



September 2010

NEWS CLIP

LRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

LOCH RAVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH P.C.A.

A Time to Build

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As September begins, many of you are beginning new school years or perhaps a new job. Others may be adjusting to a new direction in their life due to the loss of a loved one, a new move, or the loss of employment. Last month I discussed how to transition in your life – that is, with prayer. Prayer sets us on the road to move out with God when he says to go. However, once we discern through prayer God's direction, the moving out is often the hardest part, since it requires great effort and strain. Building isn't easy, especially when it has to be done in areas we aren't familiar with.

During September and through the fall, I will be preaching a series of messages in the book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah wasn't a theologian, nor was he a priest or minister. He was an ordinary layman, with an extraordinary calling to lead God's people to do a seemingly impossible task. God told him to go back to Jerusalem and rebuild the walls that had been torn down when the armies of Babylon had taken Israel into Exile more than a hundred years before. The walls by that time were all but bits of rubble. Grass and trees had grown up in the deserted streets and garbage covered what was left of Jerusalem's once-great wall.

As I walk through the hallways of the classrooms of our children and youth Sunday school, I am reminded of the same tragedy. Where once giggles of young children were heard, now hallways and classrooms lie mostly silent. Rooms are empty, cribs vacant. This has to change. Though new facilities may provide a more attractive venue, the problem still remains. Our church needs rebuilding and revitalization. There is much work to be done, work that God is calling all of us to. But how can we even start?

It all started for Nehemiah with concern and prayer for his people and it was accomplished by God working through him and those others who assisted in the work. Below is a simple outline of his story:

- Nehemiah' Return to Jerusalem (chapters 1-2)
- Wall Rebuilding Begins (chapters 3-4)
- Internal and External Opposition (chapters 5-7)
- Covenant Renewal (chapters 8-10)
- Internal Problems (chapters 11-13)

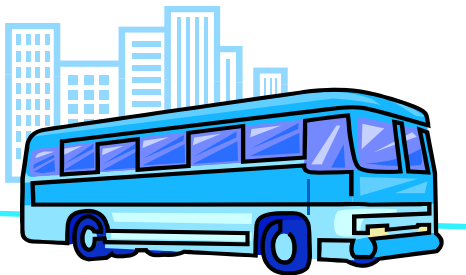
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Though the task given to Nehemiah seemed insurmountable, God was able to accomplish it through him. And when it was done Nehemiah testified, *“This work has been done with the help of our God”* (Nehemiah 6:16). Many Bible scholars and commentators have described the book of Nehemiah as a book on leadership, while others view it as a classic on revival. Though these topics and others are dealt with in the book, the most important element is that Nehemiah was a man of God, and because he was close to God in prayer and integrity, he was able to draw from God the wisdom, patience, skill, and perseverance he needed to complete the task God gave him to do.

May God, who raised up Nehemiah, raise up many in our church like him not only to build physical structures, but spiritual lives in forming Christ in the next generation for God’s glory. It’s time to rise up and build. Take up your trowel and get busy for the Lord this fall!

- **Pastor Lou**

SIGHT AND SOUND BUS TRIP TO SEE “JOSEPH”



Patty De Rosa is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound to see “Joseph”, on Friday, October 1. (Flyers are available on the bulletin board outside the restroom in the church narthex.)

The cost is \$98 per person which covers:

bus, show and family style lunch meal at Hershey Farm.
The bus will be leaving at 2:00 p.m. (lunch will be at 4:30 p.m.; the show is at 7:30 p.m.) and returning at 11:30 p.m.

You need to have all reservations and money in to Patty De Rosa by Sunday, September 19, by mail:

**2924 Putty Hill Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21234**

Make checks payable to:

Patty De Rosa

Any questions, please call Patty at 443-804-6199.

Christian Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Summer is over and that means back to school; new classes and new teachers. That is what is happening in our Sunday School and church time classes also. Our new session begins on Sunday, September 5th. Several of our students will be moving up to a different department with new teachers. Rachel Banner, Will Ficek and Daniel Quievryn will move up to the Senior High class. Josh Banner, Kyle Beck, Matthew Gray, and Jason Hall will move up to the Juniors, and Sarah Hall will move up to the Primary class. We can't forget the Toddlers where Alicia Beck moved in May.

We will have some new teachers in our departments also. Laura Master has graciously signed on to be the teacher for the Toddlers during Sunday School time. Florence Davidovski will be taking the place of Kathy Fagan in the Toddler class for the fall while Kathy teaches the Juniors during church time. Two of our teachers are taking a much needed break from regular teaching. They are Kathy Shields, who has taught for many years in the Primary Sunday School, and JoAnn Beck, who has taught the Junior Sunday School. We will miss them, but we are happy that they will be able to attend an adult Sunday school class. We want to thank them for their dedicated service to our Sunday School classes.

One person we want to give a special thank you to is Laurie Calka who has been the Sunday School Coordinator for many years. She has been instrumental in keeping our Sunday School running so smoothly. We can't thank her enough for all she has done.

God Bless all of our Sunday School and church time teachers. We couldn't reach our children with the Good News of Christ's love for them without your help.

In His Service,

Susan Fox

Sunday School Coordinator





LRPCA WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Sisters in Christ,

It is my prayer that each of you will prayerfully ask the Lord if it is His desire for you to attend the Fall Retreat in Marriottsville.

Clearly, if it is His will, trust fully that in His perfect way He will empower you financially, physically and spiritually to be there.

Be expectant—remembering wherever we are He delights in us and is always ready to lavish us with His love.

In His Service,
Debbie Soukup
WIC President

A few good women needed...

Prayerfully consider if the Lord is calling you to serve on the 2011 Women's Ministry Board.

We are seeking a President and Vice President who serve together to organize the Strawberry Festival, Christmas Tea and potential retreat.

Please contact or talk with Debbie Soukup (410-665-2718) or Lee Goon (410-668-1706).

September 2010 WOMEN'S CIRCLE SCHEDULE

CIRCLE	DATE/TIME	HOSTESS
Elizabeth	Friday, September 24 9:30 a.m.	Gail Parker 410-560-0982
Esther	Wednesday, September 15 12:30 p.m.	Doris Cline 410-319-5128
Hannah	Thursday, September 9 7:15 p.m.	Kathy Fagan 410-847-9234
Rebekah	Thursday, September 9 10:30 a.m.	Edna Thomson 410-905-2786
Ruth	Thursday, September 9 10:30 a.m.	Lillian Sell 410-339-7885
Half-Baked Girls	Monday, September 20 7:00 p.m.	Church Library Fran Donofrio 410-661-5901

2010 WOMEN'S RETREAT

"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

1 Peter 2:5



Speaker:
Elaine Bonds



Deadline to Register:

Sunday, September 19, 2010

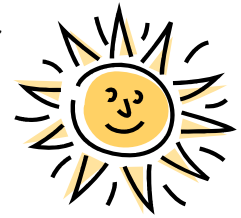
Please complete the registration form (available in the Church narthex) and give to Lee Goon, Church Secretary, along with your non-refundable check payable to Loch Raven Presbyterian Church, or mail to:

Loch Raven Presbyterian Church, 9318 Old Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21234

Registration Fee: \$165.00

Youth NEWS

What an exciting few months it has been for the youth group! In the final month of summer, we had several fun and exciting events where relationships with one another grew stronger. The Lord has blessed our group so much through friendships, and we are very thankful for his love for us.



In the month of August, a small group of us took a trip to Kilgore Falls at Rocks State Park. We swam and stood under the heavy waterfall, and we got a different perspective when we took the trail to the top of the fall to peer down at everything below. It certainly was a very fun day! Also, we had our “back to school” pool party at Sandy Magsamen’s house. You will remember that a few Sundays ago it was overcast and rainy, but we decided to party at the pool anyway! The Lord blessed us with some rain in the beginning – a great opportunity for some teamwork and problem solving in order to set up some shelter and cook the food – and then with 3 hours of no rain! We swam in the pool, ate lots of food, and had a fun game of football in the front yard. Many thanks go out to Sandy M. for all her hard work that day and for opening up her home for the youth group!

As the kids prepare to go back to school (many on Monday, August 30), we had one last event in August. If you had an opportunity to read the Newsletter from last month, you will remember that the youth group had a free bowling party at AMF Timonium Lanes that Ted Shields had won by dropping his business card in the “prize box.” Well, as it turns out, Jeff Meister (who attended our free party) dropped his business card in the prize box when we were leaving, and he won another free party for 20 people! Jeff has graciously donated his prize to the youth group and, by the time you will be reading this, we will have had our second free youth bowling session in two months (Saturday August 28, 2-4PM)! Thank and praise the Lord for his special blessings for his people (and maybe you can also pray that we will win another free session when I drop my card in the box)!

Finally, as the summer is winding down, Laura Master will have completed her summer internship with the youth program; her final week was August 23-27. Laura has done a wonderful job this summer preparing, planning, attending youth group meetings and events, and especially spending time with the young women in the group. Her relationships with the youth have grown, and her Wednesday night girl’s study has been a big hit. She has been a big help to me in so many ways, through attending Beachmont every Tuesday night, giving rides to the youth from here and there, helping plan and attending events, and making sure that things are running smoothly at Youth Fellowship. Praise the Lord for the work that Laura has done this summer! As the Lord calls Laura into other exciting areas of life, we pray that God will reveal to her ways that she can continue using her many gifts and talents at Loch Raven and beyond. I encourage all of you to serve the Lord in some aspect, in some ministry, at LRPC.

Finally, please pray for our group. Pray that the Lord would strengthen us, that we would encourage one another, and that the Lord would continue to bring students to Himself through our group and church. Pray that our students would boldly and clearly share the gospel with their friends at school; encouraging them to visit us at Loch Raven. These are exciting times, and we need to constantly be going to the Lord in prayer for direction and guidance as we faithfully seek to do all these things!

In Christ,
Brad Robson

Brad Robson

Asst. to the Pastor: Youth and Young Families

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LRPCA FAMILY AND OTHER NEWS

CHANGE OF PROCEDURE REGARDING CD COPIES OF SERMONS



The Worship Committee appreciates the donation of blank CDs and cases used to duplicate sermons in the recent past. However, it has been decided to ask once again for \$2.00 per copy to cover the cost of those materials. Envelopes will be provided for use in requesting copies and giving the money to cover the cost. Please complete the form on the envelope and include the money inside, then hand your request and payment envelope to the Tech Team.

ACTC SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

The Board of Deacons thanks the congregation for its generous food donations for the ACTC in August. We received 76 cans of vegetables, 50 cans of soup, 10 boxes of crackers, 27 jars of peanut butter, 26 jars of jelly, and 15 miscellaneous items. Additionally, \$45 was received in cash. Your gifts will be a true blessing to many county residents."



THANK YOU

Dear LRPC Family,

My family and I thank you so much for your prayers, cards, flowers, and the love you have shown to us during this difficult time.

We could feel God's love and peace guiding us the last month with so many decisions to make. We are blessed to have a church that opens their hearts to God.

In His love,

Betty Selby, John Selby, Chris Curreri

CRAFT FOR A CAUSE

Joann's is sponsoring a contest to benefit the contestants and three charities. The contest runs from August 15, 2010 to October 30, 2010. The materials for the project must be purchased from Joann's during this time frame and receipt must be submitted with entry. The item must benefit the charity. With all this in mind, I am requesting anyone interested to make and submit entries (only one entry per person) for the benefit of Milly's Crafty Angels, Inc., non-profit tax ID #80-429642, address is 2924 Putty Hill Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21234.



You can go to www.joann.com, click on community and read all about the contest. Five winners will each received \$1,500 in Joann gift cards, and 3 charities will be chosen winning up to \$50,000.

If you decide to participate, but are unable to make your submission online, please contact me and I will be happy to do this for you.

Patty De Rosa (443-804-6199)

MANY THANKS



The Worship Committee thanks the Ushers for the excellent job they do each Sunday morning. Their warm, friendly greetings make people feel welcome. Let them know you appreciate their faithful service.

LRPCA FAMILY AND OTHER NEWS

2010 PCA GLOBAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

November 5-7, 2010

Chattanooga, TN

Ready to be renewed through great teaching and music? At the PCA Global Missions Conference in Chattanooga, Tenn., November 5-7, you'll hear preaching from plenary speakers Paul Kooistra, coordinator of Mission to the World, and Joe Novenson, senior teaching pastor of Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church.

Featured music will run the gamut, from long-time worship leader Wade Williams to hip-hop artist Shai Linne to the folk music of Eric Johnson and musicians of Redeemer PCA.

To learn more or to register, visit www.mtw.org.

FALL CONCERT

Saturday, September 25th

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

At Faith Theological Seminary
529 Walker Avenue, Baltimore, MD

Featuring

Jacqueline Anderson—Mezzo-Soprano

And

Gloria Hague—Piano



PHOTOGRAPHER

Jennifer Murphree can do photography. She offers affordable rates.

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SAFE HARBOR CHRISTIAN COUNSELING AND WVA CHRISTIAN TALK RADIO (105.1)

Present

Seminar—"For Women Only"

(based on her best seller)

Featuring nationally known author

Shaunti Feldhahn

Saturday, October 23, 2010

2 events—2 locations

1st Event:

Fairfax, VA

Fair Oaks Church—4601 West Ox Road

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Cost \$55

2nd Event:

Lanham, MD

Trinity Assembly of God—7800 Good Luck Road

5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.—Cost \$45

(optional—5:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—hors d'ouvres)

PIANO AND FLUTE STUDIO



Gloria Hague has taught privately, in prep schools and in college. Gloria studied music at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ with a Piano Concentration and finished her Master of Arts in Old Testament at Biblical Theological Seminary. Gloria is married to Stephen Hague and now ministers with him at Faith Theological Seminary, Baltimore, MD.

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MISSION POSSIBLE

September, 2010

Excerpts from **The Richie Report**

From Merrily Richie with MTW

New Life: So much has happened since my last letter I scarcely know where to begin to tell you how the Lord has provided for me and how thankful I am. Adjusting to so many new things and missing my church in South Africa has been a huge challenge, but I knew that would be the case. However, I do NOT miss the safety and crime issues of where I came from. I was never a victim--thank you, Lord!

- I arrived in England from South Africa on April 3 and am settling into living near Manchester.

-I've begun serving the Lord at Grace Fellowship Church (an International Presbyterian Church), which meets in the village of Culcheth.

Renting for six months provides me with the time to purchase furniture and buy a house in which to put it. I've bought no furniture but have begun looking. However, the bid I made for a house in Gorse Covert was accepted and, Lord willing, I'll move during September and October. It's in very good condition and just a few minor things need to be changed, e.g. a shower installed and the colours in the two small bedrooms changed to be more subdued than bright red, dazzling blue, loud purple and hot pink! Doesn't Gorse Covert sound terribly British? I love it

***Please pray that the settlement on the house purchase goes through without any glitches, wisdom for furniture buying, and praise Him for providing all of the above. ***

Support Groups: I've begun training the pastor so he can help me lead *DivorceCare* and a lady to help me lead *GriefShare*: We plan to start the groups in September. The church doesn't have a building so it's been meeting in the local high school. A new school has just been built and we'll begin meeting there in August. Can you believe they purposely built rooms for community use! I've not seen them yet but several are small-ish and can be used for support group meetings. We plan to advertise in many ways so that community people will attend, hear the gospel, and be helped to heal spiritually and emotionally.

Please pray that many people will attend, wisdom for us leaders, that other leaders will emerge next year, and that the groups will be used for God's glory.

Bits: -I'm meeting with/counseling/befriending a lady in the church whose marriage is in a mess.

-I attend a ladies Bible study each week and get together with other ladies one morning/week for a chat and coffee.

-I've already been on an MTW retreat for folks serving in England. It was lovely to meet new folks and re-new acquaintances with others.

Thank you very much for your part in my ministry.

September 2010



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 7:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting	2 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal	3 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship "Stitches of Love" Knitting Group	4
5	6 LABOR DAY	7 9:30 a.m. WIC Council Mtg. 6:15 p.m. TOPS	8 7:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting	9 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	10 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship Book Club Discussion	11
12 S.S. RECOGNITION SUNDAY Gideon Sunday	13 1:30 p.m. Missions Com. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting Deacons Meeting Trustees Meeting	14 6:15 p.m. TOPS	15 1:30 p.m. Logans' Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting	16 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	17 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship "Stitches of Love" Knitting Group	18
19 7:00-8:15 p.m. Christianity Explored	20 6:30 p.m. Building Com. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Half-Baked Girls Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 6:15 p.m. TOPS	22 7:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting	23 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	24 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship	25 7:00-9:30 p.m. Marriage Builders
26 COMMUNION SUNDAY 7:00-8:15 p.m. Christianity Explored	27	28 6:15 p.m. TOPS	29 7:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting	30 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		

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Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Loch Raven Presbyterian Church
exists to glorify God and make known
His eternal and unchanging purpose,
fulfilled through a living relationship
with Jesus Christ.

Rev. Lou Quievryn, Senior Pastor
Brad Robson, Assistant to the Pastor for
Youth and Young Families

Rev. Ralph Kidwell, Pastor of Visitation
Suzanne Woo, Music Director
Pei-Hsin Kao, Accompanist
Lee Goon, Church Secretary

Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday and Friday—The Office is Closed



FALL HAYRIDE AT BEACHMONT CAMP

(This is a joint event with Aisquith PCA)

Saturday, October 9th

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

\$7.00 per person