



# Lakeland Presbyterian Church Children's Ministry Newsletter

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## Survey Says....

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### STUFF

- LPC delivered 176 OCC shoe-boxes
- LPC provided Christmas for 16 children this year.
- Sunday School begins at 9:30
- We have had 16 boys in a row born into our church family
- We have 6 expectant moms; 4 are boys, 1 is a girl and 1 will be a surprise



I did a little survey with the Kindergarten through Sixth graders who were here this past Wednesday night. I wanted to see what things I need to focus on and what things I might need to pass along to parents. They didn't put their names on their papers, so don't panic.

Here are some of the results.



Most of you pray everyday before meals as a family.

They all say they talk with their parents about God and Jesus pretty regularly. They all say they talk with their parents about what they learned in church at least sometimes and that most of you ask them what they learned. They all think that their parents are paying attention when Pastor Steve preaches although one clarified by saying "My dad does have his ipad out during service, but it has the Bible on it." They also said they mostly paid attention during service too. Only one child said they didn't like to come to church.



Lots of them said their families do not read the Bible to-

gether regularly. Almost all of them said they never see their parents read their Bible outside of church (although some thought you might do that after they go to bed). Most of them say they do not read the Bible outside of church either.

Some quotes. **What do you like most about church?** "The food." "the playground." "the bulletins." "Sunday School." "Learning about God." **What do you like least about coming to church?** "Singing." "Catechism!!!" "Getting up early." "I get bornd in church." "Drying my hair in the morning." **What happened after Jesus died?** "He rose from the ded." "He got carried away." " I don't know." " He went to heven and sat on the right side of God." "The world chanced." " He went into the tomb and rose from the dead." "He desenended into hell." "He dessende into heaven."

I love your children. Remember, they notice what you do. You set the example now for what they will probably do one day as the spiritual leaders of their own families.



Saturday, January 18

At Belhaven University

We are going to see the *Little Opera for Children: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. There is no admission fee. We will leave the church to carpool over at 10:30am. Let me know if you can come. I have 20 reserved slots. We really enjoyed last year's performance.



### Communicants Class

If you were born in 2002 or earlier, you are eligible to attend this year's Communicants Class. Children must take this class in order to become communicating members of Lakeland Presbyterian Church. Class will begin in January or February. Please let me know if you have questions or if your child plans to participate.



## FAMILY SKATING DAY

Join us on January 12 as we roll on into the new year at Funtime Skateland in Pearl. Skating session is 2:00-5:00pm. Families are welcome (if you have a 1st time skater or preschooler, you must attend). The cost is \$5.00 per skater with a church bulletin (does not include concessions or arcade games). We will meet at the rink. Pizza will be provided upon their return to the church. We will finish up at the church by 7:00pm.



Summer Camp will be here before you know it.

LPC will pay 1/2, not to exceed

\$150.00 per child of church members to go to a Christian summer camp.

I will need where your child is going and how much the camp costs to be turned in to me by MAY 4.



## Daddy/Daughter Dinner & Dance

Friday, February 7 6:00-8:00ish  
at Lakeland Presbyterian Church

Dads and Daughters will share dinner, dancing, and the chocolate fountain.

Cost is \$20.00 for dad and daughter. (Add \$5.00 for each additional daughter) Reservations and payment must be made by February 2.

## Special Valentines Lunch

The children will be hosting a lunch for our widows on Sunday, February 9 immediately following the service. We will provide and serve lunch.



## Parents Night Out

February 14 6:00-9:30pm

We will do a couple of Valentine's activities and play a lot.

Cost is a small stuffed animal to fit into a OCC shoebox. Supper will be provided.

Register your child by February 12.

A nursery is provided.



## Mind Your Manners

On January 19 our 1st-6th graders will begin a series on manners during our Sunday evening Bible Study time (6:15-7:00 after catechism & supper).

We have a variety of folks coming in to cover a lots of topics such as introducing yourself and others, phone manners, basic church manners, table manners, and much more.

Our study will culminate with a catered dinner and chance to practice our manners on April 27 for those who have been participating regularly.



## Parent's Night Out

Friday, April 11

6:00-9:00pm

We will have a special activity in preparation for Easter, an Easter movie to watch and time to play.

Supper will be provided.

Cost is socks for OCC shoeboxes.

Register your child by April 9.

A nursery is provided.

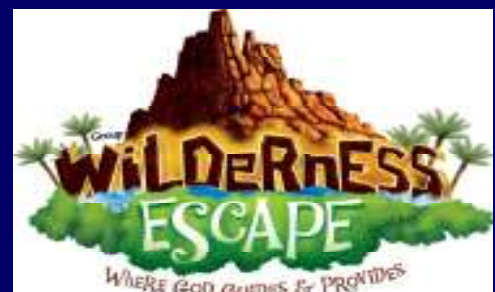
## Good Friday Service, April 18

Children's Church kids are invited to join me during LPC's Good Friday Service for a special Easter lesson and activities.



## Vacation Bible School

Get ready to join us for a

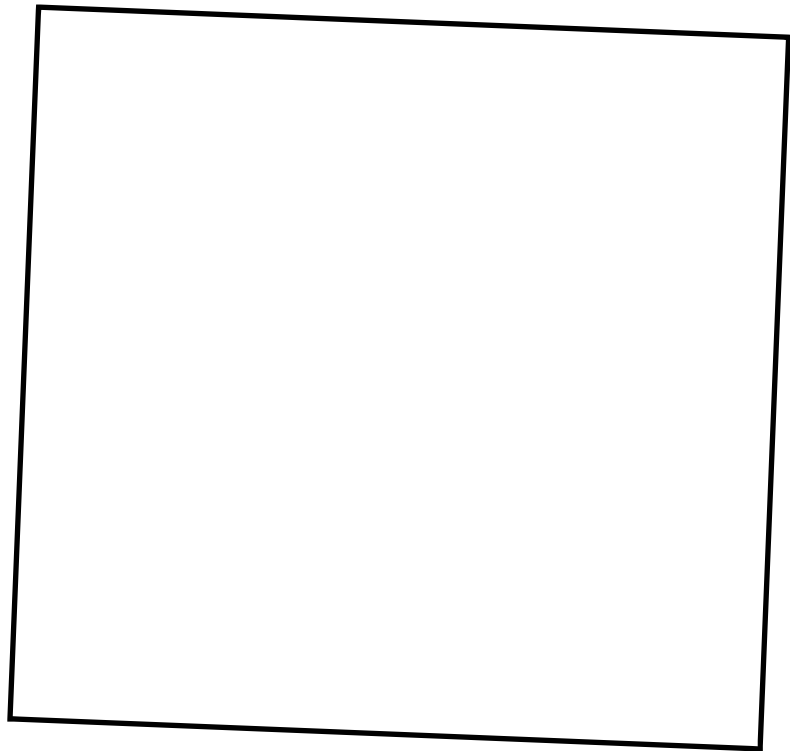


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## Nursery News



### Welcome

August Nolting born October 3

Ames Lee born November 7

Our goal in the LPC nursery is to provide your child with a safe, clean, loving environment where they can sleep, play and have fun while they are away from you.

You should find all our ladies Lori, Jazmine, April, Pat, Kennethia and Monique warm, inviting, and capable. When your precious ones are with us, they are in good hands. *If you appreciate them, let them know. If there is a problem, let me know.*

The carpet should be cleaned just after Christmas, and we are doing a winter clean out and toy check. A real sink in the infant nursery

is still on the wish list.

As you clean out in preparation for Christmas, we often have people drop off toys. If you would like to donate something to the nursery, please check with me before leaving it.

Volunteers, don't forget to check in on Sunday mornings. If you have a "bad date," please trade with someone.

*Please be mindful of our sick policy especially during this season.* If you do not have a Nursery Guideline Booklet, there should be some in the nursery rooms. **Illness is one thing we do not want to share.**

Nursery age children are welcome to join us for Parent's Night Out events.