



The Lamplighter

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From the Pastor's Desk

"A Summer of Love"

What does it mean to love well? We all know what it means to really love someone, but how do we show it? What she wants is for him to take some time off so they can spend quality time together, but he just keeps working away. Their child only wants to hear, "I'm proud of you," but they have bought him another expensive toy that will never be used. How we communicate love is a critical part of any relationship. You can love someone deeply, but if you don't speak their "love language," they'll never understand that love.

Dr. Gary Chapman, is a Christian counselor who has researched and written extensively about helping people speak each other's "love languages." His best-known book, "The Five Love Languages," has sold over 11 million copies. In it he presents the five "love languages" people speak: words of affirmation, acts of service, quality time, giving and receiving gifts and physical touch. The concept of the "love languages" is simple. If you want someone to feel loved, then you've got to speak their "love language."

I learned long ago, for example, that Lisa is not a gift person. I could buy her flowers or something for the house (preferably not a vacuum cleaner or clothes iron : -) and it would have little effect on her. But, if I cleaned the house, that would make her feel very loved. This is because her primary "love language" is acts of service, not giving or receiving gifts.

Though the concept of the "love languages" is simple, the consequences of knowing or not knowing someone's "love language" are monumental. What if, after 22 years of marriage, I had not learned Lisa's "love language" and continued to bring her flowers and candy every Valentine's Day? She's would get frustrated and hurt and think, "After all these years, he still doesn't know me....He still doesn't care." The fact would be that I did care. I just didn't know how to show her my love. This would lead her to feel unloved, which would lead to arguments and an unhappy marriage.

The "love languages" can be applied to more than marriages, though. With three children, I already see a preferred language coming out in each of my kids. Isaac really likes gifts. Nate wants quality time. Ali appreciates physical touch. Thankfully, she's still small enough to sit on Daddy's lap and snuggle! Since neither Lisa or I have gifts as a "love language," we have to be especially aware of this when it comes to communicating love to Isaac. If we just use our own languages to communicate love to him, we'll be speaking in a way that's hard for him to understand. Lisa, like most mom's, knocks herself out caring for our children. That communicates love through acts of service. She could easily assume that since she likes to give and receive love through acts of service that Isaac feels the love she has for him by how hard she works to care for our family. But, that's a risky assumption. He may get some understanding of love through acts of service, but he's much more likely to feel and understand the love we have for him through gifts.

Principles of the "love languages" can be applied to any relationship to make it better. That's why, **starting June 4th, we'll be going through a sermon series called "A Summer of Love."** We will walk through each of the five "love languages." You'll learn what your primary and secondary "love languages" are and how to recognize the languages your loved ones speak. Hopefully, you'll also join the millions of people who have said, "The love languages transformed my relationships!"

In Christ,

Pastor Jack



After decades of service as our Financial Secretary, Joyce Rhamy is retiring from her volunteer duties. Angie Chapman will take over this important job. Joyce, we greatly appreciate your many years of dedicated and trustworthy service!

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

The Community Memorial Day Service is Sunday, May 28 at 11:45 a.m. at Fredericksburg Elementary School. Our worship service will be at its usual time. Children's Church and the nursery will be available as usual. When our service is over, you are invited to the school for the Community Service which concludes with a walk to West Cemetery.



SOFTBALL IT'S TIME FOR SOFTBALL!

Church league signups will begin soon. Please talk to Nathaniel Germann if you are interested in playing softball this year. We need male and female players, and you must be 16 years of age by June 1

MILLENNIALS (UN)CAGED

Young adults, do you feel trapped when people attack your faith? Do you struggle to answer hard questions like: Is the Bible trustworthy? Why does God allow suffering? Or, Is Jesus the only way to heaven? Then, join the Millennials (un)CAGED to help you escape that cage of fear, confusion and intimidation. We will meet after worship through the early part of summer to share ideas for how to defend our faith at school and at work. The content for the discussion will come from Tim Keller's book, "The Reason for God." Andrea Chapman will be our facilitator. We will have a fellowship oriented organizational meeting on Sun. May 14. Group discussions will begin Sun. June 4 and run through July 16.



FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

February 2017 Finance Information

YTD Operating Income: \$39,201
 YTD Operating Expenses: \$31,815
 YTD Difference: \$7,386
 Available Cash: \$58,845
 Building Line of Credit: \$509,258
 Building Pledges to be Received: \$97,15

March 2017 Finance Information

YTD Operating Income: \$ 58,460
 YTD Operating Expenses: \$ 50,212
 YTD Difference: \$ 8,248
 Available Cash: \$ 59,710
 Building Line of Credit: \$493,716
 Building Pledges to be Received: \$89,713



REMEMBER THE "DEEP ROOTS, NEW SHOOTS" CAMPAIGN?

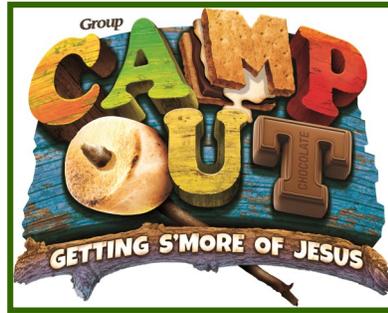
It was the incredibly fruitful capital campaign that the Lord used to provide \$1.8 million for our building project. This fall will be three years since the campaign. We now see the effects of it bearing wonderful results in our church family and God's kingdom. Since opening the first half of the new building in the fall of 2015, we have had 78 "new shoots" connect with our church family. Our ministries have expanded and people are growing in their faith. However, once all pledges are collected at the end of this year, we will still have a \$400,000 debt on the new building. Our growing ministries will be hindered if we don't get rid of this debt. That will have a detrimental effect on reaching even more "new shoots." For this reason, Session has approved the launch of a 2nd capital campaign that will run this fall. As with the first campaign, we anticipate it being a time of great joy and unity in our church family as we sacrificially walk with Jesus and become more the people He has called us to be. More details will be forthcoming

GRADUATION RECOGNITION



We will be recognizing our high school and college graduates during the worship service on June 11. If you have a graduate in your family, please make the church office aware of the fact.

Get ready for an all new VBS experience...that's for grown ups too!



At Camp Out VBS, your children will learn how Jesus, The Light of The World, gave us a great example of how to serve others. Not only will the kids experience all the fun and excitement VBS is known for, but they will also have the opportunity, along with you, to allow their faith to flow into our community. Here's the schedule of activities for this outdoorsy camping adventure:

Saturday, June 24th

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – **Camp Out VBS.**

Every child from age 4 to the sixth grade (completed) is encouraged to attend.

8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – **Campfire, Singing and S'mores.**

People of all ages from our church and community are invited to attend.

Sunday, June 25th

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – **Worship Outside the Walls**

Gather at the church and we will divide into groups for service projects around Fredericksburg. A project suitable for all abilities will be worked on at the church for anyone not desiring to leave the church building. People of all ages from our church and community are invited to attend.

12:30 – 1:30 - **Lunch in the Fellowship Hall.**

Please tell friends and family to save the date. More information about pre-registration and service project details will be coming soon. All of us are needed to make this an unforgettable weekend of blessing our Burg. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be distributed during worship or contact Lisa McClelland at 330-749-4342 or at lisakay259@gmail.com for more information. Thanks in advance for your help!

FORMATIONAL PRAYER Attention Ladies! Pastor Darcy is already in prayer about Formational Prayer class



for this fall! If you have seen this group listed on the church schedule and wondered if you might be called to take part, here is a brief description of the program: Formational Prayer is really about learning to examine your own life to better understand God's care for you. You will learn how you best "hear" God, how to relax with God, and how to experience healing of the old wounds in your life by gently opening them up for God to show you his healing truth of scripture and plan for your life as you overcome the old hurts and dispel the lies that get in our way. It's not so much a "way to pray" but an understanding of how God is walking beside you at all times. This year's group will meet during the day on Monday for 2-3 hours, (either mornings or afternoons.) We will start in October and meet for 8 sessions before the Christmas Season, then take a break and finish up the final eight weeks midwinter. If you are wanting more information please contact Pastor Darcy or let her know if God is calling you to this training.

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May & June 2017

ELDER ASSIST SCHEDULE

May 07 Jeff Edington
May 14 Delores Schlegel
May 21 Jerry Herman
May 28 Michelle Wood
June 04 Val Haver
June 11 Jeff Styer
June 18 Steve Moffitt

CAFÉ HOSTS & GREETERS

May 7 Tanya Chupp & Deanna Smith
Greeters Michelle & Duane Wood
May 14 Tanya Chupp & Shirley Swinehart
Greeters the Lemon family
May 21 Tanya Chupp & Wendy McKelvey
Greeters Shirley & Shyler Swinehart
May 28 Tanya Chupp & Daphnee Germann
Greeters Shirley & Shannah Swinehart
June 4 Tanya Chupp & Deanna Smith
Greeters Connie & Jerry Herman
June 11 Tanya Chupp & Wendy McKelvey
Greeters Connie & Jerry Herman
June 18 Tanya Chupp & the Styer family
Greeters Tom & Sherri Machamer

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

May 07 Sherri Machamer & Isaiah Styer
May 14 Shirley S. & Hailey Schlegel
May 21 Sherri Brown & Shyler Swinehart
May 28 Lisa & Nate McClelland
June 04 Delores & Natalie Schlegel
June 11 Vickie Rhamy & Brendan Pfeiffer
June 18 Angie Chapman & Sydnee Rhamy
June 25 Ann King & Sadie Schlegel

NURSERY SCHEDULE

May 07 Erika Schuch & Lydia Styer
May 14 Connie Herman & Trina Wengerd
May 21 Ea Fletcher & Becca Schuch
May 28 Molly Parrot & Miriam Yoder
June 04 Ruth Graham & Emmalai Wengerd
June 11 Wendy McKelvey & Darbee Rhamy
June 18 Beth Miller & Emma Pfeiffer
June 25 Judy Badger & Alivea Stefano

USHER SCHEDULE

The ushers for May are Shad Swinehart & Randy Smith. The usher for June is Adam Swinehart.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Office hours for Secretary Jeann are:
Mondays 12 noon - 9:00 p.m., Tuesdays and
Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Thurs-
days 9:30 - 2:30 p.m. (please note, some
Thursdays the office could close earlier than
2:30). Closed Fridays.

If you leave a message on the church an-
swering machine (330-695-2511), your call
will be returned as soon as possible. You can
e-mail Secretary Jeann at:
fredpresby@embarqmail.com

Please remember Pastor Jack's Sabbath is
Friday. Generally, he will be unavailable on
this day. If you need to reach him at other
times, his cell phone is 330-749-5245 or
e-mail him at: jack.mcclelland30@gmail.com

Pastor Darcy's Sabbath is on Thursday.
Her cell phone number is: 330 440-4155
her e-mail address: demiller64@hotmail.com