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THE LIVING NEWS

HELLO, FROM PASTOR ALEX!

At Living Faith Bible Church, we talk about the four pieces of the discipleship puzzle. A fully mature disciple is one who has learned to “fit” together these pieces and fully integrated these aspects of discipleship into their everyday life. After we “HEAR” and believe the Gospel, we need to “GROW” into “mature believers who reflect the image of Christ.” (LFBC vision statement)



One of the ways we can continue to mature is by learning to *SERVE*. **Serving Christ and His community is an important aspect of discipleship.** In Romans 12, Paul teaches us about its importance in our lives: *“⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.”*

What a wonderful model of serving in the Body of Christ! Do you have a passion or a gift to serve God’s people at LFBC and the community of Brick? Please consider the opportunities to serve presented in this newsletter.



For Adults:

Midweek Connection Groups:
Wednesdays 7pm

Men's Connection Group meets in-person
the 2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 9AM
Next meetings: 10/23 & 11/13.

Ladies Bible Study meets in-person for
four weeks (the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in
October & November)
10/26, 11/9 & 11/23.

Dorcas meets the 1st & 3rd Mondays @6pm
For any other info please contact Elinor
Carlson or Adrianna Boeni.
Next Meetings: 10/18 & 11/1

Young Adult Community (Ages 18-35)
Bible Study Thursdays 6:30pm
in Fellowship Hall.

Living Youth (Middle School/
High School Youth Group):
Meets Wednesdays
6:30-8:30pm in the Annex.

MOPS (*Mothers of Preschoolers*)
Meets every third Thursday of the month
(October 21st) from 10-noon.
Meets in the connection café.
Childcare is provided.

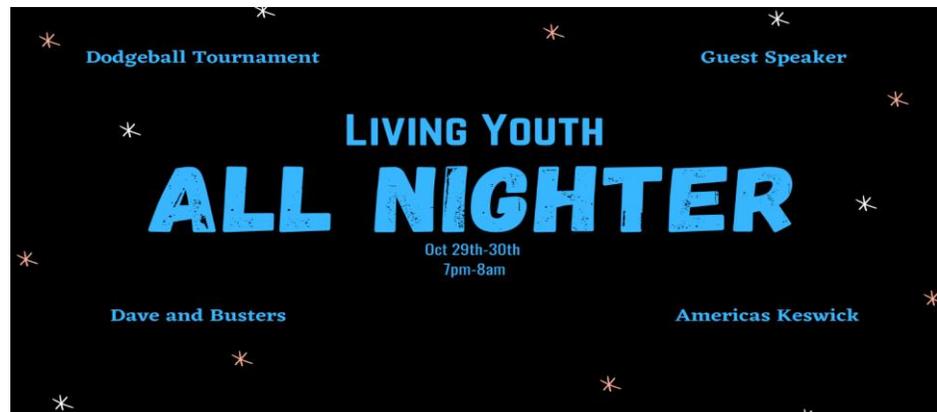
Prayer Groups:

For Women: (led by Gwenn Monopoli)

For This Child: A group of women praying
for the next generation meets the 1st & 3rd
Tuesdays at 10am & 7pm.
Next Meetings 10/19 & 11/9.

For All: Prayer Partner Ministry
(Led by Gwenn Monopoli) Join us in
committing to pray weekly with a
fellow church member.

It is a great way to develop a deeper
relationship with a fellow believer
& spend time with the Lord.
See Gwenn to get involved.



Living Youth's All Nighter will take place Friday, October 29th – Saturday October 30th, 7:00pm-8:00am. We will be taking a bus to Calvary Baptist Church in Little Egg Harbor for a speaker, games, and dodgeball tournament. From there we will head to Dave and Busters for a full buffet, bowling, and arcade games. Finally, before returning to Living Faith Bible Church we will go to America's Keswick for indoor pool and hot tub, open gym, racquet ball court, and breakfast.

The bus departs LFBC at 7pm. Pickup is 8am. The cost per student is \$40. This cost covers all entry fees, food, \$10 game card, and transportation. "Scholarship" opportunities will be available to help cover costs. You do not need to bring extra money. However additional gameplay and snacks may be purchased at some locations. Please bring a swimsuit and a towel if you would like to use the pool. America's Keswick does not allow two-piece swimsuits unless they are covered by a t-shirt.

Every student must have an individual permission slip filled out and signed or they will not be able to attend. Permission slips and payment are due by October 15th. Any questions please email Joey at joey@lfbcnj.com



Save the date for December 5th
for our annual Christmas Party



Operation Christmas Child

Start praying about and for our Operation Christmas Child project, which is set to kick-off on Sunday, October 31 & Finish up on Sunday, November 21.

What is O.C.C. you may ask?

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has partnered with local churches around the world to deliver 157 million [Operation Christmas Child](#) shoebox gifts to children in need in 160 countries. Each one—packed full of fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items by a family or individual—is sent with prayer that the child who receives it will experience God's love through their simple gift.



O.C.C In Action:

When 12-year-old Romina attended this special event, she listened intently to stories from the Bible including how Jesus calmed the storm and raised Lazarus from the dead. She was excited to hear these stories communicated in a manner that made sense to her. "I had already heard those stories from the Bible and had not understood them," she said. "The way they explained them today was much better and I could understand them."

Romina was quiet and observant during the presentation, watching carefully as Operation Christmas Child volunteers shared the message and distributed the surprise of shoebox gifts! "How they talked and treated me gave me confidence," said Romina. "I felt that if I could trust Operation Christmas Child, I could also trust Jesus." As a result of what she'd heard and observed, she gave her life to the Lord Jesus Christ!



Just the Right Surprise: Romina had also recently taken an interest in drawing and decided the way she could learn would be to have some fine-tipped, colored markers. She had seen them online but had no idea how she could obtain them in her remote village of Carabuela. Romina asked her mother for these specific art supplies, but she informed her daughter that there was no way she could afford them.

Disappointed and not knowing where else to turn, Romina lifted up the desire to God in prayer. To her delight, when she opened her shoebox gift at the outreach event, she found a pack of fine-tipped, colored markers sitting right at the top of her box! They were just the kind for which she'd prayed! Also, inside the box was a ball and a pink stuffed animal, as well as other toys and a notebook for drawing, but she loved the markers best of all.

Romina remains grateful for the markers she received and for Jesus' continuing presence in her life. Now in addition to her drawing, she dreams of becoming a singer when she grows up, so she can sing for God.



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Connect with worship & teaching:

Connect with us Sunday mornings via our 10:30 live stream. This can be accessed from our website, <http://www.livingfaithnj.com> or through

our [YouTube channel](#).

Connect with us during our virtual groups via our GoToMeeting platform:
www.gotomeet.me/LFBCNJ

Connect with us by helping others find us:

People use the power of the internet to help them find a restaurant, entertainment venues and a church. Just like you proudly tell your friends and neighbors about our wonderful church by writing a Google Review you can help to expand our out-reach and our church family.

[CLICK HERE](https://a.page/r/CRgQONFerC8xWEAE/review) for quick access (or visit:
<https://a.page/r/CRgQONFerC8xWEAE/review>)

Facebook:

<https://facebook.com/livingfaithnj>

Connect with us through your giving:

You may also give online if you visit our website or download the "Elexio Community" app to use your smartphone or tablet. You can view a quick video tutorial here:

<http://livingfaithnj.com/give/online-giving-tutorial>

Volunteers Needed For Trunks & Treats

For our Living Youths'

TRUNK-or-TREAT

Wednesday, October 27

6:30-7pm Set-up

7-8:00pm Trunk-or-Treat

8pm Gospel Message

- Refreshments
- Friendly family atmosphere
- Please sign-up. Questions, please feel free to call the office at 732-458-5544.



S.O.S. Service Opportunity Sheet

Connection Café Ministry (FMI please contact Linda Woods 732-232-4642).

Connection Center Ministry (welcome our visitors, FMI please contact Lissa Ippoliti 732-581-2880).

Evangelism Team (Outreaches to serve our community & share the Gospel. Events like \$1 Car Wash & SaturateNJ).

Event Set-up Team (for Outdoor Services, Connection BBQs, Trunk-or-Treat).

Kidz Church Teachers (help to teach our youth ages 4 to 12 about Jesus, FMI Terri Phillips 848-333-3326).

MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers mother's meet on the third Thursday of the month from 10am – noon, childcare helpers & assistant leader; FMI Sue McElroy 609-290-3710).

Nursery Workers (help to care for our littlest children; FMI contact Beth Widmer 732-996-8211).

S.P.I.N. (Serving People in Need, needs vary; you may be needed to make (buy) a meal or drive to a doctor's appointment; FMI contact Beth Widmer 732-996-8211).