.

Bro. Harold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY MEMBERS MEETING: Sunday after PM service.

MENTORS NEEDED: Rick Gastineau is working with Kids Hope USA and Lancaster Elementary to train mentors to work with a student this Fall (one student for one hour a week). Rick will be sharing more Sun. evening, May 21st at 6:30 PM.

CHILDREN'S CAMP: We are going to try to have Children's Camp this year (June 4-9). The cost will be \$25. We will have a meeting on Sunday (21st) with all who can help.

MILK JUGS NEEDED: We need empty (clean) gallon milk jugs to make an igloo for VBS this year.

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.

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.

REACH: We will meet at 6:00 on Monday evening (22nd) to discuss/schedule summer outreaches. Please join us!

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.

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 Burkhardt
J.O. Burkhead
Bud Byrd
Cameron Caldwell
Kristine Caudill
Jerry Carrier
Nancy Childers
Joyce Clark
Nancy Clark
Sally Jo Clark
Levi Clontz
Arnold Cool
Nikki Coulter
Jr. Cox
Rosa Cranfill
Gladys Dailey
Laikin Day
Charles Denton
Jo Denton
Mike Durham
Stephanie Elam

Heather Farris
Jimmy Flynn
Rosetta France
Arthur Gaffney, Jr.
Vernon Gallagher
Mac Gay
Zachary Gay
Jean Goins
Rae Ann Grubbs
Barbara Hackney
Barb Hall
Jeanne Hall
Leland Hall
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