

# STUDENT MINISTRIES *EVENTS*

## Student Events

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

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

Sun., May 20: **Graduation Sunday**  
10:30 a.m.

Thurs., May 24: **Last Day of School for Lebanon**

June 16-24: **Encounter Mexico Mission Trip**

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

Wed., May 23: **Evolve Study Break Dinner** 5:30-6:30 at LPC

Wed., May 30: **Camp Stronghold Student/Parent Mtg.** 7 p.m.

June 2-8: **Evolve Camp Stronghold**

## Kids' Corner by Ann van der Merwe

### All Together

Who is in your circle of friends?

I'm sure you have some kids you spend more time with than others. That's normal. Maybe you share common interests, or you just laugh at the same jokes. Whatever it is, there is something that makes you more than just classmates.

But imagine if your group of friends stops being nice to some other kids because they don't dress the same way or play the same games. And then another group of friends gets angry because your friends aren't being nice. And suddenly, no one is getting along.

That's what happened to the church in Corinth. People became so connected to their circle of friends that they forgot that they all needed to be kind. They forgot that, even though they were different people with different interests and ideas, they were all followers of Jesus.

### Weekly Prayer List

Becky Adams, Rev. Ed Bowman, Terry Browning, Marianne Duerré, Jo Snider, Ron and Carolyn Lucke and all of our Graduates!

### Attendance - May 13, 2018 Mother's Day

8:45 a.m. - 257      11:15 a.m. - 131      Total - 388  
Sunday School - 105  
Offering \$8,493

Operating Fund Income thru April 2018 - \$360,971.78  
Operating Fund Expense thru April 2018 - \$388,487.98

# 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.

Modern 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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# Graduation Sunday



***Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.***

**- Matthew 5:9**

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## Blessed Are the Peacemakers

*For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one, and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.*

- Ephesians 2:14

When you look around at this broken world, there doesn't seem to be much peace.

Politically, our nation is bitterly divided. In many parts of the world, there is war, violence and terror. At work, school and even in our families we experience conflict and tension. What we call "peace" is just a temporary lull in chaos.

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9). The Greek word, "peacemaker" is used in only one other place in the New Testament, in Colossians 1:20, where it describes Jesus: "For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross."

You see, peace is not something we can create by our own effort. True peace is found only in knowing Jesus Christ. Jesus IS our peace. By his death on the cross, he has reconciled us to God and to each other. The way we make peace is by living our lives in him and for him – a life marked by grace, humility, love and forgiveness.

### Sermon Notes: Blessed Are the Peacemakers

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### Do You Have Your Name Tag?

Wearing your name tag is the easiest way to welcome our visitors. Are you wearing yours? If not, please get it from the wooden name tag cart located at the entrance of the Sanctuary first service and inside the entrance of the Ark second service. If your name tag is not there, please write a note on the Welcome Pads or contact Gabrielle Pyles at gabrielle@lebanonpresbyterian.org or call the church office, 513-932-2751.

### Helping Hurricane Victims

Our church is sending a mission team to southern Florida the week of June 10-16 to help hurricane victims rebuild their homes. Volunteers with basic construction skills are needed. A local church is providing us with meals and a place to stay. You can carpool or fly down and meet us there. If you are interested in going, contact Gabrielle at the church office, 513-932-2751.

### Seek First Saturday

We expanded our prayer ministry to include a monthly **Seek First Saturday** prayer gathering in our Sanctuary to seek the Lord for our needs at home, in our church, and in our world. As we worship, we pray alone, in small groups, with church leaders, and with one another in a spirit of anticipation. **We'd love to have you join us at our next SFS gathering on Saturday, June 2 at 5:45 p.m.**

### Trailer Storage Needed

Our Boy Scout Troop 186 is looking for space to store their two trailers which are used to haul camping gear. If you have space available, please contact Sherry Showalter at the church, 513-932-2751.

### Young Adult Ministry

Are you a young adult (18-30)? Do you know a young adult who is looking for community and Christian fellowship over the summer? This Tuesday, May 22 LPC's Young Adult Ministry will be having their first Bible study meeting at Skyler Gerald's house at 230 South Mechanic Street. Come dig into the Word, eat snacks, and have fun with other young adults. If you would like to be on the contact list for this ministry, please email Rebecca Waits and Skyler Gerald at youngadults@lebanonpresbyterian.org.

### VBS at Lebanon Presbyterian Church

**Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity**

**June 4-8 from 9 -11:30 a.m. for Ages 4 to 12**

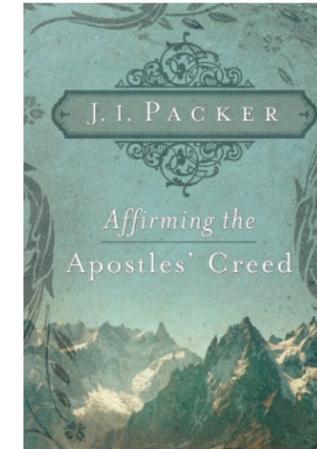
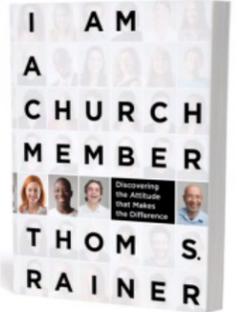
Come join us as we journey to ancient Babylon to meet Daniel and hear about his amazing faith under fire. You will also learn about ancient Middle Eastern culture, including astronomy, music, metalworking, mosaic art, and the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. And, we will play games, sing songs, enjoy snacks, and make friends! **To register, visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/3b0389>.** Questions? Contact Ann van der Merwe at ann@lebanonpresbyterian.org or 513-932-2751.



## Opportunities to Learn and Grow in Your Faith!

### What does it mean to be part of the body of Christ?

Join in a journey to discover the privilege and the joy of church membership. *I Am a Church Member* explores six steps to claiming the power of belonging to the church family. We'll meet during the Sunday School hour in Room 313 for six weeks starting May 20.



The Apostles' Creed is the oldest, most beautiful succinct summary of Christian beliefs. Though often recited in unison during worship services, the creed begins with the phrase "I believe," making it a deeply personal profession of faith. But when was the last time you examined it closely?

For Christians and others seeking faith, some powerful answers are expressed in the Apostles' Creed, an historic statement of foundational Christian faith. Grounded in the Word of God, the Apostles' Creed serves as an invitation to dive further into its scriptural base. **Let's feed on the Word of God together** this summer in our study of the Apostles' Creed. We will meet on Wednesday evenings for seven sessions starting on June 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 102. Led by Lee Bollow, Chuck Duerré, Joe McKenzie, and Mike Schneider.



### SIGN ME UP!

(Please fill out and place in the offering plate)

***I Am a Church Member*** (Book cost: \$10)

- I will join the discussion group.
- I can't be part of the discussion group, but I want to read the book.
- Our Life group will read the book; we'll need  copies.

***The Apostles' Creed*** (Book cost: \$9.00)

- I will join this class and feed on the Word of God.

Name

Email

Phone

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**  
10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service

**GRADUATION SUNDAY**

**WE GATHER**

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Randy Fannin

Ministry Minute  
Young Adult Ministry Skyler Gerald and Rebecca Waits

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Leader: Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?  
**People:** He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.  
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**All:** They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

\*Song of Praise  
*10,000 Reasons*

Litany of Blessing  
Celebration of Graduates The Rev. Randy Fannin,  
Andrew Johnson and Joyce Palmer

Prayer for Graduates Andrew Johnson  
Gracious, Heavenly Father, we praise you this morning for our graduates. Our hearts are filled with joy to see them reach this milestone in their lives. We honor them for their hard work, dedication and perseverance. We praise you for parents, teachers and mentors who helped them. But most of all, LORD, we praise you, because  
You are the One who gave them life;  
You are the One who gave them strength;  
You are the One who gave them their intellect;  
You are the One who gave them their creativity;  
You are the One who gave them their imagination;  
You are the One who gave them their gifts and talents;

And you are the One who gave your only Son on the cross to save them. LORD, bless these graduates as they enter the next chapter of their lives. We pray they would love, serve and worship you in the years ahead. Give them wisdom and discernment. Guide them in the way of life everlasting. Give them courage and boldness to speak the truth and stand up for what is right. Grant them success in their work and studies. Give them faith to follow you always. We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, AMEN.

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**WE GIVE BACK TO GOD**

Prayer of Dedication

Nona McCauley

Offertory

*Graduate Slide Show*

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*Matthew 5:1-12*

Brandon and Angie Taulbee

Children's Sermon

Teri Abbott

Children are Dismissed

*3-5 year-olds and K-2nd grade are dismissed to Children's Church-Room 301*

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*Come Thou Fount*

Drama

*The Text*

Eliza Butler and Brooke Taulbee

Second Scripture Reading

*1 Corinthians 1:10-17*

Sermon

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