

Lancaster Baptist Church

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY

- Graduate Recognition May 22nd
- Baccalaureate service on May 22nd at 6:00 PM at LBC
- Joy Club Potluck May 19th at 11:30 am
- Membership Meeting, Meal, and FLC Memorial Giving on May 29th

PRAYER WARRIOR
Sunday, May 22nd

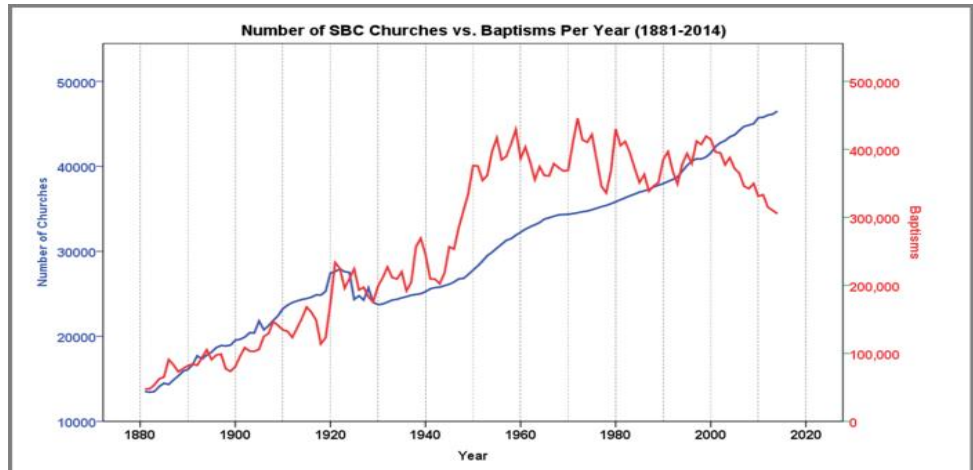
FAMILY LIFE CENTER
WALKING
Monday – Friday
(7:42 – 10:02 AM)

REACH
Monday, May 23rd @ 6 PM

From Your Pastor

Reflections on Discipleship

Even though Southern Baptist have been focusing on planting churches the past several years (and new churches usually reach more people than established churches), we are experiencing our longest decline in baptisms in SBC history. We are reaching fewer and fewer people each year. For years I have heard the statistic that “85% of SBC churches are plateaued or declining” (and our denomination is doing better than most). The chart below shows the continued decline in baptisms since 2000 (red line).



I think maybe we have equated the Great Commission directly to baptisms and forgot that the emphasis of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) is to make disciples. Baptism is not the finish line to completing the Great Commission, but rather the starting line. I think we must put more emphasis on making disciples. When I talk about making disciples or “Discipleship,” I’m not talking about a class/course you take but more about our spiritual growth as Christians (growing in the Word, being discipled by others, investing in others, a process of spiritual growth).

I have written and talked about the importance of creating a culture of evangelism whereby our members are regularly building relationships with the lost and sowing Gospel seeds as they go through life (working together, going to games together, etc.). The reason that Discipleship is so important is that people don’t evangelize or have Gospel conversations if their well is dry. BUT, if you are growing in your faith and feasting on the things of God, evangelism will be the natural overflow from your heart. Canned approaches to evangelism (like Evangelism Explosion, FAITH, etc.) are less and less effective partially because they lack the discipleship component that ultimately fulfills the Great Commission.

As I think about Discipleship, I am becoming more and more convinced that as a church we must give more attention to establishing a discipleship process. As we approach summer, I’m going to study, pray, and look at some resources that might help us in the area of discipleship. I think we will take some Sunday evenings this summer to discuss how we can better make disciples which will benefit us in evangelism, marriages, family life, students being grounded in their faith, etc. Next week we will talk about the goals of Biblical discipleship. Let’s be thinking and praying about how we can improve in this area for God’s glory.

Bro. Harold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATE SUNDAY: May 22nd. Please include post-graduation plans with pictures.

BACCALAUREATE: May 22nd at 6:00 PM at LBC. We will have a cookout after the service and need desserts.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING & FLC DAY OF GIVING: Next Sunday, May 29th we will have a meal (desserts needed), membership meeting and an opportunity to give towards the FLC debt (\$247,693). Please prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you give as we attempt to pay down our debt. Last year \$10,000 was given.

BIBLE & BREAKFAST: Tues., June 7th at 9:00 a.m.

ALASKA MISSION TRIP: June 12-19, 2016. Please see Michael Anderson if you would like to contribute to this trip.

STUDENT LIFE CAMP: Sign up now for camp (June 24-28) at Lee University. \$200 due by June 1st. See Bro. Stephen for details.

LBC KIDS CAMP: Returns this summer! June 13th-17th, 8am-Noon, Monday-Thursday with a field trip on Friday, June 17th. Cost is \$25 per child or \$30 if you have 2 or more children. Registration begins soon.

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

NOMINATING TEAM: The Nominating Team will soon begin working on teams for the coming year. If you are interested in serving please let them 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 - Lex.).



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.

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

Alaskan Mission Team	Wyatt Fielder	David Layton	Priscilla Tudor	LBC
Bobby Abbott	Jimmy Flynn	Jimmy Lowery	Noretta Vanwinkle	Bro. Harold & family
Linda Baker	Jim France	Mandy Lynch	Irene Walker family	Bro. Stephen & family
Betsy Bailey	Arthur Gaffney Jr.	Landan Maynard	Tonia Warren	Bro. Nehemiah & family
Blanche Ballard	Bro. Albert Gisler	Sharon McCarty	Rhonda Watkins	Bro. Ken & family
Bob Ballard	Lisa Green	Lindsay Meadors	Flonnie Whitaker	The Chervens
Sue Ballard	Barbara Hackney	Judy Middleton	Lindsey Whited	Amanda Hubler
Lynn Bateman	Barb Hall	Ramsey Peek	Billy Williams	Michael Anderson
J.O. Burkhead	Jeanne Hall	Teresa Pollard	Sandra Wilson	Our Deacons
Bud Byrd	Leland Hall	Melissa Poesey	Charlotte Winter	Our SS Teachers
Forrest Calico	Candi Hamilton	Zella Preston	Jacob Wix	Church Leaders
Morris Caudill	EmmaLeigh Harrison	Donnie Prewitt	Melanie York	New Believers
Paul Clark	Savannah Harwick	Brittany Robbins		Lost
Doty Ann Clifford	EJ Hasty	Adriana Rodriguez	HOMEBOUND	COMMUNITY
Levi Clontz	Nancy Helton	Lisa Logan Rogers	Bob Ballard	County Judge (Wilson)
Junior Cox	Amanda Hicks	Jerry Royalty	Jewell Callis	City Mayor (Davis)
Rosa Cranfill	Marsha Hodge	Jane Sammons	Lois Carrier (CCC)	Representative (Shell)
Christi Crouch	David Hulsing	Amos Sharp	Nellie Cole	Police/Sheriff Dept.
Brian Crumb	Carolyn Hunt	David Simpson	JoAnn Grow	Fire/EMS
Gladys Dailey	Cheryl Johnson	Virginia Simpson	Allene (Peg) Dollins	Schools
Lloyd Dailey	Julia Kay	Danny Smith	Juanita Gullett	Lost
Jo Denton	KY Choice Treatment	Pam Smith	Della Meadows (CCC)	DUI Class participants
Mike Doughty	Services	Gracie Stinnett	Anna Meadows	
Mike Durham	Carl Kidwell	William Sullivan	Tina Montgomery	NATION
Frankie Eden	Genna King	Pauletta Teater	Marie Naylor	President (Obama)
Stephanie Elam	Ed Land	Tink Teater	Dorothy Shockley (CCC)	Governor (Bevins)
Mark Fields	Molly Lanham	Michael Tracy	Myrtle Stump	Legislatures
				Armed Forces
				Missionaries

