

Lancaster Baptist Church

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER

- Ladies Retreat Sept. 9th -10th
- Revival 11th -14th
- Men's Weekend and Skeet shoot Sept. 24-25

PRAYER WARRIOR

Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016
Arnold Cool

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER
WALKING**

Monday – Friday
(7:42 – 10:02 AM)

From Your Pastor

Communicating with God

This week we are preparing for a Sunday morning prayer service and our revival starts on Sunday evening. I hope you are planning to join us each evening (Sunday-Wednesday) for our revival services. I also hope you are preparing your heart for revival and praying for an outpouring of God's Spirit and power on our church. Let's come prayed up and expecting God to use those nights in an eternal way in our lives and church.

This week our Men's Discipleship Group discussed the spiritual discipline of prayer. I think prayer is one of the toughest spiritual disciplines. We are so easily distracted, most of our praying is done in secret, and sometimes we don't really think we know how to pray. I was convicted in our reading this week when the author (Robby Gallaty) wrote, "Think of the hours you waste watching online videos, reading tweets, perusing Facebook posts, surfing the Internet, posting pictures, monitoring items of eBay, pinning recipes on websites, or playing games on your gaming system... think of the *hours you waste* on them." I was reading that on Monday night while I was watching a 3+ hour football game. I think the enemy loves to distract us with so many things and we don't even realize how much time we actually spend on these useless things. When we compare the amount of wasted time to the short amount of time we spend in prayer most of us feel convicted (and we probably should).

If we want to have a more fruitful and fulfilling prayer life, we must make plans to get alone daily with the Lord. (Yes, we plan to fail when we fail to plan.) Gallaty suggested we try "7Up" praying for a week. 7Up praying involves praying for seven minutes for the next seven days as soon as you wake up. Now, seven minutes might not seem like a long time but if you aren't disciplined in your praying, seven minutes can be challenging. We also discussed the truth that we learn to pray by praying. There are lots of good books and resources that teach about praying but our best instructions for praying is simply to spend time in prayer.

Gallaty also asked, "When was the last time you asked the Lord to reveal to you the things that matter most to Him?" Yes, I often say, "Not my will but Your will be done" but I seldom ask God to reveal to me what is most important to Him. I suspect He would remind me of the condition (destiny) of those lost without a relationship with Jesus. I suspect He is concerned about the way I care for the poor, needy, downcast, hurting, orphaned, and the widowed. I suspect He is interested in my purity and obedience to Him.

So, I have a lot of growing to do in my prayer life. I'm thankful God always has open arms for me to come and learn and pray! Let's all take a couple actions to grow in our prayer life. Spending time with God will have a major impact on our lives and God will be glorified.

Bro Harold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES RETREAT: September 9th and 10th at Oasis Christian Center. Contact Vicki Murphy if you want to attend as there is still room available.

PRAYER SERVICE: Sunday morning September 11th.

REVIVAL KICKOFF: We will have a light supper on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 5:30 PM. Please bring sandwiches or salads to share. We will provide drinks and desserts.

REVIVAL FINALE: On Wednesday, Sept. 14th we will have the world's largest banana split immediately following the revival service.

MISSION TEAM MEETING: Sunday, Sept. 18th at 8:10AM in the Library.

PIT STOP CHALLENGE MINISTRY: Pit Stop has been invited to be a part of the Festival of Salt and Light in Simpsonville September 25 from 4-8 PM. We need volunteers to help serve in this ministry outreach. Please let Rick Gastineau know if you might be able to go and help on Sept. 25th.

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

Betsy Bailey
Blanche Ballard
Sue Ballard
Lynn Bateman
J.O. Burkhead
Bud Byrd
Leah Cherven
Levi Clontz
Junior Cox
Rosa Cranfill
Christi Crouch
Brian Crumb
David Decker
Janie Denton
Jo Denton
Mike Doughty
Mike Durham
Frankie Eden
Rilda Edgington
Stephanie Elam
Mark Fields
Jimmy Flynn
Jim France

Rosetta France
Arthur Gaffney, Jr.
Barbara Hackney
Barb Hall
Jeanne Hall
Leland Hall
Shavna Harwick
Amanda Hicks
Marsha Hodge
David Hulsing
Brian Hunt
Carolyn Hunt
Cheryl Johnson
Linda Jones
Julia Kay
KY Choice Treatment
Mandy Lynch
Carl Kidwell
Bill Lamb
Jean Land
Molly Lanham
David Layton
Landan Maynard

Lindsay Meadors
Gene Middleton
Verity Morrow
Bobby Noe family
Adriana Rodriguez
Lisa Logan Rogers
Dave Ruda
Jane Sammons
Amos Sharp
Marcia Sheegog
David Simpson
Virginia Simpson
Danny Smith
Pam Smith
Pauletta Teater
Tink Teater
Priscilla Tudor
Bill Vanderpool
Tonia Warren
Flonnie Whitaker
Lindsey Whited
Billy Williams
Charlotte Winter
Jacob Wix
Melanie York

HOMEBOUND
Jewell Callis
Lois Carrier (CCC)
Nellie Cole
JoAnn Grow
Allene (Peg) Dollins
Juanita Gullett
Della Meadows (CCC)
Anna Meadows
(Lantern in Lexington)
Tina Montgomery (CCC)
Marie Naylor
Dorothy Shockley (CCC)
Myrtle Stump (CCC)

LBC
Bro. Harold & family
Bro. Stephen & family
Bro. Nehemiah & family
Bro. Ken & family
Chervens
Amanda Hubler
Michael Anderson
Tudors
Our Deacons
Our SS Teachers
Church Leaders
New Believers
Lost

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

NATION
President (Obama)
Governor (Bevins)
Legislatures
Armed Forces
Missionaries