



October 2010

## LRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

# NEWS CLIP

LOCH RAVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH P.C.A.

## *Reformed, and always Reforming*

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As we move into October, our hearts overflow with gratitude over what God is doing here at Loch Raven. New visitors are coming through our doors, while those already attending are “plugging in” to new avenues of ministry. The work of building and revitalization has begun. Yet as we begin this great task to which God has commissioned us, we should remind ourselves of the great truths for which we are working for. This month is celebrated in many churches in our denomination as “Reformation” month, and will culminate for churches in our area in a Reformation Day joint worship service on October 31<sup>st</sup> at Timonium PCA at 7 p.m. I hope you will join me as we commemorate the day Martin Luther nailed his “95 thesis” to the door of the Wittenberg Church, sparking the Protestant Reformation out of which the Presbyterian Church was born.

Some may wonder, “Why was there a Reformation? Why was it needed?” Those younger to what many of us know as “The Reformed faith” need to understand that the church needed to be reformed because it had abandoned the essentials of the Christian faith and was in great danger of falling into apostasy. We should also keep in mind that at first Luther and other Reformers tried to work within the established church, but they were rejected and persecuted for their efforts; it was only at last resort that the Reformers separated from the established church. As they did, they articulated the essentials of their faith into what has become known as “The five Solas”:

1. ***Sola scriptura*** – “by Scripture alone” – that the bible is the only inspired and authoritative Word of God, is the only source of Christian doctrine, and is accessible to all;
2. ***Sola fide*** – “by faith alone” – that justification (being declared right by God in terms of salvation) is received by faith only, without any mixture of or need for good works;
3. ***Sola gratia*** – “by grace alone” – that salvation comes by God’s grace or ‘unmerited favor’ by the sinner, and is an unmerited gift from God for Jesus’ sake;
4. ***Sola Christo*** – “through Christ alone” – that Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man, and that there is salvation through no other, and;

## *Reformed, and always Reforming (continued)*

5. **Soli Deo Gloria** – “glory to God alone” – that all glory is due to God alone, since salvation is accomplished solely through His grace, will and action.

Though I do not know Latin, these short phrases should mean much to you. Another popular one is “*ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda*,” which means, “the church reformed and always reforming.” The phrase first appeared in a 1674 devotional by Jodocus van Lodenstein, who was involved in the Dutch Second Reformation. According to van Lodenstein and other Reformers who used the phrase, the church was reformed under the Protestant Reformation, but it was always in need of further reformation, according to the Word of God. Now almost five hundred years later, this is still true of the church today. For while the essentials of our faith should be held onto, those elements which are nonessential should be open to freedom.

The Reformers recognized that the one of the greatest dangers to the church was the exaltation of tradition over Scripture. A common expression of this occurs when we do certain things simply because, well, we have always done them that way. Certain traditions can be good, but they can become harmful to a church when they conflict with biblical teaching, or when they hinder the transmission of the gospel of Jesus Christ to a new generation. I am not thinking of any one tradition or event. All I am saying is that we must always hold fast to the essentials of our faith while keeping flexible to those elements which are not. As we endeavor to build and revitalize our church, we need to keep the essentials in mind, yet be open as to how God will express them in new and innovative ways. **Sola Deo Gloria!**

- **Pastor Lou**

### “CONGREGATION ALERT!!!”

Be aware that we will be having our pictures taken for a new Photographic Directory by Olan Mills. Look for the appointment times sign-up sheet in the church narthex. The dates and times for the photographing are Friday, October 29 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:20 p.m., Saturday, October 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., and Monday, November 1 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.



# MISSION POSSIBLE

## October, 2010

BCS has been selected as a candidate for accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Education. Congratulations!

## BALTIMORE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 1

BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2010



### LAYING A SOLID FOUNDATION: *THE CLASSICAL WAY*

Baltimore Christian School is pleased to announce its transition to Classical Education. Classical Christian education seeks to faithfully restore the most proven form of education ever developed. This form of education has produced the greatest thinkers, leaders, and scientists in the Western world from the time of the Greeks until the late 19th century. America's Ivy League colleges followed the classical model and many of America's founding fathers were classically trained.

Classical education depends on a three-part process of training the mind called the Trivium. The first stage is the "Grammar" stage. During the early years of school, students spend time absorbing facts, systematically laying the foundation for advanced learning. The second stage is the "Logic or Dialectic" stage. In the middle years, students begin to pay attention to cause and effect, become more analytical thinkers and experience ways facts fit together in a logical framework. The last stage is the "Rhetoric" stage. At this level students learn how to write and speak with force and originality. Through such rigorous study, virtue is developed in students.

The results of classically trained students are phenomenal. Our students are ready for a more rigorous program. Our teachers are thrilled about the coherence of study and watching their students' potential fully developed. Our parents/guardians are engaged and supportive of having their children taught in a manner that will decrease the achievement gap. The BCS community is elated about this transition and is confident that our students will receive the appropriate learning tools to prepare them to become critical and independent thinkers, eloquent speakers and writers, and confident, strong leaders but more importantly, virtuous.

### SAFETY & CHILD HOOD OBESITY



BCS will offer swimming lessons as a new way to enhance our physical education program. This unique option for our students supports research demonstrating that water skills, are not only good for overall physical health and safety, but can decrease weight, thereby combating childhood obesity, a factor that can affect academic performance. For these reasons, we are encouraging 100% participation. Each student can safely take swim lessons with the assistance and watchful eyes of a certified Water Safety Instructor, three lifeguards and one pool lifeguard, and, in doing so, become healthier physically and mentally.

ACCORDING TO THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, IN 2007, THERE WERE 3,443 FATAL UNINTENTIONAL DROWNINGS IN THE UNITED STATES, AVERAGING TEN DEATHS PER DAY.

# Youth News

Hello Friends!

As the summer has wound down and the students are transitioning back into the busy and demanding school calendar, September was a fairly quiet month for the youth group. At the end of August, the youth enjoyed another free bowling session at Timonium Lanes (the Lord has blessed our group with 3 free bowling sessions in the past year that were won and donated by members and friend of LRPC). As we left the bowling alley, I made sure to drop my business card in the “prize box” with the hopes that the Lord might bless us with yet another free bowling session!



By the time you are reading this, we will have finished our study on the book *Crazy Love* that we have been going over at our Youth Fellowship meetings on Friday nights. It is my hope that the youth were challenged to live an authentic Christian life as they seek to share the gospel with the world. Over the course of the study, we first looked at the character of God. Then, we took time to consider ourselves and we looked at our motivations for serving a holy God who brought us redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ. We questioned whether we are lukewarm Christians or if we are completely obsessed with Jesus. And we talked about all of the things we could give up in order to live a fulfilling and rich life for Christ knowing that our treasures are not of this earth, but of heaven (Mt 6:19-21). Entering into the month of October, there are a variety of new studies that I have been considering for our group. Please stay tuned for the November Newsletter for more information...

Do you enjoy baking or making delicious snacks? If so, the youth group is in need of weekly snacks for our Youth Fellowship meetings on Friday nights from 7-9PM. Currently, there are 3 volunteers who have offered to provide a snack for our meetings, but it is my desire to have 6-8 volunteers on a rotation (1 time every two months)! Some snacks that we have had in the past are: brownies, cupcakes, cookies, chex-mix, dirt-cake, pizza and pizza-rolls, ice cream and Italian Ice, etc... Please feel free to make whatever you would like – we'll eat and enjoy just about anything! We usually have about 15 people on Friday nights and the church will provide drinks. If you would be interested, please contact me ASAP in the church office.

Also, the church house is in need of a working DVD player. If you have a spare one that is collecting dust and you would like to see it being put to good use, please consider donating it to the youth group. It would be a plus if the DVD player came with a remote control, but we would be happy with anything!

Finally, I would like to invite everyone to the Fall Hayride at Beachmont Camp on Saturday, October 9 from 6-8PM. This will be a great opportunity for our church to come together for a fun evening on a fall night. More details and the sign-up sheet can be found in the church narthex. Bring the entire family and invite your friends and neighbors!

Brad Robson

Asst. to the Pastor: Youth and Young Families

Loch Raven PCA | Baltimore, MD

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# DEACONS' CORNER

## 2010 ACTC THANKSGIVING DINNER COLLECTION

This Thanksgiving season, our church family has the opportunity to participate in a special food collection through the Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC).

Each year the ACTC assists the Baltimore County Dept. of Social Services by providing Thanksgiving food "baskets" to families in need. The combined efforts of the Towson community and the ACTC supporting churches have always been outstanding. Last year these efforts benefited 2,800 families. This was the highest number of baskets distributed during the 24 year history of the ACTC.

Below is a list of items requested by the Center for distribution. **Please purchase only the items listed in the sizes indicated.** Donations may be brought to the church narthex on October 17, October 24, and October 31.

In addition to individuals donating a "basket", Sunday school classes, WIC circles, small groups, and groups of friends are encouraged to work together on completing "baskets". Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in this year's collection.

**"Baskets"** – Help the Center "go green" by using reusable grocery bags; otherwise, items should be packed in double paper grocery bags inserted in double plastic bags, or an appropriate sized box.

Please identify on each container whether its contents are COMPLETE or INCOMPLETE. Incomplete containers should be marked with what is missing.

**God bless your caring and sharing!!**

- 1 can sweet potatoes/yams (23-29 oz can)
- 2 cans meat/main dish (ex.: beef stew or chili) (15-24 oz cans)
- 1 large can fruit (20-30 oz can)
- 4 cans vegetables (ex.: green beans, corn, peas) (15 oz cans)
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 2 pkg. macaroni and cheese
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 cake or brownie mix
- 1 bag or box of stuffing mix
- 1 lb. bag or box of rice

**Please bring your donations to the church narthex by October 31.**

# The Trustees' Toolbox



The Board of Trustees did not meet during the month of August and we resumed our monthly meeting schedule by meeting on Monday, September 13th. A major meeting topic dealt with a letter sent to our church on August 24th by the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management. Our storm water management pond was inspected on August 19th as part of a three year maintenance inspection schedule. The inspector discovered evidence of potential serious structural damage to the ponds 19 year old storm water control structures. Also, even though a substantial number of trees and shrubs were removed from the pond during our April spring clean-up, the inspector has determined that virtually all of the vegetation in the entire facility must be removed and kept from growing back.

To bring our facility into compliance with County code and pass inspection, we are going to resolve this issue with a two phase plan. The first part of the plan will deal with the removal of the vegetation from the pond. This must be done before the repair and construction second phase can begin. The letter makes it clear that the work to bring our storm water facility up to standard must be performed by professional contractors and will require the services of a professional engineer. Thankfully, Paul Lee, the designer of the facility, is our professional engineer and has already taken steps to share our plans with the County and our intentions to be in full compliance. Also, Bob Benson, our primary contractor for the storm water management apartment law suit, has graciously volunteered to act as our advisor on the construction phase of the project.

A big thanks to Dan and Laura Master for the great job they did trimming and weeding the gardens in front of the church. Also, Dan replaced the non-functioning speakers in the narthex.

The six handicapped parking spaces in the parking lot have been painted with the blue and white handicapped symbol. The Trustees are now in the process of helping with the process of formulating next years budget.

Please feel free to contact any Trustee regarding information in this article or any comments or concerns.

In His service,  
Church Soukup  
Head Trustee



# LRPCA WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

## October 2010 WOMEN'S CIRCLE SCHEDULE

CIRCLE	DATE/TIME	HOSTESS
Elizabeth	Friday, October 29 9:15 a.m.	Marilyn Fisher 410-676-6585
Esther	Wednesday, October 20 12:30 p.m.	Joanne Stevenson 410-661-3040
Hannah	Thursday, October 14 7:15 p.m.	Sandy Magsamen 410-687-6090
Rebekah	Thursday, October 14 10:30 a.m.	TO BE DETERMINED
Ruth	Thursday, October 14 10:30 a.m.	Lois Hays 410-821-5825
Half-Baked Girls	Monday, October 4 7:00 p.m.	Church Library Fran Donofrio 410-661-5901

*"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask in prayer."* Matthew 21:22

Dear Ladies:

"Have you ever considered that your lack of ability, talent or skill is the ideal setting for a great display of Christ's power and glory? If you are willing to submit to His leading and venture into the scary yet rewarding territory of faith and obedience, He will do great things in and through you." (Charles Stanley)

Please pray that God will raise up His people for our WIC Board and if you may be that person.

Debbie Soukup

### 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.



# TECH BYTE

OCTOBER, 2010

WE THANK THE CONGREGATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE TECH TEAM. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS AND ENCOURAGEMENT. OUR PURPOSE IS TO SERVE THE LORD AND TO ENSURE THAT THE CONGREGATION IS ABLE TO HEAR AND SEE EVERYTHING THAT IS COMMUNICATED DURING THE SERVICE.

RECENTLY NEW SPEAKERS WERE INSTALLED IN THE NARTHEX TO REPLACE THE OLD ONES, WHICH WERE NOT FUNCTIONING CORRECTLY. THESE SPEAKERS WERE DONATED BY MEMBERS WHO WERE AWARE OF THE PROBLEM.

PATTY DE ROSA HAS JOINED THE TEAM AND HAS TRAINED TO OPERATE THE SOUND EQUIPMENT. THERE IS STILL A NEED FOR OPERATORS WHO ARE AVAILABLE DURING THE DAY AND/OR ON SATURDAYS. **TRAINING IS PROVIDED FOR ANYONE WHO VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE IN THIS WAY.**

PLEASE CONTACT BARBARA REED IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE THE LORD BY TRAINING TO OPERATE THE SOUND SYSTEM.



**Divorced?**

**Separated?**

Find Help—Discover Hope

Experience Healing

DivorceCare is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced.

**JOIN US!!**

Beginning Wednesday, October 6, 2010 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at **Central Presbyterian Church**, 7308 York Road, Towson, Maryland, 21204. This nationally recognized weekly Biblically based program will assist in promoting healing and the restoration of balance in the lives of those experiencing separation and divorce. For more information and registration contact:

**Brad Sanner—410-227-6530—KX3P@aol.com**

**Lori Williams—410-218-4901—Lander60@gmail.com**

**www.divorcecare.com for program description**

# FRIENDSHIP DINNER CLUB 2011



It's time to sign up for next year's dinner club. If you are an **adult, single or married**, and would like to be included, please complete the information requested below and return it to Barbara Reed. If you have any questions, ask her in person or call her at 410-828-9350. After **December 5**, she will set up the schedule for the year.

**How does the club work?** Barbara will prepare a schedule for the year, indicating the host(s) and guests for each dinner. Each person/couple will host ONE dinner and be a guest at TWO dinners. Once the schedule and directory of participants is published, the responsibility belongs to the designated host(s). That person/couple contacts the assigned guests and sets a mutual date for the dinner. In addition, plans for the meal will be made. The host prepares the meat dish and drinks, and the guests provide either vegetable, salad, or dessert. The end result is a social opportunity in which the labor is shared so that all can enjoy the food, companionship, and friendship which develops.

You don't sign up for life; **each participant needs to complete the form and return it to Barbara.**

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I/We would like to be included in the Friendship Dinner Club for 2011.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a preference for hosting at a particular time of the year, please circle it.

January-April

May-August

September-December

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If you would like to be listed as a **substitute** rather than as a participant for all three dinners, please complete the name and address information and circle the word **substitute**.

**Substitute**

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Please return this form to Barbara Reed by December 5, 2010.

# LRPCA FAMILY AND OTHER NEWS



## **Christus Victor's Annual Fall Indoor Flea Market**

*To benefit the 'Sunday School'*

*9833 Harford Road*

*Parkville, Maryland*

*410-668-8089*

*Saturday,*

*October 16, 2010*

*7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

**Rain or Shine**

**The church with the red roof  
donations accepted**

## **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

### **Radio Account Executive Position**

**SALES: WRBS AM/FM.** If you are determined and persuasive, WRBS AM/FM has an opportunity for you! This is a full-time sales career opportunity for the right person with a desire to work in a professional, family-friendly environment. Earn top sales commission with full benefits. If you have 3+ years of successful outside sales experience, are knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the mission of WRBS AM/FM, send your resume and cover letter to: Nancy Duncan, Director of Sales at [jobs@wrbs.com](mailto:jobs@wrbs.com), or fax 410-247-4533. No phone calls. Must be received by October 30, 2010. EOE.



## **KEN MANSFIELD**

Former Beatles Manager and  
Nationally Recognized Recording  
Executive of Apple Records  
Saturday, October 16, 2010  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### **WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- Praise & Worship Music to engage our hearts & minds
- Door prizes & fun events planned
- Testimony: Hear Ken Mansfield tell of his "long and winding road" that passed through the fab four and ended in the arms of the one.

### **TICKET PRICING**

- At the Door—\$15 each
- Pre-Event (before Oct. 6th) - \$12 each
- Family 4 Pack—\$10 each (\$40 for 4)

[tickets@heartofamanconference.com](mailto:tickets@heartofamanconference.com)

Hosted by:

Chapelgate Presbyterian Church  
2600 Marriottsville Road  
Marriottsville, MD 2110

Presented by:

Heart Of A Man  
Mid-Atlantic Conference  
[www.heartofamanconference.com](http://www.heartofamanconference.com)

### **MORE INFORMATION**

E-mail us at [info@heartofamanconference.com](mailto:info@heartofamanconference.com)

# October 2010



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship Knitting Group 7:30 p.m. First Fridays	2
3 3:00—5:00 p.m. Four Hands Piano Recital 7:00—8:15 p.m. Christianity Explored	4 1:30 p.m.—Missions Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.—Build. Com. 7:00 p.m.—Half-Baked Girls Bible Study	5 6:15 p.m. TOPS	6 1:30 p.m. Logans' Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting	7 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship	9 6:00—8:00 p.m. Fall Hayride at Beachmont
10 7:00—8:15 p.m. Christianity Explored <b>ACTC Thanksgiving Dinner Collection</b>	11 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting Deacons Meeting Trustees Meeting 8th-12th Grade Girls Bible Study	12 6:15 p.m. TOPS	13 7:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting	14 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	15 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship "Stitches of Love" Knitting Group	16 10:00—3:00 Session Retreat
17 7:00—8:15 p.m. Christianity Explored <b>ACTC Thanksgiving Dinner Collection</b>	18 6:30 p.m. Building Committee Meeting	19 6:15 p.m. TOPS	20 1:30 p.m.—Logans' Bible Study 7:30 p.m.—Congregational Prayer Mtg. <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	21 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	22 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship	23
24 7:00—8:15 p.m. Christianity Explored <b>ACTC Thanksgiving Dinner Collection</b>	25 7:00 p.m. 8th-12th Grade Girls Bible Study	26 6:15 p.m. TOPS	27 7:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting	28 7:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	29 2:00—9:20 p.m. Church Directory Photos 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship	30 9:00 a.m.—5:20 p.m. Church Directory Photos 7:00—9:30 p.m. Marriage Builders
31 <b>COMMUNION</b> 6:00 p.m.—Reformation Service @ Timonium 7:00—8:15 p.m.—Christianity Explored <b>ACTC Thanks Dinner Collection</b>						

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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

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

*Wednesday and Friday—The Office is Closed*



**Time to discover...who Jesus is, why he  
came, and what it means to follow him**

**Sunday Evenings, 7:00—8:15 p.m.**

**INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS**