

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

- 3.24.18 Philine Mattingly's baby shower, 10:30a.m... Philine is having a boy and is registered at Amazon.
- 3.25.18 2018 Honduras Meeting right after Bible Class in overflow room.
- 4.1.18 Easter Sunday! Easter Egg Hunt for the Children after Bible Class.
- 4.21.18 2018 Honduras Mission Trip Yard Sale

Prayer Requests

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Hannah Baker & Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter- Ft. Riley, Kansas; Deployed to Germany
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii- Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Robin Smith
- Lisa Smith- Karen Oliver's Sister
- Heath Hartwell-Brian Devereaux's Friend
- Kimberly Craig and Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's daughter and niece
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Laurie Bleux's Farther
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- David Dowdy
- Tom Dominick
- Chester Warren
- Harriett Betterson and Family
- Mark Black, Kris Black's Father
- Kensington Martin, 14yr old young lady at PHS with stage 4 Throat Cancer
- Jill Anderson Cope, Friend of Gary and Sandy Barnett
- Michael Bridges & Family

"MASTERPIECE"

Who are you? What are you? Why are you here? Most of our problems in life center around a narcissistic pondering of where we as individuals fit into the grand scheme of things. There are two basic ways of sorting all this through. Establishing self-worth is a must for any well lived life. Failing to establish self-worth has a lot of undesirable ends. There are two fundamental orientations in the search for Identity and self-worth. The natural world of unbelief offers a myriad of options from which we choose. You can be an academia and place your value in how far you have gone in the educational system. You may be an athlete or a beauty queen, or perhaps an entrepreneur. You may perceive of yourself as a spiritual leader or just a plain old leader. Some are wiser and settle for more attainable goals such as helper, coach, soldier, teammate, etc. In the end these are all the same.

An alternate orientation is one of belief. Paul said we are God's Workmanship created in Christ for Jesus to do good works, which He has prepared in advance for us to do. The word for workmanship is Poima, from which we get the word poem, which brings in the idea of art. You are not just a clod in a mechanistic system. You are literally the art work of God! It is mind boggling to seriously consider that God is doing His artwork through you and in you. Coupled with this comes the idea that He loves his artwork and He understands all the questions, like why, what, when, etc.

The thing we need to do is believe this. That makes us believers. A lot of people believe in Jesus but scarcely consider believing Jesus, and as a result miss the joy-filled life. When we believers marinate on the truth of our identity it changes everything for the good, and for the distance. Joy comes to the heart that let's go of the self-orientations and releases God to do His work in us and through us.

The wonder of this is that we miss the wonder of this. The idea that the individual you are is an intentional Masterpiece, passionately loved by an infinite creator is awe inspiring. This construct leads to a very healthy self-image, that's more than an image and that's not centered in self at all. This construct also leads us to the natural conclusion that all of our neighbors have the same value. It is the only idea to live by. We are God's workmanship and He delights in his own work.

Trust Him!

Your Shepherds

Assembly Times

- Sunday Worship 9:30AM**
- Sunday Class 11 AM**
- AWANA, Sunday 10 AM**
- Wednesday, 7 PM Bible Study**

Weekly Stats

- AM Bible Class 92**
- AM Bible Class Average 89**
- AM Assembly 121**
- AM Assembly Avg. 124**
- Contribution \$3,920.00**
- YTD Average Weekly \$5,170.60**
- Weekly Budget \$7,918.62**

Shepherds

- Larry Baker 542.1600**
- Dennis Carter 957.4625**
- Rick Chamberlain 859.409.2063**
- Rom Kellis 608.3423**
- Wayne Kellis 404.376.4085**
- Ernie Oliver 391.1312**

GENERAL INFORMATION

New Address!

Brian and Krysten Devereaux
538 Dawsons Park Way
Lexington, SC 29072

Anniversaries:

- 3.2 Sid & Kathy Upton
- 3.28 Cliff & Carol Brown
- 3.30 Jack & Janice Holt

Birthdays:

- 3.24 Joie Guill
- 3.24 Jonnie Guill
- 3.25 Sandi Chamberlain
- 3.28 Jeanie Kirby

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Online Giving!

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Contact the office for recurring payments.

Opportunities to Serve

March 25, 2018

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Ruben Macedo

Mike Spane

Lord's Supper:

Brian Devereaux

Servers in March:

Dave Hill

Corey Wisniewski

John Turner

Chris Amaral

Kris Black

Door Greeters in March.:

Juan & Lucy Ortiz

Nursery:

Meredith Falls

Rochelle Kellis

Toddler:

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AIM Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill, Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

MEN'S NEWS

On Wednesday nights the youth group has been working through the Crazy Love series by Francis Chan. This has been a thought-provoking, challenging, and inspiring study for me as well as the teens. We have practiced spiritual disciplines like Lectio Divina together; we have written down the blessings of God in our lives, both good and bad, on sticky-notes and posted them on the white board; we have discussed tough topics like the death of loved ones and how this has affected us; and we have talked about being lukewarm for God. Last week we talked about the opposite of this—being obsessed with God. I provided them with practical examples of things that we are obsessed with, things like sports, video games, materialism, social media, etc. It wasn't hard for the kids to come up with their own examples. They admitted to spending hours at night playing Fortnite with their friends, watching March Madness on the television, and scrolling through Snapchat and Twitter. We even had a perfect example provided in person (my son) who is obsessed with his high school sport. He was wearing at least 7 articles of LHS baseball clothing that night, as he had just come to youth group straight from practice. There's no shame in that! He's proud of his sport, and the role he plays there. I'm glad that he can use the gifts that God has given him to do what he loves to do, and to do it with pride. But the question of the night was, "What does it look like to be obsessed with God?" Does it mean we wear Jesus t-shirts, bracelets with verses on them, necklaces with crosses on them? Does it mean we display the fish symbol on our car, crosses on our walls, Christian books on our shelves? As several teens pointed out, it wouldn't really mean anything if Jake wore all that Lexington gear, but didn't really play the game. What smart teens we have! Being obsessed with Jesus means that we act like Jesus, that we show kindness, love, and mercy to people like Jesus did. It means we put in the time, the energy and the devotion (kind of like we do those other things we tend to be obsessed with, but even more so). How about that for a Wednesday night discussion?

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ~ Matthew 6:21

Blessings, Dawn

No one is of the Spirit of Christ but he that has the utmost compassion for sinners. Nor is there any greater sign of your own perfection than you find yourself all love and compassion toward them that are weak and defective. And on the other hand, you have never less reason to be pleased with yourself than when you find yourself most angry and offended at the behavior of others. All sin is certainly to be hated and abhorred where it is, but then we must set ourselves against sin as we do against sickness and diseases, by showing ourselves tender and compassionate to the sick and the diseased.

-William Law

We are commanded to respect and show honor to those around us.

Our parents -> Leviticus 19:3

The elderly -> Leviticus 19:32

God -> Malachi 1:6

Our spouse -> Ephesians 5:33

Everyone -> 1 Peter 2:17...*Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.*

When we choose to not show compassion to others and our respect deteriorates into contempt, it's because WE are weak, not because of what the other person has or hasn't done.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Respect is a spiritual discipline.

Join us tonight as we discuss our obligation in showing our spouses respect...a holy honor that marks us as separate from the world around us.

Justin