

CHOIR REHEARSALS
BEGIN ON:
TUESDAY, 1/16
7:15 PM

LOVE

Took His Breath Away

EASTER CONCERT
presented by
VOICES OF THE KINGDOM
CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

MARCH 24TH 25TH AT 7PM

All are welcome. Invite a friend.



CONNECTION

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

Happy New Year! I'd like to begin the year on behalf of myself, Dana, and our family, thanking you for the privilege of serving you over these past five years. January marks our fifth anniversary of being a part of the LFC family. We are so thankful to call this church our "home!" Our hope is that we have been a fraction of the blessing to you as you have been to us. I know we are excited to see what God has in store for the next five years!

I also wanted to start this year out by sharing some resources that I have found helpful in my Christian walk over the last year or so. Psalm 1:1-3 says: **"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither-whatever they do prospers."** My hope is that some of these things will help you "delight in the law of the Lord" more deeply this year.

Transforming Grace: Living Confidently in God's Unfailing Love by Jerry Bridges. This was the book I recommended during my "Grace Wins Every Time" sermon series earlier this year. This book is one of the most encouraging and powerful looks at the reality of God's amazing grace in our salvation and sanctification. The book is very readable, yet covers the topic of grace thoroughly.

Disability and the Gospel: How God Uses Our Brokenness to Display His Grace by Michael S. Beates. This book was written by the keynote speaker at our Family Disability Conference this fall. Daralyn Sybesma bought a copy for each of the pastoral staff. This book is not only a compelling look at how God has a profoundly important plan for the disabled in our midst, but it is a powerful picture of the how the Gospel reaches out for all of us in our brokenness. This was one of the most beautiful reminders I've had in a long time about my need for a healing power of Christ through the message of the Gospel.

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I hope this letter finds you as excited for 2018 as I am. Diane and I were riding home from the airport the other day after dropping off our eldest son who was home for Christmas and began thinking about what's ahead for us in 2018. We are going to have our son, Matt, graduate from H.S. and begin college (looks like Liberty University) in 2018. Our son, Jon, will be getting his drivers permit, our son, Jim, should be getting promoted to 1st Lieutenant in the Air Force, and our son, Michael, will be getting married in July to Janessa (our first Daughter-in-law!), and these are just the bigger events.

As we looked at all these things, we couldn't help but see how much God has blessed us as a family. One of the most amazing blessing has been you, our church family. They say it takes a village to raise a child. We are so blessed to have had you as part of that extended family who have helped us raise our boys into the godly men they have become. So, on behalf of Diane and I, Thank You!! It was that feeling of "family" that attracted us to LFC some 21 years ago, and I believe its that feeling of "family" that still exist today that God uses to attract folks to LFC, but more importantly, to Him. So as we go into 2018, let's get excited that we are a part of God's family, and let's love others in the name of Christ, not so they see us, but so they see Jesus.

Here is quick look at some areas where we have a need for some folks to help serve. So please considering where YOU could plug-in and get involved:

Our Wednesday Night programs are going great. Each Wednesday we have been averaging about 110 folks out to the Wednesday Night Dinners, which have become such a great time of fellowship. We could use some more kitchen workers to help prepare the meals. Even if you can only do every other week, that's okay. Just let me know, and I will plug you in.

Our Kid's Club is in need of some more helpers. Samantha George has been doing a fantastic job of organizing and running each night, but really could use some helpers as the class is continually growing in size. The time commitment for this would be from 7pm - 8:30pm each week. Contact Samantha, or give me a shout if you would like to help in this area.

We have already been putting our snow removal team to work this year. A big "Thank You" to all who signed up to help. We can always use more help with this area. If you want to get added to our list just shoot me an email at gcohrs@lfc.org.

As always, just a quick reminder to be good stewards of what God has blessed us with here at LFC. If you are the last out of a room, please make sure the lights are turned off and the room is set up properly for the next ministry. If you're the last one out of the building, please make sure all the doors are locked and lights are turned off. If your ministry had a special event that creates a lot of garbage, please make sure it is placed outside in our dumpster, and the area you used is picked up (chairs/tables).

Let's get excited about impacting Sussex County for Christ in 2018! I look forward to serving side by side with all of you this year!!

In Christ Service,

Pastor Glenn

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

MEETING TANGIBLE NEEDS AND POINTING PEOPLE TO JESUS

1 John 3:18 says, "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." This verse and others like it in Scripture, specifically in James, address the need for the body of Christ to be proactive in meeting the needs of the both the church and community. As a newbie to LFC, it has been amazing and encouraging to see just how active this church is in doing just that. LFC has a several mercy ministries set up to provide financial assistance, clothing, food, Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas gifts, etc. throughout the year. One of those ministries is our food pantry, under the leadership of Gloria Williams and the Social Action Committee. I've been so surprised at just how many people we have coming in regularly for food pantry bags. In fact, according to the 2016 annual report, 708 bags of food were distributed and 103 new families were added to our list of families we serve.

One of the areas I've love to see LFC grow in is following up and building relationships with these families that we meet through various mercy ministries. This became apparent just last past week as I had the opportunity to meet a couple that came in looking for food. It was their first time here so they filled out a form which collected some basic contact information as well as asked a few probing spiritual questions. One of those questions was would you like a Bible? After receiving the Bible, I had the privilege of sitting down with them and hearing some of their story. As I listened, I sensed the Holy Spirit at work in our conversation as we were able to talk about the grace of Christ. They were open to the gospel message and prayed to receive Christ. It was amazing to see and as they were leaving and I thanked them for coming, the gentlemen said, "we came for physical food and left with so much more!" Please pray that they come to a morning service or to our new Christianity Explored class starting January 3rd.

We will continue to provide food resources through our food pantry but ultimately we have so much more to share! Often when we are willing to just sit and listen, we will find that people openly come to us, ready to share what is on their hearts and minds. Whether it be a physical issue they are dealing with, or a relational conflict, or an overdue electric bill - our hope is to be able to hear their story, respond to their need and point them to Jesus.

Please pray for our social action committee as they continue to serve this community and seek to mobilize the body of Christ here at LFC to meet needs. God has strategically positioned LFC in the heart of Sussex County for a specific purpose. Pray that God reveals to us the direction we should take our mercy ministries moving forward as well as helps us to work with other churches and organizations to expand His Kingdom.

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

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Christianity Explored is a seven-week class that looks at the Gospel of Mark and is for anyone interested in learning more about Jesus. Available in English & Spanish.

ALSO OFFERED: THE DISCOVERY CLASS
The essentials of Christian Life according to Scripture.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7 PM

LAFAYETTE FEDERATED CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

As of: **December 31, 2017**

Total Income: \$1,113,765.13
Total Expenses: \$1,063,864.45

In response to our church family taking a step of faith with this year's budget, we want to faithfully keep the congregation informed to the status of where we stand in giving compared to budget and expenses. Please prayerfully consider remaining faithful in your regular giving commitment.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Date	8:15 am Worship Service	11:00 Worship Service	Sunday School	General Offering	Missions Offering	Building Fund
11/05/2017	260	237	237	\$24,668.23	\$185.00	\$300.00
11/12/2017	206	200	195	\$16,191.71	\$991.50	\$6.00
11/19/2017	275	216	196	\$21,230.67	\$1,255.00	\$0
11/26/2017	284	199	184	\$24,631.31	\$125.00	\$250.00
12/03/2017	259	219	194	\$24,631.31	\$125.00	\$250.00
12/10/2017	211	186	177	\$13,861.01	\$137.00	\$150.00
12/17/2017	208	227	167	\$20,956.50	\$0	\$0
12/24/2017	321	213	132	\$27,222.85	\$625.00	\$5.00
12/31/2017	175	208	106	\$19,325.34	\$680.00	\$3.00

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

TUESDAYS AT 9:15 - 11:15 AM (Childcare provided)

MOPS: "You Are Free", led by Kyla Mitchell
"Power of a Clear Conscience" led by Lisa Kaelblein
"Choosing Forgiveness", led by Sandy Fagan, Sue Gannon
"The Master's Plan", led by Marla Casbarro
"Great Chapters of the Bible", led by Janet Neidhardt
4 C's- Caregiving for Caregivers of Challenging Children: "God's Attributes: Rest for Life's Struggles", led by Daralyn Sybesma

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM

"All Things New", led by Brittany King

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www.preceptaustin.org. This website is a treasure house of biblical study helps. You can search by topics, scripture passages, books of the Bible and find some of the greatest study resources from all corners of the internet as well as throughout Christian history. This website pulls together commentaries, devotionals, word studies, sermons, bible studies, Bible dictionaries and more in a really effective search engine. This would be a great resource for both teachers and students alike.

"Revive" magazine-This is the publication of Life Action Ministries, a ministry committed to "igniting movements of authentic Christianity." I have recommended this publication before, but it continues to be such a challenge and blessing to me, I want to mention it again. This quarterly journal is free, though you have an opportunity to support the ministry. Along with the publication, I would suggest their website lifeaction.org, as well. The site offers some powerful teaching, studies, and other resources all focused around awakening genuine revival in our hearts, churches and culture.

I hope a few of these resources are a help to you in your daily walk. Let's make 2018 a year that we are more committed than ever to delight in God's Word, reading it more, studying it more, and, most importantly, obeying more.

In Christ,

Aaron Robb

MARCH FOR LIFE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

Join us as we travel by commercial bus to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Rally.

2018

\$45 pp. Check made payable to LFC. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

THE BABY BOTTLES ARE COMING!

On Sunday, 1/21, each family will have the opportunity to offer hope & help to anyone considering abortion in our community! Please take home a baby bottle and fill it with cash, or a check (payable to Today's Choice)

JANUARY 21ST - FEBRUARY 4TH

SUNDAY SCHOOL

WINTER SESSION:
January 7th
March 25, 2018
9:45 a.m.

Classes for all ages!

January 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2 6:30 Women's AA 8:00 AA Meeting	3 10-1 Sunshine Shop 9:30 Prayer Mtg. 6:15 Fellowship Dinner 7 Boys Brigade/Pioneer Girls/ Kids Klub 7 Women's Bible Study 7 Evening Prayer Mtg. 7 Christianity Explored 7 Discovery Class	4 7:00 Celebrate Recovery	5 6:30 Men/Women Breakfast @ Yetters 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Cloveberry's	6 7:00 Elder Breakfast 10-1 Sunshine Shop 7:00 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
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February 2018

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