

The Tie

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Outreach/Missions News

LUNCHEON FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

On Tuesday, February 16, in conjunction with Johnny's BBQ, the church will be feeding those who have worked so hard and helped during the Covid-19 vaccination effort. We are asking that you would please prepare individually wrapped slices of cake, cookies or brownies to add to this meal. Please bring these individually wrapped items to the church by Monday, February 15. We are sure you would like to be a part of thanking these amazing people!

FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS

February is friendship and love month at LBC and we want to spread that feeling of love and kindness to others. **During the entire month of February**, stop by the church with a gift card of your choice (grocery store, gas card, Walmart, McDonalds, etc.) so that we can pay it forward to some needy person who comes to our back door. You can also mail it in or someone will be glad to pick it up from you. This is a great opportunity to show Christ's love! **Bring or mail your card(s) in today!**

The mission team is also asking for your continued prayers as we try, on a very human level, to support, touch, encourage, feed, and minister to our church family and to the family of God. Pray that God will shine through us.

Children/Youth News

CHILDREN: Children meet on Sunday nights from 4:15-5:00. Any Student in kindergarten through the 5th grade can join us. We are studying the book of Exodus. The children were given a book of 100 prayers to start the new year off on the right foot. Each day it gives the student a daily prayer and scripture, so each day the children will wake up or go to bed with His word and promise.

YOUTH: The youth are working towards a Youth Sunday. We are planning our theme, etc. If you would like to be a part of this event, please come to youth on Sunday nights from 5:00-6:00. I would love for all youth aged students to be involved.

Michelle Harris

Services

Sundays: Service in sanctuary and on Facebook Live at 10am. Rebroadcast on WYRN Radio 106.9 at 12.

Sermon Title (2/7): "The Great Comfort"

Sermon Scripture (2/7): Matthew 5:4

Sermon Title (2/14): "The Peacemaker"

Sermon Scripture (2/14): Matthew 5:5

Wednesday Evening: Bible Study at 7:00 in Sanctuary, live on Facebook and on WYRN at 7:00.

****Brian Miller will teach February 10**

****Phyllis Rigsbee will teach February 17**

****Parker Lumpkin will teach February 24**

****February 17 is Ash Wednesday and a service is planned.****

Prayer Requests

*Lala Moon

*Grady and Geraldine Inscoe

*Nellie Freeman

*Sandra and Sammy Beasley

*Reese Gupton

*Morgan Frazier & Raynor Gilliam - Niece & Nephew of Rickey and Betty Raynor

*Toliver Kemp - Great nephew of Susan Peoples

*William & Joyce Bailey - Brother & Sister in Law of Helen and Johnnie Gilliam

*Jeremy Holland - Friend of Anna Parrish

*Cathy Conn - Friend of Helen and Johnnie Gilliam

*Angela Stephenson - Johnnie Gilliam's cousin

*Bud Wiggs and family - Friends of Susan Peoples

SYMPATHY

Our sincere Christian love and sympathy are given to Hazel Foster and family in the death of her husband, Ben.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Evan and Makenzie Wilbourne in the birth of their baby girl, Josie Shae Wilbourne. Proud grandmother is Elizabeth Wilbourne and great grandparents, the late Bill and Frances Hill.

Financial Report

GF Required to Date(1/31)	30,482.00
GF Received to Date(1/17)	19,829.40
% of Budget Received to Date(1/03)	65%
Designated Received to Date(1/03)	1,340.88



February 16-28: **2/16** Ann Burchette, Rhonda Shearon and Patrick Stewart **2/17** Sonya Wright **2/18** Sandra Beasley, Erin Collier and Kaitlyn Driver **2/20** Anna Stallings **2/21** Betty Jean Harper **2/22** Tommy Smith **2/23** Jo Ann Floyd **2/24** Scott Jones **2/25** Linda Archer and Sharon Moore **2/26** Earl Oldham and Rebecca Wells

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Pastor's Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 to 10:00 am (until further notice)

Office Hours

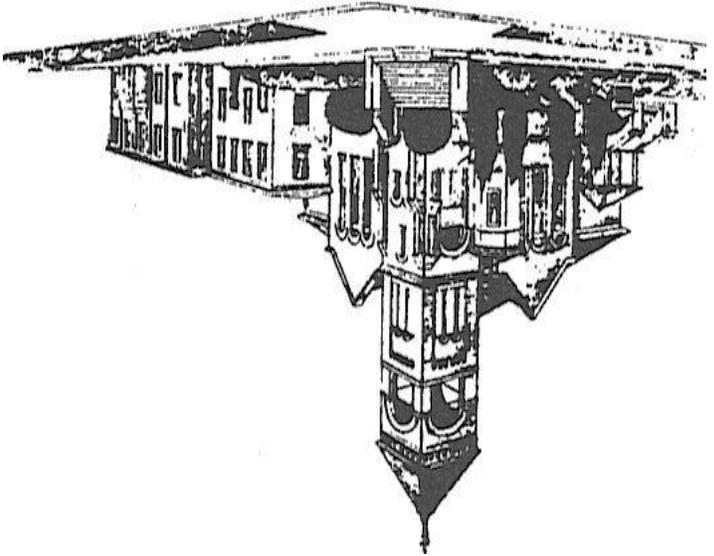
asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete." Let us ask. Search your heart. Ask! Ask that His will be done and that his kingdom come here in Louisburg. To God be the glory!

Pastor Tony



We have the best people! I thank God each day for our fellowship. Our folks love God, love to worship him. Our folks love one another and work hard to serve God's people and those in need in our town. I believe God loves us deeply and that he will give us what we need to minister in our current challenge. May He wash Covid from our land. May he restore us to worship and fellowship. And may we be united in sincere prayer. Let us ask Jesus, like the disciples did, "teach us to pray." We have been through a difficult season. I pray our joy may increase in these days. Jesus told His followers "Until now you have not

From the Pastor's Desk



More LBC Christmas Memories and Traditions

Brian Miller

Music was always a very important part of my family's Christmas season. The living room at our home was the location of Mother's piano. The only time the room was ever used was for piano lessons and practice during eleven months of the year, but in December, the room became the focal point of the home. My earliest memories of music at Christmas include singing Christmas carols around the piano as Mother played. My brothers and I would deliberately irritate our father by playing ALL twelve verses of "The Twelve Days of Christmas". My Pa Paw always wanted to hear "The Little Drummer Boy". We were definitely "colored light" advocates (I still am!), and the more colored lights we could use, the better. In later years, we even put blue bulbs in the attached dining room's chandelier with one of them--only one--flashing.

When I was in the 10th grade, Mother bought me my first organ for Christmas, a 1959 Gulbransen Model E. I didn't realize how much of a financial sacrifice that was at the time. Mother also jokingly complained that it messed up the symmetry of our living room by having a large piano and a large organ, but she was delighted that it brought me so much joy. I remember to this day playing duets with Mother, something that I will cherish forever. We would play a Christmas concert! Sometimes, my brother would play the piano, Mother would play the organ, and I would play my trombone.

We loved our grandparents so much. They would spend Christmas night, and then my brothers and I would get to spend several days at their house (the happiest place on earth!) My Ma Maw would read the Christmas story from the book of Matthew. How I miss them and my parents! Holiday times, so special in the past, can be difficult when you miss your loved ones so much. However, I hold on to those special memories of making music at Christmas. I have a plaque that reads "To live in the hearts left behind is to never die". That old Gulbransen Organ gave out many years ago, but I saved the gold name plate and the bench from it. As long as the memories of Christmas hold out, these precious people are still with me.

Brian Miller

Larry & Zelma Williams

Our family has a tradition that we have cherished over fifty years -- our Advent Wreath! When we lived in Dobson, a dear friend and I made Advent wreaths. The first wreath had artificial greenery, red bows, doves of peace, Mary, Joseph and Jesus and the four candles. We have added small items every year. There are storks for Maria and Anna's births, a tiny house for our first home in Cary, pets (cats and a snail), activities like piano lessons and gymnastics and even reminders of surgeries in our family. In later years, we added graduation hats, brides and grooms for our two big weddings, names of our grandchildren and all of the Styers exchange students. Of course, there are items to represent significant Red Sox events! Now we have added NC State, Meredith and ECU to the wreath. A 2020 addition is a tiny blue mask -- Covid 19! Each year when we unpack the wreath we take a good walk down memory lane and smile as we remember special times in our lives.

Zelma and Larry Williams

A Note from Libby

Surviving the 2020 journey has certainly been challenging but to have traveled it with the LBC family has been a JOY.

Thank for your support, encouragement, cooperation, creativity, flexibility, generosity and love. We thank God for our LBC family. From our home to yours, Merry Christmas and may God bless you in the new year.

Skeet and Libby Cox

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Church office will be open Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22 from 9am to 4pm and on Wednesday, December 23 from 9am to 1pm.

THE NEXT TIE EDIION

The next edition of the Tie will go out January 8th. If there is anything you want to include, please let Jackie in the church office know by January 4th.

LBC Christmas Memories and Traditions

Christmas Fun & Games

Here are the answers to the Christmas Carol Quiz from the last Tie.

1. Small city in Judea? **O Little Town of Bethlehem**
2. Colorless yuletide? **White Christmas**
3. Singular yearning for twin anterior incisors? **All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth**
4. Righteous darkness? **Oh Holy Night**
5. Loyal followers advance? **O Come, All Ye Faithful**
6. Weather: Cloudless - arrival time - 2400 hours local? **It Came Upon A Midnight Clear**
7. Far off in a feeder? **Away in A Manger**
8. Array the corridors? **Deck the Halls**
9. Monarchical triad? **We Three Kings**
10. Youthful percussionist? **The Little Drummer Boy**
11. Nocturnal noiselessness? **Silent Night**
12. Father Christmas en route to borough? **Santa Claus Is Coming To Town**
13. Initial Christmas? **The First Noel**
14. Frozen precipitation commence!? **Let It Snow**
15. Proceed and enlight on the pinnacle? **Go, Tell It On The Mountain**
16. The quadruped with vermilion proboscis? **Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer**
17. Query regarding identity of descendant? **What Child Is This?**
18. Delight for this planet? **Joy to the World**
19. Give attention to the melodious celestial beings? **Hark The Herald Angels Sing**
20. Hence arriveth Kris Kringle? **Here Comes Santa Claus**
21. To decry matriarchal osculation of yuletide anthropomorph? **I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus**
22. At the zenith of the habitat? **Up On The Housetop**
23. Endocarp vesicated in a conflagration? **Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire**
24. Jehovah dulcify blithe chevaliers? **God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**
25. The dozen festive 24 hour intervals? **The 12 Days of Christmas**

A Note from the Editor

Growing up in a very large family of 14 kids, 10 girls and 4 boys, you can imagine the chaos and excitement of Christmas in my house when I was a girl. I learned the true meaning of Christmas when I was very young as my mom always made sure we understood that Christ was the reason we celebrated! Mom and dad didn't have a lot of material things to give us at Christmas, but we sure got a lot of love, laughter and fun!

On Christmas Eve, mom would give us girls Christmas dresses that she had made and shirts and pants for the boys. We would all go with her and dad to the Christmas Eve service. It was always my favorite part because it was done entirely by candlelight and it was so beautiful and peaceful!

Present opening was always exciting!! Dad would say, "let's gather" and we would all run to the living room and take our seats (right next to the Christmas tree if possible!). My oldest sister, Mary would play Santa Claus and sometimes I got to be the elf. Mom and dad would watch us all open our gifts and then everyone turned their attention to them. We loved watching them open their gifts! Many of the gifts were handmade from us kids and they would ooh and ahh over each one!! These are just some of the many memories I have of my childhood in Kansas. Thank you for letting me share with you. I hope everyone at LBC has a blessed and wonderful Christmas! I love you all!

Jackie Ayscue

