

April 2014

The Monthly Koinonia



Leewood Baptist Church
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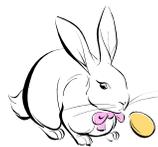
This year's dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Apr. 17 will be prepared by our Special Events Committee, headed by

Shirley Bybee. It will consist of meatloaf, cheesy potato casserole, barbecued green beans, tossed salad, rolls, and dessert. If you didn't sign up in your Sunday School class or in the Narthex, call Jane in the Church Office to reserve your seat. Monday, Apr. 14, at 3:00 P.M. is the deadline to register for Maundy Thursday. Cost is \$6 per adult, \$3 per child under 12, and \$18 maximum for a family.



Easter Lilies for Sale

As in years past, we'll be selling Easter lilies to celebrate the season for \$12 per plant. If you did not already sign up in your Sunday School class, please place your order by calling Jane in the church office no later than Monday, Apr. 14. Indicate whether your lilies are in honor or in memory of a loved one and whether you'll be taking home the lilies or leaving them for our Deacons to deliver to our homebound and ill members after Easter Sunday services. If you are paying by check, please be



sure it is separate from your tithe and indicated as "lily" on the memo line.

Why Purple?

We have changed the paraments (sanctuary cloths) at the front of our chancel to purple for the season of Lent (Mar. 5—Apr. 19). We also shroud the cross in purple. Christians (Catholics and Protestants) have for centuries set aside times for special reflection and worship (i.e. Advent, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost). Lent is a time for special attention to repentance for 40 days prior to Easter Sunday. The traditional color for Advent and Lent is purple. Green is the color for "common" time, which is the time between special observances. White is the color for Christmas and Easter, and red is the color for Pentecost.



Volunteer Schedules

April Greeters

Bob Gibbs, Linda Kinder,
John Tancredi

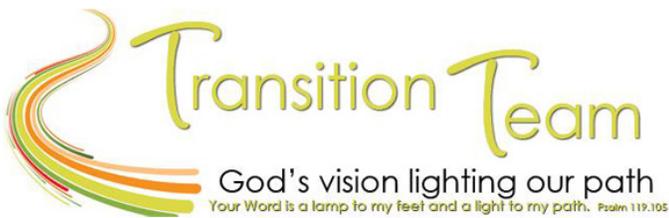
April Ushers

Bob Blackburn, Charles Brown,
Bruce Deering, Carole Gibbs,
Evan & Rob Sykes



Your Church needs your help to look its best this spring. The Property Committee is holding its annual spring work day on Saturday, April 19, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Drop by any time during those hours, and leave at any time. We have some light duty landscaping, some floor tiles to place, some ceiling tiles to replace, and miscellaneous tasks. After the work day we'll have pizza for lunch. Everyone who can make it, please be sure to sign up on the sheets in your Sunday Bible Class or call the church office.

Jim Mohart, Chairman
Property Committee



Leawood Baptist Church has a tremendous heritage. On March 23, we heard from various members about the earlier days at Leawood, plus some of the newer members talked about how the Lord drew them to our church. We still have three more Sundays in which “Heritage” will be the emphasis.

On April 6, the focus will be on our current ministries, how they began, and in what ways they are still continuing.

On April 13, Palm Sunday, the theme of reconciliation will be presented. Jesus’ death on the cross has reconciled believers to God. Our current task is to continue to present the ministry of reconciliation, to God, to self, and to others.

The Sunday after Easter, April 27, we will be directed toward the future, what might God have in store for us as we look to Him to discover the plans He has for us.

A tremendous amount of thanks go to members of the church Transition Team as they have prayed, planned, and implemented these worship services. Keep praying for me and the Transition Team members: **Jackie Boat, Dennis Engel, Bob Gibbs, Mike Hoskins, Linda Keller, Helen Nahrstedt, Rob Overton, Rob Sykes, Leanna Uniak, and Lesa Young**

The next phase for the Transition Team, in our progress through five Focus Points, will be that of “Missison.” As a church we will look at Core Values and consider an activity of Asset Mapping. We will let you know how you can be involved with us.

Dr. David N. Everly
Intentional Interim Pastor
pastor@leawoodbaptist.com 913/649-0100 ext. 13

More from Pastor Dave:



On April 17, our congregation will gather in the church Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. for a fellowship meal prepared by members of our church. Following the meal, we will participate in an informal worship service, which will also be in the Fellowship Hall. We will have songs, hymns and scripture readings as we observe the Lord’s Supper around the tables. We will have Deacons at each table to assist in the time of praying, encouraging one another, and remembering what Jesus Christ has done for us through his sacrificial death.

Reservations are to be made through sign up sheets or contacting the church office. It is extremely important that we know how many are coming in order to prepare the appropriate amount of food. Cost for the meal will be \$6 per person, with a maximum of \$18 per family. Plan to join us with a spirit of community, prayerfulness, and anticipation.

Dr. Everly maintains weekday office hours on Tuesdays (9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) and Wednesdays (1:00-8:00 p.m.).

You can listen to Dr. Everly’s weekly sermons on our website under the “Worship/Music” tab.

*Join us for Open
Prayer every
Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
in the Parlor.*



Pearls from Peggy

I am still enjoying the memories shared in our first Heritage Sunday service. What a great history we have! There were so many personal stories shared about the things that ARE HERE at Leawood Baptist Church: The Lord is present. The origins of the church were shared in the video of the late **Mary Louise Gitchel**. The name change was shared. The different building projects were shared. Various Sunday School and worship service structures were shared. Names of previous pastors were remembered. People who attend here have become our friends, and friends have become family. When a crisis arises, prayer abounds, and many hands come to our aid. It was common place to have pot luck dinners, and fellowship was rich. People remembered receiving a visit from a real person shortly after visiting the church. The preaching is Biblically strong, and keeps us faithful to the Lord. Our children were dedicated and married here, and their babies are being raised in this church. Our family members served faithfully here, and we celebrated their home-going here. Our young people are the cream of the crop. The majority of the people who were attending on March 23 were new members or attendees since 2000.

These memories are so rich, and sharing them keeps us united in our faith and in our purpose. That is why I would like to add a new element to our services. After Easter, we will be adding a time of "Sharing Our Lives" to one Sunday a month. I would like two people per service to share, no more than five minutes. One can share a precious memory of something the Lord did here at the church, and the other person can share what God is doing *now* in their lives. I'll let you know when this first "Sharing Our Lives Sunday" will be. Watch for the announcement, and be ready when I ask you to

share! It is such a blessing to the entire church!

I pray that as we continue to follow Christ with Pastor Everly and the Transition Team leading us, we will all come to that place of unity in the Holy Spirit that will enable the Lord to do "exceedingly, abundantly, above ALL that we could ever ask or think, according to His power that works within us, to Him be the glory IN THE CHURCH, and in Christ Jesus, throughout all generations, forever and ever! AMEN!!" Leawood Baptist Church members, be encouraged! We have a bright future ahead of us!

Blessings to you all,

Peggy Forstad

Director, Worship & Music Arts

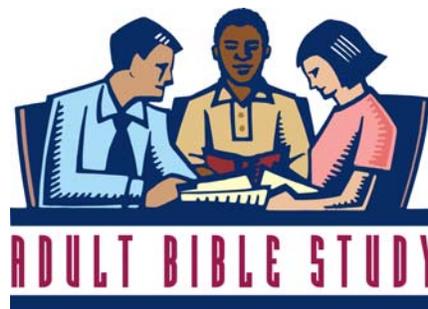
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It's time for spring cleaning, which means it's recycle time again! Bring all your empty inkjet cartridges, old cell phones, cell phone batteries, chargers, etc., and small electronic items—and help us save the planet from excess waste, PLUS upgrade the rest of our sound system! Planet Green Recycling is the company with which we're working. Drop your recyclable items in the box outside the Sanctuary doors, and we'll take care of the rest. Thanks so much!



Adult Bible Study with Dr. Everly continues on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the upstairs Conference Room. Feel free to park in the State Line parking lot for easiest access.

Wednesday Evening Activities

Please be advised of the following calendar changes:

- Apr. 2 & 9: 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service / Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Apr. 16: **No Prayer Service or Bible Study**
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Apr. 17: **MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER**
(with observance of Lord's Supper)
6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Apr. 23 & 30: 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service / Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Workshops Led by Dave and Becky Everly

The next workshop offered by **Dave and Becky Everly** will be Saturday, April 26, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This one is titled "Sharpening Parenting Skills." The practical skills presented by Jim Fay and Foster Cline in their book Parenting with Love and Logic will be the main emphasis. If you desire to attend this workshop, please contact Dave or Becky no later than Easter Sunday. There will be a nominal cost to cover breakfast and lunch items.

Other workshops and their dates are:

"Developing Interpersonal Communication Skills"
Saturday, May 17, 2014

"Re-telling the Biblical Stories"
Saturday, August 23, 2014

It is likely that two workshops will be offered again: "Dealing With Grief and Loss" and "Learning to Tell Your Personal Stories." Watch for announcements of these events in the fall.

From Your Parish Nurse

Many thanks to **Ernie Wildman** and **Ryan Haraughty** for filling in for me while I recuperate from my spinal surgery. I have appreciated the cards, calls, and texts from my LBC family and would like them to know how much it has meant to me to hear from you. We are sooooo fortunate to have each other! I am doing well and am feeling pretty good now. I'm not driving yet but enjoy short outings with friends most days.

Laura Farris, RN, BSN, CRRN
LBC Parish Nurse



The next Parish Nurse clinic is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, at 10:15 a.m. and after Worship. Get your blood pressure checked and ask health-related questions of our Parish Nurse.

Interfaith Hospitality Network - A Community Response for Homeless Families

Leawood Baptist Church is a Host Church for the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). This means we host homeless families in our church overnight for one week every quarter during the year. Our next host week is June 15-22. Below is a note from IHN regarding our latest hosting.

Dear Leawood Baptist Church ~ So thankful for the blessings God has given IHN...so thankful for you, the members of Leawood Baptist Church.

We would like to express our appreciation to Leawood Baptist for hosting our families the week of March 23. We know that providing this help requires a bid commitment from your congregation. Please convey our gratitude to all involved, and let them know their efforts made a difference to people who need a helping hand.

Vicki and Cheryl

FOOD
&
CLOTHING
NEEDED

Part of our Church on Mission effort includes the support of the Mission Road Food Pantry, located at 9960 Mission

Road in Overland Park. They are currently in need of canned fruit, canned vegetables, peanut butter, and crackers. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the lower level collection box located next to the water fountain off the Rotunda.

The Clothes Closet is in need of gently used and clean spring clothing for males and females of all ages (preferably with size tags inside the garments). Linens (sheets, pillowcases, blankets, towels and washcloths) are also needed. Additional needs include small, personal-care products such as bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shampoo. Please place those donations in the collection box at the State Line/Office entrance.

Join us on Saturday, April 12!



10:00-11:00 a.m.



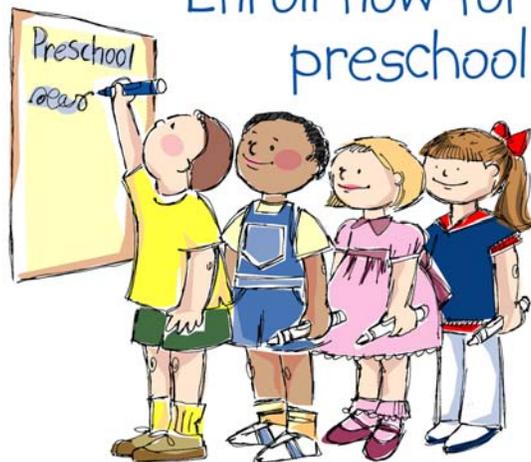
**10:30 a.m.—Noon
 \$6 per person**



**Baby Shower for
 Brian Overton**

Celebrate Brian's birth with his sister, **Selah**, and parents **Melissa and Rob Overton**, immediately following Worship on Sunday, Apr. 27, in the Parlor. Brian needs diapers size 2 and above, preferably Pampers. Please stop by to meet Brian!

**Enroll now for
 preschool**



Believe it or not, it is time for families to begin enrolling their children in school for next year. Enrollment is for summer 2014 and the 2014-2015 school year.

Summer Preschool and Parents' Day Out will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays in June and July, with the exception of July 1 and 3, when we are closed for the 4th of July.

The fall session will begin on Tuesday, September 2. Our program will see some new and exciting changes for next year.

If you or someone you know has young children, please tell them about our wonderful program, and have them contact **Jamie Sink**, Director of Weekday Education, at 913/649-0921 or preschool@leawoodbaptist.com to schedule a tour or for additional information.



Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity where you can make a difference and connect with people inside and outside of LBC? Are you familiar with Microsoft Office? If so, we could use your help. Call Jane in the church office for more information.

PRAYER LIST

(as of April 4, 2014)

- Beverly Anderson** (church member)
- David Brunner** (church custodian)
- Steve Brunner**, brother of church custodian **David Brunner**
- Jean Christensen** (church member)
- Ron Dillon** (church member)
- George & Albertha Duggins** (non-resident church members)
- Don & Phyllis Evans** (church members)
- Jim Evans** (church member)
- Laura Farris** (church member)
- Peggy Forstad** (church member)
- Bea & Charlie Francis** (church member)
- Judy Holloman** (church member)
- Ron Johnson**, friend of church member **Jim Mohart**
- Ellen Jones**, mother of church member **Carol Ann Sykes**
- Millie and Richard Keene** (church member)
- Charlie Keller** (church member)
- Lee Lamar** (church member)
- Burl Lewis**, brother of church member **Jackie Stude**
- Helen Lewis** (church member)
- Alyce Mantel** (church member)
- Fran Miller** (church member)
- Virginia Norfleet** (church member)
- Milton Overby** (church member)
- Brian Overton**, infant son of church members **Melissa & Rob Overton**
- Kathy Overton**, grandmother of church member **Rob Overton**
- Bill & Ida Pitts** (church members)
- Dorothy Plattner** (church member)
- Bea & Gene Schillie** (church members)
- Ruth & Wade Sherrill** (church members)
- Donna Spencer**, sister of church member **Susan Fox**
- Cherie Whitlow**, mother-in-law of **Peggy Forstad**'s daughter
- Dorothy Williams** (church member)
- Lydia Youngblood** (church member)

Sunday Bible Classes

Try joining one of our Sunday morning Adult Bible Classes! All one-hour classes are studying the Smyth & Helwys UNIFORM series (except where noted) and begin promptly at **9:30 a.m.**

Better Together Class: Studying the Book of Acts using text by John Stott. Led by rotating teachers. Meets in the Conference Room.

The Seekers: Led by rotating teachers. Meets in Room 155.

Middle Adult II: Studying the book *On Guard—Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision* by William Lane Craig. Led by Rev. Ken Simpson. Meets in the north end of the Multi-Purpose Room.

The Eclectics: Studying the Book of Romans using text by John Stott. Led by Dave Bradshaw and Randy Cooper. Meets in the Parlor.

Young Adults: Led by rotating teachers. Meets in the south end of the Multi-Purpose Room.

Senior Adults: Led by Helen Watson and Helen Nahrstedt. Meets in the Hearth Room.

Weekly Discipleship Classes

If you feel a need for worship and discipleship at other times of the week in addition to Sundays, please consider:

Adult Bible Study: Meets Tuesday mornings in the Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. Led by Dr. David Everly. They are studying the Gospel of Mark.

Wednesday Night Service of Prayer and Bible Study: Meets every Wednesday in the Hearth Room at 6:00 p.m. Led by Dr. David Everly.



To view the church's most recent calendar, please visit our website at www.leawoodbaptist.com, click on "Publications," click on "Calendar," then click on the April calendar to open it in a PDF.

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter in the mail, please advise the Church Office.



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APRIL

Happy Birthday!

- Apr. 1—Lori Gillenwater
- Apr. 2—Lane Klein
- Apr. 2—Selah Overton
- Apr. 3—Melissa Overton
- Apr. 8—Joyce Boyles
- Apr. 10—Suzi Hoskins
- Apr. 10—Vera McCoy
- Apr. 13—Lorelei Brown
- Apr. 13—Shirley Miller
- Apr. 15—Nathaniel Olsen
- Apr. 16—Ruby Van Tuyl
- Apr. 17—John Weeks
- Apr. 18—Mike Adams
- Apr. 25—Bea Schillie
- Apr. 28—Karyl Burns
- Apr. 30—Wray Burris



April 11—Kelly and Jim Buckle

If you'd like your anniversary listed, please call Jane in the church office or e-mail admin@leawoodbaptist.com.

This newsletter is available online—and in color—under the "Publications" tab on our website: www.leawoodbaptist.com. You can also pick up an individual copy on Sundays in the Narthex. If you would like to help the church save money, please let the church office (913/649-0100) know to not mail you any future issues.