

1st Annual Lafayette Federated Church Golf Classic 2010

Save the Date!

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

(2nd Tuesday in May)

Lafayette Federated Church will be hosting its first annual golf outing on TUESDAY, MAY 11th at Crystal Springs Golf Course in Hamburg, NJ. The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity for fun, fellowship, and outreach to our community. We want to invite YOU to come and to BRING someone you know who is either unchurched or needs the Lord.

The golf outing includes a box lunch, a gift bag, 18 holes at a premier golf course (Crystal Springs), and a buffet dinner with special guest speaker, Larry Moody. Larry is the chaplain for the PGA tour, regularly meeting with top golfers to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to meet their spiritual needs. This is a great opportunity for you to reach out and bring an unsaved/unchurched friend to an event where they will have fun, make some friends, have a great meal, and hear about God's love for them.

There will be registration forms available at the Information Center at LFC as well as available for download on the church website (www.lfc.org). For questions, please call either Pastor David or Pastor Ryan at the church office.



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A WORD FROM PASTOR RICK...

To the Wonderful Family of God,

Health care reform has dominated the news so much these days that I thought I should say a brief word of caution. Martin Luther called security the ultimate idol. He said that we will exchange anything for a taste of security. Too true. Too true. Here is an enticing promise of security made by former President of the United States, Franklin Roosevelt:

"The government should provide every citizen with] the right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries or shops or farms or mines of the Nation; to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation; of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living; of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad; of every family to a decent home; to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health; to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident, and unemployment; to a good education."

While reading this over, I found myself attracted to it. Who wouldn't want all these things? A good education, a decent job and home, and protection from economic fears? But wait! Can human government really guarantee all this? Should we put our trust in the government to provide for all of our needs? Of course not.

What is happening in our country is that trust in God is receding while trust in government is ascending. Faith in the Savior is being replaced by faith in Uncle Sam.

Another thing that is happening in America is that we are depending less and less on family and the church for support (a biblical teaching) and more and more on the state and federal governments.

As we look into an uncertain future, where are we placing our hope for security?

On God

'Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.' Psalm 20:7

'No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. . . But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.' Psalm 33:16-21

On the people of God:

'There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.' Acts 4:34-35

With love in Jesus,

Pastor Rick

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 1st: Maundy Thursday
7:30 p.m. Communion Service

April 2nd: Good Friday
6:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service

April 4th: Easter Sunday
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service (Pavilion)
7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast (Gym)
8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Resurrection Services
9:40 a.m. Sunday School



LFC STUDENT MINISTRIES
 RYAN DREW, YOUTH PASTOR

At our Wednesday Night Sr. High Bible Study, we have started going through the book of Daniel together; and there was something in Chapter 2 that really “hit home” with me. As the account goes, King Nebuchadnezzar had been having terrible dreams and wasn’t able to sleep. The king promptly requested that his magicians, sorcerers, and wise men not only interpret the dream, but also tell him what the dream was. When they were unable to do so and said that no man could do that, the king sent out a decree that all of his sorcerers, magicians, wise men, etc. would be killed.

This did not bode well for Daniel, Hananiah, Mischael, and Azariah because they were considered wise men! So when Daniel heard of the news, he approached the captain of the king’s guard and asked him what was going on (Dan. 2:15). When Daniel understood the circumstances, his response in Verse 16 was a step of faith. “*And Daniel went in and requested the king to appoint him a time that he might show the interpretation to the king.*” Daniel’s faith in God shone through in this situation. He recognized not his own strength, but what he knew that God was capable of doing.

It was a risk for him to go so boldly to the king, making an appeal for more time so that he could interpret the dream, and the result was that Daniel had the chance to give a strong testimony of God’s power. Just as the sorcerers, magicians, and wise men had told the king, Daniel also stated that no man could know what the king’s dreams were without even being told, “*But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries...*” (Dan. 2:28)

What a powerful reminder of how to be bold in sharing the truth of who God is with those around us. I read this account and was asking myself, “Do I live my life boldly for God the same way that Daniel did?” Have you considered that question? Daniel was willing to take a risk. He stepped out in faith knowing that God would provide, and God did just that. Daniel was promoted in position and gained a level of trust with the king.

Francis Chan shared an illustration at an event that I had the privilege of hearing him speak at. He equated our lives and how we live to a balance beam routine. He talked about how when life gets scary, hard, or overwhelming that it is our tendency to revert back to safety. But is that how God has called us to live our lives? In the same way, if a gymnast tries to do a trick on the balance beam, but falls or feels unstable, what would it look like if they laid down and hugged the balance beam?! And then on top of that, “dismounted” and stuck their arms in the air (as gymnasts do) as if to say, “There you go. Impressed?”

God has not called us to live our lives *timidly* for the sake of His kingdom. Daniel’s response to his circumstances is a reminder of that. We serve the risen King! I pray that we would find great confidence in His power and might, and be willing to give Him our full devotion.

All for Him,

Ryan

Attendance & Offering

Date	8:15 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School	General Offering	Missions Offering	Building Fund
03/07/2010	365	301	249	\$26,338.43	\$35.00	\$3,845.00
03/14/2010	253	286	231	\$19,750.89	\$740.00	\$655.00
03/21/2010	314	312	266	\$17,895.17	\$425.00	\$257.00

APRIL 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				7:30 MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE	6:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast 7:30 GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE	10-1:00 Sunshine Shop 7:00 Sr. High Youth Group
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:15 & 11:00 A.M. EASTER SUNDAY TRIUMPHANT RESURRECTION SERVICES 9:45 Sunday School Shepherding Group Fellowship Meetings	11:00 JOY Club	9:15 Women’s Bible Studies 6:30 Women’s AA 8:00 AA Meeting	10-1:00 Sunshine Shop 5:30 Handbell Rehearsal No Wednesday Night Supper No Boys Brigade/Pioneer Girls 7:15 Sr. High Bible Study 7:30 Prayer Meeting	7:30 Young Adults Bible Study	6:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast 9:30 MOPS Meeting 7:00 Jr. High Youth	10-1:00 Sunshine Shop 6:00 Student Servant Teams 7:00 Sr. High Youth Group
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 9:45 Sunday School 6:00 Evening Service		9:15 Women’s Bible Studies 6:30 Women’s AA 7:15 Celebration Choir Rehearsal 8:00 AA Meeting	10-1:00 Sunshine Shop 5:30 Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 All Church Supper 7:15 Boys Brigade/Pioneer Girls 7:15 Sr. High Bible Study	7:30 Elders Meeting 7:30 Young Adults Bible Study	6:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast 9:30 MOPS Meeting 7:00 Jr. High Youth	10-1:00 Sunshine Shop 7:00 Sr. High Youth Group
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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WORSHIP & MUSIC MINISTRIES

PASTOR NICK BAILEY

I came across these great descriptions of Jesus from Josh McDowell's "The New Evidence That Demands A Verdict" chapter 10, Nelson Publisher, 1999, Nashville.

If God Became of Man, Then We Would Expect Him to:

- ◆ Have an utterly unique entrance into human history.
- ◆ Be without sin.
- ◆ Manifest His supernatural presence in the form of supernatural acts-that is, miracles.
- ◆ Live more perfectly than any human who has ever lived.
- ◆ Speak the greatest words ever spoken.
- ◆ Have a lasting and universal influence.
- ◆ Satisfy the spiritual hunger in humanity
- ◆ Overcome humanity's most pervasive and feared enemy-death

These are awesome reasons to worship and praise God for. It has been said that the Resurrection of Jesus is essential to our Christian faith and the establishment of the Christian church. It is the miraculous birth, life, resurrection and ascension of Jesus that gives us reason and hope for living, no matter what our circumstance. As great as it is to praise God on Easter, lifting our voices in praise and celebration is a daily privilege, because of Jesus and His love for us! "Rejoice in the Lord, Always, Again I say rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4)



PASTOR S. DAVID JOHNSON

Spring Missions Conference 2010

Mark Your Calendars! Sunday, April 25th

Guest Speaker: Jose Alonso

Jose and Karina Alonso

José and Karina serve with CAM International in Columbia, South America with their daughters Daniela and Camila. The Alonsos are currently in the United States on furlough while they report to all of their supporting churches and find new churches willing to become ministry partners. This time in the US has also allowed José to enroll at Baptist Bible Seminary in the Masters in Divinity program.

José was born and raised in Colombia and came to the United States for college. Karina was born in Colombia and was raised in the U.S. She finished High School in Colombia and returned to the U.S. for college. Both José and Karina were saved in the U.S. and felt a calling from the Lord to go back to their homeland to preach the Gospel.

José has been the Missionary Pastor at Grace Fellowship Church in Chia for the past seven years and was involved in discipling several groups of young men as well as leading a theological education DVD project. He is also a part of the founder's board of the Crisis Pregnancy Center and the web master of their federation of churches.

Karina served on the board of the Crisis Pregnancy Center Ministry as well as teaching full-time at the El Camino Christian Academy in Bogota. She also taught the nursery Sunday School classes at their church. Alonsos plan to return to Cali, Colombia to begin a new church plant.

Short Term Mission's Trips

Do you want to go on a mission's trip ... but you can't seem to find the time to travel to distant and remote locals? Are you struggling with your finances and wonder how you can serve the Lord in a cross-cultural situation, when you find it hard to pay your bills each month? Do you love Jesus and want to be used of Him to reach others for Christ? Can you talk?

THEN YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO BE A PART OF THIS FRUITFUL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!

Bronx Outreach Ministry Opportunity

Come be a part of this one day event. It won't cost you anything, and you will only need one day, out of your busy schedule to see and be a part of what God is doing in reaching New York City for Himself! Come and join us on: **Saturday, May 8th** for a great day of fellowship, witness and service!

All adults and young people (with the permission of their parents) are welcome! We will be doing open-air evangelism in teams utilizing both questionnaires and tracts to share the Gospel message. You will be partnered with experienced witnesses, working in teams of three or more. This is a great opportunity to "get your feet wet" by reaching out to the people of the Hunt's Point area of the Bronx.

We will be working in partnership with the Revolution Church, a new church plant of Children's Bible Fellowship. All that you will need to bring is a smile, a bag lunch and your New Testament. We will meet at the church at 8:30 am and plan to be back between 4:30-5:00 pm.

See Pastor David or call Penney (973-383-4461) in the church office to register for this trip or for further information.

Don't delay ... Sign up today!

ISRAEL 2011

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Israel trip has been moved to February 15-26, 2011. Please contact Pastor David at the church office for further details concerning this great opportunity to walk where Jesus walked, as we learn more about our Faith and His Word.