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**Live a Life of Discipleship
LBIC DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND 2011**

WHAT: A Weekend to focus on discipleship, what it is and why we need to know, with guest speaker, Rev. "Woody" Dalton from Harrisburg BIC.

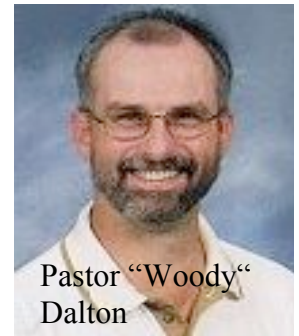
WHEN: Saturday & Sunday, March 26 & 27, 2011

WHY: **DISCIPLESHIP** will be the focus. You may ask, "What is discipleship"?

Being a disciple encompasses more than just asking Christ in, and goes far beyond baptism. Our conversion, our acceptance of Christ as Savior, our election, is the beginning, the entrance into the faith and Christian life. It does not stop there! It **starts** there!

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

From **What is Discipleship?** By Dr. Richard J. Krejcir; Gospel.com January, 2011.



SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:30 pm A special dinner in Family Life Center
(Please call the church to register – 569-5011 M-W-F)

7:00 pm Sanctuary – Pastor "Woody" Dalton
SERMON TITLE – *RELEARNING OUR NEED FOR GRACE*
Pastor Woody will discuss WHY WE NEED GOD and OUR NEED FOR DISCIPLESHIP

SUNDAY

10:30 am SINGLE WORSHIP (8 am Worship cancelled)
SERMON TITLE – *LEARNING TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT*
Pastor Woody will focus on ... WHAT DISCIPLESHIP LOOKS LIKE

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MARCH SERMON SCHEDULE

“Pray for us,” I Thessalonians 5:25. Paul asked for the Church to pray for him. Our family, and many other families, these past months have asked for and been granted by your intercession. We go to the throne on behalf of another. Sometimes it is the least we can do, sometimes the most, but I believe we are obligated to pray for each other.

It is a long way for me to say thank you. For Brian and Jen and Lydia Grace, for my extended family and for Terry and me - thanks. I am not too proud to ask for more prayer – as Terry and I transition, and we make major adjustments in our lives. The bonus is, as you pray for us, you pray for you too.

Pray for us – thanks,
Pastor Jim

CARTOON



FEBRUARY SERMON SCHEDULE

- 6 You must be salt
Matthew 5:13
- 13 You must be light
Matthew 5:14-16
- 20 Jesus & Moses
Matthew 5:17-20
- 27 Jesus & Law & Prophets
Matthew 5:17-20



CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS FOR VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS AND CROSS CULTURAL WORKERS

Christmas offerings (Christmas Eve and Christmas Sunday) totaled \$10,800. Eleven volunteer organizations each received \$100 and 5 Cross Cultural Workers (missionaries) each received \$100 for a total of \$1,600 leaving a balance of \$9,200 to the LBIC general fund.

Thank you for your generosity and sacrificial giving!

MEMORIAL PLAQUE

The plaque on the south wall of the narthex next to the entrance to the sanctuary recognizes those who, upon their death, have donated monetarily to LBIC. The name and dates of the person's birth and death are recorded. The plaque reads:

“Acknowledges the presentation of gifts donated in memory of the following persons to the Glory of God”

Recent donations have been received in memory of: Ethel Kreider and Pete Shaida



LBIC DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND 2011 (continued)

OUR SPEAKER: Glenn "Woody" Dalton, Jr.

Pastor Woody was born in Virginia, but has made Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church his home since 1980. Pastor Woody's wife, Kim, is a licensed psychologist and has training as a Spiritual Director (a type of spiritual mentoring, also called "Holy Listening"). Woody and Kim have three active teenage sons: Christopher, Zachary, and Jesse. When he finds a few minutes to relax, Woody can most likely be found on the golf course (if there's anything less than a monsoon or blizzard) or playing chess.

Pastor Woody's education includes: Associate of Art from Emmanuel Junior College, Bachelor of Arts from the University of Alabama, Master of Divinity from Eastern Mennonite Seminary, and Doctor of Ministry from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. **Mark your calendars now: MARCH 26 & 27** and plan to support these opportunities to strengthen your service to our GOD!

Bill Ziegler

PASTORAL SEARCH UPDATE

Monday, January 24th, Bishop Nate Yoder met with the Pastoral Committee to discuss procedures for obtaining a senior Pastor.

An electronic survey was established to provide information. The Pastoral Search Committee and the Bishop will use this data to assist them in soliciting candidates and in subsequent interviews.

Bishop Nate Yoder met with the congregation prior to meeting with the Pastoral Search Committee on Thursday evening, Feb. 17, 2011. Thirty church members enjoyed an open discussion regarding the process that the BIC church uses to call pastors to specific BIC churches. In addition, the results of the Character and Call Survey that many of you completed earlier either electronically or by hard copy was reviewed. Bishop Nate will meet with the Search Committee again on March 1.

Some highlights of the discussion with Bishop Nate:

- The search committee may visit the church of a candidate to hear a sermon.
- While sermons are important, other qualities of a pastor may be of greater importance; vision, passion, people person, leadership strength etc.
- The normal number of candidates is 3, however, there are often exceptions.
- The search committee will NOT reveal the number of candidates they are considering or whether votes taken regarding any candidates are unanimous.
- An interim pastor may be needed depending on the time line of who is called and when they become available.

Some survey highlights:

Well, you had to be there to understand it all, however, there was one thing that caught Bishop Nate's attention. Survey respondents described LBIC as conservative and reserved. In subsequent questions the survey revealed that we want to appeal to outsiders from our community and the city, to those who are broken, lost and those who are disenchanted with religion. Bishop Nate helped us see the "tension" between the description of who we say we are and whom we want to appeal to!

For the question: "What are the important things that God wants us as a church to be doing in the next 2 or 3 years?" survey results indicated that we want God to light a fire under us; we want change; and we want to see passion for God's work to move forward.

Bill Ziegler

MARCH PRAYER / PRAISE FOCUS

Please pray & offer praise for:

- **Praise** God for the eager volunteers He called for LIFT.
- **Pray for the Pastoral Search process as Bishop Yoder assists our Committee with a search.**
- **Praise** God for two people considering joining the Good News Club Team! Pray that God's will be done in this important LBIC outreach.
- **Continue to pray for items of church-wide concern.**



**Stewardship University
Lancaster, PA**

Stewardship University is an outstanding educational opportunity for members of your church and community to learn about and celebrate holistic stewardship.

On Saturday, March 5, 2011, Lancaster will host Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and our local faith community. Among the courses available is *Good Sense Budget Workshop*.

Kenneth Brubaker will present *Understanding the New Health Care Legislation*, a course that will review The Patient Protection and Affordable Care ACT in areas that will impact our health care institutions and older adults in our community.

Patricia Haverstick will present *Why Buy Locally (and Healthy!)?* who is the owner of Abundant Earth Food Co-op since 2007.

Of special interest is the workshop on *Planning Issues and Opportunities for Seniors*, led by Brian Black, partner at Gibbel, Kraybill, and Hess, LLP. This course will explore some of the key legal issues that seniors and their adult children should consider in planning for the later seasons of life and will provide a foundation for understanding these key concerns. For more information or to register, contact Everence at (800) 653-9723 or visit www.StewardshipUniversity.org.

OUR MISSION

We strive to be:

- A community where people meet Christ;
- A family where people encourage one another in Christ;
- A school where people become Disciples of Christ.

OUR VISION

“Fulfill the Great Commission in Manheim Twp. & be a visible spiritual force in the community.”



**BIC GLOBAL PRAYER DAY 2011
ZIMBABWE**

Dear pastors & leaders,

This year's BIC Global Prayer Day is set for **Sunday, March 13, 2011** with a special focus on the country and BIC ministries of **Zimbabwe**.

North American congregations will receive resources by mail and email later this month to help with preparations for this day of corporate intercession.

Please share this with your fellow leaders and congregation and plan to join in as we unite in prayer for our brothers and sisters of Zimbabwe.

blessings,
BICWM

LADIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND...

Sisters In Christ

On Saturday, March 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. a group from Lancaster BIC will be enjoying Sisters In Christ at Lancaster Bible College. Admission is free. After the event the ladies will be going to Friendly's for ice cream. This is the only cost for the evening. Please notify Patty Eastep or sign up on the signup sheet on the board by Wednesday, March 2 so reservations can be made at Friendly's. Come enjoy an inspiring evening for women with powerful messages that will impact your life with Christ.

DESSERT NIGHT

Ready to get out of the house since you have been stuck indoors from the snow? If you're somewhere in the age range of 25 to 40ish, then join others for a Dessert Night at Iron Hill on March 11 at 7:30pm hosted by Late 20 Something's and the Connect Group. Please sign up on Shandi's office door by March 9. Childcare is provided at the church. Please see Shandi if childcare is needed.



SENIOR ADULT DAY

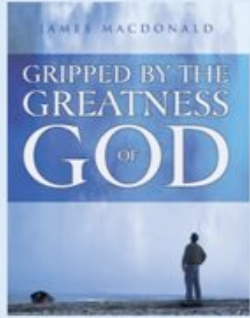
Senior Adult Day at Kenbrook
April 6, 2011
9-3:00pm

Shake off the winter blues and join us April 6th for a day of fun & fellowship at Kenbrook Bible Camp. If you are 55+, spend the day having fun and singing a few of your favorite songs. Tom Francis, Pastor of Stowe BIC, will be the speaker and there will be musical entertainment. Lunch will be provided. The registration fee will be paid by the church. Lloyd Melhorn will be our church van driver. Information will be put in your mailboxes the beginning of March. Any questions? Please see Carol Crawford.

WEDNESDAY MORNING FAITH AND LIFE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This Bible study meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday mornings and is led by Susan Kreider. Women meet in the church house living room starting at 9:30 am. They are studying: "Gripped by the Greatness of God". Please call Susan Kreider at 299-0511 for information.
ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED.

Women's Bible study!



AMY MACDONALD
GRIPPED BY THE GREATNESS OF GOD

1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am

Feb 16, Mar 2, 16, 30, April 6, 20, and May 4

Church House Living Room

Leader: Susan Kreider

Or join Terry on Wednesday nights during LIFT!!

THANK YOU!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$100. We are blessed by your generosity. It is our privilege to serve approximately 300 families each year that are living with mental illness. Your faithful support of No Longer Alone Ministries makes it possible for us to continue to build hope for mental wellness.

Sincerely,

Patricia G. Ashcraft
No Longer Alone Ministries
Director of Development





Music Notes

EASTER CANTATA April 24th at 9:00am

Easter is one of the most, if not the most wonderful day or "holiday" in the Christian faith. At Christmas time we have many favorite carols and cantatas that we enjoy; however, Easter is also a great opportunity to worship, praise and celebrate God's love for us and the sacrifice Jesus made to save our souls from eternal death.

This Easter, the Adult Choir, along with any members and friends of the LBIC congregation will present an Easter Cantata during the Bible Learning hour on Easter Sunday, April 24th at 9:00am in the Sanctuary.

The Easter Choir will rehearse on Wednesday evenings, beginning Wednesday, February 23rd. Please refer to the schedule below for the complete rehearsal schedule.

The Easter Choir needs vocalists to join their voices in song to glorify God. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to join the Easter Choir this Spring. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nicole Siegel.

The Easter Choir is also in need of a few narrators (speaking roles only). If you are able to participate in that manner, please contact Nicole Siegel.

"After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb... The angel said to the women "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Go quickly and tell His disciples 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.'" -Matthew 28:1, 5-7

Praise God for our Lord Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

Nicole J. Siegel
LBIC - Director of Music Ministries
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nicole@lanbic.org
or njsiegel@comcast.net – e-mail

EASTER CHOIR March/April 2011 Schedule

Wed. - 2nd – 7:15-8:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal
Wed. - 9th – 7:15-8:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal
Wed. - 16th – 7:00-8:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal
Wed. - 23rd – 7:00-8:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal
Wed. - 30th – 7:00-8:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal
Wed., April 6 – 7:00-8:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal
Wed. - 13th – 7:00-8:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal
Wed. - 20th – 6:30-8:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal
Sun. - 24th – 8:30am Warm-up in Fellowship Hall;
9:00am Easter Cantata in Sanctuary

ADULT CHOIR March 2011 Schedule

Wed. - 2nd – 6:30-7:15pm Rehearsal;
7:15-8:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal
Sun. - 6th – 10:00am Rehearsal (sing during
10:30am service)
Wed. - 9th – 6:30-7:15pm Rehearsal;
7:15-8:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal
Sun. - 13th – No choir
Wed. - 16th – 6:30-7:00pm Rehearsal;
7:00-8:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal
Sun. - 20th – 10:00am Rehearsal (sing during
10:30am service)
Wed. - 23rd – 6:30-7:00pm Rehearsal;
7:00-8:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal
Sun. - 27th – 10:00am Rehearsal (sing during
10:30am service)
Wed. - 30th – 6:30-7:00pm Rehearsal;
7:00-8:00pm Easter Choir Rehearsal

CHILDREN'S CHOIR March 2011 Schedule

Sun. - 6th – 11:40am-12:00pm Rehearsal in RMC
Sun. - 13th – YOUTH SUNDAY - 10:00am Rehearsal
in the Sanctuary (sing during 10:30am
service)
Sun. - 20th – 11:40am-12:00pm Rehearsal in RMC
Sun. - 27th – 11:40am-12:00pm Rehearsal in RMC

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



1st Annual

Lancaster Brethren in Christ Church

3v3 Basketball Tournament



- **Saturday, March 5th**
- **See Bill Rhinier for details**

PROJECT LINUS

Project Linus is a new charity that some of our church family has decided to support. This program provides blankets for infants, children, and teens who are sick, troubled or in crisis. These homemade blankets give comfort to these children. More info on Project Linus can be found on the bulletin board or you can check out their website at <http://www.orgsites.com/pa/lancprojectlinus/> for the local chapter.

You can see our hard work being displayed in the narthex. We have been making blankets of various kinds. Some are crocheted, some are knitted, some are quilted, and some are tied fleece. We have completed 5 blankets so far. Those will be dropped off at the New Holland Rec Center where they will deliver them to our local Project Linus chapter.

How can you help? By donating yarn and fabric. By making quilting blocks. By crocheting or knitting squares or blocks. By joining us on Scrapbooking & Craft nights.

See the table for project directions, the bulletin board for our wish list, or ask Diane Wagner.

Diane Wagner

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY

Talent Night

Friendship Community will host **Talent Night at 7pm on April 4th** at Mellinger Mennonite Church, 1916 Lincoln Highway East in Lancaster. A freewill offering will be received. For information, call Milt Stoltzfus at (717)656-2466, ext. 106.

Praise Dinner

Friendship Community has been invited by The Wenger Foundation to be a part of its **Praise Dinner held at the Lebanon Fairgrounds and Expo Center at 6pm on May 5th**. The evening is filled with delicious food and entertainment by The McKameys and Triumphant Quartet. Cost is \$100 per person or \$1,000 for a table of ten. Registration deadline is April 8th. Proceeds benefit four non-profit Christian ministries, including Friendship Community. Call Betty Hess at (717)656-2466, ext. 165, for more details.

SCRAPBOOKING & CRAFTS

Our next Scrapbooking & Crafts session will be on Friday, March 11 from 6-9pm at the Church House. We will be working on quilts for Project Linus. We are planning on cutting fabric and piecing it. This cut fabric can be taken home to sew 12" squares at your leisure. We will also continue working on tying fleece and putting granny squares together.

Even if you don't sew, come join us. We need your help. There are lots of things to be done that don't involve sewing.

You are also welcome to come for fellowship and work on your own projects. We would love to have you.

Diane Wagner



**SOME VERY HAPPY COUPLES.
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT!
FROM YOUR LBIC CHURCH FAMILY**

**ALL DAY SCRAPBOOK
EVENT**



Rhinier - Guito

Jeffrey and Jill Guito, Lancaster, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to William F. Rhinier, Jr., son of Susan Rhinier and the late William F. Rhinier Sr., Lancaster.

Amanda is a 2008 graduate of Manheim Township High School and a 2009 graduate of Bloomsburg University.

William is a 2002 graduate of J.P. McCaskey High School and a 2008 graduate of Central Penn College.

A June 2012 wedding is planned.



Eastep - Dean

Erica Dean and Joshua Eastep announce their engagement.

They plan to marry on September 17, 2011 in Rehoboth Beach, DE.



There have been many requests for a full day of scrapbooking. So your wish has been granted.

National Scrapbook Day is on Saturday, May 7 and here, at LBIC, we will be celebrating with an all day crop.

This is not just for the scrapbook pros. Beginners are welcome too. Diane Wagner will have a class on how to get started. Just bring your pictures and an album or pages/paper.

Come from 9am-9pm. You will have your own space to scrapbook or papercraft. There will be meals available, tools (including the Cricket) for your use, Make'n Takes, classes, prizes, fun and more.

The fee will be \$20 for the day and will include everything mentioned.

Sign up forms will be available soon. Check your mailbox or <http://www.lanbic.org/>. Stay tuned...

Diane Wagner



LIFT MENU

TAKE NOTE...

- 3/9 - Pork BBQ, Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Veggie Mix, Salad Bar, PB & J, Applesauce, Fruit Cup, Bar
- 3/16 - Turkey in Gravy, Potato Filling, Green Bean Casserole, PB &J, Salad Bar, Applesauce, Pudding
- 3/23 - Meatball Subs, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Corn, Salad Bar, PB & J, Applesauce, Fruit Cup, Cupcakes
- 3/30- Beef & Chicken Tacos w/ toppings, Chips & Salsa, Salad Bar, PB & J, Applesauce, Ice Cream Sundaes



SUB, SALAD, & SONG RETURNS

On March 10 at 6 pm we'll gather in the church house for a Sub, Salad and Song evening. Sign up on the narthex bulletin board by March 7 and join us for supper and singing. All are welcome!



LIBRARY NEWS

Check it out in our Library

The third issue of *Brethren in Christ History & Life* for 2010 includes the following articles.

“God’s Way is the Best Way: A Biography of David and Dorcas Climenhaga” by Donna F. Wenger.

“Word, Wit and Wisdom” by Sudan Kreider Getty.

“A Courageous Choice: Being Brethren in Christ in Nicaragua” by Alan Classen Thrush.

“A Biographical Sketch of David (Ndhlalambi) Moyo” by Dwight W. Thomas.

“A Study in Spiritual Values from the Autobiography of Luke L. Keefer, Sr.”

In addition there are the regular segments: Media Review and Book Reviews.

All issues of *Brethren in Christ History & Life* are available from our church library. They are an excellent source of the history of our denomination through biographies and the writings of our church leaders.

Thanks to generous donators, 50 books have been added to our library. The majority of the books are for young children. A list of the books is posted on the bookshelf at the window in our library.

Enjoy some good wintertime reading.

- C. Groff



Submissions to the Branch should be emailed to brancheditor@gmail.com or placed in the designated mailbox at LBIC.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Hilary Wilson
- 3 Kayleigh Weaver
- 3 Julia Ernst
- 3 Megan Parsons
- 6 Jim Crawford
- 5 Jere Falk
- 9 Carrie Gordon
- 10 April Young
- 13 Titus Kirui
- 14 Eileen Ostberg
- 16 Joyce Gelson
- 19 Kevin Thrush
- 20 Jill Guito
- 20 Vanessa Patterson
- 21 Gretna Maurey
- 22 Dave Mosemann
- 24 John Sauder
- 27 Andy Heft



MOMS OF MOVERS

All moms of young children, not yet ready to join Toddler Gym, are invited to participate in this Bible study meeting the second and fourth Wednesday mornings from 9:30 – 11:00 am. Moms and their very young toddlers gather in fellowship. They discuss their lives as mothers of young children and seek God’s wisdom in raising godly children. Sharing experiences helps each of them learn and validates the common struggles they all face.

Please join this group. Kristi McMichael and Alissa Groff coordinate the morning activities that follow this schedule:

March 9, 23, April 13, 27, May 11, 25

If you would like more information, please email Kristi at: livininthecity01@verizon.net



CHURCH/COMMUNITY ROLLER SKATING NIGHT

Our Annual Spring Roller Skate at Overlook Park will be held Wednesday, March 2, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Admission is free. Skate rental is \$2.00 (or \$3.00 for in-line). This event is for anyone who attends any programs here at LBIC. Bring a friend or two!! If you know of anyone looking for a home church, be sure to invite them!



YOUTH QUEST REPORT

At the end of December Stephen and Shandi Santos took Ian Groff, Johnny Kreider, Jeni Rairigh, Lauren Weaver, Kayla McCoy, and Rebecca Parsons to Canada for four days with other senior high students from other BIC churches. Each day they had two main sessions which included a speaker, worship time, and interactive fellowship. In the afternoons each day there was a Breakout Session where each person got to choose where they wanted to go. Also in the afternoons there was free time. One afternoon we all went to visit a castle up there and the other afternoon we spend time swimming and seeing the sights around the hotel. I think each person would say that it was worth being stuck in a bus for a total of 16 hours! I encourage you to take some time to ask one of the youth what was their favorite part of Youth Quest 2010!

Shandi Santos <<>



2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Toddler Gym 8:15 Ladies Bible Study 7pm Worship Commission Trustees (tentative) Pastoral Search Committee & Bishop Nate Finance Commission	Morning Bible Study Roller Skating – Overlook NO LIFT	Good News Club: 1 st club of spring semester	Gym Time Plus starts Jump Start – Middle School event at Manheim BIC 8:30 Walk & Wellness	7:00 Men's Bible Study Jump Start – Middle School event at Manheim BIC Ladies Ministry Team – Sisters in Christ Event at LBC
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:00 Worship 9:00 Bible Learning classes 10:30 Worship 10:30 Friendship class 10:50 Children's Worship		Toddler Gym 8:15 Ladies Bible study 9am – Pastors Cluster group 7pm CEC Meeting	Moms of Movers Morning Bible Study LIFT 6pm dinner 6:45pm classes	6pm Sub, Salad, Song – Church House	Gym Time Plus 6pm Scrapbooking & Crafts – Church House 6pm – Dads and Dudes – movie/pizza night – Fellowship Hall 7pm - Late 20 Something's & Connect Group – Iron Hill	7:00 Men's Bible Study
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:00 Worship – Youth Sunday 9:00 Bible Learning classes 9:00 Connect group 10:30 Worship – Youth Sunday 10:50 Children's Worship Kenbrook promotional visit in Children's Dept Day Lights Savings Time begins		8:15 Ladies Bible study Toddler Gym Women at the Well Conference	FIRST DAY OF LENT Morning Bible Study LIFT 6pm dinner 6:45pm classes  Ash Wednesday	 St. Patrick's Day	Gym Time Plus 8:30 Walk & Wellness	7:00 Men's Bible Study BRANCH DEADLINE
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:00 Worship 9:00 Bible Learning Classes 9:00 Connect group 10:30 Worship 10:30 Friendship class 10:50 Children's Worship Global Prayer Day	 World Day of Prayer	8:15 Ladies Bible study Toddler Gym	Morning Bible Study Moms of Movers LIFT 6pm dinner 6:45pm classes		Gym Time Plus	7:00 Men's Bible Study Discipleship Weekend Regional BIC Annual Conference at Manheim BIC
27	28	29	30	31		
9:00 Bible Learning classes 9:00 Connect group 10:30 Worship 10:50 Children's Worship Discipleship Weekend Preschool Service Proj.	Church Board Meeting		Final LIFT 6pm dinner 6:45pm classes			

CRAVE CALENDAR

March

- 2 Roller Skating
- 4-5 Jump Start Retreat
- 6 Youth Sunday Practice
- 12 Youth Sunday Practice
- 13 Youth Sunday
- 16 Gym Night
- 25 TBA

April

- 1 Evening Break
- 3 VIA-Combined BLC
- 6 Volunteer's Meeting
- 13 Paxton St Game Night

May

- 11 Last Crave

DADS & DUDES

Ten dudes and their dads participated in gym night in January. The dudes played hockey, basketball and kickball. Everyone had a wonderful time and they hope to do it again in April.

The next event is Movie/Pizza night on March 11. Sign up on the bulletin board.

- Jim Yoder



YOUTH SUNDAY IS COMING!

Get ready for a great time of worship, skits, and singing! On March 13, CRAVE (the youth group) will be in charge of the 8:00 am and the 10:30 am services. 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



GOOD NEWS CLUB... NEWS

March 3rd marked the first meeting of the spring Good News Club at Bucher Elementary School; however, our GNC team met on Thursday, Feb. 3 at Calvary Church for the Spring Kick Off. Over 150 GNC volunteers from Lancaster Co. met to hear about Club progress across the county. We want to share a bit of what God is doing in this outreach...our LBIC outreach to our local Manheim Twp. neighbors.

Good News clubs are in **335** elementary schools in Lancaster County. Nine new clubs started this year, more than in recent history!

These clubs serve **1,056 kids** each week!

Ninety-seven children have made decisions for Christ in their lives! Praise God! **Fifteen children** have started attending church on a regular basis. **One** is from our club at Bucher!

Our club had attendance of about 25 kids each week.

Our spring team members are: Jessica Gordon, Shandi Santos, Bill Ziegler, Ken Espenshade, Mandy Moore, Patty Kauffman and Heather Groff.

We are planning on hosting a dessert social for kids and their parents on Thursday, April 15 in the FLC. We will celebrate our year with demonstrations of what happens at clubs and what the kids have learned, topping the evening off with ice cream and cake!

Bill Ziegler

WEEKDAY PROGRAMS

News from the Weekday Programs

Plans for the Fall programs have been finalized and we are now accepting enrollments! There will be programs for children ages 9 months to pre-K! If you have a child you wish to attend our programs, please sign up early to insure a spot. If not, please pick up a brochure from the narthex table and give it to a friend who may be interested. Classes for children up to age 2 will be with a caregiver. This gives an opportunity for the adults to support each other during the challenging first years. There will be drop-off classes for children ages 2, 3, and 4. Let's fill up our church with love, laughter, and learning this Fall!!!

In both older classes this month, we talked about being helpful and loving. We learned about various community helpers who take care of us when we need them and we talked about ways we can show love and kindness. The oldest class took this to heart as they solicited donations from friends and family to support them in our first-ever bike-athon! Children rode the trikes in the fellowship hall collecting stickers, filling with gas, and dodging "snowballs" all to help the children of the PATH programs. All the money collected will be used to purchase materials for these children to get active and be healthy! Fourteen loving, caring, and helpful preschoolers with their family's help raised nearly \$300 dollars!!! Way to go!

Blessings,

Jessica Gordon
 Director of Weekday Ministries



Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NKJV

LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME

Mark and Priscilla Simmons are looking for a good home for the most affectionate cat ever. Tony is a large, neutered, yellow male cat who purrs all the time. The reason he needs a new home is that he is fishing in our neighbor's pond, not good for neighborly relationships.

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Did You Know...

- ✓ you can post an article or advertisement about your ministry in the BRANCH? It is easy. Write it up and send it to: BranchEditor@gmail.com
- ✓ you can be notified by email of ANY PRAYER REQUEST about our church family? If you do not currently get automatic prayer request emails, please see Bill Ziegler who will add your email address to the PRAYER CHAIN.
- ✓ you can place PRAISES on the PRAYER CHAIN as well as prayer requests? Just go to: prayerchain@lanbic.org and type in your request or praise.
- ✓ Two Church Board Directors attended "Transforming Church Boards" seminar at Crossroads BIC on Feb. 5. The seminar was sponsored by the Atlantic and Susquehanna Conferences of the BIC church. Bishop Nate Yoder and Bishop Doug Sider provided insight into the operation of a healthy Church Board.
- ✓ Ronnie Gant came in first place in his weight class of 189 lbs. at the Elizabethtown Wrestling Tournament held on January 29? Way to go Ronnie!

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Sunday

8:00 Worship
9:00 Bible Learning Classes
10:30 Worship

Wednesday Lift

6:00 Evening Meal
6:45 Groups for All Ages
7:00 Prayer Team