



- 1/2 WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME:**
  - 6 PM Fellowship Dinner:** Meal is provided. \$3 pp/\$12 Family max
  - 7 PM Children & Student Discipleship Groups:** Boys Brigade / Pioneer Girls / Kids Klub / Sr. High D\_Groups
  - Adult Discipleship Groups:** Women's Bible Study / Faith Explored / Spanish Adult Group / Celebrate Recovery
- 1/6 NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SEMESTER**
- 1/11-13 JR. HIGH YOUTH RETREAT**
- 1/12 "THE WELL" LFC FOOD PANTRY GRAND OPENING:** Wednesdays & Saturdays 10-2 PM
- 1/13 DISCOVER LFC:** 9:45 AM in the Sanctuary Overflow
- 1/15 WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES & MOPS:** 9:15 AM, Childcare provided
- 1/20-2/10 BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG FUNDRAISER**
- 1/18 MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY, WASHINGTON, D.C.**
- 1/30 PIONEER GIRLS FATHER/DAUGHTER BAKE-OFF**
- 2/4 J.O.Y. CLUB LUNCHEON (SENIOR ADULTS):** 11 AM in the gym
- 2/6 PIONEER GIRLS MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA PARTY**
- 2/11 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** 7 PM in the Sanctuary
- 2/15-18 SR. HIGH YOUTH RETREAT**
- 3/2-9 KENTUCKY SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIP**
- 3/4 J.O.Y. CLUB LUNCHEON (SENIOR ADULTS):** 11 AM in the gym
- 4/13-14 EASTER CONCERTS**
- 4/18 MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE:** 7:30 PM
- 4/19 GOOD FRIDAY:** 7 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast / 7:30 PM Tenebrae Service
- 4/21 EASTER SUNDAY:** 6:30 AM Sunrise Service / 7 AM Easter Breakfast / 8:15 & 11 AM Triumphant Resurrection Service / 9:45 AM Sunday School

**A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR...**

Happy New Year! What a word: "new". There are all kinds of feelings of potential, opportunity, and excitement wrapped up in that tiny three letter word. In some ways, the start of a new year is just another day, the next day after December 31<sup>st</sup>. In other ways, however, there really is a sense of a fresh start as we turn the calendar page from 2018 to 2019.

When I think of a new year, my mind always goes to Lamentations 3:22-23:

***Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.***

What does it mean that His compassions are "new every morning?" When you really stop to think about it, this little phrase contains some powerful truths about the hope we have in Christ, and why we can truly celebrate each day we walk with the Lord.

**New:** Think about it: His compassions are "new" every morning. His compassion on us is never stale, tired, out of date or neglected. Consider a glass of water. It is refreshing when it is first poured, but if it sits out for several days, that refreshing water can grow stagnant and old. On the contrary, we see God's compassion as a spring. No matter how many times you go back to a spring, the water is fresh and refreshing. It's always new. God's compassions run fresh and new every day. It is always just what we need when we are spiritually thirsty.

**Every:** The consistency of God's compassion on us is utterly amazing. Think of our best attempts at consistency: Resolutions made, but abandoned by February. Routines established, but set aside at the first sign of difficulty. The best intentions lost in the our own whims and desires. God's compassion, though, is constant. It never veers off track. He is never distracted from His compassion-giving promise. Every morning is a reason to thank God and to serve Him faithfully.

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## Glenn Cohrs, Pastor of Family Ministries / Administration

Hard to believe it's already 2019. I am really looking forward to the New Year to see all the exciting things God has in store for us here at LFC. Some of the changes you can look forward to seeing in 2019 are:

We are excited to continue to grow our Wednesday Night Programs by having Celebrate Recovery move to Wednesday nights from Thursday. It is our hope that this move will allow other people to take advantage of this wonderful ministry by having childcare available. C.R. is an incredible ministry for anyone who is struggling with a hurt or hang up. If you would like more information about this ministry, please feel free to reach out to me; I would love to talk to you about it.

In January 2019 the Men's Monday Night Bible Study will be starting a new series on the book of Galatians. We meet at 7 pm in the fellowship room next to the kitchen. We always have the coffee on and would love to have you join us. Also, in January we hope to begin the installation of the new elevator. Please bear with us as the project will take approximately two months. We will do our best not to disrupt the hallway and rooms around the elevator shaft too much during the construction; however, some temporary walls will need to be built. It will all be worth it as this elevator will be of great service to numerous folks at LFC.

The Food Pantry will be moving to its new location on the lower level of the bus garage building mid-January. This will be a great space for our social action team to better help those in need in our community.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School July 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. We would love to have you join our team this year. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this worthwhile ministry that reaches over 200 kids and Mom's each year. If you would like more information, contact Turid or me.

We are truly blessed here at LFC with an incredible facility. Let's be good stewards of what God has blessed us with by taking the time to clean up after we are done, turn off lights, reset classrooms and lock doors (if last one out). These simple things go a long way.

I am looking forward to working side by side with you this year, and as always, my door is open for you. Please feel free to stop in; I would love to talk with you. You can always reach me through my email ([gcohrs@lfc.org](mailto:gcohrs@lfc.org)) as well. I try to respond to them as quickly as possible.

In Christ Service,

Pastor Glenn

***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your request to God."***

**Philippians 4:6**

*Join us...*

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT LFC:

- 6:00 pm **FELLOWSHIP DINNER:**  
Entire meal is provided  
\$3/person, \$1/-5 yrs., \$12/family
- 7:00 pm **YOUTH & CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS:**  
Boys Brigade, Pioneer Girls, Kid's Klub, Sr. High D\_Groups
- ADULT DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS:**  
Celebrate Recovery, Women's Group, Spanish Adult Group, Discipleship Explored Group

## Brian Ingraham, Pastor of Kingdom Expansion *(Continued from Page 3)*

**LFC MISSIONS:** One of our short-term mission goals of 2019 is to be more proactive and intentional in communicating how people can get involved in missions both locally and globally. We are hoping to send a regular email that will serve this purpose. We want to let you know that we have several short-term mission trips available including:

Kentucky – March 2<sup>nd</sup>-March 9<sup>th</sup> – Home Repair ministry (Applications due Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>)

Sussex Project – June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – Local Home Repair ministry (Applications available soon)

New Hampshire – July 21-27 - Winchester Project in partnership with Center Church in New Hampshire - Helping to run Backyard Bible Club type ministry called "Food and Fun" as well as some potential sport ministry and/or home repair ministry components. Great trip for families! (Applications available soon)

If anyone is interested in the possibility of exploring some **overseas** mission opportunities, please let me know. We have been in regular communication with our global partners and some have expressed interest in having individuals or couples come to visit and serve.

In Christ,

Pastor Brian



## LAFAYETTE FEDERATED CHURCH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

As of: **November 30, 2018**

**Total Income:** \$967,182.16  
**Total Expenses:** \$1,081,950.81

*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
11/04/2018	201	205	213	\$24,558.39	\$595.00	\$315.00
11/11/2018	245	201	195	\$15,535.21	\$1,079.00	\$55.00
11/18/2018	153	208	155	\$13,325.00	\$63.00	\$210.00
11/25/2018	195	168	170	\$13,786.02	\$165.00	\$210.00
12/02/2018	241	201	221	\$25,293.13	\$210.00	\$450.00
12/09/2018	216	203	175	\$14,747.32	\$71.00	\$38.00
12/16/2018	203	173	171	\$16,728.65	\$0	\$60.00
12/23/2018	258	217	151	\$25,684.85	\$170.00	\$11.00
12/30/2018	180	234	115	\$16,832.00	\$325.00	\$20.00

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

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

**MOPS: "The Song" Marriage Study**

Led by Kyla Mitchell

**"Real Christianity"**

Led by Lisa Kaelblein

**"Father, Son and Holy Spirit" Who's Who?"**

Led by Janet Neidhardt

**WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM**

**"1 Peter, A Living Hope in Christ"**

Led by Brittany King



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Monday, February 11th  
@ 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend.

The Annual Reports will be available  
at the Welcome Center, Sunday,  
February 10th.

## Brian Ingraham, Pastor of Kingdom Expansion

Dear Church Family,

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! As we enter 2019, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some things I'm looking forward to at LFC this coming year.

### EQUIP CONFERENCE: SHARING YOUR FAITH

**WITHOUT FEAR:** 1 Peter 3:15 instructs us to always be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks us about our faith. While this calling to share our faith is a great privilege, it can also cause us to feel fear in a number of areas (ex. rejection, not having enough knowledge, and not knowing how to start conversations).

I am excited to share that LFC will be hosting a special weekend training conference on April 27-28th. Our speaker will be Dr. Mark Farnham from *Apologetics for the Church*. Dr. Farnham is a professor at Lancaster Bible College and regularly does seminars and trainings to equip ALL believers with the tools and confidence to share their faith with unbelievers. The entire church body (Jr. High - Adult) is greatly encouraged to come and hear Dr. Farnham speak on various topics throughout the weekend. Equipping sessions will be on Saturday morning, the Sunday School hour, and both Sunday services. Don't forget to mark your calendars for April 27th-28th - It is sure to be a valuable learning experience.

**KINGDOM EXPANSION INITIATIVES:** Over the last year and a half, I have had numerous meetings with local pastors and ministry leaders about ways that we can partner and serve together. Quite a few ideas have been explored and discussed at those meetings, and I'd like to share a few with you that we hope to either start or continue to grow in 2019.

**Bible Club at Lafayette School** - We are hoping to offer a 7-week After-School Bible Club at Lafayette School. Child Evangelism Fellowship and some other local churches will be partnering with us. Our target date is sometime between February-April 2019. We will provide information as soon as final dates have been decided. Let me know if you would like to serve in this strategic ministry.

**Sussex Project** - Last year we partnered with Milford Bible Church and served about 10 local families by focusing on the goal of meeting tangible needs and pointing people to Jesus. We accomplished this by providing home repair and yard work while building relationships with those we served. This year we are planning to expand this ministry to work with more churches and meet more families! Our target date for the Sussex Project is June 25th-June 29th. Students will be invited to stay overnight at the church during the project week while individuals/families will sign up for times they are available to serve during that week. We will have applications available in a couple months.

**LFC LOCAL OUTREACH:** We finished up a busy 2018 with our Thanksgiving Outreach on November 17th and our Community Christmas Party on December 19th. We ended up serving 35+ families for each of these outreaches and were blessed to be able to meet them and share the gospel with them.

One major avenue of local outreach in 2019 will take place through our newly renovated food pantry ministry, now called 'The Well'. The Well will officially open on Saturday, January 12th and will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10AM-2PM. One of the main goals of The Well is to build genuine relationships with those God sends to us and to point them to a life changing relationship with Jesus. Please pray for those that are sent to serve as well as those who come for help. I would encourage you to stop by after we are open to see this ministry and please let myself or Gloria Williams if you are interested in serving. There are other ways we hope to reach out locally in the future (ie. Spanish ministry, sports outreach, college campus ministry, etc.), so please pray for direction.

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## Ryan Drew, Pastor of Students

One the first Sunday of 2019 Pastor Aaron challenged us to maintain the authority of the Word of God, particularly in our own lives. For me it was refreshing to be reminded to take the words of 2 Tim. 3:16-17 literally and to allow the Word of God to teach me, to show me where I am wrong, to correct, and to train. It seems all too easy to take these words only in part and to keep certain areas of our lives to ourselves, but there is no benefit to partial obedience to God! When we trust who He is and lean on what He has done it naturally leads us to a place of responding in full obedience.

For about a month now our students have been leaving youth group with the Word of God in their hands. During each lesson we have focused on a key verse and challenged the students to write down the verse in their own writing and to take it with them. We didn't stop there however. The challenge each week has been for the students to keep that verse with them all week long, to regularly look at it during the day, and to be reminded about what God taught them through His Word the previous Saturday. And what could be better than giving that passage of Scripture to a friend and encouraging them to read it as well! It has already been a blessing to hear how this has had an impact on students!

For example on January 5<sup>th</sup> we studied James 4:8 which says "Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded." I cannot image a better way to start the year than to be focused on humbling our own hearts, confessing sin, and declaring complete surrender to Jesus. Our prayer for these students is that they will meditate on the Word of God each week and that it will have a deep impact on their hearts and living.

Can we offer you the same encouragement? Whether it is through this suggestion or other bible study tools we encourage you to keep the Word of God close in 2019! And would you also continue to pray for our students that God would have His way in them as they immerse themselves in Scripture? Looking forward to what God has in store!

"My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let me not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life." Proverbs 4:20-23

All for Him,

Ryan



**2019 WINTER YOUTH RETREAT**

Go to:  
[www.lfc.org/students](http://www.lfc.org/students)

**Sr. High Retreat: February 15-18**

The poster features a dark blue background with several translucent, light blue cubes of varying sizes. Some cubes contain images of snowy mountain landscapes and winter trees. The text is white and positioned in the upper left and bottom center.

## Aaron Robb, Senior Pastor (Continued from Page 1)

**Morning:** The morning implies the end of the night time. The night, in many ways, represents the difficult, the unknown, the dark and the hard. God's compassion comes just when we need it the most. In the midst of trials and struggles, we find hope in knowing that morning is coming and that God's compassion stands ready once again to encourage, strengthen and empower us.

While we celebrate a new year, let's never forget that, as Believers, we celebrate each new day because of God's new compassion.

God's compassion for us finds its culmination in the person and work of Jesus. We need God's new compassion daily because we sin daily, because we need Him daily. Jesus, our compassionate Savior, gives us that hope through the cross and the resurrection. Of all the resolutions we make this season, let us resolve to wake up every morning praising and thanking God for His new, never-changing, life-giving compassion experienced through our relationship with Jesus.

Pastor Aaron



**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG**

*The Baby Bottles are coming!*  
**JANUARY 20th - FEBRUARY 10th**

On Sunday, 1/20, 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)

**TODAY'S CHOICE  
WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER**

The advertisement features a photograph of a newborn baby wrapped in a light-colored blanket, lying in a round, shallow wooden basket filled with soft, white, curly fabric. The text is positioned to the right of the image.



**2019**

JOIN US AT THE  
**MARCH FOR LIFE**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18TH

The poster features a large, stylized '2019' in purple and blue. The '0' contains a red rose. Below the numbers, the text 'JOIN US AT THE MARCH FOR LIFE' is written in white. At the bottom, 'FRIDAY, JANUARY 18TH' is written in white. The background shows a large crowd of people gathered for the March for Life event, with the Washington Monument visible in the distance.