



January 2011

NEWS CLIP

LRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

LOCH RAVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH P.C.A.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

“2011: Mission or Maintenance”

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As I flipped over my desk calendar this week to the New Year of 2011, I was reminded of how quickly the last year had passed, as well as how much I had left undone that I wished I had accomplished. As I pondered all those unfinished tasks I was convicted by the Holy Spirit over how much time I had spent in reacting to life rather than proactively influencing the world around me. Was this true for you also? Did you spend more time maintaining what you have rather than pursuing the mission God has for you to do?

In his parable of the Talents, Jesus speaks of three servants who were given different sums of money by their master, as well as a mission to “buy and sell” them before he came back. Two out of the three servants were faithful in doing exactly just that, and as a result had much fruit to show for their work. However, the servant who was entrusted with only one talent apparently ignored his mission and tried to protect what he had. And so when his master came to receive an accounting for what he had done, he said to his master, ***“Lord, I knew you that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter. I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the earth. Behold, you have what is yours.”*** It was a lame excuse for someone overly concerned with protecting what he had, and so he received a rebuke from his master: ***“You wicked and slothful servant. You knew that I reap where I didn’t sow, and gather where I didn’t scatter. You ought therefore to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back my own with interest. Take away therefore the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will be given, and he will have abundance, but from him who doesn’t have, even that which he has will be taken away. Throw out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”*** (Matthew 25:24-30).

Although some may think this parable is very harsh, it shows us that God will hold us accountable for the gifts he has entrusted to us. He expects us to use the resources he has given us in serving others, not to keep a “safety net” for ourselves. Although at times this may put us feeling a bit insecure and “over-extended,” God wants to launch His church out on exciting missions for His kingdom that will stretch our faith and trust in Him, resulting in real growth. This is best seen in the parable by the fact that the servants who launched out on their mission and used what was entrusted to them gained more talents.

God has blessed LRPC with so many gifts – whether they be good health (time), ability (talent) or treasure (finances). Are we overly concerned with protecting what we have, or are we focused on the mission God has commanded us to do – to share the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ with to those in our community in different ways so that they will be given the opportunity to become His disciples?

People of Loch Raven Presbyterian Church, join me in 2011 in seeking God’s kingdom first, trusting that He will take care of the rest (Matthew 6:33). Don’t hold back, but join me as we launch out in Mission, being willing to challenge the status quo. Who knows what God can do with a people who will believe God to change the world through them?

- *Pastor Lou*



EVANGELISM EXPLOSION
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EVANGELISM EXPLOSION

NEW CLASSES FORMING

Evangelism Explosion classes are **now** forming for winter (January 2011) and fall (September 2011). Learn to share your faith with family, friends, co-workers and others in an organized manner, how to recognize opportunities, how to gain the right to present your faith, logically explain your beliefs, answer feedback efficiently, and to fill the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.” See Pastor Lou, Keith Goodson, or Elaine Eaton for more information or to register for the classes.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual congregational meeting to receive LRPC Annual Reports and to elect officers and a nominating committee for 2011 is scheduled for Friday, January 28, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. If inclement weather causes the cancelation of the meeting, the snow date will be Friday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee makes the following nominations for officers on the church boards. Further nominations from the congregation may be submitted until January 14, 2010, which is two weeks before the Annual Congregational Meeting of January 28, 2010.

If you want nominate someone from the floor, please ascertain the willingness of that person to serve prior to your nomination. Nominees from the floor will also need to be approved by Session prior to the congregational meeting.

Nominated Officers

Elders (none)

Deacons

(Class of 2013)

Pat Kirschenhofer

Leland Knight

Patti Palmisano

Joanne Stevenson

(Class of 2012)

Miriam Logan

Trustees

(Class of 2013)

Dan Master

Carol Sweeney

TECH TEAM REMINDER

If you desire a CD copy of the sermon/anthem, please complete an envelope order-payment form (located on the shelf of the booth) and give it to one of the Tech Team members. That person will log it in our record book, noting your name, date of service requested, number of copies and amount of money enclosed in the envelope. The CD will be made as soon as possible, labeled with your name, and placed on the shelf for pickup. The date of delivery will also be logged in the record book. Then the coordinator will send the envelope to the team that counts church offerings.



MISSION POSSIBLE

January, 2011

The following items are quoted from a Wycliffe Bible Translators' pamphlet.

Pray for Missionaries: Seven Prayer Tools from the Apostle Paul.

1. **Pray for Open Doors.** *"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message..."* Colossians 4:2-3 (NIV)
 - Pray that God will open doors of ministry, blessing partnerships and friendships.
 - Pray that those who serve will be led by the Holy Spirit and recognize open-door opportunities.
 - Pray that God will lead His people past barriers to hearts ready to receive His Word.
2. **Pray for Boldness In Witness.** *"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel..."* Ephesians 6:19 (NIV)
 - Pray that missionaries will have boldness to overcome the fear of embarrassment or failure.
 - Pray that the Spirit will provide them with words that communicate effectively in other cultures and languages.
 - Pray against evil forces that would seek to hinder the spread of the gospel.
3. **Pray that God's Word Will Spread.** *"Finally, dear brothers and sisters, I ask you to pray for us. Pray first that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes..."* 2 Thessalonians 3:1 (NLT)
 - Pray for strength and stamina as missionaries encounter antagonistic spiritual forces.
 - Pray that people will resist Satan's plans to obstruct the spread of the gospel.
 - Pray that God's Word will indeed spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes.
4. **Pray for Protection.** *"Pray, too, that we will be saved from wicked and evil people, for not everyone believes in the Lord."* 2 Thessalonians 3:2 (NLT)
 - Pray that God will keep Christian workers safe from those who seek to hurt them.
 - Pray that God will change the hearts of those who are resistant to His Word.
5. **Pray for Their Ministry** *"Pray...that my service in Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints there..."* Romans 15:31 (NIV)
 - Pray that the missionary's ministry and attitude will be worthy of acceptance.
 - Pray that colleagues and fellow believers will be supportive.
6. **Pray for God's Guidance.** *"Pray...so that by God's will I may come to you with joy..."* Romans 15:31-32 (NIV)
 - Pray for clear guidance from God regarding travel decisions.
 - Pray for necessary permissions to travel.
 - Pray for protection and provision during their travels.
7. **Pray for Refreshment.** *"Pray that I may...together with you be refreshed."* Romans 15:31-32 (NIV)
 - Pray that God will provide opportunities for missionaries in lonely areas to spend time with other believers.
 - Pray that God will provide times of peace and relaxation to refresh His workers.
 - Pray that God will encourage missionaries with the knowledge that people back home care about their emotional well-being.

Youth NEWS

As the month of December is wrapping up, the Youth at Loch Raven have enjoyed a very busy month of events! On Friday, December 17, the Youth Group celebrated our annual Christmas in Hawaii event. Brian and Carol Sweeney graciously opened up their home to about 25 students. We started the night off by going to Towson Mall for a very fun picture scavenger hunt that Patti DeRosa put together (Patti, thank you so much!). The group came back to the Sweeney's; winners were declared; and we enjoyed, among other snacks, Hawaiian Pizza. Brian Sweeney then led a short devotional focusing on the significance of the birth of Christ. Mr. Sweeney challenged us with passages from Genesis, Luke, and Hebrews, that looked at God's plan for saving us in his Son, Jesus Christ. Then, we exchanged gifts through our annual gift-exchange. Popular items were a cheetah Snuggie, an iPod case, and the DVD, *Despicable Me*. We wrapped the night up with a limbo competition; it came down to Justin Sweeney and Jessica Betzel, and Jessica pulled out for the win. Below are a few pictures of the groups at Towson Mall. Special thanks go out to the Sweeney's for opening their home to all of us, to Patti DeRosa for taking the time to put together the clues for such an amazing scavenger hunt, and to Laurie Calka, Sue Banner, and Laura Master for driving the Youth to and from the mall. This event could not have happened or gone so smoothly without all of your help!

The Rock-In Lock-In will be on December 30th at 7PM to December 31st 7AM. We have all kinds of fun games planned: Mission Impossible, Musical Body Parts, Hockey, Human Bowling, etc. We also will have a time of worship, singing many of the Youth's favorite worship songs. There will also be a time for the students to reflect on their memories from this past year; specifically focusing on certain ways the Lord has worked in their lives. As the night progresses into the late morning, we will be watching a DVD on the projector. Before the Youth head off, we'll have a pancake breakfast. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the event!

Please continue to pray for our group, and that the Lord would continue to grow us spiritually, but also, that the Lord would continue to grow our group by bringing in new Youth to our weekly Fellowship meetings.

Blessings in the New Year,

Brad Robson



Brad Robson

Asst. to the Pastor: Youth and Young Families

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Your Invitation to LRPC's

LOVE Conference

Falling in Love Is Easy, Staying in Love Requires a Plan

Loch Raven Presbyterian Church, affiliated with the PCA, is proud to present a Valentine LOVE Conference for our congregation and your family and friends. This conference will be filled with lots of humor and practical insights on *staying in love based on sound biblical principles*. In today's fast-paced culture, we cannot afford to neglect our dating and marriage relationships by not having a plan.

We all know what's required to fall in love...a pulse! Falling in love is easy. But staying there---that's something else entirely. With more than a thousand matchmaking services available today and new ones springing up all the time, finding a romantic match can be easier than ever. But staying together seems to be the real challenge.

The LOVE Conference will be presented in two sessions.

- Friday, Feb. 11th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday Feb 12th, 9:30 am - 2:30 p.m.

Child Care and Lunch will be provided for all that register

*Register your **family and friends TODAY** to join us @*

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Contact Name _____

Phone _____ / email _____

of Participants _____ # for Lunch including children _____

Childcare

in Cribbery _____ # of Toddlers _____ # of Pre-Teens _____

LOVE Conference Registration

The Trustees' Toolbox



The Board of Trustees' monthly meeting was held on Monday, December 13, 2010.

We are happy to announce that after a re-inspection of the recent storm water management renovations at the back of the church property, Baltimore County granted approval to the project. Hereafter, inspections will be performed every three years. The cost of this project was kept under \$10,000. We very much appreciate the effort and thoughtfulness given to this unforeseen issue from Mr. Paul Lee, of our congregation, and Mr. Bob Benson, who assisted LRPC with the previous parking lot drainage issue. Both men donated much time to oversee this project.

The potholes at the street end of the driveway will be temporarily patched as needed throughout the winter months. As better weather sets in, they will be properly repaired and filled.

Many thanks to Sue and Tim Freeman for coordinating the new plantings by the Old Harford Road church sign. We hope to draw attention to the church by maintaining this area and making it more attractive to visitors. Spring bulbs were also planted by the Board at the front door of the church and in the island at the upper parking lot.

Finally, we would like to recognize Diana Knight as she completes her service on the Board next month. Diana has served faithfully for many years and we appreciate her dedication and creativity for the Lord's service.

For the glory of the Lord,
Nancy Stagge



LOVE Conference

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HELP WANTED!

The dates and times for the "Staying in Love" Conference for married couples are Friday, February 11, from 7:00—9:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 12, from 9:30—2:30. Because we want every couple to attend if they can, we are planning to offer child care for those children ages infant up through grade 5. Of course, in order to do this, we need to staff three to four classrooms. If you would be interested in helping, even if only for a few hours, please contact Jo Beck (cell # 443-722-7827 or email jo_beck52@yahoo.com).

We want to focus on three scriptures, Gal. 5:22-23, Eph. 4:32, and Ex. 20:12, and offer crafts, music, videos, and free play. The easiest way to describe it is "VBS in condensed form."

If you can help, please contact Jo Beck as soon as possible so we can be prepared to offer an interesting and enjoyable time for any child that may attend.



LRPCA WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

January 2011 WOMEN'S CIRCLE SCHEDULE

CIRCLE	DATE/TIME	HOSTESS
Elizabeth	Friday, January 28 9:15 a.m.	Gail Parker 410-560-0982
Esther	Wednesday, January 12 12:30 p.m.	Joanne Stevenson 410-661-3040
Hannah	Thursday, January 13 6:00 p.m.	Lee Goon 410-410-668-1706
Rebekah	Thursday, January 13 10:30 a.m.	Sharon Mariani 410-828-8142
Ruth	Thursday, January 13 11:30 a.m.	Kathryn Fagan 410-828-9468
Half-Baked Girls	Monday, January 3 7:00 p.m.	Charlotte Kidwell 443-365-9224

Circle Leaders and WIC Officers

Please Mark Your Calendars

There will be a meeting on Saturday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. Please plan to attend!



LRPCA WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Happy New Year to All!

We had a wonderful time at our Christmas Tea, and were refreshed by the singing of the Bell Arte singers from Annapolis Christian School. At the end of the program we were encircled by the girls as we all stood and sang Silent Night together. What a lovely night to behold. If you were unable to attend, you missed a really great time.

As the new President of WIC, I would like to say thank you to Debbie Soukup and Lee Goon for their service over the past year as President and Vice President. If you or anyone you know of who would like to serve as Vice President, please contact me.

Our purpose is “that every woman in the church know Christ personally and be committed to extending His Kingdom in her life, home, church, community, and throughout the world.” If you have any ideas on how we as a body of “Women In the Church” can do this, I would gladly welcome them. I encourage each woman that is not already involved in a circle to consider joining one this year, or see me for more information.

In Christ,

Patty De Rosa, WIC President



Dear Women in the Church,

I want to express my deep gratitude for the very generous gift card to Lifeway Christian Bookstore presented to me at the Christmas Tea.

It was a privilege to serve as WIC President. It goes without saying that Lee Goon as Vice-President was wonderful as my guide and mentor. But as a team, we could never have accomplished anything without the prayers and hard work of the many willing servants who came alongside of us.

May God continue to grow us into the women in the church He desires us to be.

Your sister in Christ,

Debbie Soukup



Christian Education



Children's Church News



Thank you goes to our Junior Children's Church teachers for the Fall Quarter (September to November, Ms Kathy Fagan and her Assistant, Matt Calka. The children began a survey of the the books of the Bible. In this second quarter, our teachers are Ms. Sandy Magsamen and her assistant, Rachel Banner (December only). During this month, they are completing Advent lessons and will then continue with the Bible survey.

We are without an assistant in January and February. If anyone would be willing to help for January, or February, or both, please call the church office or Marilyn Fisher. We would greatly appreciate your help.

Thanks to ALL our Children's Church teachers and their Assistants throughout the year who share God's Word with the children during the second half of the church service. God bless ALL of you!

Marilyn Fisher

Children's Church Coordinator



MARRIAGE BUILDER BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP

All are invited to attend the Marriage Builder Bible Study & Fellowship Meetings. Come as often as you like or when you can. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2011, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., in the Church House. The current study is described at <http://ekwihs.blogspot.com/2010/10/communications-keys.html>. Contact Keith Wawrzyniak at 410-574-3867 for more information.



JANUARY 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Marriage Builders 7:00-9:00 p.m.
2	3 Missions Committee 1:30 Half-Baked Girls 7:00 pm 8th-12th Grade Girls Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	4 TOPS 6:15 p.m.	5 Logan Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.	6 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m.	7 Knitting Group 7:00 p.m.	8
9	10 Session Mtg. Deacon Mtg. Trustees Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	11 TOPS 6:15 p.m.	12 Congregational Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.	13 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m.	14 Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m.	15 WIC Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.
16 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE MONDAY 1/17 →	17 Building Committee 6:30 p.m. 8th-12th Grade Girls Bible Study 7:00 p.m.	18 TOPS 6:15 p.m.	19 Logan Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Congregational Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.	20 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m.	21 Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Knitting Group 7:00 p.m. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22
23	24	25 TOPS 6:15 p.m.	26 Congregational Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.	27 Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m.	28 CONGREGATION MEETING 7:00 P.M.	29 Marriage Builders 7:00-9:00 p.m.
30 COMMUNION 	31 8th-12th Grade Girls Bible Study 7:00 p.m.					

LRPCA FAMILY AND OTHER NEWS



To our LRPC Family—

Rev. Quievryn, Rev. Kidwell, Brad Robson, Suzanne Woo, Pei-Hsin Kao, Kathy Fagan, and I (Lee Goon) would like to thank everyone for your generous Christmas gift. We count it a joy and a blessing to serve the Lord Jesus Christ here at LRPC with you. We are blessed by your encouraging words, prayers, and faithful support. Thank you very much!!

In His love,

Rev. Quievryn, Rev. Kidwell, Rev. Jones, Suzanne Wood, Pei-Hsin Kao, Kathy Fagan, and Lee Goon



Christian Business Men's Connection NEWS

CBMC Maryland Employment

CBMC has collaborated with CBN, the Christian Business Network, to establish a Christian Career Network where it is free to post a resume and search for jobs. If you have a need for this service, visit their website, <http://christiancareernet.com>. Check for other networking opportunities at <http://md.cbmc.com>.

CBMC will hold a seminar, "Financial Issues Job Seekers Face," on January 26, 2011 at Site Support Service, 10915 McCormick Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21013. Reservations are required. Send your reservation and contact information to cbwhitmore@cbmc.com.

CBMC Annual Men's Conference

CBMC will be holding its 2011 East Coast Conference at the Gateway Gettysburg Wyndham Hotel. The theme of the conference will be "Return to the Battlefield – Telling Our Story." Speakers include Kelly Wright, co-anchor of "FOX and Friends Weekend" and Dave Kreuger, Search Ministries and former chaplain for the PGA and Orioles. Advance registration is required. Please visit www.cbmc.com for pricing and registration information.

A Sunday Brunch

To celebrate the baby due in February to

Sarah and Stevie Shaffer

(Patty DeRosa's daughter and son-in-law)

Will be held at Calvary Lutheran

2625 E. Northern Parkway

On January 9, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by January 2 to 410-254-7249



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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 and Kathy Fagan, Church

Secretaries

Austin Kenly, Church Treasurer

Church Office Hours

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

Tuesday and Friday—The Office is Closed



Friday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Congregational Meeting

for the purpose of electing new officers

Please plan to attend as a quorum is needed.