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Quarterly Newsletter JANUARY - MARCH 2018



When it comes to breaking bad habits or beginning something new, I'm the kind of guy that goes all in. Drinking too much soda? No more soda. Ever. Spending too much time on the computer? Log out and have a friend (preferably a trustworthy one) change the password indefinitely. Haven't worked out in months? Time to start training for a marathon.

Over the years, I have found this strategy does not work. I still spend too much time on the computer, I've never run anything close to a marathon, and I certainly have not lost my love for Mountain Dew.

First, this strategy is unsustainable. It's foolhardy to try to transform ourselves in one fell swoop. Yes, it works for a select few people who get on TV and make us all feel inferior. But for most people who resolve to totally change their lives, they usually end up right where they started. As we enter into the New Year, we will witness thousands of New Year's resolutions that will ultimately fizzle out and fail. Our goals are just too unrealistic to sustain for a week, let alone a lifetime.

Second, this strategy is not very biblical, because it starts and

ends with me. How often in our lives do we take the words of Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through [Christ] who strengthens me," and turn them into "I can do everything on my own without asking for help?" I think we too quickly forget the reality of sin, which binds us in our brokenness. So we often don't have the support necessary to get us through.

As Christians, it shouldn't shock us that our efforts to transform our own lives often do not work. As we just celebrated the coming of Jesus Christ in Christmas, let us remember this New Year that it is God who will resurrect the dead, it is God who will transform our world and each of us.

So while the world around us is making resolutions this year to lose weight or eat healthier, God is making resurrections happen in our lives, not just changing our behavior, but making us whole! Sure, that might include the death of some habits and ways of living, but it will also include a spiritual transformation. So I ask you, in 2018 what is your New Year's resurrection?



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. We continue to

We continue to be amazed at the generosity of our LHBC family. May the Lord bless you in 2018!

LHBC Y.T.D. Budget Update



2017

2017 Offerings (through 12/31/17): \$ 220,724.20

Year-to-Date Budget Shortfall/Surplus: + \$ 8,614.20

LHBC Members & Friends Birthdays



- 1 - Norman Morris
- 14 - Don Tusing
- 23 - Richard Harrison
- 31 - Troy Palmisano



- 3 - Carl Hershfeld
- 8 - Jesse Dugan
- 24 - Lori Kling
- 28 - Jesse Myers



- 12 - Michael Tusing
- 13 - Alexa Linthicum
- 16 - Sue Ingle
- 23 - John Dugan
- 30 - Sandy Myers



Music Ministry Notes

Well, the Christmas Concert went very well and I want to thank all of the singers, sound and tech, and helpers for all their hard work in rehearsals and giving of their time and talent to the Lord's work. We heard lots of encouraging words after the concert and we pray that it was a blessing to God's people and a vehicle to reach the lost and praise the Lord for the Word made flesh.

As we press on for the Lord we see that Easter comes early this year - the first Sunday in April! It's April Fool's Day, but is no fool to give that which he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose - namely our lives for the gospel and eternal life through Christ's death on the cross which we celebrate at Easter.

Please consider joining the choir if you can carry and tune and sing God's praises with us. We will most likely begin rehearsing Easter music by the end of January and will have our final dress rehearsals on March 22nd and 29th, 7 - 9 pm.

Thanks and God Bless You,

Rich

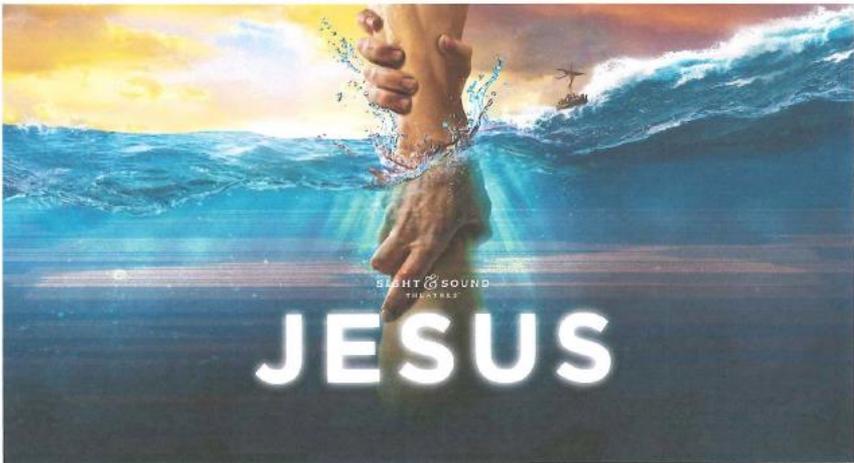
*Make a joyful noise
to the Lord*

A decorative graphic of musical notation, including a large, stylized initial 'M' that begins the phrase 'Make a joyful noise to the Lord'. Below the 'M' are two eighth notes, and to the right is a treble clef. The text 'Psalm 100:4' is written below the main phrase.

Psalm 100:4



SIGHT AND SOUND'S BRAND NEW SHOW!



LHBC is planning to carpool to the theatre in Lancaster, PA on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. In order to reserve excellent seats, tickets sales will begin March 1, 2018. Adult group discount tickets will be \$56.05 and children (3yr. to 12yr.) \$26.00. Seats fill up fast! For more information please see Jerry and Marge Streicker.



JANUARY




Drop off your kids and enjoy a worry free night out, while your kids enjoy pizza, fun & games.

No Parent's Night Out In January

Night Out

6:00 - 8:30 PM

FREE OF CHARGE ~ Kids 4-12 years old

First Come, First Serve – Call to Register @ 443-273-3037

Sunday, January 14, 2018



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

Collected will be donated to the Alpha Pregnancy Center in Reisterstown.



February




Friday, February 23, 2018
@ 6:00 PM
Free Event!
Family Fun Night

Call to Register- 443-273-3029

Glow-in the Dark Games for Kids!



February 11, 2018 @ 11:00 AM

Senior Saints Luncheon

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



MARCH



Women of Worth

"Canvas
Creations"
Paint Night



MARCH 1, 2018

6:30 P.M.



Vickie Thurston of Essence Art & Photography will guide us in our creation.

Ladies: Learn and create! The cost is \$18.00 to cover all your supplies.

Lite refreshments.

Pre-registration required.

Friday, March 9, 2018

1st Friday of every month, 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Kid's ages 4-12



Drop your kids off and
enjoy a night out.

FREE OF CHARGE

Registration Required - (443) 273-3029

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Monday, March 12, 2018 @ 11:00 AM

Senior Saints Luncheon

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert.

Come and enjoy the day with us.



Senior Saints
Luncheon



Saturday, March 24, 2018

Awana Games / Spark-A-Rama

More information coming soon!



Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Easter Caroling

Look for sign-up sheet March 4th.

Please contact Sandy Brown with any questions you might have.



Friday, March 30, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Good Friday Service

(at Living Hope Baptist Church)

Saturday, April 15th @ 11:00 AM

Kid's Egg Hunt & Activities

Including: Special Easter Story, Snacks,
Crafts / Coloring Pages & Easter Egg Hunt

Look for more information, mid-March, on candy donations
and where we will need help!





APRIL



Sunday, April 1st @ 9:00 - 10:00 AM

Easter Morning Breakfast



Join us for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, pastries, juice and coffee.
(Sign-up, beginning in mid-March.)

Sunday, April 1st @ 10:50 AM

Easter Concert

Music that celebrates the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



**WHERE WILL
YOU SERVE
IN 2018 ?**

There are many areas where you can serve at LHBC!

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

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

Read Through The Bible In A Year

January

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March

2018 Chronological Reading Plan

- Jan 01 - Genesis 1-3
- Jan 02 - Genesis 4-7
- Jan 03 - Genesis 8-11
- Jan 04 - Job 1-5
- Jan 05 - Job 6-9
- Jan 06 - Job 10-13
- Jan 07 - Job 14-16
- Jan 08 - Job 17-20
- Jan 09 - Job 21-23
- Jan 10 - Job 24-28
- Jan 11 - Job 29-31
- Jan 12 - Job 32-34
- Jan 13 - Job 35-37
- Jan 14 - Job 38-39
- Jan 15 - Job 40-42
- Jan 16 - Genesis 12-15
- Jan 17 - Genesis 16-18
- Jan 18 - Genesis 19-21
- Jan 19 - Genesis 22-24
- Jan 20 - Genesis 25-26
- Jan 21 - Genesis 27-29
- Jan 22 - Genesis 30-31
- Jan 23 - Genesis 32-34
- Jan 24 - Genesis 35-37

- Jan 25 - Genesis 38-40
- Jan 26 - Genesis 41-42
- Jan 27 - Genesis 43-45
- Jan 28 - Genesis 46-47
- Jan 29 - Genesis 48-50
- Jan 30 - Exodus 1-3
- Jan 31 - Exodus 4-6

- Feb 01 - Exodus 7-9
- Feb 02 - Exodus 10-12
- Feb 03 - Exodus 13-15
- Feb 04 - Exodus 16-18
- Feb 05 - Exodus 19-21
- Feb 06 - Exodus 22-24
- Feb 07 - Exodus 25-27
- Feb 08 - Exodus 28-29
- Feb 09 - Exodus 30-32
- Feb 10 - Exodus 33-35
- Feb 11 - Exodus 36-38
- Feb 12 - Exodus 39-40
- Feb 13 - Leviticus 1-4
- Feb 14 - Leviticus 5-7
- Feb 15 - Leviticus 8-10
- Feb 16 - Leviticus 11-13

- ☐ Feb 17 - Leviticus 14-15
- ☐ Feb 18 - Leviticus 16-18
- ☐ Feb 19 - Leviticus 19-21
- ☐ Feb 20 - Leviticus 22-23
- ☐ Feb 21 - Leviticus 24-25
- ☐ Feb 22 - Leviticus 26-27
- ☐ Feb 23 - Numbers 1-2
- ☐ Feb 24 - Numbers 3-4
- ☐ Feb 25 - Numbers 5-6
- ☐ Feb 26 - Numbers 7
- ☐ Feb 27 - Numbers 8-10
- ☐ Feb 28 - Numbers 11-13

- ☐ Mar 01 - Numbers 14-15;
Psalm 90
- ☐ Mar 02 - Numbers 16-17
- ☐ Mar 03 - Numbers 18-20
- ☐ Mar 04 - Numbers 21-22
- ☐ Mar 05 - Numbers 23-25
- ☐ Mar 06 - Numbers 26-27
- ☐ Mar 07 - Numbers 28-30
- ☐ Mar 08 - Numbers 31-32
- ☐ Mar 09 - Numbers 33-34
- ☐ Mar 08 - Numbers 31-32

- ☐ Mar 09 - Numbers 33-34
- ☐ Mar 10 - Numbers 35-36
- ☐ Mar 11 - Deuteronomy 1-2
- ☐ Mar 12 - Deuteronomy 3-4
- ☐ Mar 13 - Deuteronomy 5-7
- ☐ Mar 14 - Deut. 8-10
- ☐ Mar 15 - Deut.11-13
- ☐ Mar 16 - Deut 14-16
- ☐ Mar 17 - Deut. 17-20
- ☐ Mar 18 - Deut. 21-23
- ☐ Mar 19 - Deut. 24-27
- ☐ Mar 20 - Deut. 28-29
- ☐ Mar 21 - Deut. 30-31
- ☐ Mar 22 - Deut. 32-34;
Psalm 91
- ☐ Mar 23 - Joshua 1-4
- ☐ Mar 24 - Joshua 5-8
- ☐ Mar 25 - Joshua 9-11
- ☐ Mar 26 - Joshua 12-15
- ☐ Mar 27 - Joshua 16-18
- ☐ Mar 28 - Joshua 19-21
- ☐ Mar 29 - Joshua 22-24
- ☐ Mar 30 - Judges 1-2

“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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