**Adult Opportunities To Enrich Your Life In Christ**

The Fall Line-up is packed with a variety of classes, studies and groups to expand your relationship with others, The Word and Christ. Whether you’re a long time member or new believer, there’s a spot for you! Wednesday night dinners, classes, and studies are open to all those attending either WL or EJ campus. Hope to see you there!

**Tuesdays Beginning Sept. 11**
- Ladies Study - James: Mercy Triumph’s
  - 9:15 AM
  - Location: B-1 Discipleship House

**Wednesdays Beginning Sept. 12**
- Church Family dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:15 PM Sharp! (The gym is needed for Kid’s Connection by 6:40 PM)
- Ladies Study - James: Mercy Triumph’s
  - 6:30 PM
  - Location: A-3 Discipleship House
- Men’s Small Group - 6:30 PM
  - Location: A-1 Discipleship House (starting sept. 19)
- Bible Study on Matthew - 6:30 PM
  - Location: (WL) 112 & 113
- Financial Peace University - 6:30 PM
  - Location: (WL) 114
- Community Small Groups - 6:30 PM
  - Location: Various

**Sundays Beginning on Sept. 16**
- Enhancing Your Marriage - 10:45 AM
  - Location: (WL) 112
- Have a New Kid by Friday - 10:45 AM
  - Location: (WL) 113
- Community Small Groups - 9 & 10:45 AM
  - Location: various places determined by each Community Small Group

**Thursdays Beginning Sept. 20**
- MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers - 10 AM - noon
  - Location: various WL church classrooms (1st & 3rd Thurs)
- Celebrate Recovery - 7-9 PM (every Thurs)
  - Location: (WL) multi-purpose room

**Thursdays Beginning Sept. 27**
- Cozy Quilters - 9 - 11 AM
  - Location: (WL) 101 (2nd & 4th Thurs)

**Sunday Beginning Sept. 30**
- Starting point - 10:45 AM
  - Location: Pastor Bob’s office

**Fast Jordan Community Church**

**Sundays Beginning Sept. 16**
- Community Small Groups and regular programs
  - 11:15 AM - Location: EJ Campus

**Tuesdays Beginning Sept. 18**
- Community Small Groups - 7 PM
  - Location: Various

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**Save the Date!**

Saturday morning, October 13th, we will be having a **security seminar/training** for church leadership, volunteers, youth and children workers, so pencil this in your Fall calendar. More details to follow in the Oct. newsletter.

**Come to the WLCC Ministry Fair - Sept 9 during either morning service!**

**Glorify Jesus Christ by making disciples...by loving Jesus...loving Others...and Serving the world!**

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East Jordan Children's Church

VBS 2012

Imagine 120 kids singing (ok, many really yelling) at the top of their lungs that they love Jesus. Add the 50 adults participating or looking on in wonder and amazement. Add to this the warmth — did I say warm? It was over 90° — it was a steaming hot sanctuary, the sun beating down as we gathered in the evening. Lighthouse Missionary Church was the gracious host that welcomed people from all over East Jordan, as five area churches worked together to glorify God.

The verse for this year was: Everything is possible with God’s help. I walked with five 1st graders thru the week to the rooms where teachers allowed us to hear a bible story, create a craft, play games, watch an animated video or eat a snack. During the bible story time, the image that has stuck with me is the one that had two strong men carrying the large very heavy 8 ft. cross from the back of the sanctuary to a quiet room where we were handed strips of black plastic. The black plastic represented sin. My sin. We each placed our handful of sins on the cross. The cross was covered with our collective sin. The black plastic was moving in the breeze looking ugly, marring the cross. It’s easy for me to forget that the next time I looked the “sin” had been removed. The black strips of plastic that were covering the cross were gone. All of my sin was gone.

I am privileged to work with children because I am always taught something. The enormity of my sin on that cross is a burden that is too heavy for me to bear. I love the verse in Deuteronomy 31:8 that says: “Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; He will neither fail you nor abandon you.” I don’t need to be discouraged or crushed with my sin because God is with me—He’s forgiven me, again and again! Praise God!

Suzanne Carlisle, Director EJCC Children’s Ministry

Walloon Lake Community Church Baptisms on August 1

Sean Butler
John Richey
Matthew Rinock

East Jordan Community Church Baptism 2012

Peter Bean 
Kaitlyn Hershey
Bob Bobowski 
Judith Kolp
Katie Bobowski 
Aaron Malewitz
Caleb Carson 
Garrett Reynolds
Priscilla Deseno 
Zeke Richey
Chris Faulkner 
Taylor Turner
Brian Gerstenberger 
Darren Warner
Ashton Hershey

Operation Christmas Child Needs New Coordinator

Walloon Lake Community Church has participated in Operation Christmas Child for many years. This year we are looking for someone to coordinate the promotion, collection and dropping off of the boxes filled with the shoe boxes that are lovingly stuffed with toys and gifts for children in need around the world. If this is something that you would be interested in assisting with, please contact Jean Fiel in the church office or Dorothy Prins in the Children’s Church Wing by calling (231)535-2288.

Aniversaries in September

9-1 Dave & Mary Lou Nemec
9-5 Bob & Diane Drost
Bob & Mari Ostender
9-6 Ed & Sheri Bradley
Frank & Jan Leist
Rich & Spring Micham
9-8 Larry & Cathy Jones
Dave & Betty VanZon
Craig & Cindy Whiteley
Cal & Marsha Cheadle
9-11 Bill & Terri White
Lee & Mary Ekstrom
9-13 Scott & April Caverly
9-14 Randy & Karen Kruzel
Matt & Tammy Wyman
Jared & Melissa Urman
David & Donna Prevost
David & JoDee Hissong
John & Judy Hunt
Joe & Jessica Venohr
Bob & Sue Breidenstein
Steve & Robin Laskowski
Chuck & Trudy Center
Jeremy & Amanda Loper
Chad & Ashleigh Bradley

Board Corner

Your September Challenge

• Kevin Klevorn, Church Board Chairman
Now that the dust is settled on the August primary season, and the national conventions for both of the two major parties are upon us, I ask: Have enough of the commercials yet? The cacophony will get louder for the next two months until an abrupt (and welcomed) end on November 7th. I am comforted by many verses of scripture that confirm that the King of Kings will always be the one in control, and allows only those He sees fit to govern to have authority over us. This month however, I would like you to respond to my email address before September 15th with some feedback on the following concept. I will in turn for the October newsletter publish select responses, and share what the very unscientific results show!

To plagiarize from Joel Belz, a columnist for World Magazine, I would like you, in 25 words or less, to write back to me on the following questions: If you could identify just one issue that is terribly askew in our culture today, and then were granted as a gift from God the ability to set that one issue right, what would it be? In other words, what specific cultural victory, if won by God’s people as the “good guys,” would produce an America closer to the divine blueprint God has designed for us?

There is likely the temptation to give me your top 2 or 3 topics, but please avoid that temptation. Even on a scale of “1 to 10,” it would be very difficult for me on the space of one page to collate or interpolate such a variety of responses. Remember, just the facts, ma’am, just the facts: your top ONE victory. Send your 25 words to klevorn@sbcglobal.net and I will do my best to give us all the summary in the next newsletter of some of the thoughts of the culture warriors out there connected to the church. I will keep your comments anonymous unless you want some credit for a good one! I thought this may be a good way to spur one another on to good works, so take the time to shoot me an email in the next couple of weeks. At least I will know if someone is reading my monthly musings! (and maybe get you thinking and praying early about the first Tuesday in November....)
Rejoice!
Anniversary & Birthday Celebrations

9-1 Katelynn Murray 9-13 Lynn Groff
Lisa Reid
Tim Wellert
9-2 Valerie Dickson 9-14 Kristen Davis
Lilly Donaldson
Luke Ingalls
Jackson Lowe
Kaitlynn Walter
Donna Hamilton
Ashlee Kelts
Jan Mihelich
Matt Thomas
9-3 Adam Arney 9-16 Virginia Cooper
Rick Carlson
Josh Foster
Irene Groat
Judie Kenyon
Madde Arney
Ginny Billings
Barb Case
Griffin Powers
Clint Stahl
Peter Velenga
Terri White
9-4 Donna Banks 9-20 Ashley McGeorge
Sian Olsen
Janet Riker
Cindy Ward
Robin Goldsmith
Collin Ulvund
Phil Cloyd
Ellie Provost
Aaron Richards
9-10 Bill Carson 9-22 Nicholas Byrne
Marty Clark
David Siegrist
Russ Baugh
Chad Loe
Ron Austin
Ashon Hershey
Pam Lowe
Heather Simmonds
9-11 John Hunt
Martha Jepsen
James O'Brien
Don Cooper
Carl Cotanche
Brayden Dunlop
Vanessa Matelski
Paige Moore
9-16 Sawyer Carson
Sarah Clark
David Klevorn
Damian Moore
Abby Dickson
Jacob Fair
Tom Longcore
Karen McCary
Sunny Sherk
Chris Wagenschutz
9-17 Ginger Fennell
Saylor Caverly
Ann Duran
Sus Gabrielsen
Gavin McCreery
9-21 Sue Austin
Helen Davenport
9-22 Jacob Ellis
Ryan Giem
Matt Matelski
Jodi Miller
9-25 Phil Kallio
Kaitlyns Hershey
John Hunt
9-26 Martha Jepsen
James O'Brien
9-28 Carl Cotanche
Brayden Dunlop
Vanessa Matelski
Paige Moore
9-29 Jeff Ellis
Jordan Rhea
9-30 Ashley Davis
Rose Davis
Trenton Giern
Katelyn Hempstead
Austin Mercer

Blessings of Joy!

Felicity Grace Lowe
was born to Phil & Pam Lowe on August 10. Felicity weighs 6#8oz. She has a sister, Isabel, and 2 brothers, Jackson and Avery, at home.

Walloon Lake Children’s Ministry
Looking Ahead

• Dorothy Prins, WLCC Children’s Ministry

Just three short months ago we were looking forward to the “lazy days of summer.” And now, the nights are cooler, the days shorter and just around the bend school is starting up again. Worker bees have been busy in the Walloon Lake Community Church children’s ministry, getting ready to kick off the Fall programs too. We are preparing to plant kids the seed of the Word, praying to produce a harvest of hearts filled with the love of Jesus, and are equally confident that God will be faithful to complete the good work He has started.

Kid Connection is a place where we can be more like Him. We will be using the 252 Basics curriculum and I encourage families to work beside this group of volunteers who have hearts to work with children. This Fall during the WLCC 10:45 Sunday school hour, children from four years old to fourth grade will be shown and taught about the love of God and helped to discover the active part they can play in the life-long adventure to be more like Him. We will be using the 252 Basics curriculum and I encourage families to check out the website and share your thoughts with the Kid Connection team. Their website address is whatisorange.org/252basics.

This Fall the Walloon Lake Community Church newsletter is looking ahead to how they can show others their love for Jesus. I have no doubt that He will be glorified on Wednesday nights in WLCC Kid Connection.

Have you ever met someone and thought, “I want to be more like him/her?” I have! I’m influenced most by people who live their life as a way to honor God. They encounter difficulties, have their struggles, and yet I see them striving to honor Jesus throughout it all. I’m encouraged by the unspoken alignment of their talk and walk. I have to admit there are times it’s not so easy for me. As a parent there are times when I lose it and blow my top, yep that’s right. It’s true. And when that happens I’m always thankful that I can fall back on His grace. Thank goodness too! I can’t do parenting perfectly, yet I can continue to strive to live a life that honors Him. To work with children you don’t have to be perfect, you just have to have a heart for them, and shift your mindset toward serving Him and the glory of His name! When we do this He is faithful.

If you are interested walking alongside parents and working with their children, please let me know. We are always accepting helpful hands and willing hearts! The joys and blessings you receive from the kids are unbelievable! If you are already volunteering in Kid Connection, whether in nursery or teaching, Thank You!

Wednesday night programs at WLCC are starting up again on the 12th and I am so excited to work beside this group of volunteers who have hearts to work with children. This Fall children will be learning about having a servant’s heart and how they can show others their love for Jesus. I have no doubt that He will be glorified on Wednesday nights in WLCC Kid Connection.

!See your children then!
Loving Others
Community Small Group Or Class?
• Gil Redmer, Community Small Group Coordinator

Our fall ministry fair is right around the corner on Sept 9th. At the fair you will have the opportunity to “kick the tires” of our various ministries. You will be able to register to join in areas that the Lord may be moving you to participate in. In an effort to alleviate some confusion and misunderstanding, I feel it is important to explain some differences and nuances between a WLCC/EJCC Community Small Group (CSG) and classes that are offered.

The best place to start is to define the purpose of the Community Small Groups. It’s to foster in an environment where people can grow in intimate relationships with others and Jesus Christ. This environment, our groups learn together, pray together, fellowship together, serve together, and eat together. In short, our Community Small Groups do life together. They are about relationships, about giving you a place to “do church” throughout the week.

Our classes are more dedicated to learning and growing in a specific application in the Christian life. They center around the teaching of a particular subject or study. (E.g. Parenting, Marriage, Financial Peace, Bible Study, etc.)

While there are similarities between the two, there are differences that should be explained. In a class, you have a teacher. He or she (or both) have studied the material presented and lead the group through the curriculum. In a Community Small Group, you have a leader or facilitator. Our Community Small Groups are generally sermon based and the purpose of the leader/facilitator is to encourage group discussion and participation about the previous Sunday’s sermon.

In a class, the majority of the time is dedicated to the subject matter. In a Community Small Group, a part of the time is spent on the sermon, a part is spent in prayer, a part is spent in fellowship, and of course a part is spent on eating! Yes, these same things may happen in a class, but to a much smaller extent, and is not the intended purpose.

We encourage our Community Small Groups to get involved in different service projects together, whereas in a class you are learning which give you tools to serve.

Classes meet primarily at one of the church campus facilities, where Community Small Groups meet in homes, restaurants, as well as campus facilities. Our classes meet mainly on Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, whereas a Community Small Group may meet at any given day of the week, depending on group preference.

To sum it up each has an intended purpose towards our mission of Making Disciples and are biblically based. Our classes are dedicated to teaching and learning (Loving Jesus), and our Community Small Groups are dedicated to building solid Christian relationships (Loving Others). Together they help us do the third of our mission pillars of Making Disciples (Serve the World).

Our desire is that you would become involved in both. To be armed with Godly knowledge and have a close group of brothers and sisters that “has your back” as we traverse in a fallen world.

We look forward to seeing you tour our ministry fair on Sunday, September 9th!

skill set, but there was a life issue they needed to address which overshadowed stepping into ministry at that time.

What happens at an audition? My Worship Leadership team gathers with the person auditioning. The person introduces themselves, tells us what role they’re interested in, and what they will be playing/singing. Singers sing a verse/chorus of a whatever song they want (or the first verse of “Amazing Grace” once or twice) and then we have them sing “Happy Birthday” to someone we name in the room. They may provide accompaniment if they want. Musicians play a song selection. While the person auditions, the Leadership Team also reads through the Volunteer Form, which contains info about the person’s spiritual walk, background, and experiences. After the person finishes, the Leadership Team asks any questions we have, and the person auditioning asks us anything that they want to know. The audition ends and the person can leave. The Leadership Team meets after auditions or over the next few days to review our observations and determines how to best proceed with each person. I also share the list with the Pastoral Team at staff meeting for their approval.

I realize that some people will never have the nerve to do an audition. That’s alright. If the simple audition is overwhelming for someone, I’ve learned that the platform is as well, or there are other less obvious factors involved which would probably inhibit their involvement. Besides, there are many, many places in the church to serve. An audition helps people weigh the cost and evaluate where they are truly passionate about serving.

3 Locations = 3 X Opportunities to Serve!
We’re filling full teams at the Walloon, East Jordan, and Youth Center campuses. Each team needs singers, musicians, sound techs, and projectionists. Some volunteers serve at multiple locations. Ages 12 (with transportation) through adult.

Practice Night Schedule:
WL - Monday (Bands - on weeks you play)
WL - Wednesday (Ensemble - weekly)
YC - Wednesday (Band - on weeks you play)
EJ - Thursday (Band - on weeks you play)

Wild Game Dinner Is Back!
Thursday, October 4
doors open 6 PM dinner at 6:30 PM
Catered Menu: Wild & Tame Meat
Wild Game Cook-Off & Tasting Contest
Door Prizes too
Featured Guest: Jimmy Gretzinger from “Michigan Out Of Doors”
If anyone that would like to help at this year’s event or bring a wild game dish, there is a sign-up in the foyer.
Worship Arts
Why Do We Audition People For Music Roles?
• Pastor Tim Miller

Under most circumstances, before we put people on the platform at WL, EJ, or the YC as part of the Worship Arts program, they audition.

The audition has two important goals. The first is to place a measure of accountability upon anyone going on the platform before the congregation. It would be so disheartening to learn that the reason a guest will not return is because the person singing on the platform Sunday was also the person they saw getting stoned in a parking lot at work on Monday. Auditions help provide an attitude and heart safely check.

Another reason is to have a method for identifying gifts and directing them appropriately. Someone may desire to do something which God has plainly not called them to. Or they may truly have a calling into something, but they are jumping the gun and trying to walk into it prematurely. We have a calling into something, but they are jumping the gun and trying to walk into it prematurely. We need each to be about what God has called and gifted us to be a part of, in His timing, and with an attitude that reflects His values. Otherwise serving would be so disheartening to learn that the reason a particular element before they’re ready. (Some have audition room alive. Still, I have had the tough task of telling some people that they need to work on a particular element before they’re ready. (Some have worked on these and joined, and others have looked for another area of serving.) Some people have just not had the particular skill set needed to accomplish the job. Other people may have had the process.

Does anyone ever get cut? Everyone leaves the audition room alive. Still, I have had the tough task of telling some people that they need to work on a particular element before they’re ready. (Some have worked on these and joined, and others have looked for another area of serving.) Some people have just not had the particular skill set needed to accomplish the job. Other people may have had the opportunity to not give up, and not give in to the pressures of this world.

Does the audition process quench the Spirit? For most people it is uncomfortable, as gentle as we try to make it. But nowhere in the scriptures will you find anything about God calling us to a life of comfort. Sometimes people confuse their expressions with their relationship with God. We’re each commanded to worship in spirit and in truth by laying ourselves out completely as living offerings to the Lord on a moment-by-moment basis. This biblical mandate is commanded by God Himself. This is worship, whether you’re at church, at work, in conversations, in traffic - anywhere you are alive and breathing, that is your worship platform.

Additionally we’re commanded to express this interaction between ourselves and God. These are the singing, clapping, shouting, praising actions which people often mistake for worship itself. Remember, these expressions merely result from a truly worshipping heart. So, while we’re all called to worship, we’re not all called to do it on the auditorium platform.

Not everyone has auditioned. Sometimes we fast-track people. A few people have tried to circumvent the process. A few people were grandfathered in from before we began being as responsible in this area, and some may have slipped through the cracks. But these are each individual different stories in their own right. Overall we have a pretty consistent track record.

Our pastoral staff considers the time with the congregation on Sunday mornings as some of the most valuable time-real estate we have. As the only time we’re all together, each moment should count. This doesn’t mean that we’re trying to make an impressive show and only allow jaw-dropping, talent-dripping people on the stage, (which is good, because in light of God’s true glory we all are only on a stage by His grace). But we are trying to place people where they will be most effective and reap the most spiritual fruit. To be placed on the platform for the staff to say, “This person has something we believe is from God that can impact you.” So the fact that we use auditions should actually reassure you because auditions enable us to help people serve well.
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