

LOCH RAVEN PRESS



Update from the Pastoral Search Committee

God has been good to send us resumes for 66 men who have shown interest in the pastorate of Loch Raven Presbyterian Church. Thus far we have gone through and discussed 41 of these. We have selected several of these for further review and are listening to their sermons, and receiving and reviewing their letters of reference. This is a very time consuming process as we want to give each of these men a thorough look and evaluation. Very soon we will be having a telephone interview with one of these candidates and possibly do the same with one or two others. Please keep us in your prayers as we discuss issues and questions with these men so that God can confirm the candidate he has already chosen for us. We are trusting that God will give us His wisdom and discernment as we continue on this journey. We covet your partnership with us.

Eileen Royce
Committee Secretary

September 2011

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Keeping Christ Pre-eminent
In All Things

MISSION POSSIBLE

Jeff and Patty Borden



MTW on loan to MINTS

English Africa Coordinator

Since July 1, Jeff Borden has been on loan to **Miami International Seminary** with the “responsibility to oversee all the MINTS study centers (informal seminaries) in Africa wherever courses are taught in English, which includes the vast majority as English is the educational language in most countries in Africa.

“There’s also the entire curriculum to develop for the African study centers (the major part of my work when in the U.S.); there are new initiatives to organize and develop in partnership with national church leadership in order to train godly leaders, as well as the further development of all the existing MINTS study centers on the continent; and there are many courses to teach when I visit the study centers! [Since we are still full-time missionaries with MTW and are still training national leaders in Africa, MTW will continue to receive and process support by churches and individuals. We’re so grateful for your support over the past two decades!]

“The passion and experience of starting an indigenous seminary in the township of Guguletu with a godly South African pastor will now be directed toward study centers in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Malawi, Nigeria, Gambia, etc., wherever national church leaders desire for MINTS to assist with starting and maintaining a seminary. MINTS has started study centers in 56 countries and regularly receives requests to start new centers; I will follow up on those from Africa and work with nationals to start new study centers.”

The Mission Seminary Concept of MINTS

“MINTS plants new seminaries around the world. To date we have started over 200 of these study centers which we are helping to grow into seminaries that become permanent training centers for nationals. Using our reproducible plan, national and community leaders launch new study centers that become part of the MINTS international system which provides oversight, resources, recognition, curriculum and mentorship to the developing centers.”

MINTS Values

“MINTS emphasizes mentorship, leadership development, curriculum development in the language of the various people groups, discipleship by advanced students for new students, church planting, new course development, the development of practical skills, and new seminary multiplication by each study center.”

(All material taken from the BORDEN’S BULLETIN – Summer 2011.)

TECH BYTE

RECENT CHANGES IN THE PROJECTION EQUIPMENT

THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE HAS BEEN UPDATED SO THAT THE WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE WILL RUN WITHOUT GLITCHES. A NEW AND IMPROVED GRAPHICS CARD AND POWER SUPPLY PROVIDE OPTIONS TO USE TRANSITIONS IN POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS AND TO USE VIDEO BACKGROUNDS FOR SOME OF THE SONG LYRICS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE TECH TEAM, CONTACT BARBARA REED. TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.

VOLUNTEERS TO BE SOUND OR PROJECTION OPERATORS ARE NEEDED SO THAT THE TEAM CAN PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AS WELL AS FOR OTHER OCCASIONS; FOR EXAMPLE, MEMORIAL SERVICES, VBS, WEEK DAY PROGRAMS.

CHRISTIAN ED

READY TO CUT AND FLOCK?

Children's Church uses Christian Ministries International curriculum that has flannel backed pieces for Bible stories and scripture memory work. These pieces are cut out, laminated, and flocked, which means adhesive-backed flannel is attached to the back of each piece. Starting in late September, new lessons will begin about the Ten Commandments.

Could you help us prepare these materials for Children's Church?

To accomplish this, Sue Fox and I (Marilyn Fisher) are planning a 'cut, laminate and flock gathering.' If you can help us, we can get the material ready and organized for September through at least January.

If you can come to the library on Monday, September 12, at 10:00 AM with a bag lunch, we can cut, laminate, and flock – and snack and chat! Please see Sue Fox or Marilyn Fisher, or sign up in the narthex, if you can come. We would greatly appreciate your help.

Marilyn Fisher
Sue Fox

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THANKS

We would like to thank all of the people who volunteered to teach in our children’s Sunday school and children’s church this past year. We always seem to struggle to find people to fill our positions each year, but God is always faithful to provide us with all of our needs. Thank you so much for giving of your time and love to the children of our church. Following is a list of the people who served this past year. I apologize if I forgot anyone. *Sue Fox*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

<p><u>First Quarter:</u></p> <p>Toddlers: Laura Master Primary (K-2): Lori Quievryn Juniors (3-5): Leland Knight Jr./Sr. High: Debbie Lemons</p> <p><u>Second Quarter:</u></p> <p>Toddlers: Laura Master Primary (K-2): Lori Quivervyn Juniors (3-5): Leland Knight Jr./Sr. High: Debbie Lemons</p> <p><u>Third Quarter:</u></p> <p>Toddlers: Carol Elliott Primary (K-2): Andy Woo Juniors (3-5): Leland Knight Jr./Sr. High: David Woo</p> <p><u>Fourth Quarter:</u></p> <p>Pre-K – K (ages 2-5): Carol Elliott Elementary (1-5) JoAnn Beck Jr./Sr. High: David Woo</p>	<p><u>First Quarter:</u></p> <p>Toddlers: Pat Kirschenhofer, Sharon Mariani, Hilda Lijewski, Florence Davidovski, Rachel Banner, Sandy Moltz, Laurie Calka, Daniel Quievryn Primary: Juniors: Kathy Fagan, Matt Calka</p> <p><u>Second Quarter:</u></p> <p>Toddlers: same rotation except Sue Banner for Florence Primary: Trish Spicer Juniors: Sandy Magsamen</p> <p><u>Third Quarter:</u></p> <p>Toddlers: Same rotation except Sue Fox for Sue Banner Primary: Trish Spicer Juniors: Patti Palmisano</p> <p><u>Fourth Quarter:</u></p> <p>Pre-K – K (ages 2-5): Same rotation Elementary (1-5): Patti Palmisano, Marilyn Fisher, Brian Oswinkle, Sandy Magsamen, Jim Fox, Bob Fagan</p>
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THANKFULLY GOD HAS SUPPLIED ALL OF OUR NEEDS FOR THIS YEAR!

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to teach in our Sunday school again this year and thank you to all of the women who have volunteered to serve in the cribbery during the Sunday school hour and the church hour.

WIC - Women in the Church

<i>CIRCLE</i>	<i>DATE/TIME</i>	<i>HOSTESS</i>
<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Friday, September 23</i> <i>9:15 a.m.</i>	<i>TBA</i> <i>Debbie Soukup</i> <i>410-665-2718</i>
<i>Esther</i>	<i>Wednesday, September 21</i> <i>12:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Joanne Stevenson</i> <i>Choir Room</i> <i>410-661-3040</i>
<i>Hannah</i>	<i>Thursday, September 8</i> <i>7:15 p.m.</i>	<i>Kathy Fagan</i> <i>410-847-9234</i>
<i>Rebekah</i>	<i>Thursday, September 8</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Miriam Logan</i> <i>410-825-5166</i>
<i>Ruth</i>	<i>Thursday, September 8</i> <i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Lois Hays</i> <i>410-821-5825</i>
<i>Half-Baked Girls</i>	<i>Monday, September 5</i> <i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Charlotte Kidwell</i> <i>443-365-9924</i>

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Our **Women's Christmas Tea** will be held on **Monday, December 5**, at 7:00 p.m. Ladies of all ages are cordially invited to attend. Invite your family, friends and neighbors. The Bell'Arte Singers from the Annapolis Christian School will perform. If you missed seeing them last year, you do not want to miss this year's performance! Come early to get your seat. We will have a free will offering that night for the scholarship fund of our entertainment. Enjoy tea, coffee and cookies!!

LRPC ADULT ELECTIVE CLASS

LIVING PROOF: EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

A CBMC / DVD PRODUCTION

"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS... MATTHEW 5:16A

FACILITATOR: CHUCK HOLZMAN / LOCATION: LIBRARY

Begin the Journey

Living Proof is an episodic journey toward understanding how to share your faith with others and help them grow as Disciples of Christ. Jesus said in Luke 6:40, "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher," so if we are His disciples, we are to do as He did: evangelize and disciple.

*Consistent with Christ's life and instruction to believers, there are two parts to this series. *Living Proof: Evangelism* shows us the process of modeling and explaining the Christian message to people in our culture, and *Living Proof: Discipleship* shows us what it means to be Christ's disciple and how to use our inside connections to help others grow.*

Evangelism

As a follower of Jesus Christ, the one who "came to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:10), we are to share our faith. But in today's culture, how are we supposed to do that?

*Jim Peterson says in his book, *Living Proof*, "Simply verbalizing the message is not enough. We have got to make sure they understand what we're saying, and that often means demonstrating it by living a natural lifestyle in their midst. We then become living proof of our message."*

**Living Proof: Evangelism* takes you inside a lifestyle evangelism class where you'll learn how to naturally demonstrate your renewed life in Christ during your daily encounters with family, friends, neighbors and coworkers. This series will introduce you to some memorable characters at various stages of their journey with Christ. There are no dull lectures here. You'll see real-life situations which will make you laugh and provoke your thinking. You'll identify with the challenges and share in the triumphs each character experiences. By the end, you'll learn how to present the gospel in a non-threatening way.*

12 One-hour Sessions: 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

<i>Introduction</i>	<i>09/04/2011</i>
<i>1. The Culture Gap</i>	<i>09/11</i>
<i>2. Our Spiritual Resources</i>	<i>09/18</i>

3. <i>Mini-Decisions</i>	09/25
4. <i>Finding Common Ground</i>	10/02
5. <i>Being a Good Testimony</i>	10/09
6. <i>Can We Please Everyone?</i>	10/16
7. <i>Strategies for Sowing the Word</i>	10/23
8. <i>Time and Teamwork</i>	10/30
9. <i>Guiding Through the Scriptures</i>	11/06
10. <i>Sparkling Interest with Questions</i>	11/13
11. <i>Making the Decision</i>	11/20
<i>Missions Speaker</i>	11/27
12. <i>Launching the New Believer</i>	12/04

"...entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others."

2 Timothy 2:2b

Discipleship

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? You don't need to go away for special training or seclude yourself for in-depth Bible study. You can be an effective disciple by staying visible, having a heart to truly connect with others, and being the kind of person others trust and respect.

This part of Living Proof is about grace and hope. God is working through you and others near you to glorify Himself in your faith no matter what job stress, family pressure, or temptations you struggle with. By His grace, we will persevere and remain faithful.

Living Proof will encourage you to live among the lost and embrace opportunities to show how you are following the Lord every day.

12 One-hour Sessions

<i>Review & Introduction</i>	12/11
<i>1. Christian Growth in Contemporary Culture</i>	12/18
<i>No classes</i>	12/25 & 1/1/2012
<i>2. It's an Inside Job</i>	01/08

<i>3. The Path to Maturity</i>	<i>01/15</i>
<i>4. What Changes Fast ~ What Changes Slowly</i>	<i>01/22</i>
<i>5. Change from the Inside Out</i>	<i>01/29</i>
<i>6. Sin, the Worst Deal in Town</i>	<i>02/05</i>
<i>7. No Left Turn</i>	<i>02/12</i>
<i>8. God Doesn't Waste Pain</i>	<i>02/19</i>
<i>9. When Life Is Messy</i>	<i>02/26</i>
<i>10. Character, Community, Competence</i>	<i>03/04</i>
<i>11. Running on Empty</i>	<i>03/11</i>
<i>12. The Eternal Purpose</i>	<i>03/18</i>
<i>Review</i>	<i>03/25</i>

Five Lies That Ruin Relationships

(Wrong Beliefs Produce Wrong Behavior)

A five session Bible Study for couples
on the last Saturday evenings of August – October @ LRPC

This study examines the five most common lies that ruin relationships with those we love. You'll learn the source of quarreling, how our words wound, how not to make decisions, and why better things don't always make things better. This study is for those serious about deep, meaningful relationships.

The five lies are:

- **“Sensual Pleasure will satisfy My Inner Longings for Happiness.”** *(covered in June mtg.)*
 - Why We Fight With Those We Love | Defusing Conflict... Restoring Relationships
- **“If Other People would Shape Up, My Life would Work Out.”** *(covered in July mtg.)*
 - Why We Wound Others with Our Words | How to Stop Playing God
- **“Upwardly Mobile Work Opportunities are automatically the Will of God.”** *(covered in August mtg.)*
 - How Our Jobs Can Destroy Our Relationships | How to Pursue God-Given Dreams
- **“My Significance and Value are measured by the Quality and Quantity of Things I Possess.”** *(Sept. Focus)*
 - Why Better Things Don't Always Make Things Better | Using Wealth Wisely
- **“The Grass is Greener on the Other Side of the Fence.”**
 - Why A Change in Scenery Rarely Improves the View | How Patience and Perseverance Transform Relationships

We will work through the book of James, chapters four, five, and six using:

- **A DVD video study – Led by Chip Ingram who:**
 - is Senior Pastor of Venture Christian Church in Los Gatos, CA.
 - is President of Living on the Edge <http://www.livingontheedge.org/home/index.php>
 - was formerly the President of the Walk Thru the Bible
- **An associated work book study guide - facilitated by Keith & Marlene Wawrzyniak who:**
 - will be married forty-four years this November.
 - have participated in and led several Marriage Builders Bible Study and Fellowship groups since 1996.
 - believe that *many books can inform, but only the Bible can transform.*
 - believe that God instituted marriage and family as the basic building block of human culture.
 - believe that God has established marriage as a sacred covenant between a man and a woman for life.

This Bible Study

- **has three goals...**
 - search the scriptures together to see what the Bible has to say to us about marriage
 - work together towards the application of God's Biblical principles within our own relationship
 - fellowship with other couples, and learn from one another's experiences
- **...and we have three membership rules:**
 - share nothing with the group about our relationship, which might embarrass our mate
 - keep confidences of information which may be shared inside the group
 - feel free to participate or pass on any discussion topic or group activity
- **Is approved by the Association of Christian Schools International** <http://www.acsi.org/>
- **Is previewed on the Walk Thru the Bible Website** <http://www.walkthru.org/wtbsites/fivelies/>

LRPC FAMILY NEWS

The Missions Committee received this letter from Rev. Glen Osborn last month.....

July 2011

Dear Loch Raven Pres. Church Family,

As part of our saying, "Thank you again and again for your faithful support" seems trivial and so repetitive, our appreciation is so sincere. Thanks for enabling us to be a part of such a strategic ministry.

Nothing has more promise of hope for the future than our teaching the Chinese Christian truths and values and moral virtues. This is what the China Outreach Ministries and your faithfulness in financial and prayer support is all about.

Thank you and we praise God for you.

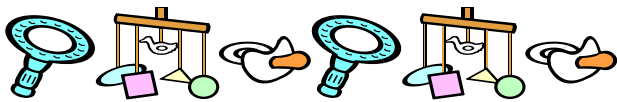
We hope that you are able to keep cool during these very hot days that we have been having!

On a non COM note, Heather and Seth are moving to Chicago in Aug. Heather has put in for a transfer and it was granted to her. Seth will be looking for a job. Please pray for him a job, safe travel cross country and easy transitioning into new jobs and location.

Glen and Betty

Baby News

Proud 'Nana and Poppy', Jim and Sue Fox, are praising God that granddaughter, Jillian Paige Rotondo, was born safely on August 28, weighing 6 lb. 3 oz. Both the baby and her mother, Amy Fox Rotondo, are going great.



Congratulations also to former members, Cindy (Chan) and Darren Nakasugi on the arrival of their son, Micah Jonathan, on June 20th. The Nakasugis are currently living in California. Cindy and Darren say they are overjoyed to be parents.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Loch Raven Church:

We would like to thank you for all your cards, prayers and concerns during our mom's surgery and recovery, Audrey Moltz. God is the Great Physician. Your prayers helped our family through this difficult time and Praise God she is on the mend and is slowly getting back to her old self. Praise God!

Thanks again,
Sandy Moltz and Debbie Sisson

Health Update

Steve Boone, brother of member Tim Boone, is recuperating from his recent surgery at Genesis Health Care on Joppa Road (Room 25). Steve's surgery has gone well with no infections. Please continue to pray for complete healing for Steve.

EVENTS for the CHURCH FAMILY

LOVE WORTH FIGHTING FOR
Featuring
KIRK CAMERON
AND WARREN BARFIELD

Friday, September 16th at 7 PM
**Mountain Christian Church
Joppa, Maryland**

The “Love Worth Fighting For” conference focuses on all areas of relationships including our relationship with God. The conference encourages people in all stages of life to attend as the event applies to teenagers, single adults, newly married couples and longtime spouses.

For more information:
www.feedyourfaith.org

***Family 6 Acre Flashlight Corn
Maze & Hayride at Beachmont***

Friday, November 4, 2011

6:30 – 10:00 PM

Everyone is invited – young, old, or not so old.
Invite your friends, too.

The cost is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children (3-11)
ages 2 and under free.
Pay at the maze entrance.

There will be a concession stand where you
can buy a hot dog meal for \$3 and other food
will also be available.

Beachmont is located at
6433 Mt. Vista Road, Kingsville, MD 21087

SEPTEMBER 2011 at LRPC

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 7:00 PM Praise Team	2 7:00 PM Knitting Group	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 6:15 PM TOPS	7 7:00 PM Congregation Prayer Mtg.	8 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	9	10
11	12 10:00 AM Christian Ed Prep Session 1:30 PM Missions Com. Mtg. 7:00 PM Session Mtg. Deacons Mtg. Trustees Mtg.	13 7:00 PM Pastor Search Committee 6:15 PM TOPS	14 7:00 PM Congregation Prayer Mtg.	15 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	16 7:00 PM Knitting Group	17
18	19 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 PM Pastor Search Committee	20 6:15 PM TOPS	21 7:00 PM Congregation Prayer Mtg.	22 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	23	24 7:00-9:30 PM MARRIAGE BUILDERS
25 Communion Sunday	26	27 6:15 PM TOPS 7:00 PM Pastor Search Committee	28 7:00 PM Congregation Prayer Mtg.	29 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:45 Choir Rehearsal	30	

Dr. William Jones
Interim Pastor

Rev. Ralph Kidwell
Pastor of Visitation

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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.

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

LOCH RAVEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

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