



The Branch

FEBRUARY 2012



"Are you willing to help shape our future? I hope so! Over the next several months you have an opportunity to shape the future of LBIC by joining a **Discover LBIC Group**. The goal is to share insight into our church's history as well as insight into our own passions for ministry and Kingdom work.



Every church has a unique DNA, a way God has put it together and wired it. The DNA is made up through the history of the church and the heart of the people. In meeting together we will be able to celebrate the history of our church as well as our own passions for God's Kingdom work. We will grow in relationship with each other as we hear our personal stories and church experience.

Each group will be made up of people with different histories at LBIC - in other words, you don't have to be here for a year or more to participate. The more voices we hear, the better - no matter how long you've been here.

DISCOVER LBIC Groups will meet for 3 weeks and will have a limit of 12 per group to enable good conversation. There are 4 opportunities to participate. Signups are in the lobby. I hope to see you there!

-Pastor Josh



INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of inclement winter weather on upcoming Sunday mornings, please tune your radio to **WDAC or WJTL** or go online to **WGAL.com** and click on **Closings**.

March Branch deadline is
February 18 to
brancheditor@gmail.com



NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PROCESS BEGINS

After two years, it is time to update our church directory. This time the directory will not include photos: however, we need to be sure that all information is updated. To efficiently communicate with our church family it is important that you make ALL corrections to your current contact information. That information includes:

- Full Names
- Address
- Land line phone
- Cell phone
- Email addresses for each person

NOTE: If adult children are currently listed with parents and you prefer to have them listed separately, please provide full information.

To assist us with the updating process, please take a look at the directory DRAFT located on the lobby table and **CLEARLY MAKE ALL CHANGES**. If information is already accurate, **MARK IT "OK"**. This process will keep records up to date and those important communications flowing. Thank you!

Join our Ladies Bible Study as we explore James with Beth Moore.

Wednesday Mornings
Church House Living Room

9:30 to 11:00

(Sorry – no childcare provided)



➡ Begins February 8th for an 8 week study.

James: Mercy Triumphs by Beth Moore is the story of Jesus' own brother, who started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple.

Topics in this study include: joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer. Plus, Beth introduces a 5-tiered study approach that she has never done before. (source Lifeway.com)

Any questions, contact Susan Kreider – 299-0511

February Birthdays



2	Christian Nolt
2	Ben Snyder
3	Eleanor Poe
8	Ian Groff
9	Bill Ziegler
14	Ken Espenshade
14	Isaiah Wilson
14	Dave Snyder
17	Sam Krause
17	Ashley Sollenberger
17	Craig Witmer
17	Etta Hess
19	Clair Barkle
19	Dot Barkle
20	Phyllis Sauder
21	Carol Crawford
21	Bob Sanders
28	Laurie Thompson
29	Jen Seiger

LBIC ANNUAL COUNCIL REPORT FROM JANUARY 8, 2012

Council met following morning worship and a fantastic luncheon arranged by the Kitchen Committee. The attendance was one of the best we have had in recent years with approximately 62 voting adults in attendance. Over 110 were in attendance at the lunch.

Confirmations:

Leadership Team: David Warfel, Ethel Stoner, Sarah Miller

Trustee Commission: John Kreider, Eric Miller

Deacon Commission: New deacons: Paul & Anne Landis, Laura Shaida, Elvin & Marian Martin.

Returning deacons: John & Susan Snyder,

Atlantic Conf. Delegates: Brian Frey, Jessica Gordon, Jack Wolgemuth

General Conference: Pastor Josh and Ruby Nolt



The Council also voted to approve a 2012 budget that has increased less than 5% from the 2011 budget. This translates to \$6,436 as the average needed every Sunday to meet budget up from \$6,154 in 2011

While this budget is austere, giving must increase to meet it. Please give generously as God leads each of you.

MARTIN LUTHER KING VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The MLK Volleyball Tournament that descends on 14 venues throughout Lancaster County each January. used our gym all day on Saturday, January 14th. Eighty-eight high school age girls and their parents were on site throughout the day between 8 am and 8 pm.

Our Kitchen Committee provided lunch and snack foods in the Fellowship Hall including hot dogs, pasta salad, fruit, snack bags, popcorn and hot and cold beverages.



THANKS to committee members who prepared and sold food: Sandra Stauffer and Jeff's cousin Jewel, Jill Guito, Shelley Crider, David Warfel, and others who assisted: Gina Yoder, Pastor Josh and Chloe, April Young, Patty & Bill Ziegler. THANK YOU for the many hours of help.

Also a big "THANK YOU" to Trustee, John Sauder who spent a lot of time at the event making sure facility concerns were addressed and staying until??? to lock up!

John also recycled all the aluminum cans and plastic bottles from the 400 people present throughout the day. 😊





What: Dinner followed by groups for ALL ages.
Where: Dinner is held in the Family Life Center (gym)
Donation is \$4 single; \$7 couple; \$10 family
Dinner served between 6 & 6:20 pm.
Groups for all ages, starting at 6:45 pm and running until 7:50 pm.
When: Begins February 1 and each Wednesday evening through March 21

LIFT is a mid-week energizer; however, it is more than that. LIFT's primary goal is to provide participants with a chance to meet with other Christians from the LBIC family in groups to discuss God's word and its application to our lives. We daily feed our bodies food for strength and growth, we attend to our minds through reading, study and discussions, and we can nurture our spiritual growth too! New LIFT groups will address our spiritual growth in many ways. READ ON...

This semester, February 1 to March 21, (8 SESSIONS) adults may participate in either of three selections, all designed to move your spiritual growth forward. See *Music Notes* (p.7) for Choir practice information.

FIRST, a Beth Moore DVD study will be organized by Susan Kreider located in the Church House across Farmington Lane and is entitled "*Here and Now... There and Then -- A lecture series on Revelation*". This is a continuation from last semester.

Beth says about this study, "It's hopeful purpose is to increase worship, anticipation, and yes, fear of God in willing hearts and to light a fire in our spirits to study Revelation in greater depth."

All are welcome to come to this study beginning **Feb. 1**. There is no homework. We will watch Beth's DVD and discuss what we have learned. From the start of the book in Revelation 1:3 it states, "Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near." Come and be blessed!

SECOND, "*Discover LBIC*" groups. We will ask strategic questions to uncover the DNA of LBIC. Each group will meet for 3 weeks to share and give input. A second group will begin Feb. 22, 2012. Each LBIC adult is encouraged to join one of the three groups led by Pastor Josh (please sign up on Lobby bulletin board). *Goal*: The working premise is each church is unique in its history, makeup, and gifts. Not all churches are the same. Each church has a unique DNA or code. When they operate according to that code they function well, however when they operate against that code or are unaware of the code the church works against itself.

THIRD, "*Fellowship Hour*" An unstructured time when any adult may join others in the Fellowship Hall to catch up on life, discuss how God is working in your life, perhaps pray together and have a cup of coffee!

FOR KIDS

Groups are formed for all ages, nursery through grade 6 and meet at 6:45 pm. Children 0 to age 2 will be located in the nursery (main level) while preschoolers aged 3-5 will meet in the preschool room (main level). Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade will begin their time together in the Fellowship Hall where they will focus on a specific faith-based theme for the evening. Next, they will break into three age specific groups for additional small group time including conversation, crafts, and gym time. The groups include: Children K-2, boys grades 3 – 6, and girls grades 3 – 6.

YOU ARE INVITED TO MAKE THIS A SPECIAL FAMILY NIGHT OUT. GIVE YOUR SPIRIT A **LIFT !**

CRAVE

Crave Calendar

February

- 1 Paxton St Game Night
- 11 Youth Sunday Practice
- 12 Youth Sunday
- 15 Gym Night
- 19 No Small Groups
- 21 Volunteer's Meeting

March

- 2-3 Jump Start
- 21 Gym Night

April

- 13-14 CRAVE Retreat
- 18 Gym Night

Youth Sunday is Coming!!

Get ready for a great time of worship, skits, and singing!

On February 12, CRAVE (the youth group) will be in charge of the 10:30 am service. This is a great service to bring the whole family to. There will be something for everyone.

Children will be staying up during the whole service. Hope to see you all there!

Shandi Santos

Attention Ladies...

Ladies Night Out

On Saturday, March 3 the Ladies Fellowship is planning a Ladies Night Out!

Who couldn't use a night out with other ladies!?!

The evening starts with a Clothing Swap! Who doesn't like free clothes??



The doors will open at 4 pm in the Church House for you to come and bring up to 10 items to lay out, then at 4:30 the swapping will begin! Items must be in good, clean condition and can include the following: shirts, pants, skirts, shoes, scarves, and purses.



At 5:00 pm, we will have a catered dinner from Isaacs (\$5 cost). The meal includes wraps and their famous tomato soup!

Following dinner, at 5:30 we will be going to Lancaster Bible College for the Sisters in Christ event which is from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Enjoy an inspiring evening for women with powerful messages that will impact your life with Christ. You won't want to miss this part!



You may choose to attend one thing or all of them. When you sign up please make sure you check off all the events you plan on attending. The signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Signup and \$5 dinner charge is due to Patty Eastep by Feb 26. Checks are payable to Lancaster BIC.

If you have any questions, please see Patty Eastep.

Library News




First, a **thank you** is overdue to all who have recently donated books to the church library. We are grateful to you who pass along the new books you buy and read. It really helps keep our library current.

Continue to check the “sale box”, as we are adding to it when we sort out older books, and we place duplicates there for sale. **The sale box is on the lower shelf below the double window.**

If you have some extra time while at LIFT, take a couple minutes to visit our library, located at the end of the hall beyond the pastor's office. You'll find a good selection of reading for long winter evenings.

Librarians:
Carolyn Groff
Lisa Groff



Congratulations to
 John and Etta Hess
 who will celebrate
 50 years of marriage
 on February 18th!

Their family would like to honor them
 with a card shower. If you would like to
 take part in celebrating with them in
 this way, their mailing address is:
 3865 Holt Road, Landisville, PA 17538

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need help in our children's classes!
 We have open space in most all classes
 and would welcome you to join us in
 serving our youngest members.

Nursery -SS hour and Worship hour
 2s & 3s -SS hour and Worship hour
 4s, 5s & KDG -SS hour and Worship hour
 Gr 1-4 Children's Worship - Worship hr

Contact any member of the Children's
 Leadership Team if you can assist.
 — Jen Frey, Deb Nemith, Cathy Mohler,
 DeAnne Thrush or Jessica Gordon

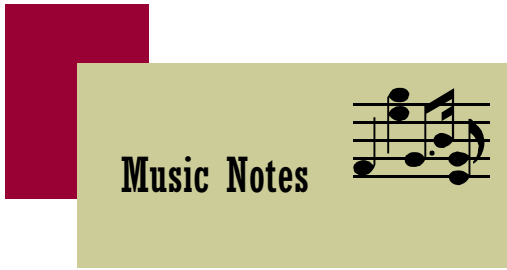
WEEKDAY MINISTRIES UPDATE

LBIC preschool classes are busy, busy, busy! So much to learn and the year is half over! Every day you can find a class creating some art, sharing a story at the library, or singing fun songs. We are so thankful to have the fellowship hall and gym to play in during the long cold winter months, too.

Now is the time when we begin looking to Fall! New brochures will be out soon and you are encouraged to pick some up to share with anyone looking for a great pre-school program. Not to mention our fun toddler programs! We will be holding an open house on Tuesday, February 7th from 5-6 and again on Wednesday, February 8th from 12-1 to give families an opportunity to tour our classes, meet our teachers, and ask lots of questions. Feel free to come by and see for yourself all the great things going on here during the week!

Speaking of the toddler programs, both Toddler Gym and Gym Time Plus begin next week for our Winter session! Please invite those you know who have toddlers to come join us!

Blessings,
Jessica Gordon



Adult Choir — February

Wednesday, 1st – 6:40-8:00PM Rehearsal

Sunday, 5th – 10:00AM Rehearsal

Wednesday, 8th – 6:40-8:00PM Rehearsal

Sunday, 12th –No Adult choir

Wednesday, 15th – 6:40-7:20PM Rehearsal; 7:20-8:00PM Easter Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 19th – 10:00AM Rehearsal

Wednesday, 22nd – 6:40-7:20PM Rehearsal; 7:20-8:00PM Easter Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 26th - 10:00AM Rehearsal

Wednesday, 29th – 6:40-7:10PM Rehearsal; 7:10-8:00PM Easter Choir Rehearsal

Children’s Choir Schedule—February

5th – 11:45AM-12:00PM Rehearsal (RMC)

12th –10:00AM Rehearse in Sanctuary-sing during 10:30AM service (Happy All The Time)

19th – 11:45AM-12:00PM Rehearsal (RMC)

26th - 11:45AM-12:00PM Rehearsal (RMC)

Easter Choir

The Lenten season will be here within a few short weeks and thus we, as a church family, turn our focus to the reason why Christ came as a little baby. He came to save us. He came to give His life in order to save ours. Music has also been a great avenue to depict our gratitude and capture the true essence of what Jesus Christ went through on His walk to Calvary.

This year’s special Easter Cantata will, through song and spoken word, allow us to examine the raw emotion of Lent, Holy Week, Good Friday and then finally the triumphant resurrection day-Easter!

The Easter Cantata will be shared with the church family on Easter Sunday, April 8th during the 9:00 AM Bible Learning Hour.

I would like to personally invite you to participate in this celebration of Easter. We will need voices (of all levels and all ages) and we will need folks to serve as a narrator throughout the cantata. Please contact me if you are willing to participate in this manner.

The Easter Choir rehearsal schedule is below:

February 2012

- 15th –7:20-8:00PM Easter Choir Rehearsal
- 22nd - 7:20-8:00PM Easter Choir Rehearsal
- 29th –7:10-8:00PM Easter Choir Rehearsal

March 2012

- 7th –7:10-8:10PM Easter Choir Rehearsal
- 14th –7:00-8:15PM Easter Choir Rehearsal
- 21st –6:40-8:15PM Easter Choir Rehearsal
- 28th –6:40-8:15PM Easter Choir Rehearsal

April 2012

- 5th – DRESS REHEARSAL: 6:30-8:30PM Easter Choir Rehearsal
- 8th – HAPPY EASTER! 8:00AM Rehearsal; 9:00AM Combined ABL-Easter Cantata

Nicole J Siegel
 Director of Music Ministries
 717-799-2946—cell
 Nicole@lancbic.org or Njsiegel@comcast.net





All Church Breakfast

Sunday, Feb. 19th
9 o'clock Hour

Did You
Know.....?

COMMUNITY PEACEMAKING (formerly LAVORP)

Circles of support and accountability, a new program of the Center for Community Peacemaking, is looking for volunteers to work with sex offenders who have recently been released from incarceration by providing them with support and holding them accountable, enabling them to re-enter their communities and live safely and responsibly.

Training will be held during February.

If interested, please contact:
Keith Regehr at:
accountabilitycircles@ccp.org

- **Doug Groff** (son of Eileen Ostberg) is the new Associate Executive Director of the Lancaster Family YMCA City Center Branch. Congratulations!
- **Lynne Weaver** bade farewell to the Children's Leadership Team after years of loyal and dedicated service to God and to LBIC. Lynne will continue to be active at LBIC in the nursery, LIFT and probably a dozen other ways! THANK YOU, LYNNE!
- The **HOFFMAN** family attended Christmas Sunday worship at 10:30 am with all four children BEFORE they opened their Christmas gifts? Kudos to you !
- **Jen Frey** will join Children's Leadership Team (CLT) as Nursery Coordinator. Thank you Jen for joining this growing ministry.
- The **Christmas Eve offering** designated for the Kunah family was \$2345.00. Praise God and Thank You for your generosity.
- The **Christmas Sunday offering** designated for our cross-cultural workers and our General Fund was \$6830.00
- **Sherry Falk** decorated the church for Christmas. Well done, and THANK YOU for providing us with a beautifully enhanced worship experience during the Christmas season.
- **101 people** signed up for the Council lunch and meeting on January 8th.
- **Casa Iglesia De Bendicion** church use of the Fellowship Hall has increased to Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. They are also using the gym two Saturday afternoons a month and will have their first baptism in the sanctuary!
- Al & EJ Charles announce the engagement of their daughter, Rosemary, to Kurt Armstrong. An August 2012 wedding is being planned. Rosey graduated from John Brown University with a degree in Construction Management with a minor in Business Administration.

February 2012

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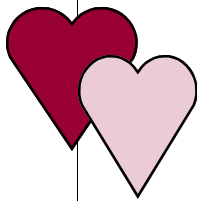
Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



			<p>1 9AM Children's Weekday programs</p> <p>LIFT 6:00 Meal Crave—Paxton St 6:40 Choir begins 6:45 Classes, Fellowship & Prayer Team</p>	<p>2 9AM Children's Weekday programs</p> <p>7 PM Over 30 B Ball</p>	<p>3 9AM Children's Weekday programs</p>	<p>4 7AM Men's Bible Study (Oregon Dairy))</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:00 Bible Learning Classes 10:30 Worship—communion 10:50 Children's Worship 11:45 Children's Choir —RMC 11:30 Missions Committee—Library 6:30 PM Youth Sunday</p>	<p>6 9AM Children's Week-day programs</p> <p>7 PM Leadership Team 7:30 PM Bible B4 Bball</p>	<p>7 9AM Children's Weekday programs</p> <p>5-6 PM—Preschool Open House</p> <p>7 PM Co-ed Volleyball</p>	<p>8 9AM Children's Weekday programs 9:30 Beth Moore Study 12-1—Preschool Open Hse LIFT 6:00 Meal 6:30 Crave 6:45 Classes, Fellowship, Choir & Prayer Team</p>	<p>9 9AM Children's Weekday programs</p> <p>7 PM Over 30 B Ball</p>	<p>10 9AM Children's Weekday programs</p>	<p>11 7AM Men's Bible Study (Oregon Dairy))</p>
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<p>19</p> <p>9:00 All Church Breakfast (donation) 10:30 Worship 10:50 Children's Worship 11:45 Children's Choir —RMC</p>	<p>20 Presidents' Day</p> <p>7:30 PM Bible B4 Bball</p>	<p>21 9AM Children's Weekday programs</p> <p>7 PM Co-ed Volleyball</p>	<p>22 Ash Wednesday 9AM Children's Weekday programs 9:30 Beth Moore Study</p> <p>LIFT 6:00 Meal 6:30 Crave 6:45 Classes, Fellowship, Choir & Prayer Team</p>	<p>23 9AM Children's Weekday programs</p> <p>7 PM Over 30 B Ball</p>	<p>24 9AM Children's Weekday programs</p>	<p>25 7AM Men's Bible Study (Oregon Dairy))</p>
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Lancaster Brethren In Christ Church

A Spiritual Force in the Manheim Township Community

Sunday

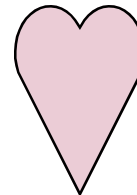
9:00 Bible Learning Classes
10:00 Coffee/beverages served
in Fellowship Hall
10:30 Worship

Wednesday LIFT

6:00 Evening meal
6:30 Crave
6:40 Choir Practice
6:45 Groups for all ages
6:45 Prayer Team

Staff

- Senior Pastor - Josh Nolt
- Director of Youth & Young Adults - Shandi Santos
- Director of Music Ministries - Nicole Siegel
- Church Administrator - Bill Ziegler
- Secretary - Carol Crawford
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