

# THE EPISTLE

## NEWSLETTER

Little Prairie Christian Church

December 2018

### CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS!

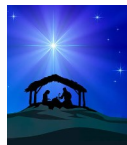
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*We are so blessed to be able to serve the Lord with you at LPCC! Your service, generosity, encouragement and prayers mean so much to each of us. Thank you for serving as the Body of Christ.*

*Merry Christmas!  
The LPCC Staff*



*MaryBeth Johnson  
Danielle Kimbrell  
Aaz McCall  
Lara & Jiccia Carter  
Michelle Burton*



### Prepare your Heart for Christmas

Pick up a "Celebrate the Wonder" Bible reading guide that has a few verses for each day of December.

### Upward Basketball & Cheerleading

**We are needing coaches and referees to help out this year.** There is a sign up sheet on the foyer table. Practices will start on January 21st and our first game will be on February 2nd with the season ending on March 9th. See Aaron McCaleb if you have any questions.

### Prayer Chain for 2019

Please indicate if you would like to join or to leave the prayer chain for 2019. **Write it on your attendance card with the way you would like to be contacted (phone, text or e-mail.)** We use the app "Remind" to contact people by text and e-mail. You don't have to download the free app to receive messages, but we encourage you to try it. Either way, you will receive a message from Remind in a group format with our Prayer Chain updates.



### Christmas Eve Plans This Year

Our special Christmas Eve service will be at **9:00 pm**. **Invite friends and family to come for carols, scriptures, a children's story, special music and communion.** This service is an evangelistic opportunity since many people who don't normally attend church will come to a Christmas service.

### LPCC Christmas Card Exchange

The card exchange "mailbox" is in the foyer thru Noon on Thursday, December 13th. Please limit cards to those that regularly attend LPCC, LPCC shut-ins and nursing home residents. Print **FULL** names on envelopes because more than one person in the congregation may have the same name. **In lieu of postage, donations will be accepted to be used for Christmas Blessing Baskets for the needy.** A donation box is located on top of the "mailbox". Cards will be handed out here at the church on December 16, 23 & Christmas Eve service.



### Mission Trip to India

David Collins will be going on a Mission Trip to India in January with the Roads Church in Mt. Carmel. He is trying to raise \$3,700. The Mission is Christ Fellowship Ministries in India. David and the group will be preaching in the Krishna District which is known as the area of the "untouchables," the homeless whom society rejects because they are the lowest of the low caste. The team will also serve at an orphanage called "Ark Rescue Center" and at "Grandma's House" a home for elderly widows, who are often considered bad luck and rejected by family and society. Please pray for safety for all who are going on the trip. **If you can donate to David's Mission Trip expenses, make the check to "Roads Church" with "Missions" in the memo. Then fill out a form to go with the check so you can receive a charitable giving receipt for the IRS.**

### Baby Shower for Chelsea Pugh

All women of LPCC are invited to a Baby Shower for Chelsea (Mann) Pugh on Sunday, December 9, at 2 pm. RSVP by text to (618) 302-1080. Chelsea is expecting a baby girl and is registered at Target and Amazon.

### Blood Drive at the HOP

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Monday, Dec. 10th from 12 - 6 pm. See the flyer for info on how to schedule an appointment.

### Can you pick up donuts or Send Cards?

Do you enjoy our Sunday morning donuts and drinks? We need 3 more people to sign up to pick up the donuts and drinks from IGA (charged to the church) and make coffee. Sign up at the foyer table on the "Donut and Drink Station" sheet. The Sunshine Basket card ministry needs 1 more person to sign up to send cards for one month in 2019. Cards & postage provided. THANK YOU!

### Thank You

I want to express my sincere thanks for all of your support through my college years! I received a number of cards from many of you during that time, and it was always a deep encouragement to know I was remembered. I also received scholarship money each semester from the church, and that financial support lightened the load for me as well. Thank you for being willing to support me during that time! I also want to thank you for hosting my ordination service. It is not often that the home church and the employing church of a minister are close enough in proximity to gather together for such an event. To those who have had an impact on my Christian upbringing, thank you. Your influence and teaching have been helpful in building me up to be the leader and teacher He has called me to be. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I continue further into a life of ministry. It is no small thing to minister to others, and at times I think, "What have I gotten myself into?" However, I know that God has called me to it, and therefore He will help me through it! For the Kingdom!

*Ty Atteberry*

### "The Christmas Dilemma"

In December we will be in a series called "The Christmas Dilemma." Nobody expected the arrival of a baby to shake up their lives. But when that baby is Jesus, plans are rearranged, beliefs are challenged, and ordinary people find their lives forever changed. We will be using video/drama, music & the sermon on 4 Sundays to look closer at the dilemmas faced by those who experienced Christ's birth.

**Prayer Concerns:** Steve Chancellor, Judy Dahnke, Maxine Drechsel, Glenn Lankford, Roy Longbons, Mike Loyd, Brett Shaw, Becky Smith, Avery Sweeny.

**Those Fighting Cancer:** Phyllis Brines, Ruth Grimes, Sharon Griswold, Larry Henton, Todd Kelsey, Leslie LeClaire, Teresa Litherland, Jason Marlow, Cally Mitchell, Bob Orr, Wendi Prentice, Glenda Raber, Linda Rosche, Carole Shaw, Rachel Short, Whitney Shreve, Todd Weiss, Kassie Williams, Don Woods.



**NO Youth Groups will meet on December 23 & 30th. Preschool - 5th Grade will not meet 12/9 due to the school program.**

### Christmas Caroling 12/9

On Sunday Night December 9th we will be taking the youth group caroling around Albion. There will be no Open Gym or Youth Groups that night. We will meet at the church to leave at 6:30 and will be back around 7:30. Dress warm to be outside.

### Feed the Family December 15th

On Saturday, December 15th, we will be helping out with Feed the Family at the Hope Center in Albion. We will meet at the Hope Center at 8am and will be done by 11am. **All LPCC adults are invited to help as well.**



### Youth Christmas Parties

#### December 16th from 5 - 7 pm

On Sunday December 16th we will have our Christmas Parties from 5-7. Jr High will be at the Wright's house. Students can bring a White Elephant gift for an exchange and any Christmas dessert they would like. Sr. High will be at the Knackmuhs' house. We will have a gift exchange that night. Please bring a gift (around \$5 value) as well as any Christmas dessert you would like to bring.



### Children Singing Specials in December

Parents: The Wee Worship Kids will be singing a special on 12/16 and the Kids Worship Kids will be singing on 12/23. We have sent words & CD's home to help the kids learn the songs. **Please have your child here at 10:15 on the day they are singing.**

### Jr High Bible Study Outing Nov. 28

We will be taking the group to the boys basketball tournament in Wayne City. We will let the students know when we are leaving as soon as we find out what time the boy's game will be that night. Students will need to bring money to get into the game plus money for any snacks.



### RESOURCES for PARENTS

#### For Parents of Kids ages

**2 yrs. - K:** Sign up to receive Sunday School updates from Gospel Light. [www.myhomelight.com/parent\\_signup.aspx](http://www.myhomelight.com/parent_signup.aspx) Our LPCC Acct # is 37150

**Parents of 1st - 4th Graders:** Check out the Worship for Life: Kids Family App.