



Mid-Week Informer

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER

- Beth Moore simulcast on Sat. Sept. 15th
- Motorcycle Sunday – Sun. Sept. 16th
- Concessions at GCHS football game Sept. 21st at 5:30 PM

BETH MOORE SIMULCAST

Saturday, Sept. 15th
9:15 – 4:15
\$20 (lunch included)

GROW Schedule

ORANGE TEAM
Sept. 18th at 6:30 PM

White Team
Sept. 24th at 6:00 PM

PRAYER WARRIOR
Linda Rudolph

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

From Your Pastor: My Biggest Concern

"But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." Acts 20:24

On Sunday I shared an alarming statistic: only 13% of Kentuckians identify as regularly attending religious worship services. Yes, that means that 87% of the people in Kentucky do not regularly attend worship services. One of my greatest concerns as the Pastor at Lancaster Baptist Church is that we are not reaching more people for Christ. We are only averaging a little over 12 baptisms a year the past 5 years. While our total membership has slowly increased, our baptism to total member ratio has been declining.

We currently have a membership of 988 (which does not at all reflect the number the active members) which means that if we baptize 12 people this year our baptism to total members ratio is about 82. That is terrible! What should we do? First, we must **pray**. In Luke 10:2, Jesus tells us that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. His command is to pray for more laborers. We must start with prayer: prayer for more laborers and prayer for more opportunities to share the Gospel. Then, we must be more intentional in the areas of evangelism and outreach. I know that we do outreach events in our community and try different things to connect with our community. However, our church does not look much like our community and is not reaching many in our neighborhoods. We must focus more on evangelism!

We need to be looking for opportunities to have Gospel conversations. We need to grow in the area of lifestyle evangelism where we look around us (at the ballpark, workplace, school, etc.) and look for opportunities to share the Gospel. As your Pastor, I realize that I need to lead the effort in sharing the Gospel. It is so easy to stay busy with ministry (visiting the sick, studying, men's group, Life Groups, etc.) that I seldom come into contact with lost people. I realize my need to be more intentional about personal evangelism and finding new ways to establish relationships with lost people.

When we do have opportunities to have gospel conversations we need to celebrate those opportunities. We need to encourage one another in these areas. I am trying to be more evangelistic in my preaching and make sure I clearly proclaim the gospel and offer an invitation every time I stand up to preach. If you will invite your lost friends, family, and acquaintances, I will be faithful to share the gospel in my preaching.

Yes, I am a little aggravated that more of our folks didn't participate in "Invite Your One" this year. We try to provide resources and make it as easy as possible to help you be evangelistic. If we want to reach more people for Christ, it is going to take all of us. If LBC isn't concerned about reaching the lost, please let me know so I can ask the Lord to send me somewhere else. How can you pray for me? Pray that I will have more opportunities for personal evangelism and that I will be able to lead LBC to be more evangelistic. Yes, this is a really big concern for me. Please do your part. **Bro. Harold**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BETH MOORE SIMULCAST: This Saturday, September 15th from 9:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. \$20 (includes lunch). Sign up on front table. If any of our ladies could bring desserts, it would be appreciated!

MOTORCYCLE SUNDAY: This Sunday September 16th. Monty Short has two routes planned depending on weather and the desires of the riders.

GROW TEAMS: ORANGE Team will meet on Tues. Sept. 18th at 6:30 PM.

DNOW HOST HOMES NEEDED: Anyone interested in being a host home, please contact Tami Pickett or Michael Anderson. DNow will be Nov. 3-4, 2018 and we only have about 5 signed up right now.

KIDZROCK: Please see Laura Hatmaker if you would like to help as a substitute.

LES MENTORS: Background checks at LES on September 18th at 6:30 p.m.

LADIES STUDY ON DANIEL: "Lives of integrity/Words of Prophecy" tonight at 6:00 PM. Meeting will be in room 313 (3rd floor). Study books (\$16) will be available.

INDIA MISSION TRIP: If you are interested in going to India in January please let Bro. Gary know.

MISSION 5K FOR LOS BRAZOS DE DIOS: Oct. 20th at 8:00 AM at GCHS. Registration papers on the front table.

FOOTBALL CONCESSIONS: Anyone willing to help with GCHS football game concessions, please be at GMS on Sept. 21st, starting at 5:30pm.

SKEET SHOOT & CHURCH PICNIC: We will have a skeet shoot on Sunday Sept. 30th from 3:00-5:00 PM at John Ball's farm. We will have a church picnic at 5:30 that evening. We will plan to finish shooting and clean up at 5:00 so that we aren't shooting when children/families arrive. We will have a shrimp broil and invite everybody to bring a side-dish.

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

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