

The
Grapevine

August 2019



FOUNDATIONS

A place for children on Sunday Mornings

**BIBLE LESSONS - SONGS - ACTIVITIES - FRIENDSHIPS -
SNACKS AND MORE!!!**

Throughout its history, the members of Lancaster Presbyterian Church have had a heart for missions, a heart to take the gospel to those who walk in the darkness of unbelief. That passion has taken various forms throughout the years. This fall, we would like to reach out, through our Sunday School classes, with a program called "Foundations."

Robbie Symons recently said, "The love of Christ, not guilt, compels us to reach out with the love of Christ." The love of Christ results in the earnest desire to see others know that love also. John Piper wrote, "Christ didn't die to give us the ability to do good works, He died to make us zealous for good works." (Titus 2:14) And those are not just good works of compassion, but good works that result in others knowing that Jesus is the Son of God and Savior, as we have been privileged to know Him.

In the book of Revelation, the churches are called lampstands because they are to shine light into the world, the light of salvation in the midst of a dark world that is lost in "the schemes of the devil." Are we a light bearing church like the churches in Smyrna and Philadelphia? I believe in many ways we are. But there is more we can do.

The Outreach Committee is asking every member of this body to help to bring the Light of the world to our very neighborhood. In order to do that, each member will need to see that he or she is important to this endeavor. "For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, 'Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body,' it is not for this reason any less a part of the body." I Corinthians 12:14-15

Everyone will be needed to stretch beyond their comfort zone: stay a little longer on Sunday morning to help with larger classes, deliver fliers in the neighborhood, help prepare supplies, whatever it takes to make our church (the people, not just the building) a welcoming, safe place for children and families. Without a united effort, we cannot do this. It's been said that 20% of the people in a church do 80% of the work. I hope we do better than that at LPC, a lot better. We need everyone, all hands on deck. Be ready to say yes when you're called upon to be a part of "Foundations."



Best party ever! Thank you! Thank you! Thrice thank you for the Negus boys' graduation party! You came and you gave and you served and you embraced and you blessed. We are so humbled by the love, generosity and goodness of you all!

I have to confess to a certain smallness of faith and worry about the weather that day (Friday July 19). We had worked so hard to fix a date and to set a time and to prepare the drinks and desserts and to move the tables and chairs and to set up the tents—just hours and hours and hours of work. All the while I kept consulting the weather apps to try to gain some assurance that all would be well, but the apps were not reassuring. Quite the opposite. The closer we came to Friday, the worse the projections became. The big tent was already in place the night before. We had stacked tables in under the center of it to keep them in the dry for as long as possible because we were fairly certain the rains would come. Then on Friday, early in the afternoon, I saw predictions and warnings of severe thunder storms with 70 mile per hour wind gusts. I don't think

Graduation Thank Yous

I have any fingernails left to bite. I had this mental image of that big beautiful tent ripping up out of the ground like something out of *The Wizard of Oz*. I wish that I could say that I was all cool, calm and collected, but I know that's not true.

The Scriptures kept coming to me all week leading up to Friday, and then all day over and over on Friday:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶ Rejoice always; ¹⁷ pray without ceasing; ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I confess that no sooner would this word come to me than I would imagine the tents all blown away in the wind and the tables water damaged. I envisioned all of us soaking wet gathered into our house together giving thanks even though the tents were blown away and we had scrambled to at least get the tables out of the yard and into the garage out of the rain. That shows you the strength of my faith.

Ephesians 5:20

²⁰ always give thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

Again, I envisioned giving thanks in spite of the worst, not because of the best.

Colossians 3:15

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

To my chagrin I confess to very little peace of Christ ruling and reigning in my heart in the face of the smallest of uncertainties.

Colossians 3:17

¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

At the very least I can claim to trust God no matter what. I just confess to a smallness to trust Him for the best.

Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, ²¹ to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

In the end, God really did do far more abundantly beyond all that I was asking or thinking. Truly to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen!

I want you to know, Dear Hearts, that I never envision myself over anyone else, presuming to speak the word down to others. I am under the word struggling to obey and trust and follow together with all of the other faithful followers of Christ. I have a lot of growing to do, and I don't expect to arrive before the Lord calls me to heaven and glory in His goodness. I always have *that* faith, and I am learning to trust Him for the best in spite of the worst.

I have to say that **YOU** are the best! The Lord led me long and hard up against many, many closed doors before He brought me to Lancaster Presbyterian Church and said, "OK, this is the one; you can go now." I have never regretted the long search over tens of thousands of miles that brought me at last to you all. I love you! My whole family loves you, and we feel richly blessed for our life and service together with you all!

All our love,

Kelly, Lisa, Gaelen, Gabriel and Graeme

Operation Christmas Shoebox Collection

It's not too early to start thinking about the Christmas Shoeboxes! July and August are great months to purchase school supplies because they are all on sale! Below are some suggestions for school supplies that can be used in the shoeboxes. · Preferably Crayola: crayons, thin markers, regular markers, colored pencils

- Pencil sharpeners, erasers
- Pens and pencils with no business/church advertising logos
- Small pads of paper/notebooks that will fit in a shoe box
- Small calculators

Thank you in advance for all donations. If you have any questions, please call Pat Gerber 668-2670.

CRAFT FELLOWSHIP needs HELP!

We make heart and teddy bear pillows for Millard Suburban Hospital. Someone is needed to purchase stuffing, cut and sew shapes at home, bring supplies (stuffing) to the meeting, and deliver finished pillows to the hospital.

Meetings are held the first Friday of each month (summers off) from 10 AM to approximately 12:30 PM.

For more information to help keep this wonderful mission going please call or text Chris at 901-2191

Thank you!

The Reach: EPC World Outreach Newsletter

Dear Friends, During my first trip to India I taught a course on the five *solas* of the Reformation. The national leaders who organized the event had reserved the upper room of a Catholic charity for the day and filled it with plastic lawn chairs. As I arrived early, I entered the hot and humid room to find several adults and their children sleeping on the concrete floor. After backing out of the room quietly I notified our national partners, who simply smiled. "They were so concerned that they might miss the teaching, they took a train here last night." It is a moment I will never forget, and it is one that I speak about often as I try to help others understand the enormous need for theological education around the globe.

At the very inception of the modern missionary enterprise, theological education and ministerial training have always been foundational values of global evangelization. From the historic 1910 World Missionary Conference in Scotland to the Third Lausanne Congress held a century later in Cape Town, South Africa, missionaries and scholars alike have long agreed that "The promotion of theological education is a life and death issue for Christianity."*

Recognizing such a need, Presbyterians in particular have often taken a lead role in the sphere of Christian education in global missions. From Ralph Winter's groundbreaking and innovative Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program to more modern enterprises such as Richard Pratt's Third Millennium Ministries, a Reformed perspective on global missions has often ensured a strong commitment to the holistic practice of ministering to the whole person – body, spirit, and mind.

Sharing this same commitment, the EPC World Outreach charged Rev. Dr. Bruce Anderson with the task of forming *The International Theological Education Network* (ITEN) in 2010 with the goal of fulfilling the denomination's commitment to full-cycle church planting – planting churches among the unreached who will plant churches among the unreached. Towards this end ITEN has had the privilege of watching the light of the knowledge of God to some of the most remote parts of the world including Pakistan, Siberia, Vietnam, and Myanmar.

In each of these places we continue to hear the same refrain that while technology and globalization are making more education available to more people than ever before, it is still insufficient for the growing need. Time and time again we hear from national leaders that the greatest barrier to evangelism is not radical or fundamentalist forms of religion, but false teachers who are making it increasingly hard for people to know the difference between the gospel of health and wealth and the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is why the EPC continues to affirm that any vision for church planting is futile without the simultaneous training of leaders. As Makie Stiles stated recently at The Gospel Coalition 2019 national conference, "If you don't know what a church *is*, you're going to have a very hard time planting one." Such is the conviction of ITEN and the EPC World Outreach who are eager to continue to embody the historical vision of global missions first given to us by Christ himself: **make disciples and teach them (Matt. 28:19).**

*Detrich Werner, ed. *Challenges and Opportunities in Theological Education in the 21st Century* (Edinburgh 2010: International study group on theological education, World Study Report, 2009), 81

By Dr. Steve Woodworth, Vice President of ITEN

Update from Sarah Michel

Sanibonani Basalwane! (That's "Hello, everyone" in SiSwati).

After a year of living and working in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland) with Adventures in Missions, I returned to the US in May. It was an amazing year of learning, adventure, and most importantly, getting to serve the kingdom of God in a place that I love. This past year and all of the opportunities that came with it would not have been possible without a supportive church family back home. I know that I've been in and out of LPC over the past few years between college, discipleship school, and missions work, but I have been so grateful to have a church to come home to in the space in between.



Back when I was preparing to leave, I still didn't have a complete picture of what my responsibilities as an intern would look like. This made your support all the more meaningful to me, as it showed that you believed in me, my calling, and my love for the country of Eswatini. While it would probably take more than this one larticle to share everything that my year involved, these are the highlights of what I did as an intern:

- Mentored Swazi staff members in writing, videography, photography, computer programs, and other necessary skills
- Wrote content for our brand-new ministry website, eswatinirising.com
- Worked with World Racers who spent the month of February with my department
- Created training materials for local staff and visiting short-term teams
- Created videos and written content for our social media pages, including a fundraising campaign that raised over \$30,000 for a new vocational training center in a rural area
- Worked on communications between our CarePoints and partner church communities.

Created designs and animations for future videos and print media

This is only a small picture of my internship, and while I know it's important to share my role in Adventures Eswatini, the big picture is what's really important. It's the 8,000 kids who have the assurance of a nutritious meal and a safe place to go after school. It's the teenagers who are able to graduate high school and pursue better jobs because of scholarships they earned through their CarePoints. It's the young adults who graduate from our leadership training programs ready to be a godly influence in their communities. It's so much more than can fit on a page.



Once again, I sincerely thank you for your support, prayer, and your willingness to help me -and Adventures in Missions- work in Eswatini. If you would like to hear more about my time with Adventures Eswatini and where the ministry is headed in the future, or just want to catch up, please contact me - I would love to share more with you.

I am also hoping to give a presentation sometime in the near future, so please stay tuned for more information!



******Time Change for Fall Youth Groups******

Beginning this Fall, all Youth Groups (3rd-6th Grade and Junior/Senior High) will be meeting on Sunday evenings 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

Junior/Senior High Youth Group August Schedule

Invite your friends, all are welcome to these events!

For more information call/text Andrea Smith, our Summer Youth Intern, @ (716)208-6647 or Pete Gawron, Director of Family & Youth Ministry @ (716)220-5443

August 2nd – August 5th – Confirmation Wilderness Trip to the Adirondacks (Only those who have just completed Confirmation & those entering their Confirmation year are able to participate)

Tuesday, August 13th – Taco Tuesday at the Babcock Home (871 Erie Street, Lancaster), along with outdoor games, swimming & bonfire

- Meet at the Babcock home at 6:00pm for a taco dinner
- Modest swimwear is required.
- Pick up at the Babcock home at 10:00pm

Saturday, August 17th – Movie night at the Eaton home (66 Caswell Ave., Lancaster)

- Meet at the Eaton home at 7:30pm
- Ladies bring a drink; Guys bring a snack or dessert
- Pick up at the Eaton home at 10:30pm
- *If raining we will meet at the church in Waith Fellowship Hall*

Thursday, August 22nd – Dinner, Outdoor games & bonfire at the George's home (5 Stone Hedge Drive, Lancaster)

- Meet at the George's home at 6:00pm
- Come ready to eat & play games
- Pick up at the George's home at 9:00pm

Tuesday, August 27th – Dinner, Swimming & Outdoor games at the Dunbar's home (73 Kennedy Court, Lancaster)

- Meet at the Dunbar's home at 5:00pm
- We will have dinner together, swim & have fun during our last gathering of the summer!
- Pick up at the Dunbar's home at 9:00pm
- Modest swimwear is required.

Sunday, September 8th – Kick-Off Pool Party at the Carlsen Home (94 Elm Place, Lancaster)

- 5:00pm—8:00pm
- Hot dog dinner will be provided.
- Guys bring snacks/desserts; Ladies bring drinks

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS

In order to keep communication effective between the leaders and children, all parents, and anyone else who is interested, are encouraged to join Remind—a private mobile text messaging platform for parents and children in a particular group. Receive text messages containing important updates, announcements and messages for Junior/Senior High Youth Group!

How to join: Enter the number 81010 on your smartphone; text the message @pagaw

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| | | | | 1 | 2 Confirmation Wilderness Trip | 3 Confirmation Wilderness Trip |
| 4 Worship @ 9:30am Confirmation Wilderness Trip | 5 Confirmation Wilderness Trip | 6 Worship Com- mittee Mtg— 7:00pm | 7 Outreach Com- mittee Mtg— 7:00pm | 8 | 9 Office Closed | 10 |
| 11 Worship @ 9:30am | 12 Office Closed Mission Prayer Mtg—1:00pm | 13 Trustees Mtg—7:00pm Jr/Sr High Youth Taco Night— 6:00pm | 14 | 15 Christian Edu- cation Committee Mtg—7:00pm | 16 Office Closed | 17 Jr/Sr High Movie Night— 7:30pm |
| 18 Worship @ 9:30am Music Ministry Family Pic- nic—1:00pm | 19 Office Closed | 20 Office Closed Stated Session Mtg—7:00pm | 21 Office Closed | 22 Office Closed Jr/Sr High Dinner & Outdoor games— 6:00pm | 23 Office Closed | 24 |
| 25 Worship @ 9:30am | 26 | 27 Grapevine Crew—10:00am Jr/Sr High Dinner, Swimming & games—5:00pm | 28 | 29 | 30 Office Closed | 31 |

The Church Office will be closed August 16—August 23.

Music Ministry Family Picnic

Sunday, August 18th @ 1:00pm

Como Park Shelter #3

Join us for the Music Ministry Family Picnic!

Enjoy a day of fellowship and family fun in the park!

Please bring a dish to pass.

Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule and at the south entrance beginning in August.

All who have participated in Music Ministry in any capacity are welcome to attend!



Prayer Page—August 2019

Pray for the pastors: In Jesus' name we bind the fear of failure and the fear of humankind (John 14:1). Let our pastors confidence not be eroded by the daily resistance to the gospel or their vision. Allow our pastors to fear God more than people.

The Pray! Prayer Journal, Nov Press 2003, p.156

Praying for LPC ministries:

Deacons: Heavenly Father you tell us in your word to listen and obey your commands. Lead us as individuals, as a congregation and as a nation to turn to Your Word and follow what You teach. Stir up the Holy Spirit within us so that we will in humility follow You, seek Your wisdom and trust Your statutes given in the holy scriptures.

Prayer for our country: Pray for our children of all ages. There are many forces working to trap even our youngest children, as well as those approaching maturity, into dangerous and wrong thinking and actions. God's word is clear about the standards He has given us for living a life of peace and happiness with God, and He gave us those standards for our good. Pray that God will protect our children from Satan's lies.

Prayer for our World: Pray for Christians who intentionally stay in dangerous parts of the world because they know that even their enemies need to hear the word of God. Pray for protection, courage and endurance, as believers carry the gospel of salvation through Jesus to those whom God is calling to Himself out of darkness.

Praying for our family

Bruce Bauer
Dianne Perry
Bessie Babcock
Beth Kroecker
Ken O'Connor
Prudy Allein
Eugene Haas
Bud Krisher
Anna Rettew
Colleen Ludeking
Bob Ludeking
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to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
in all we say and all we do
to make and equip disciples
in our families, our community, and the world.

Core Values:

We believe in the authority of Scripture
and we affirm
the historic teachings
of Reformed Christianity.

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September 8, 2019 - June 7, 2020

9:30AM - 12:00PM

LOVE – JOY – PEACE - PATIENCE – KINDNESS - GOODNESS – FAITHFULNESS – GENTLENESS – SELF-CONTROL

Bible lessons, songs, activities, friendships, snacks and more!

All this as children learn to love each other
as God loves them.

Space is limited for this FREE program.

Contact the church office to sign up your child. Phone: 684-2277 Email: office@L-P-C.org

See more information on the front page.