

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Starting on September 27th

6:15 Fellowship Dinner: Entire Meal is provided, \$3/person, \$1/ -5 yrs., \$12/Family max. See Menu at Welcome Center

7:00 *Boys Brigade: Kindergarten-High School

***Pioneer Girls:** Kindergarten-8th Grade

***Kids Klub:** Preschoolers, Room 100

Women's Bible Study: *Malachi, A Love That Never Lets Go*, Room 105

Evening Prayer Meeting: Room 210

"Christianity Explored": Learning more about Jesus, Room 110

***Registration Forms are available at the Welcome Center or at ww.lfc.org.**

Parent Meeting is scheduled for 9/27.

(Program overview & activities for the Children's Ministries)



CONNECTION

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

Hooray! Fall is here! I love when all the fall ministries kick into gear, everyone gets back into the church routine, and the church family at LFC has more time to be together. I hope you'll take advantage of the many opportunities we have here at church to get connected this fall.

Social Media. If you haven't already, be sure and "like" the official LFC Facebook page and follow us on Instagram. Throughout each week, you'll be connected to what's going on with the church family, links to recent sermons, upcoming events, and opportunities to serve. You can find the official Facebook page by searching for @lafayettefederatedchurch and you can find us on Instagram as LafayetteFed.

Website. As always, the church website is the best place to find out details about upcoming events, view the official church calendar, view recent service or listen to recent sermons, sign up for events like VBS, or send prayer requests.

Shepherding Groups. The first Sunday of each month is our Shepherding Group Sunday. If you aren't involved in a group, we encourage you to get plugged in. These groups meet monthly for fellowship and prayer, and you can find a list of current groups, locations, and phone numbers to call and let a group leader know you are coming at the Welcome Center.

Men's and Women's Groups. Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study and MOPS have already started up, so join in right now and make some meaningful relationships with other ladies. The morning begins at 9:15 a.m. in the gym with refreshments, fellowship and worship. If you can't make it to Tuesday mornings, there is a Ladies Bible Study Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. For the men, we offer the Men's Bible Study group Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. starting on September 25th. Then men will be working through the book of Mark this year.

If you have any questions about these ways, and others, to get connected at LFC, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask. Here's to a fun, and connected, fall!

In Christ,

Pastor Aaron Robb

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Glenn Cohrs, Pastor of Family Ministries / Administration

Wow! What an exciting Summer we had here at LFC. We have kept ourselves busy with events, programs and training. Below is a list of just some of the things that happened over the summer.

First, we had Vacation Bible School on July 10th – 14th. This year's program came from Answers in Genesis and was titled "Operation Arctic," Exploring the coolest book on the Planet: The Bible! Every year God does some amazing things in the children's lives who attend, as well as in the lives of all the workers. I want to say a big THANK YOU to all of the workers. What a joy it was to watch God use each and every one of you in mighty ways.

Next, we offered our annual Youth Soccer Camp for children ages 5-13. The program was held August 14th – 18th from 6pm – 8pm. Each youth in attendance received excellent age-appropriate coaching from college level coaches, a t-shirt and soccer ball. Also, each night they received a challenge from God's Word. A big THANK YOU to all the soccer camp staff.

Regarding the building and grounds here at LFC, I just want to take a quick moment to let you know about some of the exciting things that are happening.

First, I want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who worked so hard on the Sensory Friendly Family Worship Room. What a joy it is to see the room being used every week and to hear about how much this has helped some families be able to worship. There is still some cabinetry that will be coming in over the next few months, so poke your head in every so often, and see how wonderful it looks.

Another big THANK YOU goes out to Mark Lenze and Steve Martin and the rest of their crew who replaced the cracked floor up at the Pavilion and added new drainage in efforts to keep the floor from cracking in the future. It looks great!

We are now gearing up for the kick off of our Fall programs on Wednesday Sept. 27th. Our Pioneer Girls and Boys Brigade leaders have been hard at work this summer ramping up each of the programs. I am really excited at some of the new curriculum they will be using, as well as for some of the special events and projects they will be doing. We are also excited to let you know we will be offering both Kids Club and Nursery on Wednesday night.

One area where we need some improvement on in our building is elevator/chair lift. We have been advised by our current elevator company that we will not be able to get new parts for our aging lift and need to be looking at replacing our current one. The cost to replace the current lift with an elevator that would bring us up to code as well as be more user friendly, not just for those with disabilities, but also for some of our Seniors who cannot use the stairs, will be around \$60,000. We have begun to raise funds for this much-needed improvement and will keep you posted on the progress of this project. If you would like to donate to this project, place your donation in an envelope and mark it Elevator Project. Also write Elevator Project in the memo section of your check.

As you can see, there are many exciting things happening here at LFC. I would encourage you to be continually praying about where God might use you in the ministries here. I would love to talk to you about opportunities to serve, just give me a call at 973-383-4461.

In Christ Service,

Glenn

Lafayette Federated Church Fall Activities...

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| 9/6 or 9/13 | Front-Line Ministry Training @ 6:30 pm |
| 9/9 | Women's Painting Event @ 6:30 pm |
| 9/10 | Worship Services @ 8:15 & 11 am |
| 9/10 | Sunday School Fall Kick-Off @ 9:45 am |
| 9/19 | Women's Bible Studies/MOPS @ 9:15 am |
| 9/19 | Celebration Choir Rehearsal @ 7:15 pm |
| 9/25 | Men's Bible Study @ 7 pm , Fellowship Room |
| 9/27 | "See You at the Pole" Prayer @ 7 am |
| 9/27 | Wednesday Night Activities Start-Up: 6:15 Church Fellowship Dinner , Gym 7:00 Boys Brigade 7:00 Pioneer Girls / Kids Klub 7:00 Women's Bible Study, Room 105 7:00 Evening Prayer Meeting, Room 210 7:00 "Christianity Explored", Room 110 |
| 9/28-10/2 | Church Directory Portrait Sitzings |
| 10/02 | J.O.Y. Club Luncheon (Senior Adults) @ 11 am, Gym |
| 10/5 | Celebrate Recovery @ 7 pm, Fellowship Room |
| 10/7 | Disability Ministry Conference, 8:30-4 pm |
| 10/7 | Operation Christmas Child @ Applebee's |
| 10/8 | Operation Christmas Child Full Circle Speaker |
| 10/13-14 | Sussex Serve Community Projects |
| 10/28-29 | Fall Missions Conference |
| 11/1 | Harvest Festival @ 6 pm |
| 11/06 | Senior Adult Thanksgiving Feast @ 11 am, Gym |
| 11/13-20 | Operation Christmas Child Collection |

Please visit our website for more information

www.lfc.org

**LAFAYETTE FEDERATED CHURCH
FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

As of: August 31, 2017

Total Income: \$722,214.74
Total Expenses: \$691,436.37

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 | 9:30 am Combined Worship Services | General Offering | Missions Offering | Building Fund |
|------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 07/02/2017 | 387 | 22,778.25 | 204.70 | 250.00 |
| 07/09/2017 | 389 | 16,043.30 | 130.00 | 60.00 |
| 07/16/2017 | 358 | 16,298.25 | 3,081.29 | - |
| 07/23/2017 | 402 | 19,249.08 | 120.00 | 20.00 |
| 07/30/2017 | 350 | 13,946.50 | 130.00 | - |
| 08/06/2017 | 350 | 21,270.25 | 609.00 | 330.00 |
| 08/13/2017 | 329 | 12,491.05 | 104.00 | 100.00 |
| 08/20/2017 | 298 | 20,706.25 | 280.00 | - |
| 08/27/2017 | 295 | 15,774.35 | 260.00 | 110.00 |

Brian Ingraham, Pastor of Kingdom Expansion Ministries

GOD IS ON THE MOVE!

I was recently reminded of a powerful song by 7eventh Time Down called "God is on the Move." The chorus of the song goes, "God is on the move, on the move. Hallelujah. God is on the move in many mighty ways." The song reminds us that God is working behind that scenes to build His Kingdom. This fall, LFC will be involved in building His Kingdom through three specific ministries: "Christianity Explored" Class, Sussex Serve and our Missions Conference. I'd love to share with you more about each of these ministries, and how you and your family can get involved. Our prayer is that each of these ministries powerfully proclaim the Gospel of Jesus as He builds His kingdom!

are hoping that by getting to know those families through the service projects, that God would open the doors for the gospel to be shared. This is where you come in! We will need people to help with projects ranging from yard clean-up to painting, as well as those that would be willing to provide hospitality to those we are meeting. This is a great way for families of all ages to serve together! If you are interested in serving, please contact me by either email bingraham@lfc.org or through my cell number 717-341-3740. You may also sign-up until October 1st at the Welcome Center. Please pray for safety as teams go out and serve the community during Sussex Serve!

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Christianity Explored is seven-week study on Jesus from the Gospel of Mark. Mark 1:1 begins with these words - "The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God..." Christianity is all about the good news of Jesus Christ. This class takes participants through a seven-week adventure of seeing and understanding the identity, mission and call of Jesus. If you have questions about Christianity or are a new believer, we would love to have you join us! Or, if you have friend, neighbor, or family member who might be interested – please invite them! The format will consist of engaging DVD teaching and table discussions. Classes are on Wednesdays from October 4th - November 15th. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would be powerfully moving in those that attend this class.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE

I am also very excited to share with you about our upcoming missions conference! The theme of the conference is "Kingdom Builders" and will take place on October 28th-29th. Many families have already begun a Family Missions Booklet (new this year) which leads up to the conference and is designed to help children of all ages to understand what it means to build God's kingdom. The booklet includes Bible lessons, hands-on family activities, LFC missionary letters, etc.

***God is on the move.
Hallelujah!***

The Saturday evening program features a message by one of LFC's missionaries, Dr. Russ While, as well as a dynamic Children's Program for children up through grade 3. Nursery care is provided for both our Saturday evening program and Sunday evening coffeehouse. Please pray that God would powerfully move in the hearts of all who attend.

SUSSEX SERVE

Sussex Serve is a multi-church effort to serve our community and point them to a relationship with Jesus. 1 John 3:18 says, "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." Our goal is to provide practical home repair help to people who, because of physical or financial issues, are not able to do them. It will take place on October 13th-14th. We have already passed out flyers to the communities of Branchville, Sussex, Newton & Franklin, as well as contacted people who utilize our weekly food pantry. Some have responded, and we

We are so excited for what God has in store for all three of these ministries! Please prayerfully consider your involvement in any or all of these ministries. May God truly be on the move as He works through His church to accomplish His purposes!

Serving Jesus Together,

Pastor Brian

Starts up on Thursday, October 5th, at 7 pm

Celebrate Recovery
Freedom from Your Hurts, Hang-Ups & Habits

Coffee Fellowship starts at 6:30 pm
in the Fellowship Room

SACRED VS. SECULAR: WHAT IS RIGHT FOR OUR CORPORATE WORSHIP.

"If therefore the whole church should assemble together and all speak in tongues and ungifted men or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad? But if all prophesy and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all and is called to account by all. The secrets of his heart are disclosed and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you."

1 Corinthians 14:23-25

This passage specifically points out that the use of the gift of tongues in the context of the worship service could be confusing and confuse the observing unbeliever to reach a false conclusion about the worshipers. Later in that same passage, the use of tongues in the assembly is limited to a few and requires someone to interpret for others. It isn't much more of a stretch for us to conclude that unexplained "Christianese" could cause the same problem! Or an overuse of musical forms that are foreign to the culture we live in.

Think of the things we hold to be traditional. Isaac Watts began writing songs for worship that were not strictly from scripture, especially from the Book of Psalms in the late 1600s and early 1700s, calling this new form "hymns". Until then, the only songs allowed in the worship service of the church were derived directly from Scripture. When Reformation leader John Calvin initiated the practice of creating verse translations of the Psalms in the common vernacular to be sung, that was rejected at first by many as too liberal! The first Tune Books (Hymnals) weren't published until the early 1700's. It was evangelist George Whitfield who began to use hymns instead of traditional psalm singing during his revivals of the mid-1700's, as a part of the Great Awakening.

The formation in 1817 of the American Sunday School Union fostered the start of writing children's music, the children who as adults gravitated to the new "gospel" music style. This Gospel song style was greatly popularized by the Moody/Sankey revivals of the late 1800's which featured soloists (Sankey and others) and the use of a choir, something that churches began to model on Sunday mornings.

Even our traditional instrumentation is not all that traditional. The organ was considered an abomination by some when it was first used in the church in the late 600s, eventually a papal bullarium was issued in the 900s banning it from worship, a bullarium that was since rescinded. The piano was considered secular and not allowed in church until the necessity of the westward movement in the United States made it commonplace in the late 1800s. Many still to this day do not allow any instruments as a part of their worship services. So the question gets raised, how do we know what is appropriate for the church?

Arthur Holmes wrote a book with the title All Truth is God's Truth. His premise was that we have polarized the church around the terms secular and sacred and have dropped the responsibility to analyze everything in our world no matter the source to the standard of the scripture, thereby depriving ourselves of many joys, placing a false barrier between us and the world, and permeating our own traditions with false teaching! The terms sacred and secular were defined by the church in the dark ages. Unfortunately, we have embraced the concept and in the process the church has abandoned its place in defining what is "good" in art.

Personal preferences rather than biblical truths have incorrectly been the defining criteria for ages. In the 1400's it was decided that only perfect intervals (octaves, 4ths and 5ths) were appropriate for use in the church, that other harmonizations were "secular" and not to be used in worship. The tritone (augmented 4th/diminished 5th) was accorded a special place, called "diabolos in musica" (the devil in music) and banned from music altogether. When Martin Luther brought the hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" into the church, he broke the rules and was heavily criticized for it. The melody was a common tavern tune and used "secular" harmonization. Even though this was a common practice to put new words of news to familiar tunes so that the message could be more easily heard, it wasn't normal in the church of that day. It is said that at the time he was criticized far more for this than posting the 95 Theses on the Wittenberg Door! Of course, our hymn books today are filled with this "secular" harmonization.

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October 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands."

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| <p>1 Shepherding Fellowship 8:15 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship Service</p> | <p>2 11:00 J.O.Y. Club Luncheon 7:00 Men's Bible Study</p> | <p>3 10:00 Women's Bible Studies 6:30 Women's AA 7:00 Sr. High D_ 7:15 Choir Reh. 8:00 AA Meeting</p> | <p>4 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 Worship Team Reh.</p> | <p>5 7:00 Puppet Training 7:00 Celebrate Recovery</p> | <p>6 6:30 Men/Women Breakfast @ Yetters 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Cloveberry's SUSSEX SERVE</p> | <p>7 8:30-4 Disability Ministry Conference 10-1 Sunshine Shop 7:00 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</p> |
| <p>8 Operation Christmas Child Guest Speaker 8:15 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</p> | <p>9 7:00 Men's Bible Study</p> | <p>10 10:00 Women's Bible Studies 6:30 Women's AA 7:00 Sr. High D_ 7:15 Choir Reh. 8:00 AA Meeting</p> | <p>11 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 Worship Team Reh.</p> | <p>12 7:00 Puppet Training 7:00 Celebrate Recovery</p> | <p>13 6:30 Men/Women Breakfast @ Yetters 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Cloveberry's SUSSEX SERVE</p> | <p>14 7:00 Elder Breakfast 10-1 Sunshine Shop 7:00 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</p> |
| <p>15 8:15 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship Service</p> | <p>16 6:30 Trustee Mtg. 7:00 Men's Bible Study</p> | <p>17 10:00 Women's Bible Studies 6:30 Women's AA 7:00 Elder Mtg. 7:15 Choir Reh. 8:00 AA Meeting</p> | <p>18 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 Worship Team Reh.</p> | <p>19 7:00 Puppet Training 7:00 Celebrate Recovery</p> | <p>20 6:30 Men/Women Breakfast @ Yetters 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Cloveberry's</p> | <p>21 10-1 Sunshine Shop 7:00 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</p> |
| <p>22 8:15 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School Worship Service</p> | <p>23 7:00 Men's Bible Study</p> | <p>24 10:00 Women's Bible Studies 6:30 Women's AA 7:00 Sr. High D_ 7:15 Choir Reh. 8:00 AA Meeting</p> | <p>25 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 Worship Team Reh.</p> | <p>26 7:00 Puppet Training 7:00 Celebrate Recovery</p> | <p>27 6:30 Men/Women Breakfast @ Yetters 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Cloveberry's</p> | <p>28 10-1 Sunshine Shop MISSIONS CONFERENCE 4 Kids Mission Time 5 Kids Mission Movie 5:30 Missions Dinner 6:30 Missions Program</p> |
| <p>29 MISSIONS CONFERENCE 8:15 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School with Missionaries 11 Worship Service 6 Conference Closing</p> | <p>30 7:00 Men's Bible Study</p> | <p>31 9:15 Women's Bible Studies/MOPS 6:30 Women's AA 7:15 Choir Reh. 8:00 AA Meeting</p> | <p>SPECIAL EVENTS: 10/7 DISABILITY MINISTRY CONFERENCE 10/8 OP CHRISTMAS CHILD SPEAKER 10/13-14 SUSSEX SERVE PROJECTS 10/28-29 FALL MISSIONS CONFERENCE</p> | | | |

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| SPECIAL EVENTS: 9/9 WOMEN'S PAINTING EVENT 9/10 SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF 9/28-10/2 DIRECTORY PORTRAIT SITTINGS | | | | | 1 6:30 Men/Women Breakfast @ Yetters 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Cloveberry's | 2 7:00 Elder Breakfast 10-1 Sunshine Shop No Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group |
| 3 <i>Shepherding Fellowship</i> 9:30 Combined Worship Service | 4 <i>Labor Day</i> | 5 6:30 Women's AA 7:00 Sr. High D_ 8:00 AA Meeting | 6 10-1 Sunshine Shop 9:30 Prayer Mtg. 6:30 Frontline Training 7 Worship Team Reh. | 7 | 8 6:30 Men/Women Breakfast @ Yetters 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Cloveberry's | 9 9:00 Bagels/Buddies 10-1 Sunshine Shop 6:30 Women's Event 7:00 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group |
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Senior Adult Ministry

2017 SENIOR ADULT FALL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER:

7th **Senior Trip: Statue of Liberty / Ellis Island**
11th **J.O.Y Club Luncheon at 11 am, Topic: Health**
Please join us for a delicious potluck lunch, and bring a friend!

OCTOBER:

2nd **J.O.Y. Club Luncheon at 11 am, Topic: Operation Christmas Child**
Flu Clinic & Church Directory portrait sittings available.
Please join us for a delicious potluck lunch, and bring a friend!

NOVEMBER:

6th **J.O.Y. Club Thanksgiving Celebration & Hymn Sing @ 11 am**
Meal is provided by the church. Just come and enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal and a great time of praise.

DECEMBER:

4th **J.O.Y. Club Christmas Luncheon @ 11 am**
8th **Christmas Concert & Dinner at Tuscarora. 5:30 pm at Tuscarora (\$20)**

For more information and to sign up for events, please contact the church office at 973-383-4461.

Greg Gaffney, Director of Worship

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We often argue about the beat or the form or instrumentation, but not enough about what really matters, the content! This probably stems from the fact that all of us know what we like, but few of us spend the time evaluating the biblical truth in the lyrics. I believe this is especially true because several of our favorite hymns might be found lacking or because the new song with the awesome melody line might be deemed inadequate in the truth department. We are called by scripture to "speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19 NASB). We have a variety of forms with which to express our worship.

But we need to evaluate the content for truth and we need to evaluate the form for relevance to our congregation and the world around us that may visit our services. It is important that we look back to the traditions of the church while embracing what is good today. We shouldn't limit ourselves to manmade terms and preferences, but remember that all truth is God's truth and we should use the best of what is available to us to worship God, encourage one another and proclaim the Gospel!

In Christ,

Pastor Greg Gaffney

One Body, Many Parts Disability Ministry



SENSORY FRIENDLY ROOM:

If you have not seen the room, stop by and check it out! Several families use it on a regular basis. We recently received a lovely email from one of the

families who are using the room expressing how much it has meant to them.

A big "Thank you" to everyone who donated so generously to fill the room with our requested items. Seeing the tables piled high with your gifts at the Sensory Room Celebration was such a blessing. A special thanks to Pastor Glenn and all who worked so hard to get the room completed.

To everyone who signed up for various ministry opportunities — thank you! We are working on getting our prayer list out to those who have committed to pray for us, until then you will find some specific prayer requests at the end of this article.

BUDDIES: Jerrine Drew has been working on matching our buddy volunteers with the students whose families have requested one. We will be working on making sure every child who needs a buddy will be matched by the time Sunday School starts up in the fall. If you have a child who could use a buddy, please contact us.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: On May 24th we opened our committee meeting to anyone at LFC with an interest in the Ministry. We had about a dozen in attendance. First the committee members shared what we are currently working on. Then to the fun part, most of the evening was spent brainstorming ideas for the direction the ministry should take.

Everyone received a blank card to write their "dreams" on. We then collected them and discussed when to implement them: now, within a year or future. No surprise, the "now" column was overflowing. We have our work cut out for us! On June 24th, our committee spent the morning working on how to implement that "now" column.

I would like to thank Dee Spellman, Tina Hinsch, Barbara Granholm and Trisha Bailey for giving up their Saturday morning to plan with me.

FAMILY DISABILITY CONFERENCE: On October 6th and 7th, our church will be sponsoring a Family Disability Conference. Friday night area Pastors and their spouses will be invited for dinner with Dr. Michael Beates, the keynote speaker for the conference.

Saturday, the conference will be opened up to our community at LFC as well as families in our county who are living with disabilities. Dr. Beates will speak in both the morning and afternoon sessions. Six workshops will be offered in rotation so attendees can take advantage of at least four.

The there for this year (yes, I am praying that this will be an annual event) will be **CONNECTING:** Connecting with the Body of Christ, The Church, Connecting with Each Other, and Connecting with Support and Services. Many hands will be needed to serve during this conference. Look for more information at the Welcome Center or go directly to our website page: www.lfc.org/disability-ministry/.

DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED MINISTRY: We are so grateful to Patti Payne for signing at our 11:00 am Service, the second Sunday of each month. Let us know if you know anyone with the ability to sign. We would like to offer it at more of our services.

MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ◆ Praise for the heart LFC has shown for this ministry
- ◆ Families and individuals within our body living with disabilities
- ◆ Upcoming Family Disability Conference
- ◆ Committee Members: For wisdom, energy, and time to accomplish what god has called us to do

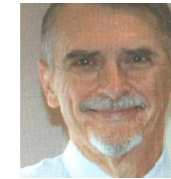
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Daralyn Sybesma
Ministry Coordinator



DEACON MINISTRY TEAMS:

BENEVOLENCE



Deacon: *Bill Byrd*

Description: Ministering to people with the goal of helping them regain or develop financial and social independence. This deacon will work with the existing church ministries, programs and people to help alleviate financial hardship, facilitate education, provide stewardship training, and help with an employment strategy to aid people in getting "back on their feet".

PHYSICAL/PRACTICAL



Deacon: *Jan Schneider*

Description: Ministering to people who have needs requiring physical or manual labor. This deacon will work with the existing church ministries, programs and people to help alleviate these practical needs while helping them with a long-term strategy to meet these needs.

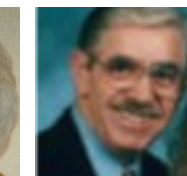
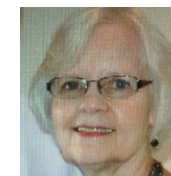
HOSPITAL/HOMEBOUND



Deacons: *Ted Cosgrove and Grace Carroll*

Description: Ministering to people who are in the hospital, homebound, in nursing homes or have long-term illnesses. These deacons will work with the existing church ministries, programs and people to give encouragement and a means of connection to the Body of Christ during difficult times that are, by nature, disconnecting and discouraging.

EMOTIONAL



Deacons: *Ruth Byrd and Vince Fagan*

Description: Ministering to people who are dealing with emotional hurts and struggles. These deacons will work with the existing church ministries, programs and people with the goal of helping the person to develop healthy emotional independence through dependence on Christ and His Word.