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Quarterly Newsletter JANUARY - MARCH 2017



Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines an oxymoron as "as a concept that is made up of contradictory or incongruous elements." It is a combination of words that have very different meanings, and it literally means "pointed foolishness."

The following contains some examples of some humorous oxymorons: jumbo shrimp, icy hot, exact estimate, pretty ugly, childproof, clearly misunderstood, small crowd, same difference, act naturally, random order, or new tradition.

There is a talented young man, Ezekiel Azonwu, who has a video clip of a spoken word (an oral art) on YouTube entitled "Almost (saved)." In his spoken word, he declares, "One of the most dangerous words in English diction...two words designed and strategically combined to form the biggest oxymoron in the history of mankind [is] almost." Consider the phrases: almost done, almost always, almost certainly, or almost committed. Even the word itself, much like oxymoron, is contradictory. How can something be both *all* and *most* at the same time? It is either one or the other. So it is in our relationship with the Lord. He does not

want almost all of your heart. He does not want you to almost make a decision for Him. And He certainly does not want you to almost live for Him (see 2 Chronicles 16:9 and Revelation 3:16). You must make the decision to be completely committed. There is not a soul in the world that nearly makes it to heaven. Christ came into the world, a celebration we just rejoiced over, in order that people would most definitely be saved when they place their faith in Him. Jesus did NOT command His followers to go into *almost* all of the world, telling *almost* everyone about His saving grace! No, the main command that Christ-followers are given is to go everywhere and tell everybody. This year as a church family, may we reach out enthusiastically, sharing the good news of God with our world, and give Him the glory in all things.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqfU3OFNZA0>

Pastor Chris Miller



Pastor Chris, Rich, and Kim would like to thank you so much for the generous 'love' gifts we were presented at our Christmas Eve service this year. Wow! We continue to be amazed at the generosity of our LHBC family. May the Lord bless you over the upcoming year!

LHBC Y.T.D. Budget Update



2016

2016 Year End & Offerings: \$209,903.56
Year-to-Date Budget Shortfall/Surplus: + \$ 1903.56

LHBC Members & Friends Birthdays



A list of the January – March birthdays can be picked up from the Church News bulletin boards, which is located in the front hallway by the Sanctuary.



What a Wonderful Christmas celebration we had this year!

As of this writing, we are just tying off all the loose ends after a spectacular Christmas season and concert! Thanks to all of those that gave of their time and talent to make it such a special time that the congregation could enjoy the fruits of our labor and and celebrate Christ's birth together! I heard many encouraging remarks about the concert and praise the Lord that people brought their friends and relatives to see it.

We continue to need singers and instrumentalists for our choir and instrumental ensemble. We practice on Sunday mornings at and have three dress rehearsals on Thursday nights before our Christmas and Easter concerts. We would love to have anyone that can carry a tune to come our and join us for a great time of fellowship and enjoyable work learning new repertoire and brushing up on the old standards. Easter practice will begin in February, and Easter comes late this year so we have plenty of time.

Happy New Year!

Rich





Women of Worth Ladies Ministry

*Women of Worth
Living Hope Baptist
Church*

All Ladies Welcome!

(High school age and above)



Our purpose: To grow in our relationship with the Lord, to serve Him with our Christian sisters, and to praise and magnify the Lord Jesus Christ.

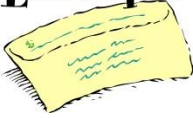
Don't miss out on special events, such as the Ladies Spring Tea, Fall Soup & Sandwich Get-Together, and especially our Annual Ladies Enrichment Seminar/Retreat!

"We look forward to having you join in and being a part of this loving group."

Watch for upcoming events at www.livinghopebaptistchurch.us or call the church office at 443-273-3029 for more information

What's Happening at LHBC ?

Offering Envelopes



The '2017' *Offering Envelopes* are now available for you to pick up.

The offering envelopes are located on the table in the front entry way.

Please contact Ron Royal if you have any questions.



JANUARY



January 15, 2017



Be sure to pick up an empty baby bottle from the front lobby. Fill it with your loose change and return it the church office.

All monies collected will be donated to the Alpha Pregnancy Center in Reisterstown.

**NO
Senior Saints Luncheon
in JANUARY!!!
See you on February 13th**

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February



Senior Saints Luncheon

February 13, 2017 @ 11:00 AM

Senior Saints Luncheon

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert.
Come and enjoy the day with us.



MARCH



Friday - February 3rd, 2017

1st FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 6:00 - 8:30 PM



Drop your kids off and
enjoy a night out.

FREE OF CHARGE
(KIDS 4-12 YEARS OLD)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED - CALL (443) 273-3029
(OR REGISTER ONLINE @ www.LivingHopeBaptistChurch.us)

Senior Saints Luncheon

March 13, 2017 @ 11:00 AM

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert.
Come and enjoy the day with us.



Senior Saints Luncheon



Annual 'Ladies Tea'

Thursday, March 16, 2017

The food is delicious & the fellowship is sweet!
All Ladies are welcome! Bring a friend.



**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN AREA
AT L.H.B.C. WHERE YOU CAN SERVE ?**

There are many areas where you can serve at LHBC!

- Men's Ministries
- Women's Ministries
- Children's Ministries
- Music Ministries
- And many other areas!

**YOU are the right person
to work in one of these areas!**

**Contact the Pastor or your Deacon and they will
be happy to point you in the right direction!**



2017
Bible Reading Plan
January - March

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that might not sin against thee.” Psalm 110:11

Jan. 01	Day 1 - Psalms 148; Genesis 1-2; Ephesians 1
Jan. 02	Day 2 - Genesis 3-4; Ephesians 2
Jan. 03	Day 3 - Genesis 5-6; Psalms 12; Ephesians 3
Jan. 04	Day 4 - Genesis 7-8; Ephesians 4
Jan. 05	Day 5 - Psalms 8; Genesis 9-10; Ephesians 5
Jan. 06	Day 6 - Genesis 11-13; Ephesians 6
Jan. 07	Day 7 - Genesis 14-15; Psalms 47; Matthew 1
Jan. 08	Day 8 - Genesis 16-18; Matthew 2
Jan. 09	Day 9 - Psalms 11; Genesis 19-20; Matthew 3
Jan. 10	Day 10 - Genesis 21-23; Matthew 4
Jan. 11	Day 11 - Genesis 24; Matthew 5
Jan. 12	Day 12 - Genesis 25; Matthew 6; Psalms 127
Jan. 13	Day 13 - Genesis 26-27; Matthew 7
Jan. 14	Day 14 - Genesis 28-29; Matthew 8
Jan. 15	Day 15 - Genesis 30; Matthew 9
Jan. 16	Day 16 - Genesis 31; Matthew 10
Jan. 17	Day 17 - Genesis 32-33; Matthew 11; Psalms 131
Jan. 18	Day 18 - Genesis 34; Matthew 12; Psalms 64
Jan. 19	Day 19 - Genesis 35; Matthew 13
Jan. 20	Day 20 - Genesis 36; Matthew 14
Jan. 21	Day 21 - Genesis 37-38; Matthew 15
Jan. 22	Day 22 - Genesis 39-40; Matthew 16
Jan. 23	Day 23 - Genesis 41; Psalms 40; Matthew 17
Jan. 24	Day 24 - Genesis 42; Matthew 18
Jan. 25	Day 25 - Genesis 43-44; Matthew 19

Jan. 26	Day 26 - Genesis 45-46; Matthew 20
Jan. 27	Day 27 - Genesis 47; Matthew 21
Jan. 28	Day 28 - Genesis 48-49; Matthew 22
Jan. 29	Day 29 - Genesis 50; Exodus 1; Matthew 23
Jan. 30	Day 30 - Exodus 2-3; Matthew 24
Jan. 31	Day 31 - Exodus 4; Matthew 25

Feb. 01	Day 32 - Exodus 5; Matthew 26; Psalms 41
Feb. 02	Day 33 - Exodus 6; Matthew 27
Feb. 03	Day 34 - Exodus 7-8; Matthew 28; Psalms 67
Feb. 04	Day 35 - Exodus 9-10; Psalms 105
Feb. 05	Day 36 - Exodus 11-12; Psalms 91
Feb. 06	Day 37 - Exodus 13-15; Psalms 114
Feb. 07	Day 38 - Exodus 16-18; 1 Peter 1
Feb. 08	Day 39 - 1 Peter 2; Exodus 19-20
Feb. 09	Day 40 - Exodus 21-22; 1 Peter 3
Feb. 10	Day 41 - Exodus 23-24; 1 Peter 4
Feb. 11	Day 42 - Exodus 25-26; 1 Peter 5
Feb. 12	Day 43 - Exodus 27-28; Psalms 96
Feb. 13	Day 44 - Exodus 29-30; 2 Corinthians 1
Feb. 14	Day 45 - Exodus 31-32; 2 Corinthians 2
Feb. 15	Day 46 - Exodus 33-34; 2 Corinthians 3
Feb. 16	Day 47 - Exodus 35-36; 2 Corinthians 4
Feb. 17	Day 48 - Exodus 37-38; 2 Corinthians 5
Feb. 18	Day 49 - Exodus 39-40; 2 Corinthians 6
Feb. 19	Day 50 - Leviticus 1-3; 2 Corinthians 7
Feb. 20	Day 51 - Leviticus 4-5; 2 Corinthians 8
Feb. 21	Day 52 - Leviticus 6-7; 2 Corinthians 9
Feb. 22	Day 53 - Leviticus 8-10; 2 Corinthians 10
Feb. 23	Day 54 - Leviticus 11; 2 Corinthians 11; Psalms 56
Feb. 24	Day 55 - Leviticus 12-13; 2 Corinthians 12
Feb. 25	Day 56 - Leviticus 14-15; 2 Corinthians 13
Feb. 26	Day 57 - 1 John 1; Leviticus 16-18
Feb. 27	Day 58 - 1 John 2; Leviticus 19-21
Feb. 28	Day 59 - Leviticus 22-23; 1 John 3

Mar. 01	Day 60 - Leviticus 24-25; 1 John 4
Mar. 02	Day 61 - 1 John 5; Leviticus 26-27
Mar. 03	Day 62 - Numbers 1-2; Psalms 68
Mar. 04	Day 63 - Numbers 3-4; Psalms 134
Mar. 05	Day 64 - Numbers 5-6; Psalms 61
Mar. 06	Day 65 - Numbers 7; Psalms 99
Mar. 07	Day 66 - Numbers 8-10; 2 Timothy 1
Mar. 08	Day 67 - Numbers 11-12; 2 Timothy 2
Mar. 09	Day 68 - Numbers 13-14; 2 Timothy 3
Mar. 10	Day 69 - Numbers 15-16; 2 Timothy 4
Mar. 11	Day 70 - Numbers 17-18; John 1
Mar. 12	Day 71 - Numbers 19-20; Psalms 90; John 2
Mar. 13	Day 72 - Psalms 135; Numbers 21; John 3
Mar. 14	Day 73 - Numbers 22; John 4
Mar. 15	Day 74 - Numbers 23; John 5
Mar. 16	Day 75 - Numbers 24; John 6
Mar. 17	Day 76 - Numbers 25; John 7
Mar. 18	Day 77 - Numbers 26; John 8
Mar. 19	Day 78 - Numbers 27; John 9
Mar. 20	Day 79 - Numbers 28; John 10
Mar. 21	Day 80 - Numbers 29; John 11
Mar. 22	Day 81 - Numbers 30; John 12
Mar. 23	Day 82 - Numbers 31; John 13
Mar. 24	Day 83 - Numbers 32; John 14
Mar. 25	Day 84 - Numbers 33; John 15
Mar. 26	Day 85 - Numbers 34; John 16
Mar. 27	Day 86 - Numbers 35-36; John 17
Mar. 28	Day 87 - Deuteronomy 1; John 18
Mar. 29	Day 88 - Deuteronomy 2; John 19; Psalms 22
Mar. 30	Day 89 - Deuteronomy 3; Psalms 133; John 20
Mar. 31	Day 90 - Deuteronomy 4; John 21

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

II Timothy 2:15



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