

YOUTH GROUP CHANGES

A.L.C.C.'s crossover youth group is changing! Starting September 11, there will no longer be a class during the second Sunday Sermon. Our 6th -12th graders will be encouraged to either stay in the sanctuary and be filled with God's Word with their families or help serve in the children's church, or nursery. We will then have a new meeting to "Kickstart" the week between services @ approximately 10:10 a.m. "Kickstart" will be a new meeting for all of our Jr. & Sr. High young adults. "Kickstart" will be a 15 minute meeting where we will pray, have fellowship and introduce questions/discussions we will be covering in our youth group meeting >>crossover>> on Wednesday night. So whether your family comes to first or second session,

stay a little later or come a little earlier & allow our youth to "Kickstart" their week with God's Word. For more information contact Chris Navo, 272-0554!

WOMEN'S SEASIDE ESCAPE

Ladies! Do you need a little time to slow down, wiggle your toes in the sand and bask in the warmth of God's presence? We invite you to join us at SEASIDE ESCAPE. It's a beach-themed three night "retreat" on September 9, October 7 and November 4, 6:30 p.m.. The cost is only \$5.00 per person, and for that, you can attend all three nights or just the ones you can make. You're going to be blessed and make new connections either way! Sign up in the foyer, or just come on any of the scheduled evenings!

CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM

Come and give your talents to Abundant Life Community Church's 2011 Christmas In Bethlehem performance. on **September 10, 9:00-11:30 a.m.** We will spend the morning building a few props, working on costumes, organizing material, and having some fellowship and fun. We need all ages and skill levels to show up. We also would like some volunteers to make a small meal when we are done. Can't make it but would like to do another task? Contact the church office or Chris Navo, 272-0554 or 273-1139.

TO-GO LUNCHES, HOSPITALITY HOUSE

Starting in September, the to-go lunches end, and Cissy organizes hot lunches to be

served on the 1st and 4th Sundays of the month (and 5th Sunday if there is one). Cooking starts at 10:30 a.m. and serving at 12:00 noon. If you want to help, sign up in foyer.

Also take note: Starting **September 15 at 5:30 p.m.**, Tom Cooper's Group will meet the **third Thursday** of every month to make hot dinners. The dinner will be served at Sierra Presbyterian Church. Help is needed in the serving kitchen and preparing dishes and salads. If you can help with food preparation or food donations, contact Tom Cooper, or anyone in the Sunday morning adult Bible class.



September Birthdays

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| 1 Hazel Lace | 7 Cliff Cromer | 7 Greg Fowler | 14 Katera Navo |
| 14 Doug Stanford | 19 Kayla Meyer | 22 Wendy Fowler | 22 Wyatt Fowler |
| 24 Sonnie Ornelas | 25 Rick Carr | 27 Naomi Hayward | 28 Macayla Jefferis |

October Birthdays (first week)

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| 1 Billie Giles | 1 Marni Mac Donneil | 1 Wendy Hayward | 2 Dee Johnson |
| 4 Jan Carman | 5 Vera Lindbom | 7 Miles Lincoln | |

September Anniversaries

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| 6 Brad and Alana Fowler | 9 Frank and Lois Goodwill | 14 Bob and Judy Liineberry |
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October Anniversaries (first week)

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| 7 Vic and Billie Giles | 7 Don and Dottie Qurnell |
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If your birthday or anniversary does not appear here, and it occurs during this month, please call the church office and let us know, so we can include it in the future.

Schedules for September

Noah's Ark

	Early Service		Late Service	
September 4 Lesson 1	Teacher- Floater Baby	Jerry Snapp Karen Snapp Jessica Mayfield	Teacher Floater Baby	Jerry Snapp Karen Snapp Madeline Iriarte
September 11 Lesson 2	Teacher- Floater Baby	Clara Watkins Naomi Hayward Judy Burch	Teacher- Floater Baby	Joyce Smethers Bhret Patterson Laura Heeschen
September 18 Lesson 3	Teacher- Floater Baby	Conni Fowler Lyn Aufdenkamp Sandra Lundin	Teacher- Floater Baby	Debbie Ghiringhelli Marcu Moore Laura Heeschen
September 25 Lesson 4	Teacher- Floater Baby	Sandra Lundin Connie Watson Connie Strawser	Teacher- Floater Baby	Marni MacDonneil Betty Lloyd

Ushers

	Both Services	
September 4	Door 1 Door 2 Door 3	Mark & Connie Lagerwey Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Wayne Badding & Marge Sapp
September 11	Door 1 Door 2 Door 3	Jerry & Karen Snapp Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Bob & Linda Cosick
September 18	Door 1 Door 2 Door 3	Joe & Sheila Ramus Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Bev Carlson & Hazel Lace
September 25	Door 1 Door 2 Door 3	Phil Gemmill & Josie Nicholls Doug Johnson, Vic Giles Randy & Patti Cassel

Elementary Classes

	Early Service		Late Service	
September 4 Lesson 2	Mike Lundin Mark & Connie Lagerwey	4-7 8-11	Mike Lundin Mark & Connie Lagerwey	4-7 8-11
September 11 Lesson 3	Jessica & Mary Johanson TBD	4-7 8-11	Jessica & Mary Johanson TBD	4-7 8-11
September 18 Lesson 4	Linda Cosick Teresa Goodwin	4-7 8-11	Linda Cosick Teresa Goodwin	4-7 8-11
September 25 Lesson 5	TBD Tim & Rebecca Floyd	4-7 8-11	TBD Tim & Rebecca Floyd	4-7 8-11

Worship Ministries

	Both Services	
September 4	Worship Sound Media	Tim, Amy, Linda, Chris Cissy Murphy Darek Watson
September 11	Worship Sound Media	Greg, Amy, Linda, Chris Cissy 1st, Rich 2nd Darlene Saunders
September 18	Worship Sound Media	Tim, Jessica, Deb, Chris, Denise Bhret Patterson Kim Moore
September 25	Worship Sound Media	Greg, Jessica, Chris, Deb, Denise Chris Frank Darek Watson

**“FOR TO ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST,
AND TO DIE IS GAIN.”
PHILIPPIANS 1:21**

MY LIFE VERSE PASTOR GABE

“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”
2 Corinthians 4:16-18, ESV

Not only do I love these words, but I love the fact that they were written by Paul. This great apostle had anything but an easy, carefree life. Shortly after his miraculous conversion on the road to Damascus, Paul began his new routine of preaching Christ for as long as he was able in each

town he entered, before being chased off by those he had angered. This is a man who was hated by the same Pharisees he had grown up with. Upon many occasions, he was imprisoned, beaten, scourged, abandoned, and even stoned and left for dead. Not only that, but Paul was also rejected and abandoned by some members of the early church. And yet, as he writes these words to the Corinthians, he chooses to describe his pain, suffering, and trials in unfathomable terms - he calls them light and momentary.

Coming from almost anybody else, these words would be meaningless. But Paul is someone who understood and experienced suffering, and God

had given him the perspective to understand what his pain looked like when measured on the scales of eternity.

I came across this verse for the first time when I was a teenager, shortly after I became a Christian. I was having a particularly bad day, suffering from a life filled with teenage drama of some sort (I honestly don't remember what exactly). I remember sitting in my car, and reading these words. That was before I knew who Paul was, or what kind of suffering he endured. And yet, I was immediately struck by the importance of perspective. I realized, then and there, that if heaven is real and I am going there, then my problems now really are light and momen-

tary. That very night, I committed these verses to memory, and I try to recall them often.

That was 16 years ago. Since that time, I have had trials and heartache much worse than I was suffering on that night. And yet, Paul's words have still managed to ring true. No matter how great our affliction might be, we can still measure it as light and momentary, as it is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory that is beyond all comparison.

I hope these words ring true in your life as well. The glory of heaven is life-altering, and we don't have to wait until we get there to experience the joy and peace God has for us!