

# FAMILY NEWS



## Upcoming Events

**3.10.18** Brian and Krysten Devereaux Reception. Please RSVP by March 7st to

office@lexingtonchurch.net

**3.11.18** Christie Gaskins' baby shower, 2:00p.m... Christie is having a boy and is registered at Buy Buy Baby

**3.24.18** Philine Mattingly's baby shower, 10:30a.m... Philine is having a boy and is registered at Amazon.

## 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

## "THE MYSTERY OF MERCY"

Mankind is cultured in a world of sowing and reaping. We see all around us how one can sow good deeds and get good results. Someone might plant squash in the garden and get squash. Sometimes preachers and teachers will remind us of the law of sowing and reaping. It is all around us and deeply imbedded in our psyche. Even leadership lessons and whole series on success, and how to have it are built on sowing and reaping. It's wonderful, insightful and dependable. One should live with a deep appreciation for the law of sowing and reaping.

For deeply sensitive and spiritual people a real problem emerges. We know who we are and what we've done, and we sense with our inner person that things don't add up. We have sown seeds, done things, that are bound to bear fruit and we begin to watch for the other foot to drop. There are old sayings like: "The chickens have come home to roost; what goes around comes around; you've got it coming." Etc... Honesty and knowledge of one's self will, by the law of sowing and reaping, produce guilt, shame and fear. We live in guilt, shame and fear for reasons we have made. The case is closed, we have it coming, we deserve it, and we know it.

Except for God's part! The Good News is that God entered the human story and brought Mercy. Mercy is the idea that we do not receive what we have truly earned. Mercy intercepts the reaping we are due. Mercy triumphs over judgement James 2:13 are some of the sweetest words in the human experience. But this experience is a *gift from God* and not something of human origin.

How can it be that a God who created and sustains the law of sowing and reaping be the One who introduced the way of mercy? He did this in the cross. Jesus received the beating you and I deserve so that God could set us free from His own law of sowing and reaping. Through this lens we can see the love of God for us. This is the Gospel, and this is why the universe is a friendly place.

*"It is because of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His mercies never cease, they are new every morning"* Lamentations 3:22-23.

Could we just stop and smell the roses? Could we marinate on the idea that the law of sowing and reaping has been suspended because of Jesus and what He did for us on the cross? This means God is pulling for us all to put our hope in Him and live free of guilt, shame and fear. Surely love, joy and peace follow this way!

What a story, what a life!!

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 80**  
**AM Bible Class Average 89**

**AM Assembly 141**  
**AM Assembly Avg. 124**

**Contribution \$11,558.68**  
**YTD Average Weekly \$5,306.73**  
**Weekly Budget \$7,918.62**

## Shepherds

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Congratulations!

Please congratulate Siera Kirby and Cameron Sutton on accepting God as their Lord and Savior through baptism on Sunday, March 4th.

### Anniversaries:

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

### Birthdays:

**3.8 Nicholas Joy**  
**3.13 Larkin Johnson**  
**3.19 July Baker**  
**3.19 John Chandler Jr.**  
**3.24 Joie Guill**  
**3.24 Jonnie Guill**  
**3.25 Sandi Chamberlain**  
**3.28 Jeanie Kirby**

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### Online Giving!

[Lexingtonchurch.net](http://Lexingtonchurch.net)

Contact the office for recurring payments.

## Opportunities to Serve

March 11, 2018

**Worship:** Connor Watkins

**Sound Room:**

Cliff Brown

Ruben Macedo

**Lord's Supper:**

Brian Devereaux

**Servers in March:**

Dave Hill

Corey Wisniewski

John Turner

Kris Amaral

Chris Black

**Door Greeters in March.:**

Juan & Lucy Ortiz

**Nursery:**

Kelli Daniel

Landrey Daniel

**Toddler:**

Cindy Cox

Leigh Ann Cox

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### Missionaries:

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

## YOUTH NEWS

What an exciting day Sunday was! Not only did we get to witness two of our teens put Christ on in baptism, but we also were reminded of several other teens who recently became followers in the last year or two. As I started writing down the names of those who had been baptized, it was astounding to me how many there were. This caused me to really reflect during the last couple of days on what a privilege it is to be a part of God's great work. I am realizing what an awesome community we have in which to raise up our children. These teens didn't just come to such a big decision lightly. Most of them have been influenced in one way or another by many different people and in many different ways. Some of them have grown up in homes where they have been reading and listening to Bible stories their whole life; some learned about Jesus in Sunday school. Some of them have had strong mentors who have talked to them and encouraged them on a regular basis; others have had coaches who have supported them on and off the field. Some of them have had a great group of friends for which they could lean on daily, while some have depended on our weekly meetings and group discussions, or even annual youth events like Winterfest, PBC, or Impact. Many have come to me, or the elders, or some other leader in times of serious crisis, while others have taken full advantage of Ms. Karen, our church counselor. All of them have had the opportunity to experience a loving faith family who cares about their spiritual needs and desires to help them reach their full potential. I am so proud to be a part of such a community, and so thankful for everyone who contributes to it in meaningful ways, from the one who brings snacks to the teens on Wednesday nights, to the one who sponsors a teen so they can go to Winterfest, to the one who prays for our youth every day, to the one who teaches them on a Sunday morning or Wednesday night, to the one who spends an entire weekend with them. From the bottom of my heart, I am truly grateful!!!

Blessings, Dawn

## MEN'S NEWS

### 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.*

This is a powerful passage given to us by the apostle Paul. It confronts us where many of us are, in a holding pattern waiting for the other person to take the first step of reconciling a relationship marked by deep wounds.

But we haven't been given a spirit of fear but one of love and power!

As ambassadors for reconciliation we cannot discuss with any integrity the good news of a new relationship of friendship with God when our relationships and marriages are marked by divorce, fighting, and animosity.

Let's build relationships and marriages that instead model forgiveness, selfless love, and sacrifice.

Let's shine the light of reconciliation...it really is good news!!!

*God made him who had no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Join us tonight as Cale leads the discussion of Chapter 2 from Sacred Marriage.

-Justin