George Owen Walton was born on May 15, 1907, in Rocky Mount, Virginia. As an estate appraiser, he had first dibs on rare coins, guns, jewelry, stamps, and books, and he built up quite a collection. When Walton had an opportunity to purchase one of only five 1913 Liberty Head nickels ever minted, he jumped at the chance. He paid $3,750 for the treasure in 1945 and told his family that it was worth a fortune. But after Walton died in a car crash on his way to a coin show in 1962, appraisers surprisingly declared his nickel a fake. They marked it "no value," returned it to the disappointed family, and the coin stayed hidden in a strongbox on the floor of a closet.

Eventually Walton's nephew, Ryan Givens, inherited the nickel. Even though it had been dismissed as a counterfeit, something told him that his uncle was right. In 2003 the other four 1913 Liberty Head nickels went on display, and a million dollar prize was offered to anyone who could produce the fifth. Givens submitted his coin for evaluation once more. After hours of comparing and contrasting against the other four nickels, six expert appraisers announced that Walton's coin was the real deal.

Eventually Givens sold the nickel for $3.1 million—a hundred years after it was originally minted. Imagine a coin worth more than $3 million collecting dust in the back corner of a closet for decades and decades because it seemed worthless, even to expert eyes.

This month we’ll return once again to the powerful story of the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus. Often this story, figuratively, simply collects dust in the back corner of a closet in the lives of many people. But, for followers of Jesus, it’s the core of our faith. 1 Corinthians 1:18 says, “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

Mark your calendars to join us this summer!

- June 20-23
  Vacation Bible School

- July 8-10
  Family Camp at C-N

- August 25-28
  Holland Lake Camping Trip

Series: Water, Bread, & Wine—Understanding the Sacraments

March 5 & 6  
Baptized with Christ

March 12 & 13  
Do This…

Series: Easter

March 19 & 20  
The Power of God in Unexpected Places

March 26 & 27  
The Death of Death (Easter Sunday)
Learn what our church is all about, including our history, what we believe, how we attempt to live out our beliefs in our community, and how we operate. This is a great introduction to who we are, and there’s always time for questions. A pizza dinner and childcare will be provided. Please sign up in the church foyer or by calling the office (442-6813).

**LIFE 101**

*Discovering God’s Family at Life Covenant Church*

**Sunday, March 6, 4:00-7:00pm • Room 201**

Membership at Life Covenant starts with LIFE 101.
**KID AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Kids’ Ministries Contact—Lisa Bowen: lisa@lifecchelena.org or 442-6813
Middle School Ministries Contact—Jolanda Songer: jolanda@lifecchelena.org or 442-6813
High School Ministries Contact—Matt Swider: mattswider@lifecchelena.org or 442-6813

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**Middle School**

**Confirmation Class**

(7th-8th Grade)

Wednesdays, 5:45-6:15pm
(No Confirmation on March 30.)

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**EnFuego**

(6th-8th Grade)

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:45pm
Dinner Included
(No EnFuego on March 30.)
www.enfuegoatlcc.com

**Stonetree Climbing Center Event**

Sunday, March 20, 4:00-5:30pm
(1222 Bozeman St.)
Cost: $5 (includes ticket, pizza, & beverage)
Sign-up and a signed waver required. Contact Jolanda for more details and to sign up.

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**High School**

**2016-2017 LCC Preschool Registration**

Registration for LCC’s 3 and 4-year-old preschool classes is now open. Brochures with enrollment forms are available in the church, the office, and on the Preschool page of our website. (Kids must be age 3 or 4 by Sept. 10, 2016 to enroll.) If you have any questions, please contact Angela Brent at 461-6541 or email preschool@lifecchelena.org.

Preschool Classes

3-year-olds: Tu/Th, 9:00-11:15am ($100/mo)
4-year-olds: M/W/F, 9:00-11:30am ($140/mo)

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**El Paso Mission Trip**

March 25-April 3

Please pray for our students and leaders (pictured at left) as they head to El Paso this month to work alongside and encourage Dr. Marco and Carmen Samaniego with Hands of Luke Ministries. They will also be putting on a VBS for local kids in El Paso and helping with some building improvements.
EVENTS & CLASSES

Exodus—Deuteronomy (The Gospel Project) —Wednesdays in Room 201, 5:45-7:00pm
Join our Bible study on Exodus—Deuteronomy. With laws, sacrifices, and genealogies, this study is a good one! Many people struggle to understand these foundational books of the Old Testament. This will be a great study to learn more.

Real Women, Real Faith—New Study Starting
Our Real Women, Real Faith group is beginning a new study on Hebrews by Lisa Harper on Friday, March 4. This 7-Session study will help us see how Jesus is supreme, compassionate, and loving to no end. Hebrews was a sermon for a specific people and culture in the midst of martyrdom and persecution, but it is also so relevant for us today, reminding us to continue walking toward Jesus regardless of our culture or our circumstances. Join Lisa as she journeys through this bridge between the Old and New Testaments to get to the heart of the matter: Jesus is our accessible King. He is not a faraway God, but an up-close Redeemer who draws near to us. Hebrews helps women make the connection between God the Father and God the Son, and reminds us that Jesus is supreme, but He is also compassionate, empathetic, and loving to no end. Lisa Harper makes digging into Hebrews fun and doable, as only she can, without losing an ounce of depth. Class meets on Fridays, from 9:00-11:00am, in Room 202/204.

Current Adult Sunday School Classes
PEACEMAKING (Sundays, 10:10am)
How do we handle conflict in a biblical way? When do we assert our rights and when do we lay them down? When and how do we offer forgiveness? These are a few of the questions we’ll address in a five week class called Biblical Peacemaking. Taught by Keith Johnson & Matt McKinney.

LIFE 201: DISCOVERING MY PATH TO DISCIPLESHIP (Saturdays, 6:40pm & Sundays, 10:10am)
LIFE 201 focuses on the journey to becoming spiritually mature disciples of Jesus Christ. This class will explore the issues of Bible study, prayer, fellowship, worship, and giving. This is a great next step for those who desire to further their walk with God. Taught by Tom Bowen.

Women’s Ministry Spring Retreat—March 11 & 12
Our Guest Speaker this year will be Teresa Rinker of Healing Hearts Ministries. Full brochures are available in the church foyer. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office ASAP to inquire about registering for any remaining spots.

A message from our speaker: “Greetings ladies! The time to gather for the annual women’s retreat is right around the corner. I invite you to come and discover ‘what stands in the way of your hope?’ It has been such a privilege to seek God and His message of hope for each of you. In doing so, I have sensed such love, such care, such HOPE...so much so, that I cannot wait to meet each of you! No matter what season you are in, God longs to infuse hope into every area of your life—a hope that will not disappoint. Oh how God longs for us to live in hope! Won’t you join us?”

March 11, 6:00-8:30pm & March 12, 9:00am-4:00pm
Wingate Hotel, Helena ~ Guest Speaker: Teresa Rinker
Cost: $40 (includes supplies, dinner, lunch, and snacks)
Events & Classes Continued...

Young Adult Group
Life Covenant Church’s Young Adult Group meets on Tuesdays, at 6:45pm, in our 700 N. Hoback space. If you would like more information about Life’s Young Adult Group, please contact Tom Bowen at 442-6813.

55 and Better Luncheon—Friday, March 11, 12:00pm
Faith and Begorrah, the luck of the Irish will sure to be with you when you attend our annual St. Patrick’s Day luncheon! Corned beef and cabbage, bad Irish jokes, and everything green! Our special speaker will be Lenore McKelvey Puhek, who will be dressed in period costume to share the story of Thomas Meagher, the bad-boy Irishman whose statue graces the front of the Capitol Building. Lenore is a local author whose specialty is historical figures from Montana history, and you’ll be sure to enjoy her presentation. Please call the office if you plan to attend: 442-6813.

Cabin Fever Follies
LCC’s Got Talent? We think so! Share it with us at this year’s Cabin Fever Follies on Sunday, March 13! Dinner starts at 5:00pm and the show will follow. Past year’s talents have included musical performances, dancing, acrobatics, comedy, skits, readings, and more. We’re hoping the show will reflect talent from everyone in our congregation—young and young at heart! Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend or perform.

Sew in Love
Join us for Sew in Love at Ardis Loberg’s (1343 Beaverhead Rd) on Wednesday, March 16! Each meeting begins at 9:00am, and ends when all have left, or by 3:00pm. Attendees should bring a brown bag lunch, scissors, and, if possible, their sewing machine. All materials are provided. If you have any questions, please contact Ardis at 457-9094.

Leadership for Life Small Group
We are inviting you to join us as we explore ideas that will make us better leaders. Each month we are viewing a video presentation from The Global Leadership Summit and discussing together how to implement it in our lives. Next Meeting: Thursday, March 17, 6:30pm. Full Schedule below:
(Suggested reading shown in parenthesis; books written by speaker, except where noted.)

March 17: Liz Wiseman (Rookie Smarts: Why Learning Beats Knowing in the New Game of Work)
April 21: Sam Adeyemi (LEAD: Proven Principles to Multiply Your Success at Any Level)
May 19: Sheila Heen (Thanks for the Feedback: The Science and Art of Receiving Feedback Well)

Seder Dinner
Join us for our annual Seder Dinner and program on Maundy Thursday, March 24, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The main course—lamb—will be provided. Please sign up in the foyer to attend and indicate which of the side dishes you would like to bring. Traditional rice recipes are available next to the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 442-6813.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend—April 8-10
Make plans to join us for our annual Marriage Enrichment Weekend in Bozeman on April 8-10. Brochures are available on the Events page at www.lifecchelena.org and in the church foyer; call the church office at 442-6813 to make your reservation. The cost is $195/couple, with a $95 deposit due by March 24. It’s possible that the costs are too high for some; scholarships are available to help cover part of the costs (contact Keith at 442-6813). Please do not allow costs to keep you from attending this valuable weekend! If you have any additional questions, please contact Keith or the church office.
“The preaching of the cross is, I know, nonsense to those who are involved in this dying world, but to us who are being saved from that death it is nothing less than the power of God.”

1 Corinthians 1:18 (Phillips)

**EASTER WEEK EVENTS**

**Seder Dinner**
Thursday, March 24, at 6:00pm
(More details in “Events & Classes”.)

**Good Friday Service**
Friday, March 25, at 7:00pm
(Childcare available for kids up to 5th grade.)

**Saturday, March 26**
5:30pm—Easter Celebration

**Sunday, March 27**
6:30am—Traditional Easter Sunrise Service
7:30am—Continental Breakfast
9:00am & 11:00am—Easter Celebration

Nursery and kid’s church will be available at all services except the 6:30am service.

(All four Saturday and Sunday services will contain the same Easter message.)