



The Lone Pine Christian Church Link

'Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ'

MINISTRY HOURS:

Sunday Worship: 10:25 am

Adult Sunday School: 9 am

SUP Ministry: Wed 5 pm

Office: Wed & Fri 9-3 pm

Pastor: Tue Wed Thurs 10- 5pm

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assisted by the Elders

Call John or Office

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Lent - A Journey into the Kingdom of God

It's 5:20AM Wednesday morning and I've been up for an hour. Read today's Lenten devotions and a couple chapters from John's gospel. Did some push-ups and had a cup of tea, my body is awake but the Spirit within me is silent and my mind is frustrated. Which will win the battle of control this day, the "I got this" voice of the strong willed child or the broken spirit which calls out to God, *"I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"* (Mark 9:24). Just another day in our Journey into the Kingdom of God.

This Lenten season is helping me slow down and refocus on the beginning message of Jesus' ministry; *"Repent of your sins for the Kingdom of God is near"* (Matthew 4:17) and *"Blessed are the poor in spirit ... and blessed are those who mourn ..."* (Matthew 5:3-4). It's a challenge for me to take a close critical look deep down into the hidden places of my soul. To look at those places most people don't see because I'm a good old Christian boy, loved by my family and the community. I do a lot of "good works" and have a lot of friends. To my face they tell me I'm wonderful and A OK. I'm not a liar, a thief, a cheat, a murderer, or an adulterer. Soooooo why do I need to repent or be poor in spirit? Why should I mourn over my sins ... well I guess I might still have a few little ones but hey when I look at the world around me I'm "A OK". So why should I mourn?

Good morning Holy Spirit! I just got back from walking the neighbor's dog, Jan and I are dog sitting and my job is doing the morning walk. I take Luci to the walking trail just below our home. Now there is only one garbage can on the trail and it's right where we enter. Luci on que poops about a quarter mile from the garbage can, so on Monday I carried the bag of poop two miles until I got back to the can. On day two I noticed two dumpsters at a business a quarter mile from the poop zone so I deposited the bag in one of the dumpsters and notice an employee watching me out the window...



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So on my two-mile round trip walk back past the dumpsters I rehearsed my response in case I was confronted. The lady at the window was outside working when Luci and I walked by but she didn't notice us. Today when I deposited the poop bag, the lady had just arrived at work and was getting out of her car. "Sir you just threw that bag ..." I cut her off, I had rehearsed, I'm justified in throwing poop in a dumpster, Lady, (I didn't say that but I did think it), "it's a dumpster, I threw in garbage!" "You threw it into the recycle dumpster, the other one is for garbage. I was walking in the spirit of self-righteousness not in the Spirit of the Kingdom of God. Jesus said, *"Blessed are the meek ..."* (Matthew 5:5). I repented before my gracious God, apologized to the lady and took the poop bag out of the recycle bin and put it into the garbage one. Good morning Holy Spirit.

Last night when I got home from work I informed Jan that I had arranged for our son to come help me get our new 400 lb. vanity up to the second floor bathroom on Saturday. When this monster of a vanity was delivered last week Derek and I were barely able to muscle the thing just inside the front door. Jan, in her usual helpful way, offered me solutions on how to get this thing up the stairs. The old self would have made some unkind remark and hurt her feelings, but the Spirit lead new man takes Paul's instructions to heart, *"husband love your wife"* (Ephesians 5:33), and listened to her advice. Peace was in our home that night. Last night after I told her Derek was coming her reply was, "well you know best". Without notice or warning, I stepped out of the Kingdom and into the world of John and gave some smart mouthed comment questioning her respect for me in knowing what to do. She was hurt and asked why I said that, I had no good answer. I repented before my gracious God and apologized.

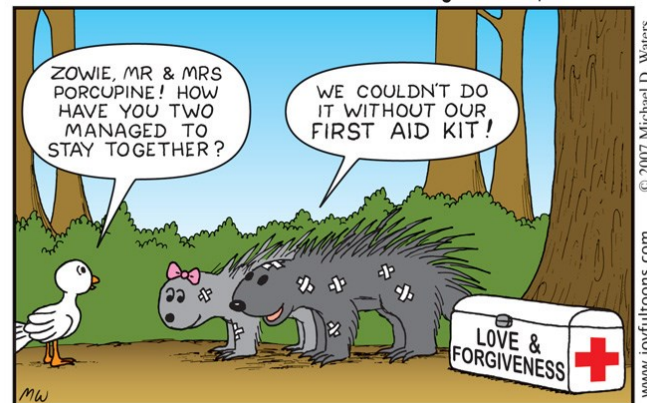
I understand Paul's cry, *"What a wretched man I am! Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me."* The more I surrender and seek the righteousness of God, the more I'm led by the Holy Spirit and released from the chains of sin, the more I recognize the sins hiding deep within my soul and the more I hate it. Paul goes on, *"Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?" Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!"* Romans 7:21-25. Jesus

said, *"Blessed, happy, are those who repent and mourn over their sins for they will be comforted and theirs is the Kingdom of God."* (Matthew 5:3-4)

Each moment of each day we have a choice; to live, react, think, and do according to our little world of self or surrender and trust the power of the Holy Spirit. Let go - Let God. Come let's live together in the Kingdom of God today.

PORCUPINES

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.
- 1 PETER 4:8 NIV

NEW SUIT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
- EPHESIANS 4:22-24 NIV



Youth Rally was a joyful event

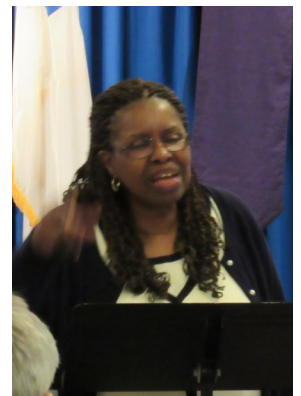
March 18, 2017

We began the day with a delicious lunch provided by the CWF. The worship began with music led by Rich Graham, Benson Greene, Amory Merriman, and Michael Lehman. We had 50 people come together for this wonder-filled day!

Zak Gentile led prayer for dinner.



We had small group and large group discussions led in part by Pastor John & Katie Krocsko. Pastor John, Pastor Denise Clark and Pastor Rose Sparrow gave sermons throughout the event which ended with a worship service, communion and anointing.



Leaders in Worship...

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April:

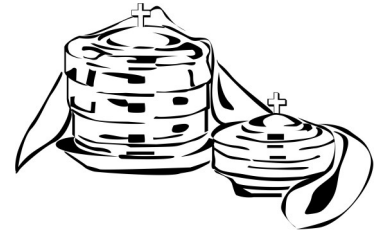
Barry Verner
Phoebe McGowan
Jessica Baker

May:

Tres Mowl
Milana Nick
Nathen Gaddis

June:

David Gentile
Jeannie Pike
Ireland Gaddis



	CHILDREN'S	CHILDREN'S	WORSHIP	ELDERS
Apr 2	Ireland Gaddis	Ireland Gaddis	Maureen Johnson	Wayne Montgomery &
Apr 9	Dana Smith	Milana Nick	Ireland Gaddis	Richard Comstock & Bonnie Shaffer
Apr 16	Janice Briggs	Barb Proctor	Larry Ankrom	Arthur Keys & Maureen Johnson
Apr 23	Baptisms	Christina Lloyd	Wayne Montgomery	Wayne Montgomery & Denise Verner
Apr 30	Joy Gensler	Ireland Gaddis	Bonnie Shaffer	Richard Comstock &
May 7	Ireland Gaddis	Milana Nick	Dana Smith	Arthur Keys & Maureen Johnson
May 14	Dana Smith	Barb Proctor	Mary Jo Ford	Wayne Montgomery & Denise Verner
May 21	Janice Briggs	Christina Lloyd	Arthur Keys	Richard Comstock & Bonnie Shaffer
May 28	John Owen	Ireland Gaddis	Richard Comstock	Arthur Keys &
Jun 4	Ireland Gaddis	Milana Nick	Jax Stock	Wayne Montgomery & Denise Verner
Jun 11	Dana Smith	Barb Proctor	Fran Rasel	Richard Comstock & Bonnie Shaffer
Jun 18	Joy Gensler	Christina Lloyd	Bonnie Shaffer	Arthur Keys & Maureen Johnson
Jun 25	Janice Briggs	Ireland Gaddis	Jonathan Krocsko	Wayne Montgomery &

Events & Celebrations...



Every Thursday at 3:30pm

The men of the church get together for **Men's Fellowship**

All men are invited to attend and discuss biblical topics from a male perspective and mentor our youth.

Mark your calendar — VBS is July 10-14

Even if you are not ready to lead, we always need helpers!

See Katie Krocsko if you can help



April

- 2—Silver for SUP Sunday—remember to bring your spare change or dollars to help support our Wednesday night ministry
- 9—Pack College Boxes & Easter Baskets after church
- 19—SUP fun night - end of the year picnic
- 20—CWF @ 11am— word is Faith
- 22—Trash pick up along Lone Pine Rd—See Fran for details
- 23—Baptisms!!!
- 30—Fellowship after church... bring a friend and catch up with your church family

May

- 5-7—Work Weekend at Laurelview—See Pastor John for more information
- 7—Silver for SUP Sunday—remember to bring your spare change or dollars to help support our Wednesday night ministry
- 18—CWF @11am—word is Mother
- 28— Fellowship after church... stay and catch up with your church family — Bring a Friend Sunday!

June

- 4—Graduation Luncheon—Please call the church if you and your family has a graduate that will be there!
- 4—Silver for SUP Sunday—remember to bring your spare change or dollars to help support our Wednesday night ministry
- 15—CWF @11am—word is Father
- 25—Fellowship after church... stay and catch up with your church family — Bring a Friend Sunday!



CWF—CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The women of the church meet each month for lunch on the 3rd Thursday. Everyone is welcome to bring a side to share! This time is used to plan church events, to sign cards that are mailed to members and friends each month, and to have some fellowship.

Roll call is each person sharing a bible verse with a different word each month.

April 20 —11am— the word is Faith

May 18 —11am— the word is Mother

June 15 —11am— the word is Father

We have also been working through a bible study in the Jesus Calling Series... join us!



April 9 - We will be packing Easter Baskets for the shut in's. If you know someone that could use a little Easter sunshine, please see Bonnie C or Maureen

The Soup and Salad Luncheon to benefit the Week of Compassion was a success as usual. We collected \$330 for this ministry! Thank you to all those who came out and those who helped!



The youth held our annual Pizza Shop Fundraiser on February 24th and 25th. We sold over 150 pizzas and made a profit of \$1073. This money is used to pay a portion of the camp fees for the youth that go to Camp Laurelview and also for some of our fun activities! We are so very grateful for all of the donations and people who came and bought pizzas from us! God has truly blessed Lone Pine and our youth!





Our Wednesday night ministry is going GREAT!!!

We have been blessed by volunteers and children that make each week better and better!!!

YOU are invited to join us this week!

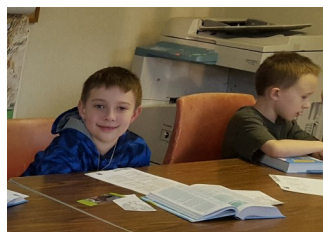
Our Wednesday Night Ministry

We have been **so blessed** by the fellowship that happens each week in Lone Pine! We average 40 to 60 men, women, and children each week! We provide some fun and crafts before dinner and bible study classes for all ages after dinner as well as fun nights each month to strengthen those relationships which God has allowed to grow! You are encouraged to join us any Wednesday for dinner, class and/or fellowship! This winter, we added music and this has been such a joy! Cindy has taught the children lots of the classic songs that we learned as kids and plans to showcase some during Sunday church services!



Our January Fun Night was at Fired Up in McMurray, 42 kids and adults got together to decorate pottery. February 22 was PJ and game night. We had fun inside and outside since our beautiful weather was too irresistible! March 1 was our Ash Wednesday Service. March 22 was an Easter Party.

Our end of the year picnic will be a bit earlier this year as many of our youth are involved in Spring sports, so mark your calendars for a bonfire and fishing as long as the weather allows on April 19!





Update & Info



Spring Retreats:

Mar 31-Apr 2 High School Retreat

Apr 21-Apr 23 Middle School Retreat

Summer Camps:

Jun 18-24 Conference II (grades 11-12)

Jun 25-Jul 1 Conference I (grades 9-10)

Jul 16-22 Chi Rho (grades 7-8)

Jul 23-29 Junior Camp (grades 4-6)

Jul 30-Aug 2 Mini Camp (grades 1-3)



Volunteers Needed for May Work Weekend

MAY 5 – 7

Form your own team or be assigned to a team

Teams will be put together for each project

See Pastor John if you can join us that weekend

Replacing Doors & Windows

Removing Trees



2017 Funding Info

Projects Cost: \$28,000

Project pledges: \$20,000

Donation needs: \$8,000

Donations accepted at laurelview.org or by mail

CCinPA Laurelview, PO Box 465, California, Pa 15419

There will be another Work Weekend August 25-27



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Worship with us @ 10:25am Sunday SUP with us @ 5:00pm on Wednesday



“So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.” Matthew 18:4