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## ON THE JOURNEY...

By Dr. Ron Hinson

### Steps of Faith

Most of us recognize that growing in our faith journey is meant to be a continuous and ongoing relationship with our Lord and Savior. As we walk by faith, we discover all along the journey the opportunities to grow as Christ leads the way before us. We see avenues of influence that God allows us to be a part of as He is working in our world in and through us. As I think of the countless ways in which God has extended his care and blessings to me through the years I would encourage you to look at your own journey of faith and consider the ways God is leading you daily.

God offers us His “revealed truth.” As Jesus noted himself as “the way, the truth and the life,” we understand that He points us to truth and exemplifies it in all he said and did.

We are not alone. God does not leave us to our own resources, but he comes to be with us in the abiding of the Holy Spirit and in the calling for our coming together in Christian community with other brothers and sisters in Christ. We share God’s presence and His gifts to us in the midst of a worshipping, witnessing, welcoming community of believers.

We are called to serve others in Jesus’ name. That invitation to demonstrate the love and compassion of Christ to our world is also to be done as a living testimony of God’s good news in Jesus Christ. Jesus came bringing healing and forgiveness, hope and abundant life.

As you worship, as you learn from the scriptures, as you follow the example of Jesus, as you listen to God’s promises, as you trust in faith and hope in joy, you will grow in Christ in ways that will humble you and ways that will cause you to marvel. Living in Christ is to know every day that God is at work in your life and in the world around you. Follow Him!

If my people, who are called by my name  
will humble themselves and pray,  
*and seek my face*  
then will I hear from heaven  
and forgive their sin and heal their land.  
2 Chronicles 7:14

*Prayer Service  
&  
Dessert Fellowship  
Sunday, August 13  
5:30pm*

*(Please bring a dessert to share. Children are encouraged to attend with their families.)*

# W Worship

## Celebration Choir

Rehearsals

August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 6:30pm

## Worship Preparation: Praise Team &

### Instruments

Rehearsals

August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 7:45 pm

# e Equipping

Beginning on September 10, the Equipping Council will be offering three evening discipleship courses for adults. Dr. Ron Hinson will be leading a biblical study of Isaiah. Mike Cox will be leading The Marriage You've Always Wanted, and in partnership with the deacon prayer team, Faith Boehmer will be leading a course on prayer using The Daniel Prayer by Ann Graham Lotz. More information will be shared throughout August, and courses for preschoolers, children, and youth will also be available from 5:30-7pm each Sunday as well.

# e Evangelism

The busy summer is waning and what is next is coming into focus. Each day, we should endeavor to make sharing Christ a higher priority than we did the day before. To help in this matter please pick up a quarterly event flyer from the evangelism bulletin board and give it away. These flyers show the many upcoming events at our church.

How well do you know your neighbor? Is he or she a believer? Could you get to know your neighbor and invite him or her to go with you? Is there a lonely person in your day that needs the hope of our salvation? Could you possibly reach out to this needy soul? It's not too late but we need to get engaged in living out the faith we profess. May God grant you the courage to do what you know the Lord would want you to do. My prayer is for you to confidently share your story. May your story demonstrate the love of Christ and point others to Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 "Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."

## Music and Worship Ministry Update

I hope you have made plans to attend our Prayer Service on Sunday evening, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm in the Worship Center. This time of worship will include scripture, music and prayer. **We will also have a special guest artist who will paint as an act of prayer and worship.** This will be a sweet time for our church family to come together to pray. After worship, we will enjoy desserts and fellowship, so please bring something sweet to share!

Are you listening to others in worship on Sunday? Have you heard anyone who needs a special invitation to choir? Are you that person? If you or someone you know would be interested in singing in choir, please let me know!

To sing in choir, you do not have to read music or sing like the next winner of The Voice. You do need to love Jesus, enjoy singing, and be able to match pitch. The commitment you make may be forever or it may be for a season. We welcome new/returning folks either way. September is a great time to join choir as we begin working on Christmas music that month. September 13<sup>th</sup> will be our Open Choir Night—a perfect time for folks to try us out.

I'm grateful to serve with you!

Melanie

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### Coming Events from the Adult Deacon Team

\*The Adult Deacon Ministry Team will be hosting a **Pancake Breakfast at LBC for veterans** of all branches of service and their immediate family members. We would also like to invite spouses of our deceased veterans. The event will be **November 11, 2017 from 8:00am to 10:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. If you are a veteran that has started attending LBC since 2015, we are looking for photos of you in uniform to be added to a presentation. Photos will be returned to you. Please have photos to Scott Boehmer by Sunday, October 15, 2017.

\***Adult Day Trip to Myrtle Beach for The Carolina Opry Christmas Special, Shopping & Dinner—Saturday, December 2.** The cost is \$50 per person which includes travel and show ticket. You will need to bring extra spending money for shopping and dinner at Broadway at the Beach as well as any snacks or drinks you would like to purchase at the show. The plan is to meet at LBC at 9:30am that morning to head down to Myrtle Beach for the early afternoon show of The Carolina Opry Christmas Special. Following the performance, there will be roughly three hours for shopping and dinner at the Broadway at the Beach shopping center. The group will plan to be back at LBC by 9:30pm. Please see Brian Shreve with questions. Payment is due by Sunday, October 29.

## Preschool and Children's Ministries

Time for back to school! I know we all look forward to August because it is time to begin a new school year...AND a new Sunday School year! Our Open House and Promotion Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, August 27. I will have more information available for parents and grandparents at the beginning of August about what to expect on this special day, but I do hope you will plan to join us as we look forward to a "new year" with the LBC Preschool and Children's Ministries.

Our final Preschool Play Day of the summer was set for a movie at the Omni Cinemas on Tuesday, August 15. Kennan will be having his cast removed that day, so we are rescheduling our play day for Friday, August 18, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the church. We are going to have a "Play Your Way" evening! Join us on the preschool hallway and preschool playground for your choice of crafts, play, water games, snacks, and a movie. Your child can pick and choose what they would like to do! Just bring yourself, your kids, their swimsuit and a towel (if they would like to get wet). More information will be available in your child's Sunday School class.

The Preschool and Children's Ministry Teams will meet together on Sunday, August 20, at 4:00pm to discuss final details for our Grandparent Party on Friday, September 8, and our Family All Saints Celebration on November 5. You will be receiving more information about those events soon!

Finally, our 1st-6th graders will be having a Back to School Pool Party at the home of Brian and Lorraine Shreve on Saturday, August 26, from 5:00pm-7:30pm. We will send home more information about our party in our Sunday School classes this month. This party is for rising first graders through completed 6th graders.

Looking forward to August!

Sincerely, April

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### Open House and Promotion Sunday for Preschoolers, Children, and Youth

Sunday, August 27—Preschoolers will promote during ETC, and children and youth will promote during the Sunday School hour. Parents and grandparents will learn more about 2017/2018 Sunday School and ministry events with April and Steve in their respective areas that morning.



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### Youth Events in August:

August 5—Adventure Landing in Raleigh - Laser Tag, Putt-Putt, Go Carts, Batting Cages and an Arcade - Depart LBC at 9am - Home by 3 pm. \$20 plus bring money for lunch.

August 26—Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Raleigh: Our first event for rising 7th graders!

For more information about these events, check the LBC Youth Group Facebook page, sign up sheets in the youth area hallway, and have your parent, grandparent or guardian check their email.

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## WEECare

Closed for the month of August for Summer Break.

## Sr. Adult

This month's **Keenager** meeting will be a day trip to Ellerbee, NC and will include lunch, a museum tour, and an ice cream stop. We should be back at LBC by 4pm.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The **LBC Prayer Shawl** is looking for new members. If you already know how to crochet or would like to learn, this group would love to teach you. Their handiwork is given to cancer patients in our area. If you are interested contact Cindy Handley or the church office.

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Tuesday Mornings at 6:30am** at the **K&W Cafeteria**.

# Missions *M*

## School Supplies Collection For Cumberland County Foster Children Ends Sunday August 6

The LBC children who attended PassportKids have been sponsoring a collection of school supplies for the Cumberland County Foster Children Program. August 6th is the last day to bring your supplies. There is a specific need for backpacks. Thank you for your generous donations that you have made to date. If you have yet to donate, there is still time.

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## New & Gently Used Athletic Shoes Still Needed For WaterStep

We need a few more pairs of athletic shoes to completely fill our latest box of athletic shoes that we will be sending to WaterStep. These donated shoes are used to bring safe water to people in all corners of the world who do not have safe water available. Let's top this box off and send it on its way!

## August 2017 Calendar

Tuesday, August 1: 6:30am- Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 Wednesday, August 2: 10:30am - Intercessory Prayer; 6:30pm - Bible Study, Celebration Choir  
 Thursday, August 3: 10:00am - Keenagers, Day Trip to Ellerbee, NC  
 Friday, August 4: 7:00pm - Young Families Class Movie Night  
 Saturday, August 5: 9:00am - Youth Trip to Adventure Landing, Raleigh  
 Tuesday, August 8: 6:30am- Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 Wednesday, August 9: 10:30am - Intercessory Prayer; 6:30pm - Bible Study, Celebration Choir  
 Sunday, August 13: 5:30pm - Prayer Service with Dessert Fellowship to Follow  
 Tuesday, August 15: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 Wednesday, August 16: 10:30am - Intercessory Prayer; 6:30pm - Bible Study, Celebration Choir  
 Friday, August 18: 6:00pm - Preschool Play Day at LaFayette Baptist Church  
 Sunday, August 20: 7:00pm - Quarterly Conference  
 Tuesday, August 22: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 Wednesday, August 23: 10:30am - Intercessory Prayer; 6:30pm - Bible Study, Celebration Choir  
 Saturday, August 26: 5:00pm - Children's Pool Party at the Shreve's Residence, Youth Sky Zone Trip in Raleigh  
 Sunday, August 27: Open House and Promotions Sunday for Preschoolers and Children  
 Tuesday, August 29: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 Wednesday, August 30: 10:30am - Intercessory Prayer; 6:30pm - Bible Study, Celebration Choir

# ATTENDANCE REPORT

**June 4    June 11    June 18    June 25**

<b>Enrollment</b>	332	333	332	332
Preschool	13	14	14	15
Children	19	16	19	19
Youth	25	11	16	15
Adult	114	115	111	116
<i>Total Sunday School &amp; Bible Study Groups</i>	171	156	160	165

# TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**June 4    June 11    June 18    June 25**

<b>Budget</b>	\$12,372.22	\$7,302.39	\$8,791.50	\$10,286.97
<b>Designated</b>	\$657.00	\$805.55	\$140.99	\$262.98

Budget Goal as of June 30, 2017:	\$281,800.48
Budget Offering Received as of June 30, 2017:	\$222,752.41



# Happy August Birthdays!

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*Donations were made to:*

**General Budget Fund**

In Memory of

**"Dot" Dorothy Atchley**

By

Betty Henderson

Lonnie & Judy Parker

*Donations were made to:*

**General Budget Fund**

In Memory of

**Agnes Bundy**

By

Betty Henderson

*Donations were made to:*

**Seesalt Youth Scholarship**

In Memory of

**Fannie Williams**

By

*The Hudson Sunday School Class*

## THANK YOU!

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that you sent in honor of Dot. We so appreciate your loving gesture and your precious care for her as a member of LaFayette Baptist. Thank you for reflecting Christ's love to our family.

In Christ,  
Sam and Lynn Atchley

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LaFayette Baptist Church,

Thank you very much for the visits, thoughts, prayers, and the wonderful food that you provided for us during our time of grief.

The family of Agnes Bundy

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Dear LBC Family,

I want to thank you so much for the thoughts and prayers for me during my recent illness and hospitalization. I know that God was in my recovery and it's because so many of you were praying. God bless you all. I love you.

Vivian Burress