

# Mid-Week Informer

MAY 4, 2016



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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### MAY

- National Day of Prayer  
May 5th
- Baby Dedication / Mother's Day May 8th
- Senior Adult Sunday  
May 15th (lunch after service)
- Graduate Recognition  
May 22nd
- Baccalaureate service  
on May 22nd 6:00 PM  
at LBC
- Membership Meeting,  
potluck and FLC Memorial Giving on May 29th

## From Your Pastor *Turning from Despair to Hope*

Last week, Michael Anderson and I attended a conference on counseling those living with depression. It seems that many people struggle with despair these days. One of the most important reminders I received last week was that the goal of depression counseling isn't to get out of depression but to bring glory to God. A person might have to fight depression all their life but they can still live and make decisions that honor God. We notice that God didn't remove the thorn that Paul had in the flesh but His grace was sufficient and Paul was able to say that when he was weak he was strong (because he lived in dependence upon God).

Let me share 7 Biblical Truths that help us endure and stand fast when dealing with Depression (by Stuart Scott):

- 1) We must believe and rehearse the truths of the Gospel of Jesus on a daily basis (His perfect life, suffering and death, His resurrection and His soon coming) and on the benefits we receive from trusting in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. (Eph. 2:1-22; Titus 3:3-8)
- 2) We must realize that believing and hoping in God are verbs (ongoing, persevering, especially during the hard and dark times). (Rom. 4:13-25; Heb. 11; 1 Peter 1)
- 3) We must realize we are in a spiritual war and so we must seek to be objective and active in our good fight of the faith rather than feeling/experience-led and passive. (Eph. 6:10-20; 1 Tim. 6:11-14)
- 4) We must stop being conformed to this world and be renewed in our minds (this is renewing our minds one thought at a time). We need to talk to ourselves with truth instead of listening to self (non truths). (Rom. 12:1-2; Phil 4:4-9)
- 5) We must accept that sorrow and joy are inseparable in this life. (John 16:33; Phil 4:4; Rom. 9:1-3; 2 Cor. 6:10)
- 6) We must be others-directed in loving and serving them and not self-focused. (Matt. 22:37-40; Mk 10:45; 1 Jn 3:18)
7. We must be 'far-sighted' (eternally minded) in the here and now rather than 'near-sighted' on the temporal things (Matt. 6:33; Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; Col. 3:1-4; 1 Pet. 1:13)

I'll write more about how we can live in victory over despair.



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**DVDs & CDs:**

We have DVDs & CDs available for our Sunday services. Please see Chris Woolums (sound area) if you would like one (free). Donations welcomed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:** Thursday, May 5th at 6:00 PM at the Courthouse.

**BABY DEDICATION:** We will have a baby dedication on Mother's Day (May 8<sup>th</sup>) for any baby born since last Mother's Day. Please call the church office with your baby's information by May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY:** We will celebrate our senior adults on Sunday May 15th. We will have a meal after the AM service for our senior adults. Bro Bob Rush will be with us that day along with Greg Ives' group.

**HISPANIC CHURCH PLANT:** Iglesia 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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. See Bro. Stephen for details.

**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.

**GRADUATE SUNDAY:** May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Graduates need to turn in 7-10 pictures by May 15<sup>th</sup> to Bro. Stephen. Please include post-graduation plans with pictures.

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

**MISSOIN TEAM MEETING:** Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 8:15 a.m.



**VBS:** 2016 VBS will be July 10-15. The theme will be Ocean Commotion: Diving into Noah's Flood. Katie Farthing is our coordinator.

## In All Things By Prayer...

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Alaskan Mission Team	Jim France	Melissa Poesey	<p><b>HOME BOUND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob Ballard</li> <li>• Jewell Callis</li> <li>• Lois Carrier (CCC)</li> <li>• Nellie Cole</li> <li>• JoAnn Grow</li> <li>• Juanita Gullett</li> <li>• Della Meadows (CCC)</li> <li>• Anna Meadows</li> <li>• Tina Montgomery</li> <li>• Marie Naylor</li> <li>• Katherine Shearer</li> <li>• Dorothy Shockley</li> <li>• Katherine Sowder</li> <li>• Myrtle Stump (CCC)</li> </ul> <p><b>OUR CHURCH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. Harold &amp; family</li> <li>• Bro. Stephen &amp; family</li> <li>• Bro. Nehemiah &amp; family</li> <li>• Our Deacons</li> <li>• SS Teachers</li> <li>• Church leaders</li> <li>• New believers</li> <li>• Chervens</li> <li>• Amanda Hubler</li> <li>• Michael Anderson</li> <li>• Sunrise Children Services</li> </ul> <p><b>COMMUNITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Judge</li> <li>• City Mayor</li> <li>• Police/Sheriff</li> <li>• Schools</li> <li>• Lost</li> </ul> <p><b>NATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President</li> <li>• Legislatures</li> <li>• Armed Forces</li> <li>• Missionaries</li> <li>• Persecuted Christians</li> </ul>
Bobby Abbott	Arthur Gaffney Jr.	Donnie Prewitt	
Linda Baker	Bro. Albert Gisler	Brittany Robbins	
Betsy Bailey	Lisa Green	Adriana Rodriguez	
Blanche Ballard	Barbara Hackney	Lisa Logan Rogers	
Bob Ballard	Barb Hall	Jerry Royalty	
Sue Ballard	Jeanne Hall	Jane Sammons	
Lynn Bateman	Leland Hall	David Simpson	
Victoria Birchell	Candi Hamilton	Virginia Simpson	
Randy Blevins	EmmaLeigh Harrison	Danny Smith	
JC Broaddus	Shavonna Harwick	Pam Smith	
J.O. Burkhead	EJ Hasty	Gracie Stinnett	
Bud Byrd	Nancy Helton	William Sullivan	
Forrest Calico	Amanda Hicks	Pauletta Teater	
Morris Caudill	Marsha Hodge	Tink Teater	
Paul Clark	David Hulsing	Michael Tracy	
Doty Ann Clifford	Carolyn Hunt	Priscilla Tudor	
Levi Clontz	Cheryl Johnson	Noretta Vanwinkle	
Junior Cox	Julia Kay	Tonia Warren	
Rosa Cranfill	Carl Kidwell	Flonnie Whitaker	
Christi Crouch	Genna King	Billy Williams	
Brian Crumb	Ed Land	Sandra Wilson	
Gladys Dailey	Molly Lanham	Charlotte Winter	
Lloyd Dailey	David Layton	Jacob Wix	
Jo Denton	Jimmy Lowery	Melanie York	
Mike Doughty	Cody Lundsford		
Mike Durham	Mandy Lynch		
Frankie Eden	Landan Maynard		
Stephanie Elam	Sharon McCarty		
Mark Fields	Judy Middleton		
Wyatt Fielder	Ramsey Peek		
Jimmy Flynn	Teresa Pollard		
<p><b>Memory Verses:</b> <i>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.</i>  <b>Psalm 51:7</b></p>			
<p>Please contact Della Hall at 859.548.9250 to add or update prayer list or serve as Prayer Warrior.</p>		<p><b>Prayer Warrior Carol East Sun., May 8, 2016</b></p>	



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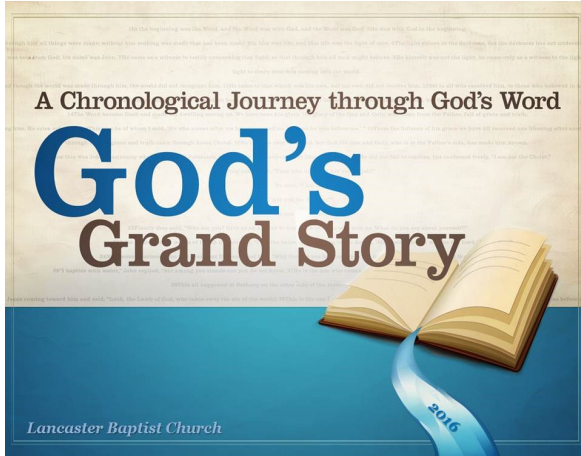
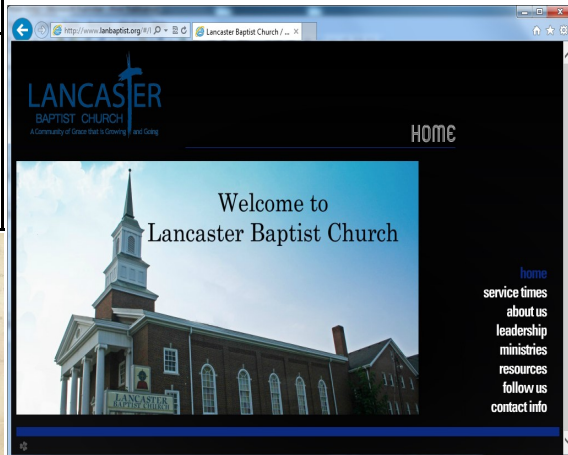
Senior Pastor: Harold Best  
 Worship Pastor: Nehemiah Wilkinson  
 Youth Pastor: Stephen Brogli

# Mission Opportunities



## Decision America Tour Prayer Rally

Support our 2016 Mission Trip to Alaska (June 12-19)	Participate in REACH on Monday evenings at 6:00 PM
Support Cherven's in Haiti <a href="http://servinchervens.com">servinchervens.com</a>	Support Amanda Hubler through Campus Outreach



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