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UPDATE FROM BANGLADESH



Because of last year's general election, we were afraid that many dangerous incidents would occur, but thankfully the times have passed without an accident.

Bangladesh's Independence Day was March 26 but, because of terror threats, we were warned to not go outside. So I rested at home.

NEWS OF JOY HOSTEL

25 children ranging from preschoolers to college students, three Bangladeshi staff members, and I are doing well living life together. After school and after doing homework and other school-related activities, we exercise together and at times cook hearty meals to enjoy together. I am counseling the older girls and discussing deeper questions

like their desired occupation and careers.

I've recently changed my visa so I am working at a hospital. This hospital is located in a very poor district and is run by four Korean doctors who charge no fee for their service but receive donations from their respective medical missionary organizations, along with other Bangladeshi doctors, and about a hundred Bangladeshi staff.

I'm currently working at the department of ophthalmology, and there many patients here so we are performing surgeries at least twice a week. I go to the hospital the day of surgery and take care of the patients before and after the procedure. Also I get to see other patients from other departments and get to hear their

stories while listening to the needs of the hospital and offering assistance in any way I can.

THESE ARE MY PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For the Hostel children to truly understand the grace that was given to us by the love of God and Jesus Christ through our Hostel's worship services.
- For the patients' hearts that when I take care of them that it would be an opportunity for them to know Christ.
- For safety as I go back and forth from the Hostel and the hospital.

Thank you for always praying for Bangladesh. I am so thankful for all of you at LCPC. Thank you once again.

Sincerely,
Jane from Bangladesh

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Early Rodders Go to Church
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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

In January we officially launched the LCPC strategic plan. *Vision 2020* provides a wide range of goals and principles to guide us through the two-year period ending in December 2020. The plan focuses mainly on growth. We believe the Lord wants to use us to grow his Kingdom in two ways: by helping members mature in their faith, and by introducing others to Jesus, the source of salvation and new life.

This is an appropriate time to assess our progress in implementing the plan. First I want to highlight some of areas where the Lord is helping us to be productive. I could point to many areas where we see fruit growing. At our Annual Meeting last month I mentioned 13 such places. But here I want to zero in on just a few. Each one, I think, provides solid evidence that the Holy Spirit is moving, and that if we continue to cooperate with His powerful work, we can look forward to a bumper crop of blessings.

INCREASING ENGAGEMENT:

Many in our church family are becoming more active in Christ's work in and through LCPC. Some recent examples:

- 24 people participated in a dinner and training session for Sunday morning ushers and greeters.
- 34 people joined the "Work Party" sponsored by the Property Committee – about 10 more than have come to such events in many years.
- About 36 people attended three different leadership training sessions where we focused on implementation our growth plan (two of those sessions were held at the same time as the Work Party!)
- One vital *Vision 2020* mandate was to launch a new Outreach Ministry. About 12 enthusiastic recruits are now thinking creatively about how to attract newcomers and help them feel welcome and included.

OUR AWESOME YOUNG ADULTS:

Young Adult Ministry (YAM) is thriving. The Sunday night YAM meetings at the Cary's home often attract more than 20 people in the post-high-school-to-early-30s age range. More than 80 people have participated in YAM since it was launched in 2016. You may have heard all that before. Now I'm going to tell you some things that may surprise you. Here's incontrovertible evidence of a movement of the Spirit:

- Four of the missionaries that LCPC supports are young adults
- Three of the 18 people currently serving on

the LCPC Session are young adults

- This summer nine young adults from LCPC will be serving as counselors at Ponderosa, the high school camp at Mount Hermon where so many of our students have met Jesus.
- The three wonderful interns on our staff who serve Children's and Student Ministries are young adults. Becca Althoff, Austin Granier, and Kristy Hicks bring maturity, energy, and youthful passion to their work.
- A growing number of our Kids Hope mentors are young adults.
- Many of the advisors who assist with Abide Junior High and our network of small groups for youth are young adults.
- Many of our teachers and aids at the Center for Children are young adults. They help keep things lively and fun, and they model for our kids what it means to walk with Jesus.

A PASSION FOR PRAYER:

We've always been a praying church, but *Vision 2020* includes a call for us to become more intentional, more passionate and more focused in the ways that we pray. Over the four months since we launched our plan, I have sensed a movement of the Spirit among our prayer warriors. They understand that prayer is key to progress in every spiritual endeavor and absolutely essential to our strategy for growing God's kingdom.

We took a big step forward as a church at the March meeting of Session where Michelle Blessinger presented a plan for a new Prayer Ministry. Though the ministry is just getting started, its main goal will be to encourage and communicate with prayer circles throughout our church family. One exciting idea at the top of the agenda is to re-invent our after-worship prayers. We will most likely develop a Prayer Center near the Sanctuary that is easily accessible but private. A rotating prayer team will offer prayers of all kinds after worship (both 9:00 and 11:00 AM) for anyone in need. Please contact Michelle or the church if you feel a call to pray!

FELLOWSHIP WITH A PURPOSE:

The Spirit is also moving to bring us together as a church family. There are so many fun opportunities for us coming up soon.

- The first weekend in May a big team of men and high school age boys will head to Rosarito to help build the Casa de Los Angeles Orphanage.
- That same weekend on Saturday night another happy group will head to the Hollywood Bowl to be led in worship by Chris Tomlin.
- On Sunday, May 5, at 6:30 PM we'll conduct

another Town Hall Meeting focusing on the *Vision 2020* plan. At this fourth gathering we'll look at "Technology and Construction Projects."

And don't forget to mark your calendar. Our spectacular All-Church Retreat will take place October 11-13, 2019, at a beautiful conference center at Big Bear Lake. The theme will be "All In" so you obviously don't want to be left out.

The Spirit is moving. Fruit is emerging. Very soon the fields will be ripe and ready. That means your prayers, your participation in worship, your service in the area of your calling are needed. All are needed and necessary as we seek to grow God's glorious kingdom.

I'm so grateful to be serving the Lord with you in this season of new growth.

Love and good cheer,
Andy Wilson

CFC FAITH UPDATE

What fun it was to have Grandparents Day last month at CFC! That morning's Chapel was packed with happy preschoolers and their glowing grandparents as we sang and danced and learned about Jesus washing the disciples' feet. Each time we have a multigenerational event at CFC, whether it is a Mommy and Me Day, the Thanksgiving Feast, or an event like Dr. Seuss Night, I am reminded of how wonderful it is that God has given me and my family this beautiful community! Please keep an eye out for other multigenerational events during the summer such as our VBS Thursday Night Celebration and a Summer Luau!

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LEE'S LATEST



How do we know we are God's children? What does real faith look like? Can God forgive my sin? What does Jesus' life on earth really mean? Christians have been asking these questions for 2000 years. John the Apostle wrote his gospel "so that we might believe" and "by believing we may have eternal life" (John 20:31). He wrote his first letter "so that we may know we have eternal life." John writes to help us see what real Christian life looks like, so that we can know for sure that God is a work within us.

This Spring, I am leading a class on I John. In this class, we'll continue to ask some of perennial questions of faith. Bring your bible and an open heart.

Love in Him,
Lee

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN THE GARDEN

Conversations is currently on hiatus, but will resume in June. Watch this space for the exact date.

cannot wait to see what He has in store over the next few years.

Josh

HERE'S OUR FULL SUMMER CALENDAR!

- June 9:** Senior Banquet
- June 11:** Last day of GUSD
- June 12:** Breakaway Summer Kick-Off
- June 15-24:** Project Dominicana
- June 26:** Abide Summer Night
- June 27:** Beach Day

- July 2:** Movie Night
- July 3:** Abide Summer Night
- July 8-12:** VBS
- July 10:** Abide Summer Night
- July 18-22:** Jr. High Summer Camp
- July 24:** Abide Summer Night
- July 26:** Christmas in July
- July 28-August 3:** High School Summer Camp

- August 7:** Abide Summer Night
- August 13:** Animal Excursion
- August 14:** Abide Summer Night
- August 19:** Abide Summer Night After Dark

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, the sun is shining, birds are singing, and bees are buzzing. How delightful to enjoy the beauties of Spring and to remember how our Lord showers us with these simple gifts. My husband and I have been working in our garden, weeding, trimming, and planting so that we can continue to savor our little section of God's creation.

Last month, our church had a Saturday work day where more than thirty people came to polish pews, pull weeds, put things away, and spiff up our church home. I usually help polish the pews, but this time I was out in the parking lot cleaning out weeds that had been trying to take over the planters. Michele Fernandez and some of her junior high small group were discovering the joys of getting those weeds out by their roots and learning which were bonafide plants and which were weeds. Some "weeds" were kept because their flowers were so pretty. I could see the excitement in the girls' faces as they saw the results of their work and how much fun they had working together.

God created us to be a community of believers

and doers. As Lee said in a recent sermon, there are no "Lone Ranger Christians." We work best by helping each other and growing in our faith and maturity together.

As you know, I am always reminding you of what our Deacons do and what you can do and am happy to report that Pat Chambers trained a new group of 24 ushers. Thank you to those who are now sharing in the work of community and service!

On May 11, the choir will hold its annual pancake breakfast and car show. This is an opportunity to meet the car owners and other members of the area who come to see the cars. Perhaps you can invite a newcomer to church or share your experience with him or her.

We do not have to be Billy Graham to bring people to the Lord. Sometimes our simple story is all it takes to show God's love to others. Ask Him to open your eyes to where you can help at any given moment and then say yes.

In Christ,
Kerry Milbrodt

service that I thought was truly incredible. As the worship team led a song following the offering, I watched from the balcony as the whole congregation – without being invited or asked – all stood to sing together. It may sound like a small moment, but to me it was completely indicative of what's happening right now in our church: a wave of zeal from and for the Lord amongst our congregation that is going to radically impact our church and community.

It's been fascinating and inspiring to watch the strategic vision committee passionately develop our new *Vision 2020*, and I speak for all of student ministry when I say that the vision being put forward for the present and immediate future of our church is one that we not only support, but also are deeply committed to implementing in Abide.

One of my favorite parts on the vision is its clear vision to see the people of our church, both students and adults, be inspired and empowered toward deeper faith in God, resulting in greater compassion and action in our community. Our students are getting an early start on it. Just this last April, we had a Lockout event where we had 55 students, 21 of whom were students who had never attended Abide before. God is moving! I for one



This April marked five years of my being a part of the LCPC family. In some ways, it feels like I just arrived (everyone on staff still thinks of me as the "new guy!"), but for others it feels like I've been at LCPC forever. The relationships I've received, the opportunities I've been given, the wisdom gained, the joys and the heartaches – every moment of my time here has been an absolute blessing and I'm so grateful for the Lord's mercy in my life, allowing me to be a part of this incredible church.

I must say though, that while my LCPC time up to this point has been wonderful, I've never felt more excitement, passion and vision for what our church could become as I do right now. On Palm Sunday, I watched a moment during the 9:00 AM

children's Ministries

by Ashley Pollock



During the month of March and half of April, I was out on maternity leave because my son, Carter, came home from the NICU after 14 long weeks. One Wednesday during my leave, Charlie went to school at CFC. She had gotten up early and so I decided that school and PEAK might be a bit much for her. I asked Darren to pick up Charlie from school and bring her home, thinking we could have dinner together and maybe play a game before an early bedtime.

I was at home about to prepare dinner when I got a phone call from Darren. He was calling from the CFC but he was hard to hear because Charlie was sobbing in the background. Darren put her on the phone and after she calmed down a little bit, I came to understand that she was sobbing because she was going to miss Lively Lambs. Our conversation went something like this:

Me: Charlie, sweetie, take a deep breath.

Charlie: I want to go to Lively Lambs! It is PEAK night!

Me: I know. I missed you today and thought you might be tired, so I was going to have Daddy bring you home instead of to PEAK.

Charlie: NO! I'm not tired! PLEASE! I'll go right to bed after Lively Lambs. I want to go to my class!

So as not to leave you readers with a cliff-hanger, Charlie did indeed get to go to PEAK that night. While I sat at home with Carter waiting for

her to come home and tell me all about it, I was filled with such joy and a renewed excitement about our Wednesday night program. Kristy, Mary, and all of the wonderful teachers work together to try to make the children's programming on Wednesday nights fun and meaningful, but for my daughter to love it so much that the idea of not getting to go devastated her just reminded me that there is something so much greater at work on Wednesday nights.

Beyond the crafts and games we plan... beyond the snacks... beyond even the lessons, God is at work helping kids form friendships and feel a part of something and, most importantly, helping kids experience His love and for that I am so grateful! We have four weeks of PEAK in May before we wrap up for the semester and I look forward to that time with the kids and to seeing my daughter so excited each week.

As we finish the PEAK semester, Kristy and I will be going into full VBS mode. This year's theme is "Into the Wild – Amazing Encounters with Jesus" where kids will learn about five awesome encounters that people had with Jesus during His time on Earth. VBS runs from July 8-12, 9:00 AM to Noon, and the cost is just \$40 for the whole week. We have classes for children ages 4 through 6th grade.

I am so excited that we will have online registration for the first time this year. You can sign

kids up at bit.ly/lcpcVBS. Even if you do not know children who could participate, please pray for VBS as it is our biggest Children's Ministries outreach event. And if you have any interest in helping us get ready for VBS or serving as a volunteer during VBS week, please contact me at: ashley@lcpc.net.

To that end, we will also be having a Volunteer Training as a PEAK class on Wednesday, May 8, from 6:30 – 8:00 PM in Room 202. This training is mandatory for anyone who would like to volunteer for the first time and for any current volunteers who have not attended a training session since 2016. I know the word "training" does not sound like a fun time, but I do plan to have some fun! We will have dessert, share funny stories, and talk about how we can honor God and lead the children of this church in a safe, loving and sometimes goofy way. Please consider joining us!

Kids Say The Darndest Things

4-Year-Old: "Mickey Mouse does not know Jesus."

Ashley: "Hmm... what makes you say that?"

4-Year-Old: "Well, he lives in the TV so he can't."

UPDATE FROM DANIEL & MARIE

We're almost four months into Marie's sabbatical and we have few updates for you!

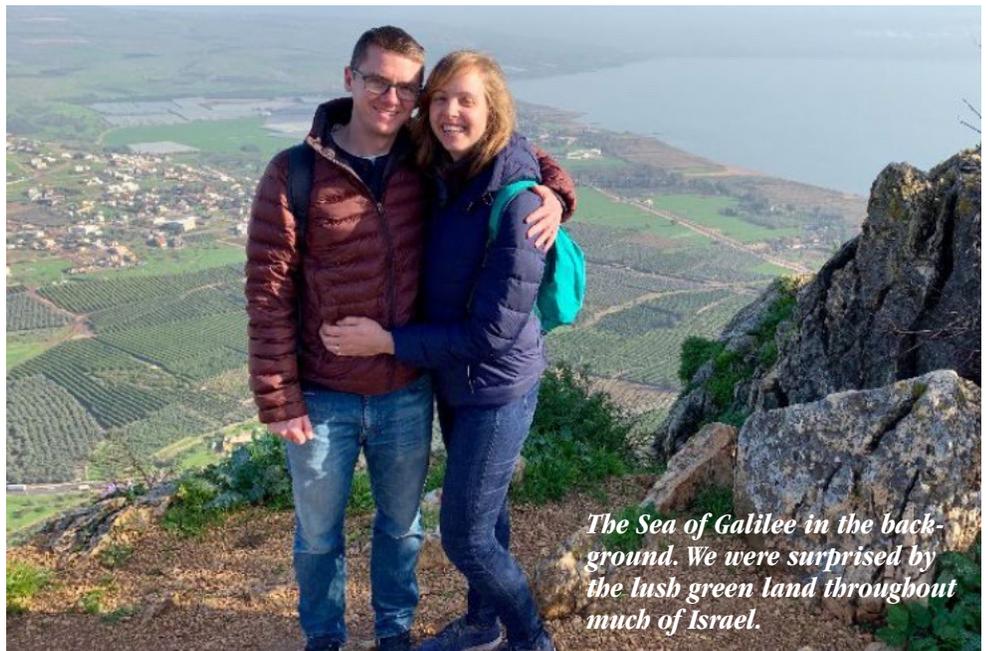
In January we traveled to Israel and Jordan for an Archaeological Study Seminar with Gordon Conwell. What a trip! It was a treat to journey with 40 travelers who became wonderful companions. Our experience will forever shape how we read the Scriptures and we are incredibly grateful for this opportunity.

GRADUATING IN MAY

Daniel is in his last month of the M.Div. and Master of Biblical Languages programs at Gordon Conwell. His final classes are Acts, Philippians, Poetical books, and Workplace Ethics. He would appreciate your prayers that he finishes well as three exegesis courses make for a challenging semester.

Marie will take one more class this summer to finish her theology degree. Daniel and Marie will graduate together on May 11!

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The Sea of Galilee in the background. We were surprised by the lush green land throughout much of Israel.



May is upon us and we have so many things to celebrate this month! There are mothers, of course; then May the 4th is a favorite for Star Wars fans; Cinco de Mayo is the best day to indulge in Mexican cuisine; and Memorial Day to remember those who gave their lives for our country.

The **Holy Week** and **Easter** celebrations here at LCPC were wonderful as always! Thank you to **Dennis Fernandez, Josh, Austin**, and the 9th grade small group boys for cutting and arranging the palm fronds on **Palm Sunday**. Also, to **Darrell Fernandez** and the big group of men who got the 14-foot Good Friday boulder in place.

In addition to our worship services and **campfire vigil**, there was an egg-citing **Easter scavenger hunt** around the church for the kids during Sunday School and a fun photo booth for a family portrait opportunity while everyone was in their Easter finest! I hope you got a chance to look at the masterpieces in the **Easter Art Gallery** that were created by the LCPC and CFC children. Their art depicting Jesus' death and resurrection were quite moving!

This month we're starting off with the **Men's Mission Mexico** trip May 3-5, to Rosarito for the ongoing work on the **Casa de Los Angeles Orphanage**. There's still time to sign up for this trip as long as you have a passport! Contact **Greg Wolflick** for the last-minute details.

Several people from LCPC will be attending the **Chris Tomlin concert** on May 4 at the Hollywood Bowl and would love to have you to join them! Check to see if seats are still available at: www.hollywoodbowl.com. **Christine Holmquist** can give you all the details on a meeting place.

Back by popular demand, Children's Ministries will be hosting a professional **photo booth on Mother's Day** again this year. It's free of charge and will have lots of fun props – all you have to do is arrive with your best smile!

Sign ups are open for some of our most popular **summer kids' events**. Registration links are on Abidestudentmin.com for Junior high camp to **Campus by the Sea**, July 18-22, and Senior High

camp to **Mount Hermon**, July 28-August 3. Summer camp at **Forest Home** for 4th - 6th graders will be July 21-26. Register at: foresthome.org.

VBS "Into the Wild—Amazing Encounters with Jesus" will be July 8-12. Registration forms are available in the church office as well as online. **Kristy** and **Ashley** are looking for volunteers so let them know ASAP if you're available!

Children's Ministries will be having a **bake sale at PEAK dinner** on Wednesday, May 15. All proceeds will go to the young boy Luis they sponsor in Bolivia through Compassion International. Can we just take a moment to compliment the amazing **Kristy Hicks** who has been doing an impressive job running Children's Ministries while Ashley is on maternity leave? We are so lucky to have her!

Our **last PEAK** for the Spring season will be May 23 and then PEAK takes a break for the Summer. What will we do without **John Arangio's** delectable Wednesday night dinners?

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 1, because Fellowship Ministry is hosting another **Progressive Dinner**. It's a great opportunity to get to know new friends or catch up with old ones. There's only room for 40 people, so grab your spot as soon as tickets go on sale!

Congratulations to **Team Halos** who raised more than \$3,200 for the American Cancer Society at the Relay for Life. **Bill McClain** was our top fundraiser bringing in about \$750. **Hilary Norton** committed to walking a full marathon over the course of the day and accomplished her goal! Thank you to **Amanda Granier** for organizing our team and booth.

We had a good turnout for the **annual meet-**

DANIEL AND MARIE

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Many of you were praying for Daniel's Ph.D. application to Boston College. Unfortunately it was denied this time around. Daniel will be applying again next year. Since he will have at least a year

Petra in Jordan where we enjoyed a day biking in a stunning landscape!



ing. It was great to review all we accomplished in 2018 and what we have to look forward to in 2019. **Nancy Thomas** did a great job compiling the Annual Report which is no easy task. **Sharon** and **Dave DePaoli** and Darrell Fernandez served up a nice dessert buffet featuring newlyweds **Jeanette** and **Gary Woodward's** delicious wedding cake. That was the cake that just kept on giving!

We are so grateful for the 34 people who turned out to help at the **All-Church Work Day**. It was the biggest group we've had in Work Day history! The planters are weed and leaf free, the pews are polished, old pews were disassembled, CFC has numbers on their classrooms, the library was thoroughly cleaned out and organized, and the dumpsters were filled to their brims! Bless **Elaine Ross Collins'** heart – she wrote a thank you not to each and every volunteer.

Our youth group had a spectacular weekend at their **Lockout and Citizens concert** a few weeks back. They played Sardines at the Americana, miniature golf and games in Sherman Oaks, played glow in the dark games at Glowzone, and Broomball in Valencia. The next night they saw one of their favorite bands play in Santa Clarita. If only we could all have the energy of the young!

If you missed **Jennifer Clem** telling her fascinating story of finding a lost man with dementia, ask her about it. She taught all of us that when God speaks, no matter how outrageous it may seem, we need to listen!

One of the CFC kids said to his mom recently, "Did you know it says Pat Chambers on the door?" His mom said, "Yes, that's her name." He replied, "Oh, I thought it meant chamber like a dungeon!" Gotta love kids! See you next month!

off from school, he will begin looking for jobs for after graduation. Thank you for your prayers and support.

UNTO US, A CHILD!

Marie is pregnant! Marie's first trimester was pretty tough; she has never experienced such

extensive fatigue in all her life! We are hopeful her second and third trimesters leave Marie with a bit more energy and a bit less morning sickness. We are happy to grow our family and are eager to meet the newest member of the Adams family toward the end of September.



Director's Corner

The newest names for parents are now “lawn-mower” or “snowplow” parents depending on the area you live in I guess. These are the parents who no longer hover, like helicopters, over their children, fixing problems they get themselves into but rather parents who plow everything out of their child’s way so they never have to face a problem.

We have heard of the parents who got their children into colleges by dubious means, the college student that left college because he or she didn’t like the dining hall food (too many sauces) and the parents who get themselves involved in minor spats between children. The list can go on and on with the ways we are not allowing our children to become independent of our parenting.

Then in the next news article we hear people complaining about “this” generation of kids not committing to anything, having a poor work ethic, can’t solve problems, or don’t know how to get along with peers. We can’t ignore that these two things are co-dependent. It can start so easily like trying to be the best parent or carrying their backpack or jacket after a long day of school for them.

Recently at a restaurant in Pasadena I saw a father figure carrying in a young man’s suit jacket. The young man was 17-18 years old and, as Bob put his hand on my knee to signal I should stay quiet, I kept wondering why he wasn’t carrying his own jacket or had not been allowed to decide whether or not to bring it into lunch on a warm day. It is not easy for any parent to watch their child struggle.

Relationships, academics, and life are hard, but how do our children get better at it if they don’t get to learn from their mistakes. There are very few things we get good at without practice and failure. When a baby makes the first attempt at walking they usually fall down a few times before they can walk across the floor with confidence. Two-year-olds need to have a meltdown as they wait for something so that the next time they can wait a little longer, rather than always be given something to make the waiting easier. Children get their feelings hurt often while growing up, but nobody learns to not take things personally if the adults around them make a big deal out of the smallest slight.

Few students learn how to write a masterful

college term paper if they didn’t get red marks and comments from teachers in Jr. High. We don’t learn how to take constructive criticism if we were shielded from any and all criticism since birth. I often say in my parenting class, I want children to experience great moments of joy and happiness, but to help them live in a constant state of bliss doesn’t help them become responsible adults. Every time we do something for children or handle something for children that they could have done themselves, we rob them of the opportunity to learn and have success.

Here are some questions you can ask yourself, “Would I hire my son or daughter if I didn’t know them? Would I want my son or daughter to marry someone exactly like them? In either the workplace or in a relationship, will they have the grit to stay with it and the courage to try the problem-solving skills and relational skills needed for long term success?”

If you think about parenting as not the job to raise children but the job to raise adults it can change how you look at your responsibilities as a parent. I love my kids and I want them to be happy as a byproduct of the work they have put into themselves.

Enough advice for one newsletter, thanks for reading,

Pat

Calendar

- May 27:** CFC closed for Memorial Day
- June 11:** Last GUSD school day
- June 14:** CFC Closed for Staff Development
- June 17:** Summer program begins; New classrooms!

Family BBQ

Come join us as we celebrate the end of the school year with a family BBQ on Tuesday, May 14, at 5:30 PM in the Courtyard. We will have burgers and turkey dogs along with all the fixings! Enjoy a display of art work and don’t forget the yummy ice cream. The cost is only \$3 per person or \$10 per family. This is always a great night of fun!



Summer Day Camp

We are excited about our Summer Day Camp. Each day will be devoted to a theme all summer long. We will have: Make Something Monday (with STEAM activities), Teamwork Tuesday, Wander Somewhere Wednesday (field trips), Water Works Thursday (trips to pools, beaches, water activates on campus, and Park Fun Friday. We will have weekly schedules and a few surprises along the way. Come to the parent meeting to get all the details and sign up for the first week of camp!

Parent Meeting

We will be having an important parent meeting on Tuesday, May 21, at 6:30 PM. All families are asked to have at least one parent at the meeting. You will meet with Pat for about half an hour. We will be unveiling our new student portals and online payment system. Then at 7:00 PM you will move to your child’s next classroom or attend our Day Camp meeting. Even if you have been with us for a while we ask that you attend this important meeting. This is a parents-only night, sorry no child care. You should be on your way by 7:45 PM.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

NEW SONG WORSHIP (CONTEMPORARY), SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM
SERVICE OF PRAISE (CLASSIC), SUNDAYS AT 11:00 AM

In May we will continue our Spring sermon series, "Selfie: Finding our True Identity in Christ."

So much of our identity is tied up in where we are born, what we do for a living, or our genetic makeup. But what if our identity is more than that? Jesus tells us that to truly find ourselves we must lose ourselves in His Kingdom. Each week we will be seeking to discover our true identities in Christ and thinking about one aspect of who we truly are in Christ.

On May 19, our long-time friend, The Rev. Dr. Richard Lyon, will be delivering the message. Dr. Lyon has a private practice in psychotherapy and mediation with offices in La Crescenta and Northridge. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Seminary and his Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University. Dr. Lyon is a Minister of the Word and Sacrament, and a Member-at-Large of the San Fernando Presbytery, and has previously served in pastorates at Glendale Presbyterian Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church in North Hollywood.

MAY 5

Message by Lee Cook
"Selfie: I am a Worshiper"
For personal study: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

MAY 12

MOTHER'S DAY! COME TAKE A PICTURE WITH MOM AT OUR PHOTO BOOTH

Message by Andy Wilson
"Selfie: I have a Purpose"
For Personal Study: Colossians 3:15-17

MAY 19

Message by Rick Lyon
"Selfie: I am Last"
For Personal Study: Philippians 2:5-11

MAY 26

Message by Lee Cook
"Selfie: I am Grateful"
For Personal Study: Philippians 4:6

