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In The Meantime...

We are glad to be able to get out to you this combined edition of The Messenger. I don't know about you but I am looking forward to some "ordinary time" in these early months of the new year. What a great Advent and Christmas season here at LBC. All of our times of worship and ministry were so special. Thank you for all of your participation. We hope that your experiences with your LBC faith family were helpful as you sought to celebrate the "Babe born in a manger".

For this to be "ordinary time" there are still many things that are happening in the life of the church. You can read elsewhere in this Messenger about a variety of upcoming ministry or study opportunities. Obviously our hope is you will make plans to be a part of a variety of these.

The title of this article, "In The Meantime...", refers to the fact that we are in a Senior Pastor interim. As you know we selected a Pastor Search Committee back in October but asked them to hold off on beginning their search in earnest until we could give them clearer guidance on what they need to be looking for in their search. The CMCC, Personnel and Finance Teams, and the ministers felt that it was important to have an idea of what the congregation would "support" through their giving to the church budget in 2020. So, on November 3rd we had our LBC Family Dinner & Meeting to share a plan for us to get an indication from the body over the weeks of November and December as to what the body would be willing to do in 2020 as regards stewardship.

The results from that "snapshot" are in and now the Finance Team is finalizing the 2020 Budget Proposal to share with the congregation. That will be done in these next few weeks and the 2020 Budget will be presented for a vote of adoption at the Quarterly Church Conference on Sunday, February 16th. Soon the CMCC, Personnel & Finance Teams, the ministers, and the Pastor Search Committee will meet to process what we have learned and answer those basic questions that the Pastor Search Committee needs answered in order to begin their work. Please continue in prayer for all of these discernments.

And keep Cameron and his family in your prayers. His sharing with us as our Interim Preaching Pastor has been wonderful. He feels led to continue in this role and for that I know that all of us are very grateful. But, what he is giving here coupled with his tremendous responsibilities at Campbell Divinity School, is not a recipe for "ordinary time". Please continue to offer faithful prayers for Cameron, Kelly, Mary Grace, and Ellie. We look forward to what God has for us in 2020!



W Worship

Celebration Choir

January 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 6:30 pm
February 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 6:30 pm

Worship Preparation: Praise Team &

Instruments

Sunday Mornings, 8:30 am

e Equipping

Please check out the information beside this column for details and coming events from the Equipping Council.

e Evangelism

January 11th, February 8
Coffee and Prayer

We will be providing coffee on cold food distribution mornings for all volunteers and guests. We will also have a stack of prayer cards for anyone who would like to fill one out, requesting prayer. We welcome volunteers to man this station and welcome our visitors with a smile and a cup of warmth!

February 8th

Directly following our Food Distribution, we are providing a Chicken Butchery & Cookery class. The expected time should be around 10am. Cost of class is one whole chicken, which you will take home with you, fully butchered. You will also want to bring an apron and a boning knife (or whatever knife you'll use at home). You will learn how to make chicken lollipops, an 8-way cut, trussing, deboning, and basic stock-making skills. Just wait until you see how much can come from a \$6-\$7 chicken! Be sure to invite a friend and sign up on the Evangelism board!

Music and Worship Ministry Update

Thank you to everyone involved in our Advent/Christmas Worship and Miracles and Mystery. It was a beautiful time of sharing our gifts and God's love.

As we move into the new year, my prayer is that we will all renew our commitment to being faithful to offer our worship to God with our church family each week.

The new year is also a wonderful time to join the choir. If you have been thinking about it, but have been on the fence, now is the time to take the leap! We would love to have you.

I am looking forward to witnessing all the God will do in and through us as a church family in the new year.

I'm grateful to serve with you!

Melanie

The Equipping Council will be hosting the *Stewards of Children Child Sexual Abuse Training* on Sunday, January 26 from 2:30-5:00pm in the Multipurpose Room. This training is needed for all preschool, children, and youth Sunday School teachers as well as ministers. Parents, grandparents, and guardians are welcome to attend as well. While we will not have childcare available, this is a FREE training with a great deal of valuable information for protecting your child and advocating for their well-being.



Sunday evening discipleship for adults will begin on Sunday, February 9. We will be offering one course for all adults as well as a class for preschoolers and children. While the Equipping Council moves forward with those plans and preparations, we hope you will continue looking for more information. The study for adults will be on the seven deadly sins and will conclude before Easter. Then following Easter there will be a follow up study on the virtues. Dr. Cameron Jorgenson will be leading a large group time at the start of each evening followed by breakout groups with facilitated discussion. We are very excited for how this study will impact our spiritual growth and preparation during the Lenten season.

Preschool and Children's Ministries

As we settle into a new year, we are excited to return to all of our programming for Preschoolers, Children, and Families. Our Wednesday evening Connections class began back on Wednesday, January 8. We welcome anyone with preschoolers and children to join us when you can for this class. We meet from 6:30-7:30pm in the Multipurpose Room, and we engage in Bible skills activities, Bible study, prayer, games, and so much more.

Our Sunday School classes continue as usual throughout the winter and spring months. Our Preschool Sunday School Division and Children's Sunday School Division could not function without our incredibly gifted and giving Sunday School teachers. They are simply the best, and they love our kids well. I hope you and your family will commit to being in Sunday School as much as possible during these winter months. We have some great lessons on the horizon, and Sunday School is a great place to bring friends!

Sunday evening discipleship will return on Sunday, February 9. While the adults study the seven deadly sins and virtues, the preschoolers and children will be working through their own class. Kid Zone will meet in U205/207 on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7pm. If you have any questions about adult discipleship or the Kid Zone class, please let me know!

Finally, we have booked our week with Passport Kids Camp this summer. Our group will be traveling to St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, NC July 11-14. We will meet soon to gauge interest from our enrolled 3rd-6th graders.

Thank you for your continued support of our kids! Sincerely, April

LBC Youth To Revisit "THE STORY"

Almost six years ago all of our Sunday morning Bible Study groups shared a study together called "THE STORY". It was a great experience that took us through the Bible in its entirety in 30+ weeks. It is so important to see God's Word as revealing one over-arching story from creation to the Second Coming. It is especially important that young people understand the Bible and the stories it shares to be a cohesive narrative.

The study material for youth is engaging and shares the important truths to be gleaned from the Scriptures. Even if a youth was with us for the study of "THE STORY" six years ago, this experience will be completely different. They are at a very different place developmentally and the approach of the teaching material is geared for their age now.

There are several things about our study of "THE STORY" this time around that will NOT be different from last time. A key one of those will be that a participant will get from the experience what they are willing to invest. To benefit the most, one will need to be present as often as possible on Sundays during the study. And doing the reading each week in preparation for the next Sunday morning is so very important in helping anyone get the most from the experience. We plan to begin on Sunday, February 2. And we hope that ALL of our youth will join us on this journey.

Nurture *M*

Sr. Adults

LBC Keenagers will have their monthly meeting for February on Thursday, February 6th at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be eating in that day. We plan to have your new Keenager directories available at that time.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday Mornings at 6:30am at the K&W Carolina Café in the Bordeaux Center, Owen Drive.

Missions *M*



Monthly Produce &

Perishables Distribution

February 8 at 8:30 am.

We welcome any interested LBC members to join us for a wonderful day of making a difference in our community. You will be blessed by the experience.

Thank you to all who gave gifts during December to support the work of missionaries serving around the world with the International Mission Board and with CBF. We gave a total of \$1,400.00 through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Global Missions Offering.

The body also gives to support these missionaries through our Missions line item in the church budget that divides 10% of our General Fund giving for the year between a number of mission causes including these.

January 2020 Calendar

Wednesday, January 1: New Year's Day, Office Closed
 Thursday, January 2: 10:00am - Keenagers
 Saturday, January 4: 9:00-1:00pm - Deacon Seminar Day,
 2:00pm - Sheets Baby Shower
 Tuesday, January 7: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Wednesday, January 8: 6:30pm - Prayer and Bible Study,
 Celebration Choir, Youth Mid-Week Workout, Connections
 for Children and Families
 Saturday, January 11: 9:00am - Produce and Perishables
 Food Distribution
 Sunday, January 12: 3:00pm - Bible Study Facilitators
 Meeting, 4:00pm Equipping Council Meeting
 Tuesday, January 14: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Wednesday, January 15: 6:30pm - Prayer and Bible Study,
 Celebration Choir, Youth Mid-Week Workout,
 Connections for Children and Families
 Sunday, January 19: 4:00 pm - CMCC Meeting, 6:00pm -
 Deacon Re-Affirmation Service
 Monday, January 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Office
 Closed
 Tuesday, January 21: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Wednesday, January 22: 6:30pm - Prayer and Bible Study,
 Celebration Choir, Youth Mid-Week Workout,
 Connections for Children and Families
 Friday-Sunday, January 24-26: Chillipepper Conference for
 Youth
 Saturday, January 25: 11:30am - Ladies' Tea and a Movie
 Sunday, January 26: 2:30pm - Stewards of Children
 Training for Preschool & Youth Sunday School Leaders
 Tuesday, January 28: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Wednesday, January 29: 6:30pm - Prayer and Bible Study,
 Celebration Choir, Youth Mid-Week Workout,
 Connections for Children and Families

February 2020 Calendar

Tuesday, February 4: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Wednesday, February 5: 6:30pm - Prayer and Bible Study,
 Celebration Choir, Youth Mid-Week Workout,
 Connections for Children and Families
 Thursday, February 6: 10:00am - Keenagers
 Saturday, February 8: 8:30am - Produce and Perishable
 Food Distribution, 10:00am - Cooking Up Commitment
 Chicken Butchery & Cookery Class
 Tuesday, February 11: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Wednesday, February 12: 6:30pm - Prayer and Bible Study,
 Celebration Choir, Youth Mid-Week Workout,
 Connections for Children and Families
 Sunday, February 16: 7:00pm - Quarterly Conference
 Tuesday, February 18: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Wednesday, February 19: 6:30pm - Prayer and Bible Study,
 Celebration Choir, Youth Mid-Week Workout,
 Connections for Children and Families
 Tuesday, February 25: 6:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Wednesday, February 26: 6:30pm - Prayer and Bible Study,
 Celebration Choir, Youth Mid-Week Workout,
 Connections for Children and Families

ATTENDANCE REPORT

	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
Enrollment	256	256	256	256	256
Preschool	12	16	17	14	9
Children	16	30	21	21	12
Youth	10	13	12	15	6
Adult	91	111	100	98	83
Total Sunday School & Bible Study Groups	129	170	150	148	110

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
Budget Designated	\$8,145.00	\$10,757.00	\$9,238.95	\$8,427.50	\$17,643.06
	\$1,311.00	\$1,171.00	\$876.25	\$550.00	\$830.00

Budget Goal as of December 31, 2019

\$557,015.68

Budget Offering Received as of December 31, 2019

\$497,128.84

January Birthdays



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February Birthdays



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LBC DEACON REAFFIRMATION SERVICE

Sunday, January 19th 6 pm

Worship Center

Please come to share in this service designed to challenge and encourage those serving as deacons at LBC. Our time together will also help you know these men and women and how they are serving in the body.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES RE LBC BUSINESS

- Sunday Jan. 19th @ 4pm CMCC Meeting in Fell. Hall
- Sunday Feb. 9th @ 7pm 2020 Budget Discussion - Worship Ctr.
- Sunday Feb. 16th @ 7pm Quarterly Conference, including voting on the 2020 Budget - Worship Center

Website: www.lafayettebaptist.org
The Sunday morning sermons are available on the website.