

# STUDENT MINISTRIES *EVENTS*

## Student Events

Evolve (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) and Encounter (9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>)

### Encounter (9th-12th Grade)

Sun., Feb. 18: **Diplomacy Night** 5-9 p.m.  
Sun., Feb. 25: **Encounter** 7-8:30 p.m.  
Sun., Mar. 4: **No Encounter Rest/Nerf Night?**  
Sun., Mar. 11: **Encounter** 7-8:30 p.m.  
Sun., Mar. 18: **Encounter** 7-8:30 p.m.

### Evolve (7th-8th Grade)

Wed., Feb. 21: **Evolve** 6:30-8 p.m.  
Wed., Feb. 28: **Evolve** 6:30-8 p.m.  
Wed., Mar. 7: **Evolve** 6:30-8 p.m.  
Wed., Mar. 14: **Evolve** 6:30-8 p.m.  
Wed., Mar. 21: **Evolve** 6:30-8 p.m.  
Wed., Mar. 28: **No Evolve Spring Break**

## Kids' Corner by Ann van der Merwe

### Home

There are two brothers in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. One runs away; the other stays home. But at the end of the story, we find out that the brother who stays home is not really "the good one" after all.

Sure, he stayed home. He did all his chores. He obeyed his father's rules. But he was only doing "the right things" because they were "the right things." He didn't really know his father or want to spend time with him. His body was at home, but his soul was somewhere else.

Are you like that older brother? Are you doing all the things you are supposed to do, but you don't really want to spend time with God? Is your body here and your soul somewhere else?

If so, I hope you will come home. When you do, your father will rejoice just as much as He does for His kids who have wandered off in body and soul.

### Weekly Prayer List

Dick Kaufman, Mike McIntosh, Ken Wood,  
Mexico Mission Team and Communion Class

### Flowers This Morning are Given by

The Marriage School Inc. and Flowers from the Rafters,  
in celebration of God's gift of love, marriage and family.

Mike and Sharon Moeller and family to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Henry and Erbyee Moeller.

### Attendance - February 11, 2018

8:45 a.m. - 233      11:15 a.m. - 163      Total - 396  
Sunday School - 170  
Offering \$8,728.22

Operating Fund Income thru January 2018 - \$143,597.17  
Operating Fund Expense thru January 2018 - \$91,187.71

## For Our Guests

Thank you for taking the time to complete the Guest Information on our attendance registration pad. We value your visit with us and this is a simple way of letting us know how we may better meet your needs. Thanks for visiting! We're glad you're here.

**Parking**--We have three locations for parking: the side lot on Silver St., the alley lot on Warren St. and the county parking lot directly across East St.

**Rest Rooms** are located in the hallway by the Welcome Center, on the lower level of the ARK and in the classroom office/wing.

**Welcome Center**--located in the Narthex area between the Sanctuary and the ARK. Please stop by and check out opportunities open to you here at Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

**Sunday School**--Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Everyone Welcome

**Adult classes** located in the Classroom/Office Wing:

Faith Weavers- Jim VanDeGrift in Room 102  
Faith Explorers - Gary Ensing in Room 305  
Bible in Life - Jim Garrett in Room 306  
S.A.L.T. class - in Room 304  
Raising Godly Kids - Rachael Earley in Room 311  
Vintage - Teens and parents of youth grade 7-12 in LPC Youth Center

**Children's Sunday School**

Ages 2 - 4th grade on the lower level the ARK  
5th and 6th graders in the Rainbow Room

**Nursery and Family Room**

Ages 2 and under are welcome in our staffed nursery located between the Ark and the Welcome Center  
We also have a Family Room with worship audio located next to our Welcome Center

## Worship at LPC

Traditional Worship Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Christian Education at 10 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Sunday at 11:15 a.m. in the Ark

Prayer teams available following worship  
for those who desire prayer.

The Facility schedule is available on our video displays  
and online at [www.lebanonpresbyterian.org](http://www.lebanonpresbyterian.org)

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## The Older Brother



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*Can God really save a person who seems to be totally lost?*

## **Out of a Far Country**

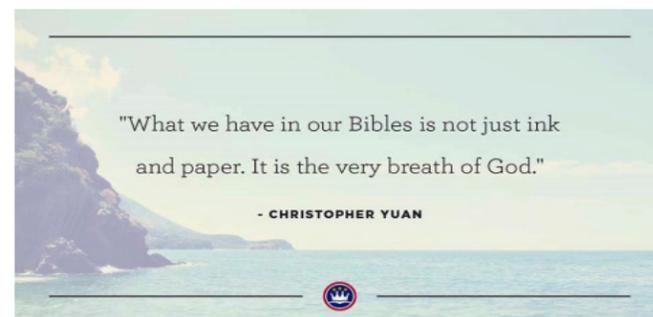
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Dr. Leon and Angela Yuan experienced years of heartbreak, confusion, and prayer. Through it all, God gave Christopher's parents the grace to rely on His power and focus on their own daily renewal and transformation. At the same time, God worked to turn Christopher's unbelief into belief, and free him from the bondage of drugs and promiscuity.

The Yuan family testimony offers an opportunity for LPC families to engage in critical conversations, including with their 5th/6th grade, junior high and high school kids. To serve the needs of families with younger children, we will also be offering a unique version of Children's Church on this Family Fourth Sunday open to preschoolers and all elementary-age children. Multiple leaders will work with different age groups to explore the Prodigal Son story. As you ponder your children's joining you in hearing the Yuans' testimony, you are encouraged to visit [www.christopheryuan.com](http://www.christopheryuan.com) to learn more about Christopher's story and his ministry.



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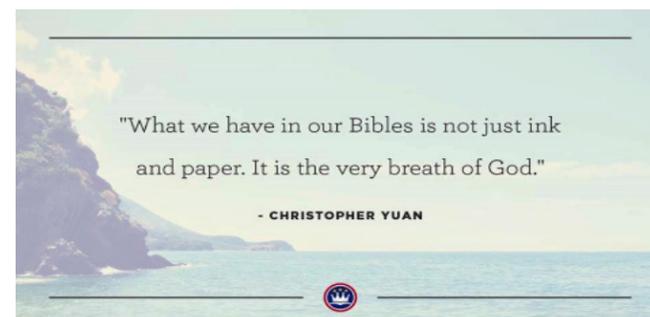
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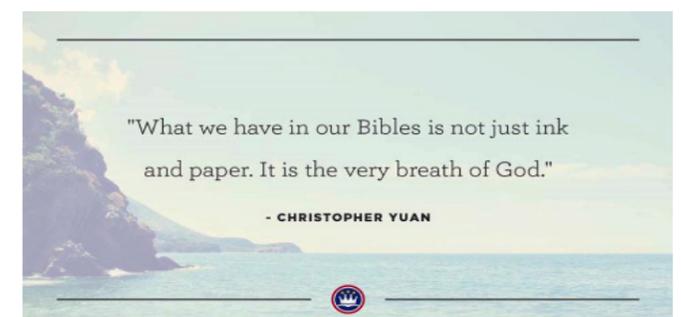
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Ministry Minutes  
Love Packages Dean Deerhake

Chiming of the Hour *(Let us prepare our hearts to worship God)*

Prelude Sanctuary Choir  
*Surely the Lord is in This Place*

\*Call to Worship The Rev. Peter Larson

North: Praise the LORD, O my soul; let all that is within me  
praise his holy name.

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*God of Grace and God of Glory* Hymn 669

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Prayer of Confession Andrew Johnson

Heavenly Father, in the story of the Prodigal Son we see ourselves.  
Some of us are like the younger son – lost in sin and rebellion. But  
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**WE GIVE BACK TO GOD**

Prayer of Dedication Ann van der Merwe

Offertory Handbell Choir  
*What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

First Scripture Reading Alex Kinkelaar  
*Galatians 2:11-21*  
Pew Bible, page 824  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People:** Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon Teri Abbott

Children are Dismissed  
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<b>Call to Worship</b>	Praise Band
<b>Praise Songs</b> <i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i> <i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>	Andrew Johnson
<b>A Song of Response</b> <i>I Will Rise</i>	
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Karen Fannin
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<b>Message</b> <i>The Older Brother</i>	The Rev. Peter Larson
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