

LRPC NEWSCLIP



MAY 2011

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Youth News

April was a month for the youth group to “slow down” a bit. As we had a great time in March going to the IMPACT High School Conference and the Baltimore Blast Christian Youth Night Concerts. April was a month where we focused on getting back in the groove with our weekly Friday Night Fellowship meetings.

We have been continuing to move through the book of James, and we have just wrapped up the fourth chapter. During our Friday Night Fellowships, we focused on three questions that James asks us from this chapter: Who are you to judge your neighbor? What is your life? And, If you know what things are good (or right) to do, then why don't you do them? These questions are vital if we desire to learn who we are in our sinful nature, and who God is as a holy God. Our discussions focused on whom we judge,

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Keeping Christ Pre-eminent

In All Things

Congregational News

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

At the called congregational meeting of April 10, 2011, the following people were elected to serve on the Pastor Search Committee: Brian Sweeney (Session), Miriam Logan (Deacons), Sue Freeman (Trustees), and these members elected from the congregation: Keith Wawrzyniak, Chuck Holzman, Carol Holzman, Trish Spicer, Eileen Royce and Leland Knight. Please keep this group in your prayers as they seek the Lord's will for a new pastor for LRPC. Their first meeting will be on Monday, May 2.

PRAYER MEETING CHANGES

Part of what God is all about in our community and our church is through consistent and conscientious prayer. Our Congregational Prayer Meeting is held each Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room. The meeting lasts just one hour. Please consider attending and supporting this vital work of LRPC as often as you are able.

In addition to praying for concerns of the congregation that have been shared on the weekly prayer cards, each week there will be a special focus for prayer. Our prayer focus on April 20th was for Missions; on April 27th, the focus was on our Choir. During May, the focus on the first Wednesday of the month, May 4, will be for Session. The emphasis on the next two weeks will be the Board of Deacons and the Board of Trustees. These groups : Missions, Choir, Session, Deacons, and Trustees, will part of a regular rotation for prayer, with other groups and needs added as necessary. Check the Sunday bulletin for the current week's prayer emphasis. If you are unable to join the prayer meeting that week, please be in prayer for the focus group in your private and family prayer times.

Youth News continued...

why we judge them, and if we as Christians should be (or should not be) judging those who are clearly in the wrong. We also discussed the importance of going through life with the focus being dedicated to the will of God, not to the will of ourselves. Finally, we talked about the famous problem for Christians: knowing what is good and right to do, but failing to do it. Paul struggles with this problem in Romans when he says, "I know what I should do but I do not do it. I know what I should not do, but I do it!" The Youth Group particularly liked this discussion through chapter four of James.



Also, on April 15th, the youth group had our first "Mystery Night!" On a typical Mystery Night, the youth will be told how much money to bring for the event and to bring a special item. These Mystery Nights are another way we are trying to encourage the students to invite a friend to visit our Youth Group for the first time—something I have called "outreach nights" in the previous Newsletters. For our first Mystery Night, the students were told to bring \$5 and a bib. We went to the Prigel Family Creamery, in Glen Arm,

MD (off of Manor Rd) for Ice Cream cones and sundaes. Thank you to Sue and Josh Banner, and Ashley Robson for driving the students! Stay tuned for more Mystery Nights in May or June!

Finally, please be in prayer for the students we have who are seniors in High School. As they are finishing up the school year, they are studying for exams and also getting ready for that next phase in their lives when they will move from the familiar to the unfamiliar. Particularly, please be in prayer for: Jen Quivern, Alex Woo, Jessica Betzel, and Joe Banner. We are so excited to see how God will work in and through them for His glory!

In Christ,

Brad Robson

Assistant to the Pastor:

Youth and Young Families

TRUSTEES' TOOLBOX

The Board of Trustees' monthly meeting was held on Monday, April 11, 2011.

Kitchen Inspection by Baltimore County...

An inspector from Baltimore County made an unannounced inspection of the church kitchen on April 5. At that time, it was noted that the freezers were turned off again. The inspector had Lee Goon call her several hours after the units had been turned on again to report the working temperature. The freezer passed inspection.

The hot water heater in the church needs to always be turned on for proper hand washing in all lavatory and kitchen sinks.

The hand-washing sink in the church kitchen was not working at the time of the inspection. This sink as well as the sink in the church house bathroom was fixed on April 7. The plumber recommended the purchase of a new sink/vanity in the church house, that being cheaper in the long run than continual repairs. Trustees agreed to have a new sink/vanity installed.

Carol Sweeney will be attending the kitchen management class offered by the county. This will qualify her to ensure we are compliant with food safety regulations.

A new church phone system was installed on April 18. This new system replaces our system that was purchased over twenty years ago. The vendor provided a training session so that the secretaries could learn to use all the new features. People calling in should experience clearer lines and the ability to direct a phone

message to the intended person. Visitors will be able to access directions and service hours automatically. Staff will be able to direct calls and access their line from all extensions. This new phone system will be transferable to the planned building addition in the future. Please be patient with the secretaries as they learn how to operate all of the features of our new system. Thanks to Kathy Kreyling for coming in to record the phone messages.

The leak in the ceiling of the church house front meeting room was repaired. Plans are moving forward to also replace the ceiling in that room and install ceiling fans.

A financial audit of our organization is still in the planning stages re: cost and time frames (years) to be examined. Session and Trustees are working together to complete this important process.

Thank you to Tim and Sue Freeman for taking care of the garden spot on Old Harford Road. Sue also spent many hours reorganizing Trustee files.

The Trustees agreed that we would be conservative when reviewing and approving new projects and/or maintenance issues in order to avoid possible conflicts or duplication with potential church building expansion.

Thank you to the many people who came out on Clean-up Day on April 30. Your efforts on behalf of the church are greatly appreciated.

For the glory of the Lord,

Nancy Stagge

MISSION POSSIBLE

China Outreach Ministries



China Outreach Ministries we believe that these are days of unprecedented opportunity with the top thinkers of the largest country in the world. As we have often said, *"the future of China is in America today."*

We have been greatly blessed by a Godly heritage and vision, committed staff, faithful financial and prayer partners, and a growing number of volunteers. And it is obvious that it is time to press forward for the numbers of Chinese scholars and students coming to American universities continue to increase.*

But greatest of all is that there are many Chinese who have been transformed through knowing Jesus Christ. And many are making a difference for Him through their professional connections in China. This report gives you a glimpse of how your giving has made a difference in the lives of China's future leaders. Thank you for helping to make this possible.

The door is open--and your prayer support and generous investment are key elements that make it possible for our staff to continue to reach out with Christ's love and truth to our friends from China. Thank you so much!

*Open Doors, November 2010 reported a 30% increase in Chinese student enrollment in the United States in 2010.

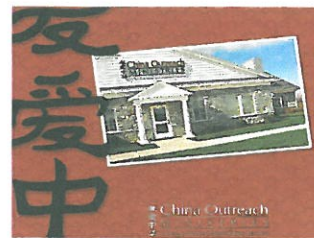
Jesus commanded His disciples to go into all the world to preach Good News, and now He is bringing the world to us, particularly men and women from one of the world's most influential nations, China. China Outreach Ministries serves China's future leaders, the thousands of Chinese students and scholars who study or do research on North American university campuses. COM is a local ministry with global impact, reaching across cultural barriers to love, serve, lead to Christ, and disciple Chinese professors, researchers, government officials, students and others. These key influencers are hungry for Truth and they are finding it through the ministries of COM staff on 50 campuses across America.

China Outreach Ministries advances Christ's Kingdom through:

IMPACT – *bringing the Good News to present and future leaders of China, persons who will influence their nation and the world.*



Glen Osborn, *President*



FOCUS – *reaching out to Chinese students and scholars in culturally appropriate ways through the work of trained, committed campus workers.*

CARING – *building loving, authentic friendships with those we serve and developing caring family relationships among staff and volunteers.*

FELT NEEDS – *showing Christ's unconditional love by meeting the needs of Chinese students and scholars in practical ways (host families, English classes, special activities, Bible studies, discipleship and more).*

INNOVATION – *creatively developing materials and approaches that touch hearts and change lives.*

PASSION – *using our passion for Christ and our love for the Chinese people to bring glory to God.*

All information quoted from the 2010 President's Report

WIC - Women in the Church



<i>CIRCLE</i>	<i>DATE/TIME</i>	<i>HOSTESS</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Friday, May 27</i> <i>9:15 a.m.</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Esther</i>	<i>Wednesday, May 18</i> <i>12:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Thelma Dorsett</i> <i>Ellen Metzger</i> <i>Choir Room</i> <i>410-237-2249</i>
<i>Hannah</i>	<i>Thursday, May 19</i> <i>7:15 p.m.</i>	<i>Marlene</i> <i>Wawrzyiniak</i> <i>410-574-3867</i>
<i>Rebekah</i>	<i>Thursday, May 19</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Betty Kilker</i> <i>410-661-0970</i>
<i>Ruth</i>	<i>Thursday, May 19</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Louisa Smith</i> <i>410-252-9263</i>
<i>Half-Baked Girls</i>	<i>Monday, May 2</i> <i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Charlotte Kidwell</i> <i>443-365-9924</i>

Save the Dates!

LRPC

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Please consider giving the gift of life on this date. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, so you can reserve the best time for you to donate. Don't be afraid of any pain from a needle! The little discomfort you may bear for what? 15 minutes! Blood can mean the difference between LIFE and DEATH for a new-born baby in crisis. The Red Cross personnel are always attentive to your specific needs during your donation time.

Bring to mind the fact that fresh blood is something that one can't buy – it's not a product that can be manufactured – WE must provide from and for ourselves, not from our bank accounts. If you are able, won't you please consider donating on May 3? The sign-up sheet is out there, waiting ... in the narthex --- May 3, 2:30-8:00 p.m .and God bless you!

SAVE THE WEEK – JULY 11-15

VBS is in the planning stage!

This year's VBS program theme is "Summer Seaquest."
This program uses the story of Jonah to:

- introduce children to the **Sovereign, Omnipresent God who saves**
- call them to discover the **wonder of redemption** through Jesus Christ
- advance a grace-filled **Biblical world & life view**

Please prayerfully consider asking children, grandchildren and neighborhood children to attend. In past years, VBS attendance is primarily children who are not part of LRPC on a regular basis. Also be in prayer about how you can help make this outreach program of LRPC a success: we will need teachers and teen helpers as well as many people to work behind the scenes. Contact Brad Robson or Jim Fox (Elder overseeing Christian Education) if you can help in any way. Look for more information in future newsletters and Sunday bulletins.

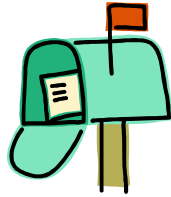
WIC CRAFT DAY

Friday, May 6

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up... 1 Thes. 5:11

Feeling crafty? LRPC Women in the Church will sponsor a Craft Day on Friday, May 6, from 10:00a.m. until noon. Come and create a set of stationery that you can use to write words of encouragement and thanks. There will be a \$3.00 charge for the basic stationery (blank cards and envelopes), but all other items will be provided for your use. If you have scrap booking supplies like scissors, stamps, and left over paper or old greeting cards that you'd like to share, please bring them along. Please sign up in the narthex so we'll have enough stationery available for everyone. Invite your friends to join us. No special talents are needed, just the ability to use a pair of scissors and a glue stick! We will try to offer an evening craft activity in the fall for the women who work and can't attend a day activity.

LRPC FAMILY NEWS



Dear Friends,

It's hard to find the words to thank you for your support of our mother and us, through Dad's passing, and Mom's convalescence and passing. Your thoughts and prayers sustained us through an extremely difficult time. As the cards piled up, Mom remarked, "I never knew I had so many friends." She wanted to thank you herself, but we didn't get to it. We are so appreciative of all the cards, phone calls, and visits.

We are also grateful for your help with their memorial service. Everyone involved did all they could to help make things easy on us. You have been so kind. God bless you.

In Christian love,
Bill Stever &
Lynn Kirkpatrick

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FOOTSTEPS – A COMMUNITY WALKING MINISTRY

"Direct my footsteps according to your word." Ps. 119:133

Are you looking for an opportunity to exercise, enjoy the beautiful spring weather, and fellowship with others? Come join us!

Who: Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends, neighbors, family, anyone! When: Every Saturday morning beginning April 9th from 7:30AM to 8:30AM. Where: Parkville High School Track

Questions? Contact Ashley Robson, abw63@sbcglobal.net 314.732.6363

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY, NEAR AND FAR

SHAUNTI FELDHAHN



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Safe Harbor Christian Counseling will sponsor a seminar for women entitled, "Everything you need to know about men," featuring nationally known author Shaunti Feldhahn on Friday, May 20, at Community Christian Church in White Marsh from 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Mountain Christian Church in Joppa. A third session will also be held on Saturday, May 21, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Bay Area Community Church in Annapolis. The cost is \$45 at all locations. Group rates for 10 or more registering together is \$35 per person. For more information or to register online, go to www.safeharbor1.com or phone Erik Sundquist (410-893-4600 or 1-800-305-2089). For an in-depth biography of Shaunti Feldhahn, visit www.shaunti.com.

FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

CONCERT

Faith Christian Fellowship Church and the Pen Lucy Action Network invite young families to a children's concert on Saturday, May 7, at 6pm. The special guest is Christian songwriter, Randall Goodgame, who will be doing a live concert of his children's CD.

INVERNESS PRESBYTERIAN COFFEE HOUSE: X-PRESSO CAFÉ

Family and friends are invited for a special evening on May 6, 2011 from 7:30-10:00 p.m. at the Inverness Presbyterian Church's coffeehouse featuring "Riverside Church of God Hands of Praise Ministry" puppets in a return performance. Admission is free. All ages are welcome to attend this inspirational show. For more information call 410-282-3143.

CBMC FAMILY ADVENTURE

At NorthBay

August 5-7, 2011

Fellowship with other CBMC families and build some memories for your kids at a fantastic waterfront family camp in Northeast, Maryland. This will be great fun for couples, singles, and families with or without children, for young and not so young alike! Flyers and the registration forms are available at the CBMC website <http://md.cbmc.com>. The adult program, "Joy in Marriage: Is that really possible?" features speakers Steve and Ginger Casbon. Age appropriate children's activities are planned. The teen program will be led by Jay Davies, staff leader for Youth for Christ Maryland. Consider attending and encourage your friends and team to register now, and bring them together for this wonderful Family Adventure experience!

MAY 2011 at LRPC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 1:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Search Committee 7:30 PM Half-Baked Girls Bible Study	3 2:00 - 8:00 PM Blood Drive	4 1:30 PM Logan Bible Study 7:00 PM Congregation Prayer Meeting	5	6 10:00- noon WIC CRAFT DAY 7:00-9:30 PM Youth Fellowship 7:00 Knitting Group	7 7:30-8:30 AM Footsteps Walking Program PHS Track
8 <i>MOTHERS' DAY</i>	9 7:00PM Session Mtg. Deacon Mtg. Trustees Mtg.	10 6:15 PM TOPS	11 7:00 PM Congregation Prayer Meeting	12 7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30 PM Christian Ed. Mtg 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	13 7:00-9:30 PM Youth Fellowship	14 7:30-8:30 AM Footsteps Walking Program PHS Track
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29 Communion Sunday	30 Memorial Day	31 6:15 PM TOPS				

Dr. William Jones
Interim Pastor

Mr. Brad Robson
Assistant to the Pastor for Youth and Young Families

Rev. Ralph Kidwell
Pastor of Visitation

Mrs. Suzanne Woo, Music Director

Ms. Pei-Hsin Kao, Accompanist

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Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 9:00 to 3:00

The Office is closed on Wednesday and Friday.

Mrs. Lee Goon, Ms. Kathy Fagan
Church Secretaries

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar: Blood Drive – May 3

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

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