



Mid-Week Informer

LanBaptist.org

July 25, 2018

Lancaster Baptist Church
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**A COMMUNITY OF GRACE
THAT IS GROWING
AND GOING**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JULY

NIGHT OF PRAISE
July 29TH at 6:30 PM

DEACON SELECTION
July 1st – 31st

AUGUST

Fundraiser Meal
(for new parking lot) &
Members Meeting Aug. 5th
after AM service

INVITE YOUR ONE
August 19th

PRAYER WARRIOR
Beth Walton

FAMILY LIFE CENTER
WALKING
Monday – Friday
(7:42 – 10:02 AM)

GROW Schedule
GREEN TEAM
July 30th @ 6:30 PM

RED Team
August 14th at 6:30 PM

From Your Pastor: Friends

*Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life
for his friends. 1 John 15:13-15*

This week our Men's Bible study was about friendships and relationships. The author (Kent Hughes) noted that, "today friendship has fallen on hard times. Few men have good friends, much less deep friendships." Many of us have lots of "friends" but not a deep friendship with another person. The Bible (Proverbs 18:24 says, "A man that has friends must show himself friendly, and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother."), says to have friends, we should show ourselves to be friendly.

We see a great picture of true friendship in the relationship between David and Jonathan. Even though Jonathan was the son of David's enemy, King Saul, Jonathan and David had a remarkable level of commitment, love, and loyalty for each other. Ron Sutton suggested that we don't really appreciate friendships until later in life. I know I miss my close friend (David) who passed away over 5 years ago and I sure miss my buddy Dorwin. I have been reminded to never take your friends for granted because there might come a day when they are not around.

Many friends are closer than brothers or sisters are to each other. There is something special about having a friend that you can confide in, tell your troubles too, and share your life with. I realize my need to have closer friendships. Honestly, it is easier to just have surface level friends but there is nothing like having a close friendship with somebody with whom you can confide in and share your deepest struggles in life.

A friend keeps a friend's secrets to himself as Proverbs 17:9 says, "He who covers and forgives offense seeks love, but he who repeats or harps on a matter separates even close friends." A friend doesn't gossip about their friend's faults and is quick to forgive them. In addition, Godly friends often encourage godly behavior (as iron sharpens iron).

Your true friend will tell you the truth even when it hurts. As Proverbs 27:5-6 says, "Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful." If you are headed in the wrong direction, it is better to hear it from a friend because they truly care about you. A friend wants the best for you and is willing to speak truth even if it might cause some short-term pain.

David understood that Jonathan was a true and loyal friend. Friends are those that stick with you during the hard times. While fair-weather friends may disappear during times of trial and adversity, Proverb 17:17 specifies that, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity." Jonathan and David proved their friendship in some very difficult circumstances. So much so that, "Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself" (I Sam. 18:3).

Yes, friends can be some of the greatest blessings in this life. Are you investing in any close friendships?

Bro. Harold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GROW TEAMS: Green Team will meet on Monday, 30th at 6:30 PM at LBC.

LANCASTER ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE COOKOUT: We will be having a Cookout at LES on Thurs. Aug. 2nd for their open house. They are expecting 500-800 and we will need lots of help!

MENTORS: We are expecting more students needing mentors at LES this year. If you would consider being a mentor please let Rick Gastineau know. He will be doing training for the coming school year on Sat., Aug. 25th from 9:00-12:00.

FUNDRAISER MEAL: Sun. Aug. 5th we will have a spaghetti lunch after the AM service and will ask for donations to help with cost of the new parking lot (purchase, paving, etc.). We will also have our Aug. Members meeting and will be presenting teams and teachers for the coming year.

MEN'S CONFERENCE: "The Main Event / Act Like Men" is Aug. 10-11 in Nashville. Cost is \$79, but with 10 or more it is only \$59 plus room cost. Let Bro. Gary know if you are interested in going.

KIDZROCK PLANNING/PRAYER: We will meet on Wed. Aug. 1st at 7:00 PM with all of our KidZRock workers, helpers, drivers, cooks, etc. to plan and pray for this coming year of KidZRock. Everybody is invited to join us in the FLC on the 1st.

"INVITE YOUR ONE" AUGUST 19TH: This is a special day set apart to challenge every person in our church to commit to invite and bring at least one person to church with them. We will have invitation cards coming.

LIFEGROUP LEADER TRAINING: Lifegroup Leader training Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM (Library).

LBC WOMEN: All are invited to a Pray and Pack day for our Haiti Personal Care Kits. Tuesday, July 31st in the Youth Room starting at 2:00 p.m.

MISSION TRIPS: Haiti—Oct. 6-13, 2018. India -Jan. 2019. Please see Bro Gary if you are interested.

DNOW MEETING: Next meeting will be Aug. 5th after AM service.

PRAYER REQUEST *(Pray without ceasing... 1 Thessalonians 5:16)* Della Hall – (859) 548-9250

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| Buddy Arnold | Barbara Hackney | Nelli Moore | Derek Smith | LBC |
| Jim & Linda Baker | Barb Hall | Carolyn Moraniec | John "Bubba" Smith | Bro. Harold & Family |
| Sue Ballard | Jeanne Hall | Bradlee Aguilar-Moreno | Tyler Stratton | Bro Nehemiah & Family |
| Don Banks | Leland Hall | Lisa Morrow | Andy Sutton | Bro. Gary & Family |
| Lynn Bateman | Phillip Haynes | Morrow Family | Mike Sutton | Bro Michael & Family |
| Dorothy Bennett | Eva Hicks | Geri Morton | Oda Taylor | Chervens |
| Scott Brown | David Holland | Cline Mullins | Beth Turner | Our Deacons |
| Kaleigh Burkhardt | Misty Horton | Dorothy Murphy | Isaac White | Our SS Teachers |
| Eric Caldwell | Judy Hoskins | Ralph Murphy | Danny Wilson | Church Leaders |
| Gladys Carrier | Sara Hoskins | Samantha Rush-Peek | | Adam and CJ |
| Jerry Carrier | Carolyn Hunt | Amber Rankin | HOMEBOUND | College Students |
| Sally Jo Clark | Lonnie Jenkins | Bo Renfro | • Betty Arnold | Lost |
| Levi Clontz | Cheryl Johnson | Kelly Richards | • Mary Atkinson | COMMUNITY |
| Tracy Cook | Julia Kay | Billy Rigsby | • Jewell Callis | County Judge |
| Earlene Cool | Don King | Derek Roach | • Lois Carrier <small>(Landmark)</small> | (Wilson) |
| Nikki Coulter | Margaret Land | Bobby Robbins | • Nellie Cole | City Mayor (Davis) |
| Rosa Cranfill | Buffy Lawson | Lisa Logan Rogers | • Allene (Peg) Dollins | Representative |
| Dorsey Davis | B.G. Lewis | Dave Ruda | • JoAnn Grow | (Shell) |
| Ruth Dean | Mandy Lynch | Wayne Ruff | • Margaret Land | Police/Sheriff Dept. |
| Francis Dishon | Darin Mackey | Leroy Russell | • Anna Meadows | Fire/EMS |
| Elizabeth Durham | Sherry Martin | Bob Schrock | • Della Meadows | Schools |
| Gary Durham | Landyn Maynard | Betty Scott | <small>(Landmark)</small> | Lost |
| Peggy Eden | Marjorie McBride | Mike Sexton | • Tina Montgomery | NATION |
| Stephanie Elam | Lindsey Meadors | Amos Sharp | <small>(Landmark)</small> | President (Trump) |
| Omie Farthing | Kim Middleton | David Simpson | • Marie Naylor | Governor (Bevins) |
| Jimmy Flynn | Nancy Moberly | Virginia Simpson | • Dorothy Shockley | Legislatures |
| Bro. Chad Fugitt | Betty Montgomery | Danny Smith | <small>(Landmark)</small> | Armed Forces |
| Zachery Gay | | | • Katherine Sowder | Missionaries |
| Randall Grant | | | • Billy Williams | Persecuted Christians |
| Deborah Gumm | | | | Spiritual Awakening |