



# Summer at LFC

**CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS:**

- May 3rd National Day of Prayer Service (Sears Parking Lot)
- May 10th Evangel University Sinfonia Concert at 7PM
- May 19th CEF "Leading a Child to Christ"
- May 20th Spring Hymn Sing
- June 9th Lafayette Day
- June 16th Family Night at Skylands Baseball Park
- June 19 - 28th Family Promise Homeless Ministry
- August 3rd - 12th NJ State Fair

**CHILDREN'S EVENTS:**

- July 9th - 13th Vacation Bible School (4 yr. olds - 8th Grade)
- August 20th - 24th Soccer Camp (Ages 5 - 13)

**YOUTH EVENTS:**

- June Jr. & Sr. High Move-Up Day
- June 25th - 29th Youth Sussex Project
- August 6th - 13th Haiti Short-Term Missions Trip
- Wednesdays Sr. High Swim-n-Study (various locations)
- Saturdays Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

**YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS:**

- Evenings Bible Study, Fellowship and Special Outings

**WOMEN'S EVENTS:**

- May 15th - June 26th Women's Tuesday Early Summer Bible Study (10-11:30 a.m.) at LFC
- July 9th - 13th Women's Bible Study/Cooking Classes (scheduled during VBS)
- Fridays Women's Bible & Breakfast (Yetter's Diner)

**MEN'S EVENTS:**

- May 11th "Man Food" Night (6:30 p.m.)
- May-June Monday Night Bible Study (7:00 p.m.)
- Fridays Breakfast Yetter's (6:30 a.m.) / Cloveberry Bakery (7:00 a.m.)

**SENIOR EVENTS:**

- June 4th J.O.Y. Club Luncheon at LFC (11:00 a.m.) Speaker: God Cares Ministry
- July 2nd J.O.Y. Club Meeting (11:30 a.m.) Dominick's Restaurant, Newton, NJ
- July 20th Senior Workshop / Lunch served
- August 6th J.O.Y. Club Luncheon at LFC (11:00 a.m.) Topics: Hobbies
- August 17th Senior Workshop / Lunch served



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# CONNECTION

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...

Our church's greatest tools for accomplishing our mission of Equipping Believers, Exalting the Savior and Expanding His Kingdom are these three things: First, our peoples' spiritual gifts, talents, and time. Second, our budget and finances. And third, our facilities. I'm excited to share with you a vision of how our church will be revamping, renovating, and re-purposing our facilities to further our mission of expanding the kingdom of God here in Sussex County and beyond. This plan is the result of the work and prayer and planning of our church staff and pastors, elders, and trustees. What is extra exciting about this vision and plan is that the changes do not necessitate the adding of any square footage, but rather repurpose our existing square footage. We are moving toward this goal in three phases.

Phase 1 is the installation of an elevator. The purpose behind the elevator is to open up the entire facility for all people, especially our senior adults and the disabled. The planning for the elevator is well underway, and if everything goes as planned, the installation should begin in about 8 weeks. With the facility being opened up to all people, we can now look at ways to more effectively facilitate our equipping ministries, like being able to move adult ministry all in one area and further define a true children's ministry area.

Phase 2 is the relocation of the student ministries from the building in the back of the property to the main building and creating a fully functional student ministry area here in the main building. This plan approved, by the elders and trustees, will see the transformation of rooms 120 and 121, the brown and green rooms, into one large student ministry area. We will also be transforming the outside area into a youth ministry area, complete with an expanded patio and outdoor rec area.

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## Glenn Cohrs, Pastor of Family Ministries / Administration

On Easter Sunday I shared with my Sunday School class that I couldn't find a better way to celebrate Easter than with my church family. One of the joys of our faith is being united with others in the name of Christ. This bond is so amazing as we often find our church family just as close to us as our biological family, or in some cases even closer. Also, it's amazing that when you meet people for the first time and you find out they're believers as well, you instantly become family!! The best part is this is only a glimpse of what it's going to be like in Heaven.

So how are you doing when it comes to fellowshiping with believers? Are you only spending time with them during one of the Sunday morning services? Don't get me wrong, there's nothing better than spending an hour plus worshipping our Lord together, but if that's all you're doing, you're missing out on so much. There just something about being together in a more intimate setting such as Sunday School, week-day Bible Studies, Wednesday Night dinners and programs and so much more. I would like to encourage you to be looking at where you can plug in. I promise you that once you get involved in one of these smaller settings, you're going to wish you had done it much sooner.

I would like to share some ways for you to get involved here at LFC.

- Why not sign up to be a worker at this year's VBS program July 9th – 13th.

We always need Teachers, Helpers, Recreation Workers, Craft Workers, Kitchen help, Music leaders and much more. If you think you would like to get involved, just let Turid or I know. You can email me at [gcohrs@lfc.org](mailto:gcohrs@lfc.org) or give me a call.

- We always need workers to help with the Family Promise Ministry that we host here at LFC. Our next week is scheduled for June 19th – 26th. If you can help with this wonderful ministry or would like more information, you can contact Carolyn Malone at 201-602-8898.
- Also mark your calendars for our Annual Soccer Camp August 20th -24th. This camp has been a great outreach at LFC for the past five years. We are always in need of assistant soccer coaches and other staff. For more information, see Pastor Brian.
- We are also looking to establish several cooking teams for next school year's Wednesday Night Family Dinners. These dinners have become a great opportunity for our church family to get together mid-week for fellowship and a delicious meal. If you would be interested in being a part of this ministry, please reach out to Carla Andersen or myself as we would love to tell you more about this ministry.

In Christ Service,

Pastor Glenn

### 1 John 1:7

*"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son, purifies us from all sin."*



**FAMILY & FAITH NIGHT**  
at  
**SKYLANDS STADIUM**

Group Ticket Prices: \$9 per person  
Sign up at the Welcome Center,  
contact Glenn Cohrs at  
[gcohrs@lfc.org](mailto:gcohrs@lfc.org) or call the church  
office.

**Saturday, June 16th, @ 4:00 p.m.**

## Brian Ingraham, Pastor of Kingdom Expansion

I love Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul finds himself under house arrest in Rome, not knowing whether he is going to live or die. He is writing this letter to the church in Philippi, a church he planted approximately 10 years earlier (recorded in Acts 16). I've always specifically loved the tone of the letter. Paul cares so much for these believers, evident from the very beginning when Paul says in Philippians 1:3 - "I thank my God every time I remember you." His words sought to encourage them, excite them and invite them to join him in God's mission to advance the gospel.

With this context in mind, I'd like to draw your attention to Philippians 1:12-14. It says, "Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear."

In these verses, we see Paul sharing with the Philippian believers that God is working in the midst of a difficult situation in his life and he invites them to respond with confidence in the Lord. It is amazing to see that in the midst of his horrible imprisonment, Paul sees the big picture - the advance of the gospel! He also expresses a little later (verses 21-24) that while he does desire to leave this earth and be with Christ, that God specifically has a mission for him in Rome. I believe that verses 12-14 provides for us a tremendous example and encouragement in sharing the gospel message wherever he has placed us.

I don't know about you, but to me Paul's circumstances seem very discouraging. I mean, here's Paul, confined to his house and constantly linked to a Roman guard. According to some commentators, these guards would rotate every 4 hours and many scholars agree that this happened over the course of two years. I would think that the ongoing shuffle of people and the lack of privacy would get really old and overwhelming to deal with. However, what we may see as a burden, Paul saw as an opportunity. Can you imagine what it might have been like for these guards? I can picture Paul talking these guards ears off and sharing the joy in Christ that he had which was evident throughout this letter. In fact, joy or rejoice is mentioned 16 times in Philippians!

Philippians 1:13 really sums things up. God was working behind the scenes to use Paul to share the gospel with many members of the palace guard. Commentator J. Vernon McGee, speaking of the palace guards, says that "many of them did come to know Christ. The Gospel penetrated Caesar's household. Later Tertullian wrote that the Roman government became disturbed when it was discovered that Christians were in positions of authority. Many of these men later died for their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

What we may see as a disappointment, Paul saw as a God appointment. Who are the people that God has linked to you and I? Maybe it's a family member, coworker, classmate, or friend? Who is it that God has placed in your life? It's important for all of us to try to take a step back and, like Paul, see the big picture. We are all part in advancing the gospel and we should proclaim it without fear.

To be incredibly honest with you, God has really been convicting me in this area. It's easy to talk about it, but hard to live out. I'm praying that in my own life that I would seek out opportunities to be linked to others and as I do that I would be faithful to share the hope of Jesus without fear. For me, I would like to intentionally seek out opportunities to be linked to those who may not know Jesus. One way that I have thought about doing this is through sports, specifically basketball. Finding an open gym is a great way to be linked with others and have an opportunity to share. Maybe there is a specific thing that you feel God leading you to do to intentionally be linked with others to share the gospel? May our prayer be that our lives would reflect the love of Christ and that we would be faithful to share the message of Jesus with whoever we are linked to!

I'd like to close by sharing two upcoming events that relate specifically with sharing the hope of Jesus: First, on April 29th during the Sunday School hour, all adults and students grade 7+ are invited to the gym to hear some stories of God at work. We will hear testimonies from our spring mission trips as well as some great opportunities to serve this summer and fall. God may open your eyes to an event or opportunity that you may find yourself linked with those that need to hear about Jesus!

Second, on May 19th from 9:00-12:30 PM, we have invited Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) to walk us through how to lead a child to Christ. Maybe you are linked with children in your everyday life as a parent, grandparent, sibling, teacher, etc. If so, what a great way to be equipped to intentionally share Jesus with them!



# June 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

*"The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love."*

<b>SPECIAL EVENTS:</b>  June 9th: Lafayette Day June 16th: Family Night at Skylands June 19 - 28th: Family Promise Homeless Min. June 25 - 29th: Youth Sussex Project					<b>1</b> 6:30 Men/Women Breakfast @ Yettters 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Cloveberry's	<b>2</b> 7:00 Elder Breakfast 10-1 Sunshine Shop  7:00 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
<b>3</b> <b>Shepherding Fellowship</b> 8:15 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship Service	<b>4</b> <b>11:00 J.O.Y. Club Luncheon</b>  7:00 Men's Bible Study	<b>5</b> 10:00 Women's Summer Bible Study  6:30 Women's AA 8:00 AA Meeting	<b>6</b> 10-1 Sunshine Shop 9:30 Prayer Mtg.  <b>No Wednesday Night Programs</b>	<b>7</b>  7:00 Celebrate Recovery	<b>8</b> 6:30 Men/Women Breakfast @ Yettters 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Cloveberry's	<b>9</b> 10-1 Sunshine Shop  <b>LAFAYETTE DAY</b>  7:00 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
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# May 2018

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<b>6</b> <b>Shepherding Fellowship</b> 8:15 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	<b>7</b> <b>11:00 J.O.Y. Club Luncheon</b>  6:00 Family Promise Training 7:00 Men's Bible Study	<b>8</b> No Women's Bible Studies/MOPS  6:30 Women's AA 8:00 AA Meeting	<b>9</b> 10-1 Sunshine Shop 9:30 Prayer Mtg.  7 Sr. High D_Group <b>No Wednesday Night Programs</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>7:00 Evangel Univ. Sinfonia</b> 7:00 Celebrate Recovery	<b>11</b> 6:30 Men/Women Breakfast @ Yettters 7:00 Men's Breakfast @ Cloveberry's  <b>6:30 "Man Food" Night</b>	<b>12</b> 10-1 Sunshine Shop  7:00 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
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## Gregg Gaffney, Pastor of Worship & Music

I thought that I would write about the importance of worship, especially corporate worship. These are some thoughts that are from the Worship 101 course that I wrote that we are studying in Sunday School.

When we gather to worship, we are entering into the throne room of God, not a concert hall. He is the "audience of one", we are both the priests and the worshippers. We are joining in the eternal worship service that began before man was created and will continue beyond the history of this earth. A worship service that is joined by others all across this globe and one that saints have taken part in the past and will take part in the future. We need to recognize this magnificent truth and **approach** every worship gathering with **that reverence**. When we do so, others will not only follow, but come into contact with God in deeper ways than they even knew possible.

**How important is worship? It is the most important thing we do.** I want to share with you this John Piper quote from his book on missions called Let the Nations Be Glad, which has deeply impacted my thinking: "All of history is moving toward one great goal, the white-hot worship of God and his Son among all the peoples of the earth. Missions exist because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man.... When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever."

Does this hit you like it did me? We tend to emphasize our programs, wrapped up in fulfilling the snappy mission statements that we have created to accomplish the purpose we deem God has given us as a body. But while mission statements are good and I believe necessary if they help guide us, they become cumbersome if they become the primary focus and God's leading secondary.

We get caught up in the act of doing ministry instead of responding to the Awesome Creator of the Universe. And when **we** get caught up in doing, **we** are in our own strength and **we** will get tired. So when **we** emphasize evangelism, missions, Christian education, youth, etc, **we** do well but **we** get tired. All these are good and are things we should be doing. But these are not the things that were and will be! Worship is!

Before the creation of man, **God was being worshipped** upon His throne. After the judgments of man, **God will be worshipped** upon His throne. When we respond to God's revelation, we worship and when we worship we move in His strength and all other things flow out naturally. It is this perspective that impacts not only our corporate gatherings but our very lifestyle!

**God makes it clear that He does have a priority in the way we give worth to Him.** Look at the example of Mary and Martha in **Luke 10:38-42**. "Now as they were traveling along, He entered a certain village and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home, and she had a sister called Mary who moreover was listening to the Lord's word, seated at His feet. But Martha was distracted with all her preparations and she came up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me." But the Lord answered and said to her: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only a few things are necessary, really only one, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

**Who was giving God worth?** The truth is **both** were in their own way, Martha by inviting Him in and serving Him, Mary by listening at Jesus feet to His teaching. Yet when Martha complains to Jesus that Mary should help with the preparations, Jesus states that Mary has chosen the better way...why? Because **the higher priority is to sit at His feet!** Both are good, but one is better. I think it is because one has temporal value which should lead others to Him, but the greater one of seating at His feet is of eternal value.

After all, **the end goal of our service is to create worshippers.** Our emphasis on good works is not to earn salvation, but to allow others to experience Jesus through us. **Doug Pollack** says it this way in his book Irresistible Evangelism, "Good deeds to good will to good words to Good News." Simply put, we do good deeds to earn the good will of others so that we can share good words to earn the right to share the Good News. But why Good News? So that people come to know God, to honor God, so that they serve Him in gratitude, so that they give worth to Him. So that they become worshippers.

Concerning evangelism, **A. W. Tozer** says it this way in his book, Whatever Happened to Worship? "There is nothing intrinsically wrong with signing a response card. It can be a helpful thing so we know who has made inquiry. But really, my brother or sister, we are brought to God and to faith and to salvation that we might worship and adore Him. We do not come to God that we might be automatic Christians, cookie-cutter Christians, Christians stamped out with a die. God has provided His salvation that we might be, individually and personally, vibrant children of God, loving God with all our hearts and worshiping Him in the beauty of holiness."

This then becomes our prayer; "Lord, I don't need another name in my file, another notch on my belt. But I would like the privilege today of bringing someone to the point of salvation so he could become a genuine worshiper of You. Use me today, I pray, in Jesus' name. Amen."

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## Ryan Drew, Pastor of Students

Hello Church Family,

If you have not yet heard, we have exciting news here at LFC that directly affects our student ministry! After many years of the youth group meeting in the upper building at the back of the parking lot, the elders and trustees have approved a plan to move the student ministry back down to the main building, occupying rooms 120 and 121, otherwise known as the brown and the green room at the end of the hall past the kitchen.

As Pastor Aaron recently shared on a Sunday morning, the purpose of this change falls in line with several key facility changes that will be considered in the near future to help facilitate ministry opportunities. The greatest needs that this meets for the student ministry are safety and convenience.

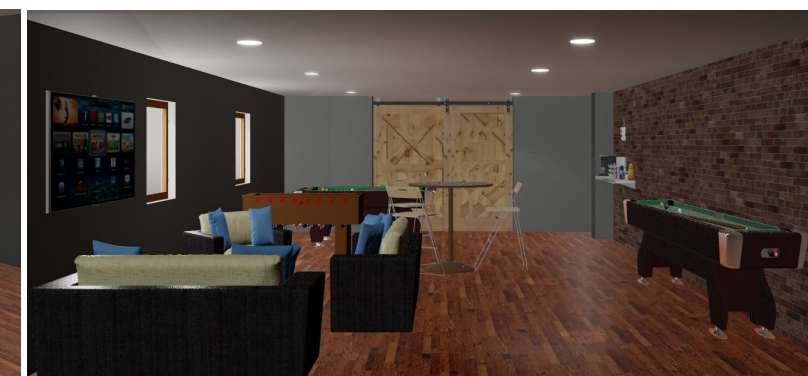
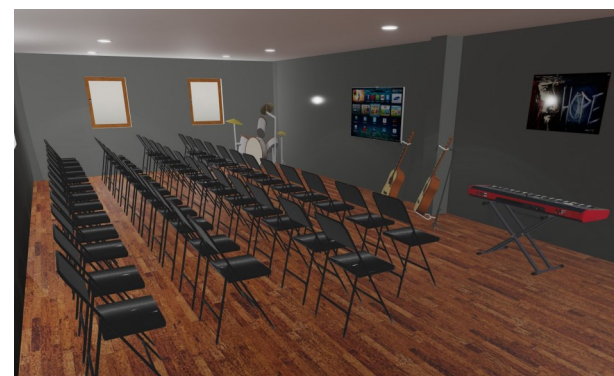
**SAFETY-** each Saturday as students meet for youth group the Jr. and Sr. High share time between the gym and the youth room. We are excited about the security of having all of our students under one roof for any given youth group night with quick and easy transitions.

**CONVENIENCE-** Quick access to restrooms and the kitchen area will be a significant benefit of the change, again allowing for timely transitions and greater use of the building.

We will also be making improvements to the outdoor area just outside of the new room to allow for outdoor games and activities as well (look up GA-GA and 9 Square in the Air!). It is exciting to see these changes taking place, but more importantly, the overall vision for why the changes are even being considered. The goal is not to have a nice building. The hope is to use the space and resources given to us to facilitate ministry and make Jesus known. We've added a few pictures in case you weren't able to see the artist renderings of what the room may look like!

All for Jesus,

Ryan



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*Spring at  
LAFAYETTE FEDERATED  
CHURCH*

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

Psalm 19:1

**ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

Date	8:15 am Worship Service	11:00 Worship Service	Sunday School	General Offering	Missions Offering	Building Fund
02/04/2018	197	214	185	\$29,192.84	\$1,560.00	\$142.00
02/11/2018	188	240	216	\$17,104.45	\$1,150.00	\$0
02/18/2018	105	158	129	\$17,942.12	\$2,845.00	\$0
02/25/2018	209	224	211	\$21,352.80	\$1,340.00	\$50.00
03/04/2018	196	177	171	\$25,311.05	\$655.00	\$230.00
03/11/2018	180	229	192	\$15,325.58	\$285.00	\$158.00
03/18/2018	215	227	197	\$21,196.75	\$110.00	\$0
03/25/2018	251	234	188	\$20,878.26	\$205.00	\$300.00
04/01/2018	307	297	177	\$23,507.00	\$110.00	\$40.00
04/08/2018	231	214	208	\$17,528.03	\$270.00	\$100.00
04/15/2018	218	204	224	\$18,823.41	\$173.00	\$150.00
04/22/2018	235	208	210	\$34,068.11	\$210.00	\$0

**Senior Adult Ministry**

**2018 SENIOR ADULT EVENTS**

**MAY:**

7th J.O.Y. Club Luncheon at 11 am, Speaker: Amy Compton  
20th Spring Hymn Sing at 6 pm

**JUNE:**

4<sup>h</sup> J.O.Y. Club Luncheon at 11 am, Speaker: God Cares Ministry

**JULY:**

2nd J.O.Y. Club Luncheon at Dominick's Restaurant, Newton @ 11:30 am  
20th Senior Workshop & Lunch at 11 am

**AUGUST:**

6<sup>th</sup> J.O.Y. Club Luncheon at 11 am, Topic: Hobbies  
17th Senior Workshop & Lunch at 11 am

**SEPTEMBER:**

10<sup>th</sup> J.O.Y. Club Luncheon at 11 am, Speaker: Pastor Glenn Cohrs, Church Safety

**OCTOBER:**

1st J.O.Y. Club Luncheon at 11 am, Topic: Operation Christmas Child

**NOVEMBER:**

5<sup>th</sup> J.O.Y. Club Thanksgiving Celebration & Hymn Sing @ 11 am

**DECEMBER:**

3rd J.O.Y. Club Christmas Luncheon @ 11 am

Senior Adult Trips to be determined.



**EVANGEL  
UNIVERSITY  
SINFONIA**

**Thursday, May 10th  
7PM**

*Classical, Sacred &  
Contemporary Christian  
Selections*

**Expressions of Gratitude  
HYMN SING**

**SUNDAY, MAY 20TH, 6 PM**

Sample of praises offered by the LFC Family on Easter Sunday

Thank you Jesus for the way you blessed me and love me  
Thank God I'm Free!  
Thank you for dying on the cross for me  
Thank you Jesus for taking my place  
You turned my mess into your message  
Thank you Lord for healing me and giving me life!  
TRULY SET FREE  
Forgiven and Accepted  
God's amazing grace is sufficient for all, even me!

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**2018  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**July 9th - 13th  
9 - 12:30 PM**

4 yr. olds - 8th Graders

It's time to gear up for the big game! So grab your megaphones and lace up you cleats. As kids get ready for the big game, they will learn that the goal is not competing in their own strength because God has already equipped them with everything they need!

Registration Forms will be available on May 6th at the Welcome Center and our website: [www.lfc.org](http://www.lfc.org)

Moms' Bible Study/Cooking Class offered while children are enjoying VBS

**BOYS & GIRLS  
AGES 5 - 13**

REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE OR AT THE WELCOME CENTER



**SOCCER CAMP**

**AUGUST 20 - 24TH**

The motivation behind this move is two-fold. First, it is for our student's safety. No longer will our kids be walking back and forth from the back building to the main building to use the restroom, and to change ministry areas. The other reason is to more effectively conduct student ministry. Our youth will now have in one place, a ministry area, gym, kitchen, restrooms and outdoor hang-out and recreation area.

The timeframe to have this project completed is by the end of the summer of 2018. Another exciting ministry change that this will enable will be the moving of the Sunshine Shop to the former youth ministry room, giving that ministry much needed extra square footage. The area that the Sunshine Shop currently uses will be transformed into an area for more intentional and effective mercy ministries, like our food pantry and other opportunities.

Phase three is the creation of a dedicated Children's ministry wing, with a target completion date of fall 2019. We will be turning the current downstairs classroom wing into a dedicated children's ministry wing. Our goal is to look at our numbers and needs through the fall 2018 ministry quarter, and based on those needs and numbers reconfigure and repurpose the classroom area to most effectively meet our ministry needs. The goal is to be able to have a fully functioning child check-in area, as well as a classroom and general use footprint that will most effectively enable us to reach and disciple children.


With all of that said, there is a need to fund these changes. The leadership of the church has agreed that the best way to fund these changes is through a renewed emphasis on giving through the building fund. For those of you who use envelopes to give your tithes and offerings, you already know that there are 12 monthly envelopes provided for you to give toward the building fund. If you don't use the envelope, please be sure and designate your check to 'building fund.'

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask or email any of the pastoral staff. We'd love to share more details and more about the long term vision of our ministries here at LFC.

In Christ,

Pastor Aaron Robb

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MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE BOND OF PEACE.

**MAY 3, 2018**

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