

# FAMILY NEWS



## Upcoming Events

8.16.17 Wednesday Night Bible Class, 7:00p.m.

8.19.17 Men's Bible Study Class, 9:00a.m.

8.7-18.17, LICS Volunteers needed to fill bookbags with school supplies,

[www.licssc.org/specialprojects](http://www.licssc.org/specialprojects)

8.20.17 Pot Luck/Back To School Bash!

## Prayer Requests

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Mason Bridges, Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter- Ft. Riley, Kansas;
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii- Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Christine Stewart
- Patrick Hutto
- Izzy -Robin Smith's Grandchild
- Nelson Bright, Karen Oliver's Uncle
- AJ & Jeanie McElfresh
- Sara Hanle
- Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's Niece
- Nate Reynolds
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Kaylee Bridges
- Kris Black & SCE&G
- Matt Baker & Abby Baker

## "BURIED OR PLANTED"

Do you ever feel overwhelmed and buried under a mountain of pressure or demands? Do you ever feel like you will never get out from under the stress of family, of financial concerns, or never ending demands from the job or even the boss? Do you have a medical condition that's got you down and out? Do you have deep personal losses such as death of a family member or the ending of a relationship? Sometimes we all face more than we can hold up under!

And sometimes these things are our own doing, such as sinful choices and lazy habits. We then allow our shortcomings to make ourselves think we deserve the burial we are experiencing. Why tell yourself 1/2 the truth? Especially, when you leave out the good part.

There is a saying hanging on the door of the red room that says: "in times like this it is always good to remember there have always been times like this." It is so true that there have always been times like this. But, may we all together make this unified declaration. I am planted, I am not buried. The reason you are not buried is that dead people are buried but people with everlasting life are only planted. Not only that we are God's planting. We have within us the DNA of an indestructible God. The circumstance of being underground and overwhelmed in the darkness is the exact place that new life sprouts forth. God allows and perhaps causes his children to be overwhelmed, tested, planted, challenged etc. But the purpose of it all is to bring forth new life, new transformation, a brand new you. Buried may be an okay word for a Christian, but, only if it comes with the resurrection.

This is the Gospel, the Good News. That is that Jesus was beaten, tortured stretched beyond his very life and then placed in a dark lonely place for dead people. But God had in mind the resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus makes my entire point. We are only licensed to believe in His death when coupled with His resurrection. By extension we believe in our own resurrection. This resurrection does deal with the end of our lives but it also deals with the life we have today. God is continually desiring to grow His own Spirit within you. Sometimes He uses the crushing blows of daily life to make new the life He desires within us. Therefore, we say "we are planted under circumstances but not buried under circumstances."

So, when you begin to think you are buried or life has taken you under, just believe the truth. **You are planted, not buried, and new life will spring forth.** Trust God with it all. He has His Spirit in you and it will bring forth new life.

Lay your dirty doing down,  
Down at Jesus feet.  
Trust in Him and Him alone,  
Gloriously complete!  
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 95

AM Bible Class Average 89

AM Assembly 142

AM Assembly Avg. 127

Contribution \$4,970.50

YTD Average Weekly \$7,772.17

Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

## Shepherds

Larry Baker 542.1600

Dennis Carter 957.4625

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Fellowship Needs:

Ruben Macedo needs help with taking Geoffrey Cottrell to lunch and home on Sundays, so please consider signing up on the calendar that is on the podium in the entrance.

Suzanne Kennedy also needs a ride to and from church on Sundays. Sheet is on the podium

### Anniversaries:

8.14 Wayne & Karyl Burress

8.14 Derek & Beth Baxley

8.23 Dave & Carolyn Watkins

8.28 Cale & Raegen Ferguson

### Birthdays:

8.19 Kari Dowdy

8.19 George Stewart

8.25 Kaden Kneece

8.27 Hayden Oliver

8.29 Cindy Cox

8.30 Andrew Attal

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**Online Giving!**

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

Contact the office for recurring payments.

**Opportunities to Serve  
August 20, 2017**

**Worship:** Connor Watkins

**Sound:**

Chester Warren

**Lord's Supper:**

Cale Ferguson

**Servers in August:**

Dennis Carter  
Jimmy Kirby  
Brandon Ulmer  
Terry Kneece  
Travis Jex  
Hayden Oliver

**Greeters in August:**

Jane Deadwyler  
Mary Turner

**Nursery:**

Karen Oliver  
Tracy Jex  
Kayla Kneece

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

**YOUTH NEWS**

**MEN'S NEWS**

This last week of vacation in Florida was so nice, but it is time to get back to reality. School is just around the corner, and the fall is rapidly approaching! It's hard to believe another summer has gone by. What a busy summer this one has been! We kicked off the month of June with a couple of small groups that have turned out to be a great success thanks to Rochelle and Caleb, and then ended the month with a trip to Nashville, TN for Impact. Just a week later, several of us went on a medical mission trip to Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras. That was an experience for a life time, one I certainly never will forget! And then we rounded out the summer with a fantastic week at Palmetto Bible Camp and last minute "Senior Week at the Beach," with three baptisms to make it even more special! And we're not quite finished yet. We've got a couple more exciting events to come... Tomorrow we will have a combined girls' and guys' group at Rochelle's pool from 12-2pm with pizza for lunch. Please RSVP to Dawn so that we can order the right amount of food, and wear your swimsuit. Sunday we will have a Potluck lunch and Back-to-School Bash after church services with a slip-n-slide, bouncy house, cornhole, horseshoes, and other fun activities for the entire family to enjoy. Bring food for the entire family, and some to share, as well as play clothes.

As for the fall, we will begin our new fall schedule right after Labor Day, so be on the look out for details concerning rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Wednesday activities, Sunday morning classes, and special events that are coming up, particularly Fall Retreat. I will be scheduling a parent meeting to discuss all of this, and more, as soon as I get a chance to look at the kids' school schedules. Blessings, Dawn

\*\*\*Do NOT miss this opportunity to serve in our community.\*\*\*

What: Lexington High School Football Team - Pre-game Meal

When: 25 August 2017 - 1:30pm

Where: Lexington Church of Christ building

How: You can help by showing up to the building and helping with meal prep. The meal will be served at Lexington High School @ 3:30pm.

Call Derek Baxley @ 803-917-7495 for specific questions.

**Opportunity #2!**

Our brother Jack Close is at home and we need to take the fellowship to him.

All the men should have an invite in your email inbox to sign up for a specific day.

If you don't have that invite, then try this link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49A8AF2FABFD0-hanging> ,Or you can just call or text me and I'll be happy to sign you up.

**"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt."**

We've probably heard that quote before and it sounds kind of common sense, but the truth of the matter is that it takes effort and a mental focus as well.

We are surrounded by more knowledge today than any people in history, but still there is a significant lack of wisdom.

Are we so hung up on what we know that we can't hear our brother or sister asking for help? Are we so busy being busy and talking about being busy that we can't receive the wisdom that God is trying to give us through a silence?

It's hard to truly listen. It takes work. It takes a certain degree of emptying yourself. It takes time.

Take the time today, right now, to listen to someone. To open up God's word and listen to the Spirit. You might be surprised at what you've been missing.

Assume it is your job and your moment. Hate apathy. Reject passivity. #grabtheoar -Justin