

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Encounter (9th-12th Grade)

Evolve (7th-8th Grade)

Sun., Mar. 31: Encounter at LPC 7-8:30 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 1: Feeding Ministry 4-7 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 7: Encounter at Wendy's 7-8 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 14: Encounter at LPC
Sun., Apr. 21: Easter No Encounter

Mon., Apr. 1: Feeding Ministry 4-7 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 3: Evolve 6:30-8 p.m. (6th Graders Welcome)
Wed., Apr. 10: Evolve 6:30-8 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 17: Evolve 6:30-8 p.m.

Kids' Corner by Ann van der Merwe

Gideon's Mistake

Once upon a time, Gideon did the right thing. He got rid of all the idols in Israel. He reminded the people that there is only one true God. He trusted God and followed his instructions.

But then, Gideon made a mistake. He made himself a fancy piece of clothing called an ephod. That might not seem like a big deal, but it became a huge problem. It became an idol for his family – just like the ones he had gotten rid of years before.

This a great reminder of how easily sin creeps into our lives. Gideon did not intend to make an idol, but what he made became one. Most of us do not want to put other things before God, but things we love can easily displace him if we are not careful.

Weekly Prayer List

John and Janice Corwin and Diane and Roger McMurrin

If you would like to receive our full weekly prayer list, contact Gabrielle at gabrielle@lebanonpresbyterian.org

Flowers This Morning are Given by

Bill Stevens and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife, Sandra

The Roses on the Communion Table are in Celebration of

Vivian Earley, grandmother of Ned Earley, who passed away on Feb. 20

Earl Osborne, father of Bruce Osborne, who passed away on Feb. 21

Janice Corfman, mother-in-law of Julie Shelton, who passed away Feb. 26

Lydia June Hentschel, born on Feb. 28, parents are Jeffrey and Hillary Hentschel, grandparents are Jerry and Linda Hentschel

Greg Gall, nephew of Joyce Cates, who passed away on Mar. 20

Attendance - Sunday, March 24, 2019

8:45 - 205 11:15 a.m. - 108 Total - 285
Sunday School - 111
Offering - \$5,140.66

Giving 2019

Operating Fund Income thru February 2019 - \$207,916.26

Operating Fund Expense thru February 2019 - \$192,545.56

Giving (General Contributions) 2019

Year to date giving \$236,127.77 - 20.8% of our 2019 goal of \$1,137,030

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.

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

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 313

Bible in Life - Jim Garrett in Room 306

S.A.L.T. class - in Room 309

Raising Godly Kids - Rachael Earley in Room 311

Vintage - Teens and parents of youth grade 7-12 in LPC Youth Center

Children's classes located on third floor of the Classroom/Office Wing:

Embrace - Ages birth to 2 years old in the Nursery (main floor)

Explore - Preschool to Kindergarten in Room 301

Excite - 1st through 4th Grade in Room 302 and 304

Engage - 5th and 6th Grade in Room 305

Nursery/Family Room

We have a 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.

Session - (Session minutes are available in the church office)

Garry Benner Lee Bollow Shelley Bondurant

Cheryl Bogen Chuck Duerré Chris Dorsch

Dave Hanley Ned Earley Rita Poth

Larry Oury Joe McKenzie Robert Terrell

Bernie Uchtman Mike Schneider Elly Wilson

Carolyn Lucke - Clerk of Session

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

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Office Hours - Mon-Thurs 8 to 4 p.m.; Friday 8 to 3 p.m.

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Soul Food: A Word from Peter

Return to Your First Love

Simon, son of John, Do you love me?
- John 21:17

In the musical, "Fiddler on the Roof," the main character is a Jewish farmer named Tevye. In one scene, Tevye sings to his wife, "Do You Love Me?"

His wife brushes off the question. "Do I love you?" she protests. "All these years I have washed your clothes and cooked your meals and given birth to your children!"

"Yes," replies Tevye, "But....do you love me?"

The song of Tevye is also the song of God. God wants more than just our respect, duty or obedience. He wants our undivided love. Without love, the Christian faith turns into a dull and lifeless habit.

The church in Ephesus worked hard. They endured trials and hardships. They hated wickedness and evil. They refused to tolerate false teachers. In many ways, it was a model church. And yet, Jesus says to the Ephesians: "I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love." (Revelation 2:4).

Jesus asks us: "Do you love me? Am I your greatest joy, your greatest treasure, your greatest desire? Do you love me more than anything or anyone in this world?"

What the church needs today is revival: to return to our first love.

Sermon Notes: The Danger of Success

Prime Timers News

On Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Prime Timers are encouraged to assist with the *Easter Eggstravaganza*. Please register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/easteratipc> if you would like to help. Questions? Please contact Ann van der Merwe at ann@lebanonpresbyterian.org or 513-932-2751.

On Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. Prime Timers will make a trip to Cincinnati Music Hall for a Charlie Chaplain Silent Movie backed by the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased by Sunday, April 7. Registration will take place March 31 and April 7 in the Narthex after the first service and in the ARK after second service. You can also contact John and Fran Morris at 513-932-0360 or at johnandfran@aol.com to register. Transportation will be by church bus and private vans leaving from the church at 5:15 p.m.

Palm Sunday Offering

On Palm Sunday, LPC will be collecting a special offering which will be directed to Genesis Church in Mercedes, Texas, one of our sister churches in the EPC. The small congregation, under the pastorship of Rev. Hector Reynoso, has bought property and is now collecting money to start building. With help from LPC church and others, they were able to purchase a piece of land in 2017. Now they are raising money to build a church of their own. Their goal is to raise about \$450,000. Currently, they have raised about \$159,000. Please consider donating on Palm Sunday to this special offering so that Genesis Church can start construction on their new church facilities.

Evenings of Prayer and Intercession

Seek First

The first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Atrium

Next gathering: Sunday, April 7

Led by Ann van der Merwe and our LPC Children's Ministry

We pray for our pastors, staff, elders, deacons, and the many faithful volunteers who share in the on-going ministry of Jesus at LPC.



Financial Peace University

We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Dave Ramsey is a leading Christian financial counselor who has helped millions achieve their financial goals through this course. Video teaching and class discussions offer biblically based, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. If you missed it before, don't miss it this time. A new class starts on Wednesday, April 3 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. and will meet for nine weeks. We have a limited number of kits being offered at a special discounted price of \$50. If ordered outside the church, the current price is \$129 per kit. Don't miss out on this great offer. To register for this class, please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate. Questions? Call Debbie Snider 513-932-2789 or Gabrielle Pyles at 513-932-2751. If you are unable find child care, and this would prevent you from taking the class, contact Gabrielle Pyles at the church office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



**Lebanon
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Saturday, April 6

10 a.m. to Noon

Join us for: Story time with Beth Gully, Scripture Walk, Egg and Spoon Races, Egg Decorating and Continental Breakfast Buffet. Register at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/easteratipc>. Contact Ann van der Merwe 513-932-2751 or ann@lebanonpresbyterian.org with any questions.

Discover LPC

Interested in joining LPC? Our Discover LPC class is for you – to help you know who we are and to answer your questions. The class will meet during the Sunday School hour (10 a.m.) each week beginning April 28 through May 19. On Sunday, June 2, we will gather following the second worship service to dine together in Fellowship Hall and meet the Session of the church. To register, please call the church office at 513-932-2751 or fill out the information below and place in the offering plate or email Gabrielle Pyles at gabrielle@lebanonpresbyterian.org.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Easter Flowers and Potted Palms

To order flowers, fill out the information below and place in the offering plate along with your payment (sorry, we cannot place an order for flowers that have not been pre-paid). Make check payable to LPC marked for "Easter Flowers." Questions? Call Jan Watsell 513-720-8430.

Quantity

Easter Lily \$9.00 _____ Name: _____

Hyacinths \$9.00 _____ Email: _____

Tulips \$9.00 _____ Phone: _____

Azaleas \$15.00 _____

Potted Palms \$15.00 _____ (there are only 20 left)

Deadline to order flowers is today

To Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Flowers to be placed in the:

_____ Sanctuary (pick up flowers at 10:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday.)

_____ Ark (pick up flowers at 12:15 p.m. on Easter Sunday.)

All Easter flowers and palms not available for pick up until after worship on Easter Sunday.

Sunday, March 31, 2019

8:45 a.m. Worship Service

FAMILY SUNDAY

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements Ann van der Merwe

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Hymn 43

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I once was lost but now am found
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Prayers of the People Ally Bondurant

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Storybook Scripture and Devotion Ann van der Merwe
Friends with God Story Bible: Who, Me? By Gideon

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Scripture Reading
Judges 8:22-35 Pew Bible, pages 176-177

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Song of Response <i>Give Me Jesus</i>	
Prayers of the People	Colton Sands
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