

# FAMILY NEWS



## Upcoming Events

5.10.17 Bible class 7:00p.m., Topic will be on Sudden, Unexpected/Traumatic Losses

5.11 & 5.12.17, Lex. County Choral Society "Music for the 21st Century" @ Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church 7:30p.m.

5.14.17 Honduras Mission Item for Sunday is **Acetamiophen**

5.20.17 Alannah Gonda's Bridal Shower, 10:00am, Registered at BB&B, Target, Pier 1

5.20.17 Southeastern Children's home Annual Auction 4:30p.m. @ Central Church of Christ in Spartanburg

5.21.17 Baby Dedication

5.28.17 Potluck

## Prayer Requests

- Missions (Matt & Hannah Bridges, Davie Guill, Mike and Kris Bridges)
- Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill (AIM)
- Grayson Carter- Ft. Riley, Kansas;
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii- Wheeler Army Airfield
- Karen Bost & Brian Devereaux
- Steve Izard
- Dan Scott, Friend of Mike Spane
- Patrick Hutto
- Izzy -Robin Smith's Grandchild
- Suzanne Kennedy.
- Cottrell/Whitacre Family
- Nelson Bright, Karen Oliver's Uncle
- AJ McElfresh
- Denae Pearson
- Chester Warren
- Sara Hanle

## "ORDINATION"

God made Adam and put him in the Garden of Eden and said, "dress it and keep it." There was no sin yet there was a calling on Adam's life. God governed all the specifics of Adam's stay in the Garden. Where he put Adam, the environment around Adam, the time, the place, and all the challenges were of God's choosing. Adam's job was to dress and keep the garden. It was an ordinary setting totally designed and commissioned by God. Adam's role in the whole thing was to see God in the many dimensions of His creation, and to see the obvious opportunities in dressing and keeping the Garden. All of this was designed that God and Adam could have a relationship through the keeping of the Garden. Adam found joy and wonder in his task knowing God had especially prepared the whole thing just for Him. I trust you know how the whole scene went south.

But the cross changed us from the wrong direction and put us back where Adam was before he sinned. Ephesians says that We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that He has prepared in advance for us to do. Like Adam, the things God wants us to do are lying all around us, especially crafted by God, tailored made for you and me. When we see the hand of God in the ordinary circumstances of life and learn to sense the calling contained therein, joy and wonder follow.

Scripture says: "God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body just as He desired. There you have it! Through God's sovereignty in the ordinary course of life we find His hand offering us a chance to get in there with Him and do Destiny's work. This is how the ordinary becomes the ordination.

Is your work drudgery or divine?

Is your work ordinary or ordained?

God offers joy and wonder through the work He has prepared for every single one of His Children.

Receive the gift, Plug in. Let's go.

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 98

AM Bible Class Average 92

AM Assembly 117

AM Assembly Avg. 123

Contribution \$15,076.00

YTD Average Weekly  
\$8,068.57

Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

## Shepherds

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### FIT Program

The FIT program is in dire need of food.

Soup, Chili, Mac & Cheese, Ravioli, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti sauce, Noodles, Crackers, Snack Bars, Fresh Fruit and Meals.

Donation of money to purchase food.

### Anniversaries:

5.14 David & Earline White

5.29 Rob & Lauren Brannan

5.30 Allan & Carolyn Whitacre

### Birthdays:

5.12 Addyson Brannan

5.14 Eric Johnson

5.15 Lauren Brannan

5.15 Valentina Ortiz

5.17 Beth Baxley

5.18 George Westerman

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**Online Giving!**

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

Contact the office for recurring payments.

**Opportunities to Serve  
May 14th, 2017**

**Worship:** Connor Watkins

**Sound:** Chester Warren

**Lord's Supper:**  
Brian Devereaux

**Servers in May:**  
Larry Baker  
John Turner  
Corey Wisniewski  
Dennis Carter  
Jimmy Kirby

**Greeters in May:**  
Cliff & Carol Brown

**Nursery:**  
Alannah Gonda  
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AIM Davie Guill, Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill & Mission UpReach in Honduras: Kris, Mike, Kaylee Bridges, Matt & Hannah Bridges

**Worship Leader:** Connor Watkins 843.670.5375

## YOUTH NEWS

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."

Proverbs 27:17

This verse has been on my heart in the last few weeks. It directly speaks of our need for community. God designed us to need community and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ! This is something that I love discussing with the children on Sundays- we all need each other.

I am thankful to be a part of our church family and feel blessed to have such a strong community of believers around me. Our lifegroup has been there to pray for my family and me both in hard times and joyful times. That is something that I have prayed for many times and not just for myself but also for my children. The bonds being formed with their friends are either going to help them grow as a believer or stifle their ability to grow. In this environment of love and community, I believe they will be able to thrive much like myself because of the support we have.

It's not just about the support in good times though because this verse speaks of being shaped and sharpened. Sometimes that's not a fun experience and God has also used my community to stretch me, shape me, and sharpen me in some ways that felt painful at the time. God is in the business of shaping us, as Mr. Ernie preached on Sunday, into

a holy temple. He is using our church family in the process to shape us so that we can be formed together into one body, one temple to be most effective in serving Him.

We need community. If you're feeling out of touch or a little "dull", really plug into our body and allow God to shape you and sharpen you right alongside the rest of us. I think you'll find, as I have, that even messy and painful situations are more bearable when the whole body can help lift you up. Joy is multiplied when the body can celebrate the beautiful works of God with you. (1 Cor. 12:26)

We need you. We're all connected. We're all one body serving one Lord (Eph. 4:4-6). We're made to sharpen one another and love one another well as we do life together!

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

1 Corinthians 12:12

Blessings,

Lauren Brannan