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What Does it Mean to Do Justly?

By Pastor Gary Keith, Lead Pastor

We are currently in a teaching series called "Love in Action." The foundational Biblical passage for this series is Micah 6:8 which says, "The Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God" (NLT). There are three things the prophet speaks to here but I want to focus on the first: to do what is right. The English Standard version translates this by saying we are "to do justice" and the New International version says we are "to act justly." All three are saying the same thing; we are to do what is right, to bring about justice.

But what does it mean to "do justice?" Paul Metzger, theology Professor at Multnomah Biblical Seminary, says in an article he wrote that "Biblical justice involves making individuals, communities, and the cosmos whole, by upholding both goodness and impartiality." He goes on to say that "justice flows from God's heart and character. As true and good, God seeks to make the object of his holy love whole." He would argue and so would I that what motivates God throughout both the Old and New Testaments in his judgments on sin is this desire for making people whole.

If it is true that justice is about making people whole the question still remains, how do we act justly? Let's consider two instructional passages from Scripture. The first is James 1:27 which says, "Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you."

That seems pretty clear and even gives us some specific people to focus on in our actions of acting justly. In our post-Christian setting many people view religion as toxic, divisive and even a source of injustice. But just taking this one single verse James exhorts us in what true religion is all about – essentially helping those who can't help themselves. Doing justly involves helping to bring back to wholeness that which is not whole. And that can take on all sorts of everyday practical expressions in the lives of people all around us.

But let's also look at Proverbs 29:7 which says, "The godly care about the rights of the poor, the wicked don't care at all" (NLT). Biblical justice involves caring about the things that God cares about. It involves restoring wholeness to broken and needy people. It is not only concerned with people within the Christian community but also people who live in our greater community.



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I end with another quote from Paul Metzger. He said, “[Biblical justice] seeks to bring all things into the wholeness of God. As those justified by faith in the God of all justice, we are to experience the wholeness that he brings and extend it as citizens of his kingdom.” May God lead us into a greater expression of “doing justly.”

Fiscal Year Budget
July 2011 – June 2012

By Russ Parker, Pastor of Administration

Our new budget began last month and I’d like to share with you how we will be allocating your gifts this year. The following breakdown is based on an annual budget of \$1,600,000.

Administration (22.5%) (down 3.5% from last year): This includes all of LBF’s operating expenses, including postage, printing, computers and office technology, web site, secretarial, custodial, facilities support, coffee house ministry, publications, church administrator, utilities, facilities use, equipment, insurances, landscaping, service contracts and so forth. This is our biggest category because every

other church ministry relies on this administration support to function.

Worship & Worship Services (16.5%) (up 5% from last year): This includes our pulpit teaching, music ministry, usher/greeter ministry, sound equipment, video, lighting, creative arts, special services, pastoral staffing, and special events. This also includes the new staff position of teaching pastor.

Leadership & Staff Development (5%) (same as last year): This includes LBF’s pastoral staffing, guest speakers, development of lay leaders and leadership meetings, long range planning, elder board, advertising, and staff development, meetings and retreats.

Children’s Ministries (7%) (down 1% from last year): This includes age appropriate curriculum for 300 children, volunteer training,

volunteer screening background checks, craft supplies, general supplies, midweek children’s program, special events, VBS, pastoral and director staffing, and paid childcare. Ages infant-6th grade.

Student Ministries (Jr. and Sr. High) (6%) (up 1% from last year): This includes services, events, outreaches, camps, supplies, scholarships, curriculum, intern and pastoral oversight and all other ministry for Exit 83, our Jr./Sr. High Ministry.

College Ministry (2%) (same as last year): This includes all expenses associated with our Mosaic College Ministry, including pastoral oversight, ministry supplies, events, and scholarships.

Adult-focused Ministry (7%) (down 1% from last year): This

includes all adult ministry, men’s, women’s, small groups, Sunday classes, pastoral and director staffing, connecting events – such as picnics and the car show – and any adult-related classes, special events and activities.

Missions & Outreach (6%) (same as last year): This includes support of thirteen individuals and organizations in such areas as Mexico, Vanuatu, Brazil, Thailand, and Kenya, as well as special missions projects. Also includes staffing oversight of missions.

Benevolence, Grief, Visitation, & Counseling (10%) (up 0.5% from last year): This includes special seminars, premarital ministry, funerals and hospital visitation, counseling, our Christian Concern Fund (benevolence), support of a local food bank, support of a crisis pregnancy center, support of a homeless shelter, pastoral staffing, and a number of support groups.

Mortgage (8%) (down 4% from last year): This covers our loan payments of principle and interest

on our Worship Center, Belleview House, and all church owned property. The sale of the Overholt Property last year reduced our monthly mortgage payments.

Facilities Capital Projects (10%) (up 3% from last year): This covers major building improvements and additions (such as new roofing, and parking lot paving) and other large equipment purchases.

Some of you might be thinking, what about our new Teaching Pastor we just hired and the Children’s Pastor we are hoping to hire? These roles are already planned for and included in the \$1.6 million budget. They are not in addition to our current budget.

It’s our desire be transparent in our finances. If you have any other questions about how we handle and apply your gifts or any other thoughts regarding our finances, I’d love to dialogue with you. We hope that you are able to support this ministry with confidence and trust in how your gifts are applied in ministry.

Road Trip...

By Matt Sasso, Pastor of Student Ministries

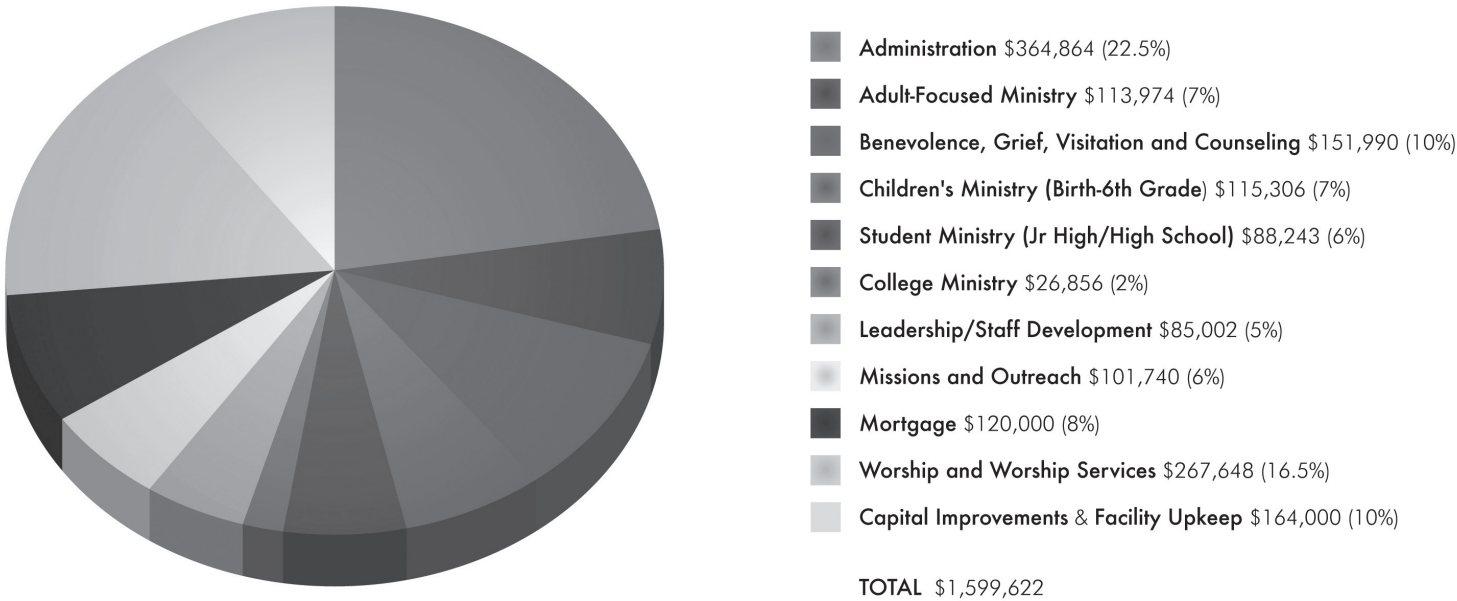
On October 15, our student ministry is looking forward to a taking a one day missions trip to San Diego. While this town is mostly known for it’s incredible beaches we are going to be taking a trip to a rundown neighbor hood that needs to see God’s love in action.

We’ll tackle an area the size of several city blocks and bring help and hope to people by working on projects like painting, home repairs, landscaping, cleaning and beautifying city parks, cleaning vacant lots, and cleaning schools and nursing homes.

Students will get the chance to be part of a movement of Christian teens across the country that are uniting to show what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

If your son or daughter is not apart of this already please encourage them to help serve and sign up immediately. We are also looking for people to help drive and be apart of this amazing opportunity. If you would like to help, please contact me immediately.

the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.” Our hope is that students will learn to really live like Christ, understand what it means to be different from those who don’t love God or follow Christ, be challenged by the examples of people in the Bible to be weird in their home, school, neighborhood, and other relationships, and decide to live the way God has called his disciples to live. We hope that you will see students living more like Jesus and showing those around them that weird is sometimes good.



What Are Students Hearing?

By Matt Sasso, Pastor of Student Ministries

Are we weird? When we live the way be holy, to be weird! This month, Exit 83 students will be challenged to be weird!. If we really want to give our lives to God, then people are going to think we’re weird. The choices we make, the values we have, the way we spend our time, even the way we think and talk. We aren’t supposed to be like the world.

We are called to be different—set

apart, holy. Jesus didn’t die on the cross so we could go on living like everyone else. To be like Him we should be weird. This doesn’t mean that we exclude ourselves from others, but it does mean that the values we have and live out give glory to who God is and demonstrate to those who don’t know Christ that God is real.

During this series we will spend 5 weeks studying Matthew 7:13-14 NLT “You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and

REACHING OUT: LBF GLOBAL

By Carol Hawkins, Missions Coordinator

Missions at LBF has been experiencing a lot of “comings” and “goings” this summer. Thank you for your interest and involvement in reaching out around the globe. You have given great support to all who participated. This month I thought it would be fun to touch base with some of our long-term missionaries and not forget the work they are doing throughout the year. This is not an exhaustive list of our long-term missionaries – just highlighting a few.

SCOTT & TONIA BERTHIAUME & LEIGH & BARBARA LABRECQUE

are both doing the work of translating scriptures with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Scott & Tonia are in southern Mexico translating God’s word in the Pame language, and Leigh & Barbara are in Vanuatu (an island chain in the South Pacific) translating in the Pamma and Southeast Ambrym languages. These couples are dedicating their lives to translating God’s word into these languages so that those who speak them will be able to read and hear the scriptures in their own “heart” language. When you grow up with a certain language as you first language – it is the language of your heart. It speaks to you the most clearly and reaches deep into your soul. Scripture translation is a vital ministry that needs to be precise and accurate. Please pray for these couples and the work they do with the native translators. It impacts the culture for future generations.

DANIEL

serving in Nazareth, Israel. That’s right – LBF helps support ministry going on in the Holy Land. Daniel and his family immigrated to Israel several years ago from Romania, where he was a pastor. Now he serves in many different roles, but they all revolve around sharing the good news of “Yeshua” (Hebrew for Jesus). Daniel holds youth meetings in his home, he helps other pastors in ministry, he leads tours in a tourist spot called Nazareth Village (which depicts life during the time of Christ), and he’s currently taking courses to become a tour guide in Israel. Everywhere he goes, Daniel shares the hope of life in Christ, and lives are being changed as they trust the Savior. Pray for the ministry that you’re part of in northern Israel. Daniel lives in Nazareth with his wife and two daughters.

MICHELLE & WILLIAM KIPROP - serving in Kipkaren, Kenya. We’re praising God for the arrival of their first child, Ryan Kigen. He was born on September 5, and weighed 3.7 kg. Now in case you don’t know what that weight is – 8 1/4 pounds. William & Michelle are thanking God as they welcome Ryan into their home. Michelle’s mom, Bobbi Kerns, and sister, Ashley are there enjoying the baby.

I hope this will be a reminder of LBF on the global front. You’re making a difference. 🏹

October Anniversaries

- 2 Don & Judi Unruh, 12 years
- 3 Bill & Lynda Holcroft, 13 years
- 4 Fred & Linda Meise, 31 years
- 7 Daniel & Joyce Ablett, 21 years
- 7 Phillip & Tracey Watkins, 11 years
- 9 Ron & Laura Anderson, 35 years
- 9 Chad & Shauntel Raymond, 13 years
- 13 Steven & Kathleen Nauertz, 9 years

- 14 Bob & Peggy Nelson, 61 years
- 15 Mark & Rita Gay, 17 years
- 16 Keith & Janette Sheppard, 18 years
- 18 Mike & Donna Stevens, 15 years
- 18 Jason & Kim Craig, 14 years
- 19 Dana & Valerie Ressel, 14 years
- 19 Joe & Kelly Hawkes, 26 years
- 20 Jonathan & Beverly Bashor, 8 years
- 20 Phil & Julie Antillon, 27 years
- 21 George & Cathy Phillips, 34 years

- 22 Grant & Maggie Alten, 28 years
- 22 Jim & Sherry Grynchal, 28 years
- 23 David & Julie Blevins, 18 years
- 25 Steve & Jackie Farrar, 24 years
- 27 Tony & Susan Cabrera, 22 years
- 30 Michael & Kimberly Gibson, 7 years
- 30 Benjamin & Eelyn Isaak, 5 years

If any anniversary information is not correct, please contact the church office.



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KEEPING UP WITH SHORT TERM MISSIONS TRIPS

By Carol Hawkins, Missions Coordinator

MEGAN ROBINSON will be returning home in early October from 2 months in Kenya. While there she served in the children’s home helping in various ways with the precious children who live there. I know Megan will have lots of stories to share, and I know that she blessed the lives of all she came in contact with on her journey. Be sure to welcome her home when you see her on Sundays.



TEAM KENYA just returning from 2 1/2 weeks of service in Kenya. Their service included: working on a building project which only needed a few minor things to be completed when they left; tiling the floor of our missionaries William & Michelle’s house; helping with an eye clinic; teaching classes in the public school; teaching songs to a children’s choir to sing at a Sunday church service; participating in the Sunday church service, helping organize medical supplies for the clinic, and much more. Your team served the people of Kipkaren. Stay tuned to future Scrolls for more details.

Be sure to ask Megan and Team Kenya to share some of their stories. There’s lots to tell!

JEREMY MOORE is traveling this year with the African Children’s Choir. They are currently in Washington state. They have been touring for 5 weeks and have had concerts in 17

cities. They usually hold 4 concerts per week. Jeremy helps with the concerts by being the “sound tech,” but even a larger role for him is being a chaperone to the boys. He also helps with teaching math, English, reading and writing. He loves to tell the boys Bible stories at bedtime, pray with them, and ask them their thoughts. A couple of weeks ago each child in the choir was given a Bible of their own – to keep forever. The kids screamed with excitement to have such a precious gift. The lives of these children are definitely being impacted as they travel and sing about



God’s love and spend time learning more about Him. Jeremy’s life too is being changed.

AMANDA RANA has been teaching in Chiang Rai, Thailand now for about 6 weeks. She is very busy teaching math, science, history, writing, reading, spelling, vocabulary and theater to her sixth grade class. She’s a busy gal with many lesson plans to prepare each evening to be ready for the next day’s classes.



You are touching lives through your prayers. 🏹

Sending Kids Back to School with BIG Love

By Kirsten Grubb

A HUGE thank you to everyone at LBF who helped send Pacific Lifeline’s children back to school with confidence, a smile, and new clothes, school supplies, and backpacks!

Once again, I have been inspired and touched by the generosity and compassion of this church family. Of the 75 children participating in our back to school program, people from LBF sponsored 53 of them! When you are called to reach out, you reach out in generous, loving, amazing ways!

While I could gush on and on, I think this quote from one of our families does a great job of conveying what I want to say: “Thank you so much; we are so blessed by Pacific Lifeline and all of the donors. Alexa just went through her school stuff, and she started to cry because she said she has ‘family’ (donors) that loves her that she doesn’t even know - it’s the love of Jesus in hearts of those who take time and money out of their life to support us. Alexa loves her stuff. I am always amazed at how good God is to always provide exceedingly more than I could imagine. Thank you and God bless you.”

Thank you for the many ways that LBF reaches out to Pacific Lifeline families. If you are interested in getting more involved, please visit www.pacific-lifeline.org. 🏹

Harvest Party: You Can Make it Happen!

By Dale Palmer, His Kids Children’s Ministries



Fall is almost here and we are gearing up for our annual Harvest Party!! Harvest Party is Monday, October 31, this year starting at 5:30 – 8:30 pm.

Starting September 16 through the end of October, you will see large red plastic containers marked “Harvest Party Candy” at the entrances of the Worship Center. You can bring your bags of WRAPPED CANDY to church and place them in these red plastic containers any time on Sundays. During non-service times, the containers will be in the Preschool Hallway – the southeast entrance of the Wo rship Center.

Last year, thanks to all LBFC families that contributed candy, we had more than enough candy prizes for all the games! It was fun watching Pastor Gary become a VERY popular man as he handed out the last of the candy. If every LBFC family were to bring two or three bags of candy each, there would once again be plenty. Thank you for helping make OUR Harvest Party a huge success this year by participating in this way.

Also starting in September, sign ups for games began for Harvest Party. We NEED YOU to make this event successful. Sign up for one of two shifts or both should you care to. Two shifts (5:00 – 7:00 and 7:00 – 9:00 pm) are available for the evening. Sign ups will continue throughout the month of October. We will also be offering signup ability on-line once again for those who prefer this. Go to www.lbfchurch.com/HarvestParty. When you check in for the Party that evening, you will be given your assignment unless you request a specific game or activity ahead of time. Here are the main categories: Inside Games: Kidz Zone, Outside Games: Kidz Zone, and Xtreme Zone for 7th Grade – high school.

This is OUR party and OUR gift to the community. Thank you for signing up early so that the party can happen as planned. If you have any questions, please call Dale at 981-4848, x242. 🏹

New Teaching Pastor Selected

By Gary Keith, Lead Pastor

We believe in teamwork at LBF and the pulpit will model this as well. Starting last April our board began a nationwide search to find a new person to join the current teaching team as the primary teaching pastor. To find our more about the reasons for this decision please go to our web site at www.lbfchurch.com and on the resource page read the letter titled “Pastor Expansion.”

After reviewing more than 250 applications submitted from all over the world the field for this position was narrowed down to seven. A group of key leaders and the staff viewed these top seven candidates and gave input to help us narrow the field down to three. These three men were invited to come and

teach a sermon during our Ecclesiastes Series. We deeply appreciated all three of them.

We did invite the second and third candidates into the next phase of the process. This final phase involved asking the final two candidates to fill out extremely thorough theological and family questionnaires, reviewing work histories, reviewing references, lots of prayer, more prayer and dialogue about which candidate would best fit with our current pastoral staff, our congregation and the job description.

After diligently working through every aspect of our search process, we are very pleased and excited to announce that we have made an offer to Dan Franklin to be our new primary teaching pastor and work under the leadership of Pastor Gary, our Lead Pastor. He and his wife took some time to pray and then

informed us that they were extremely excited to accept the position. We are currently working through the details of getting Dan and his family moved down here from Oregon. He and Karina will be here teaching us on October 9th. Then the goal will be to have him and his family moved down here by November 1st.

We are excited and believe that God has been at work directing us in making this decision. We are grateful to those of you who participated in this process. Your input was essential as we prayed and sought God’s direction on this decision. We truly believe that God is in control of this church and that this decision will be the catalyst to wonderful things in the future. If you have questions or comments we would invite you to submit those directly to the Elders at www.lbfchurch.com/feedback. 🏹

Worship Team Member Spotlight

By Jeff Taylor, Pastor of Teaching & Worship

This month our worship team member spotlight finds one of the most faithful men you will ever know. I am sure you have noticed his joyful spirit and demeanor as he worships from the bass guitar on Sunday mornings with a smile on his face and a dance in his step. It is my privilege to get to work with an amazing musician, and worshipper like this man. I am pleased to introduce you to...



Name: Cliff Saunders

Role you play in the worship ministry:
I am a bassist and vocalist.

Family Info:
I am married to my lovely wife Lynn, father to three daughters, Terese, Hilary, and Gillian. I have two grandchildren, Kaleb and Trinity.

How long have you been on the worship team at LBF?
I’ve been on the team over 10 years now.

Why are you part of the worship ministry?
This is my opportunity to give back to God, as a worship offering, part of the talent He has given me. I really enjoy making a joyful noise.

- What are some of your favorites...?**
- **Food:** Sushi, Indian, Pizza, Raisin Bran.
 - **Book:** I thoroughly enjoyed Steven King’s Dark Tower series.
 - **Movie:** Just about anything in the Sci-Fi genre.
 - **Song:** An old country song called “From a Jack to a King”.
 - **Worship Song:** In The Garden, The Old Rugged Cross.
 - **Band/Musician:** Return To Forever, Chicago, Weather Report, Chase.
 - **Hobby:** Making music, fixing/riding motorcycles, building/fixing computers, computer gaming.

What animal would you say your personality is best described as?
Okapi - a giraffid artiodactyl mammal native to the Ituri Rainforest in central Africa. It’s part giraffe, part horse, part zebra. He can’t decide if he wants to hide, run, or stand out in the crowd.

What is your earliest childhood memory?
I might have been 2 years old. I remember picking up an ant that was

crawling across the floor. I put it in my oatmeal. Then I ate it.

What is something that everyone should know about you?
I am a New Orleans Saints fan.

What is one of your defining characteristics?
When there’s nothing to do, I like to do nothing.

What is the thing in your life you would say is your greatest accomplishment?
Asking the right woman to be my wife.

When you are in front of large groups of people, a common thing for you to think is...
“Am I too loud?”

What is something you still hope to accomplish in your life?
Retire.

What is a talent you do not possess that you wish you did?
Telekinesis.

What is the best way for someone to encourage you?
Hit me between the eyes with a two by four.

What is a favorite quote or Bible verse that has impacted your life?
John 3:17 - For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 🏹

Giving Update

Fiscal Year July 11-June 12
Total Budget: \$1,600,000

	Budget Goal	Giving Rec’d
July	\$131,298	\$130,258
YTD	\$131,298	\$130,258

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