

Perspectives

LAGUNA NIGUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MOPS

(Mothers of Preschoolers) is a dynamic program designed to nurture mothers with children from infancy through kindergarten. MOPs will meet every Wednesday, 9:00 - 11:30am. Fall registration will be September 1st, 9-11am in Gard Hall. Fall session begins Wednesday, September 15th. Please email mops@lnpc.org with questions.

Pathfinders

After School Program
Wednesdays from 3:30-5:15pm
All children Kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to join us for our Fall Pathfinders session. This nine week session begins September 22nd and continues through November 17th. Bring your friends and discover God's "Prescription for Joy" through

Bible stories, music, snacks and play. Cost is \$25 a child, 2 for \$40, and \$55 for 3 or more.

Bible Study Opportunity

Join Karen Vassey and Jean Shelton in a Bible study of the parables. Richard J. Henderson, a Presbyterian pastor, has written this study. He says most Biblical scholars agree that the parables are among the most authentic words of Jesus. Some say that the heart of the gospel message can be found in them. These intriguing, memorable stories were a favorite method of communication for our Lord. When we understand them at their most profound levels, they can continue to startle, comfort, challenge, and change us.

The study will begin Tuesday, October 12th at 2:00pm and will continue each Tuesday through November 23rd. Email either of us if you would like to be a part of this study. Please contact Karen Vassey at ekvassey@cox.net or Jean Shelton at jjshelton@cox.net.

Fall Small Group

DINNER WITH FRIENDS, WANT A SMALL GROUP, LOVE TO EAT ... This has it all. Connections Ministry Team is excited to kick off a new small group program that will combine everyone's favorite things; food / friends / faith. Four

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months of gatherings from September thru December. Each group will have 8 people in it. This is going to be so much fun! Groups will all meet the same week but any day the group chooses. You can eat out or rotate between the people's homes, it's your decision. We might also recommend to do the "empty chair" plan and invite someone not in the church membership to join the group... you may form your own

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CONNECTIONS *Ministry*



Thank You!

SO what were you doing Saturday's this summer? The CONNECTIONS Ministry Team Task Force lead by Stacy Malone spent their Saturday's preparing for SUMMER TREATS. This is the third year we have provided a fun snack after church from

July 4th - Labor Day weekend. Each week approximately 300 servings are prepared and lovingly distributed to happy friends. Special thanks to those assisting with this great task, Carole Clement, Minton Paul, BJ Tyler, Jean Shelton, Scott Troester, Barbara Rennie, Shirley Smith, Sue Kirkpatrick and many more. If you see Stacy, be sure to thank her for the leadership and creative surprises!

Hospitality Ministry –

a division of the Connections Ministry Team has a couple of openings for ushers and greeters. This is so important and easy tasks, no meetings, just show up and smile! Rotations are 1x a month. Please call Scott Troester at 362-5668 or Karen Skinner at 218-2505 or email karenskinner48@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Fall Schedule

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group or we will form the group, your choice. Watch for the sign up forms in the bulletin on Sunday. You're going to love it!! SIGN UP at the Connections table after church or call Karen Skinner at 218-2505 or email karenskinner48@yahoo.com.

ROCK & FISH are our weekly gatherings for junior high and high school students. These groups are where students come together to explore what it means to live as a community of faith. Students build meaningful relationships with God and each other as they share their stories and discover how they fit into a bigger story - God's story. We will share meals, have intentional "fun," meaningful worship, and experience the Bible creatively to see how it comes alive in our lives today.

ROCK (grades 6th-8th) meets Mondays 5:30 – 7:30pm.

FISH (grades 9th-12th) meets Sundays from 7:30 – 9pm.

YOUTH *Ministries*



The LNPC Texas Mission Team made it back in one piece. And not only that, but came back transformed by God! Over the course of the week we endured temperatures reaching a humid 106 degrees, a storm dumping buckets of rain, simultaneous flashing lightning and cracking thunder overhead. And the bugs! Believe me when I tell you,



everything's bigger in Texas. It was an adventure!

As we explored the "Transformed" theme we lived our faith believing that God is always present working in and through us, and that a life of faith is merely placing ourselves in an environment to experience this transformation as we give ourselves



more and more as a living sacrifice to God. Take a look at Romans 12:1-2. But be careful, you'll end up transformed as well!

Thank you for all of your prayers and support in preparation and while we were gone. You were an instrument of God's transformation, which is of infinite and eternal value!

A Message from Randy

Have you heard? According to the latest Gallup Poll church attendance is on the increase. Americans' self-reported church attendance has continued to inch up in 2010, with 43.1% of Americans reporting weekly or almost weekly attendance. This is up slightly from 42.8% in 2009 and 42.1% in 2008.

Although this is just a modest increase, it is nevertheless an increase. In today's world we have to take good news wherever we find it! The question is: why the increase? There has been well-publicized speculation about the possibility that church attendance has risen over the past two years as Americans became more despondent and worried as a result of the economic recession. However, trends in Gallup's Economic Confidence Index, an ongoing measure of perceived economic confidence, reflect just the opposite pattern, with both church attendance and economic confidence increasing from 2008 to 2009, and now into 2010.

According to Gallup Poll, such correlations do not prove causality, and it is possible that despite the more positive economic confidence, other economic realities such as unemployment could be related to the increase in church attendance. Still, these particular population-level data do little to directly support the theory that people seek out the solace of religion, as measured in religious service participation, when economic times turn tough.



Dr. Randall Steele

So what does this mean for us? I would like to suggest that now is the time to invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to church! People are obviously seeking a re-birth in their lives and obviously, this includes their spiritual lives! What an exciting time to share the Good News of the Gospel with people looking to re-prioritize their life and life-styles.

There is a discipline here we could all develop. People come when invited. When is the last time you invited someone to church? As we begin to plan for the Fall, look over the many opportunities for participation in our church's ministries, and ask yourself: "Who do I know who might like to experience one of our many offerings?" Then, pray for them and, most importantly, call them and invite them to join you in attending the event. (Even better, visit them in person!)

An inviting church is a growing church. We have a lot to offer. God has truly blessed us and now is the time to share the blessing. Who will you invite this week?

As September approaches, our Youth Director Search Team has narrowed their selection process to two candidates. From a field of 35, the Team has now invited two back for second interviews. God has been good to us and has provided two gifted and qualified people to lead our youth. Please continue to pray for the selection process. Ask God to lead us to the person already chosen for our church. Pray for the Team as they finish their work and for discernment in this last stage of the search.

I am looking forward to the Fall and in sharing with you what God is doing in and through the various people leading the ministries of our church. This Summer's ministries have been well attended and enthusiastically supported by members and by people in our community. As we look forward to the Fall, I am excited to continue this excitement. To God be the glory!
In Christ's love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy".

SHARING

Our Caring

Birth

Alexandra Go 07/10/2010

Death

Bob Shaffer 07/24/2010

At Home

Pam Anderson; Askari Family; Jean Bassett; Chris Berry; Lynn Bible; Marjorie Crane; Ceanne Curwen; Bob & Rose Erickson; Audrey Hart; Ethel Janik; Angie & Bob Kimberly; Elizabeth Macaulay; Judy Mangan; Kay McCann; Tay McClellan; Lorena Neufeld; Linda Parker; Minton Paul; Connie Peace; Marjorie Phillips; Bob Pierson; Irene Vorland; and Brice Yoder.

In Health Care Facilities / Hospital

Michael Duran; Rose Erickson; Andy Logan; and Dory Sargent.

Family and Friends

Jenna Aldridge (Ehlers' family friend); Kim Altenberg (Jennifer Rickard's friend); Eddie Bahou (Sara Tarvaran's nephew); Joy Beaudine (Erik Borg's cousin); Erin Blute (Cindy Jannard's friend); Harold Bullard (Khalifa family friend); Lou Cenegy (friend of Scott Troester); Mitch & Kristine Chausse (Steele's family); Cindy deBrauwere (Marian Potter's daughter); Brian Dunn & Madyson Marquette (Arlene Dunn's family); Jim Easton (Sloan Purcell's father); Cameron English (Barbara Rennie's brother); Janet Faunce (Wright's sister); Gary Finney (Tom Julian's friend); Lawrence Fitch (Patricia Adams' friend); Judy Flannery (John Flannery's sister-in-law); Maxine Fry (Gary Fry's Mother); Marcy Gehrke (Linda Bare's friend); Robin Griffen (Carol Durst's friend); Edith Hopper (Chloe & Margo's grandmother); Mike Khamis (Minton Paul's friend); Dwight Kramer (Phyllis Browne's friend); Pam Lauer (Nancy Humphrey's friend); Ron Ludwig (Joseph & Sloan Purcell's father); Trella Moyer (Marvel Anderson's sister); John O'Shea (Donna Riddell's friend); Darryl Paulson (Clement family friend); Gina Perella (John Humphrey's friend); Lori Petrucci (Nancy Humphrey's sister); Sam Prochak (Cindy Jannard's friend); Anthony Purcell (Joseph Purcell's brother); Lori Rettig (Steve and Anu Rettig's sister-in-law); Tanya Rice (Scott & Kristen Spalding's stepsister); Lisa Robinson (Dee Sarrubi's daughter); Stephen Roebuck (Kathleen Roebuck's son); Mary Sarone (Sara Estes' friend); James Seabury (Sara Kamariotakis' brother); Helen Smillie (Audrey Hart's friend); Alma Smith (Eileen
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Emily's Desk

Unsung Heroes

...a special thank you goes to the wonderful people who set up and take down our campus every Sunday morning. Brian Lane, Carl Knutson, John Zink are up early, spiffing and setting up for worship before others arrive. Then as the rest of us arrive, we are greeted with a resounding "_____s in the house!" Our work crew sets out name tags, puts out flowers, moves tables, plug in coffee, and even makes sure that the patio is clean and safe, rain or shine. Chris, Andrew, Eileen and Melissa Green help put things away and lock us up safely. We are grateful beyond words for the gentle and joyful labor these saints do! Take a moment and thank the body of Christ serving quietly around you.



Rev. Emily McColl



The fall is rewarding as we return to old, routines after summer. At the same time, what we have learned causes each of us to re-evaluate our time and set new goals. Here at LNPC there is a new spirit of excitement buzzing with activities and bible studies. Get involved in a ministry team or small group! Get to know new faces in worship and in our community.

Fall Bible Studies!

Drop in Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 8:45 will be led by Pastor Emily for September and October. Our focus is on Reformed theology and worship—in September we'll look at what our Book of Order says about it and October we'll breeze through the Confessions similarly. Everyone is welcome!

Bible 101: The Greatest Story Told for You!

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Adult Ed Room (until our numbers outgrow it!). Pastor Emily will lead us on a journey through God's Word beginning at the beginning. Throughout the year we will take the long view of the message that God has for humanity found in the Bible. If you are afraid of the Old Testament or aren't sure what a revelation is, come with your Bible prepared to discover the living God who knows you and wants you to know Him!



Deacons

You may have a new-to-you Deacon! Do you know your parish name or number? All parishes now have a geographically descriptive name as well as a number. And your deacon wants to know you and how we can all be connected to one another. Look in the
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HEALTH *Ministries*

Health Ministries Calendar

September 19, LNPC Gard Hall – 11:30 to 1:30

“Know the 10 Signs of Alzheimer’s – Early Detection Matters”
Speaker, Patty Mouton, Director of Education and Public Policy
Alzheimer’s Association, Orange County
Free lunch provided by Health Ministries
RSVP: To Ellen Pearce (949)496-2799 or ellenjprn@aol.com

September & October (dates to be announced)

Flu Shots

Health News for You and Your Family

Whooping Cough – Protect your family by getting vaccinated

California currently is facing an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) Make sure you and your family are protected. Children should be vaccinated against the disease. Parents, family members, and caregivers of infants need a booster shot.

The facts about whooping cough:

Whooping cough, also called pertussis, is a contagious disease that spreads easily through coughing. It’s life-threatening for babies 6 months and younger, since it can interfere with breathing or make infants cough so much they can’t breathe.

For children 2 months through 6 years old, whooping cough can be prevented with pertussis vaccinations (DTaP) pertussis given at regularly scheduled wellness visits. For those 11 years and older, a Tdap booster shot can help protect against pertussis, as well as tetanus and diphtheria.

What are the symptoms?

A typical case of pertussis in children and adults starts with a cough and runny nose for one to two weeks, followed by weeks to months of rapid coughing fits that sometimes end with a whooping sound. Fever is rare. Some people do not make the classic whooping cough sound.

Who should get vaccinated?

You can protect your family by getting yourself vaccinated or by getting a booster shot. Since babies most often catch whooping cough from a family member, the following people should make sure they’re up to date on their whooping cough vaccinations:

- Mothers, fathers, caregivers, and people living with newborns and

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Sharing Our Caring

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Green’s Mother); Rocky Strickler (Carolyn Ditto’s brother); John Stritch (Janice and Fred Ehlers’ friend); Dee Dee Vasquez (Lisa Favor’s cousin); Shari Vian (Carolyn Ditto’s sister); Rita & Norv Wenner (Marilyn Odgers’ friend); Jim White (Bob White’s brother); and Yvonne Woodhouse (Audrey Hart’s family member).

Service in the Military & Mission

Spc. Michael Beach (Kirkpatrick’s nephew); Spc. Josh Berryhill (Stidham’s family friend); Ltjg. Christopher Bowie (Rena Kamariotakis’ friend); Pvt. Geoffrey Gloeckler Chatten (Sue Gloeckler’s nephew); Lance Corporal Kenneth Koch (Judy Ruddiman’s grandson); Ens. Duncan Andrew McColl; Lt. Col. Lisa Tice (Lois & Jerry Hansen’s daughter); and Lt. Col. Craig Wiggers (Dick & Jeni Wiggers’ son).

Emily’s Desk

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front of the directory for more information, or call the church office. Remember, if you have questions about church or a need that we can meet in Christ, please call your deacon. We want to serve and care for you!



Helping those in need

I give thanks to the Lord for the ways that LNPC shares its caring for one another and for those outside our immediate church body. We have a Deacons fund to provide some help in times of need, food and gas gift cards and we support and refer to South Country Outreach in many ways to help those affected by economic downturn. The best time to do this is during the work week Monday through Friday. If someone is in immediate need on Sunday, they must see a pastor at 11:30 in our office. We do not want to have solicitations for cash directly to our membership either on the patio or in the parking lot. This is to protect you.

Additionally, we have *Sharing our Caring fund*, which offers gifts to our members in difficult times. If you would like to know more, please contact Pastor Randy or Pastor Emily. If you would like to contribute to either of these extra giving opportunities we can direct you how to address your support.

CHILDREN'S *Ministries*



High Seas Expedition— VBC 2010

Vacation Bible Camp was AWESOME! It was a joyous week of Bible Stories, Maritime Music, Shipwreck, Games, Clipper Crafts, and lots of yummy goodies from the Galley. It was exciting to have our largest group ever, with 104 campers, 53 youth helpers, and over 30 adult volunteers. What a wonderful way to reach out to our community and share the love of Christ!



In-N-Out Burger Bash

Following the VBC Sunday worship service we had 244 people attend our Burger Bash featuring the In-N-Out Burger truck, a Giant Water Slide and Bounce House. A great time was had by all.

World Vision Child

Our Vacation Bible Camp children collected \$566.61 in pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars to help support our new World Vision Child, Hasani Kazungu Baya who lives in Kenya, Africa. We will continue



Hasani



to collect money for World Vision and other Children's Ministry mission projects through our Sunday School Offering each week.



School Supply Drive

The VBC children, along with tremendous support from our congregation, collected a large truck load of school supplies for our sister school in San Juan Capistrano. On Monday, August 23rd, we delivered the much needed school supplies to Principal Silvia Pule and her very grateful staff at San Juan Capistrano Elementary School. A huge thank you goes out to Eileen Green and Melissa Green for organizing this event and to all of you who helped purchase items.



Pictured are: Brooke Podres, Eileen Green, Andrew Green, Principal Silvia Pule, and Julia Friesz

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Discovery Seminar: Exploring Church Membership

Saturday, September 11th, 8:30 am to 3 pm. Discover the joys of belonging to the LNPC family of faith. Ask questions about the Christian faith and learn what makes Presbyterians unique. This seminar is taught by Dr. Randy Steele and Rev. Emily McColl. It is a prerequisite for membership. You'll meet the pastors, elders, and make new friends. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Child care is available, but sign-ups are needed. To sign up for this amazing class, contact Karen Skinner at 218-2505 or the church office at 249-1218.

Kids' Closet

If you know someone that might benefit from our clothing exchange ministry, please call Winnona Gaviglio at 472-4775 or Karen Skinner at 218-2505 for an appointment. At LNPC, you can participate in a clothing drive for GENTLY USED children's clothes and shoes. Collection barrels will be available from now and through September 26th. This exchange is open to everyone.

Grief Support/Divorce Recovery

We will meet on Fridays at 12:30-2:00pm in the Conference Room, starting Sept 3, 2010. There will be no meeting on Sept 24, 2010. Please contact Margaret Lee at 230-8999 for more information.

An Opportunity to Serve

Would you like to become involved with something in our church that doesn't take much time or effort? Do you have 5-15 minutes once or twice a month? We're looking for people to help with the paraments. What are paraments? They are the

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decorated cloths on the Communion Table and the Pulpit. They are changed once a month for communion, and other times for special religious holidays. If you can join us in participating with this, please contact Jean Shelton at 643-1154 or email jjshelton@cox.net.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands needs Help(ers). If you have talents in anyone of the following areas, we can use you; carpentry, plumbing, electrical, lifting, assembly, disassembling, changing light bulbs, house hold chores, etc. We have a number of parishes that need assistance. Contact Sam Johnson at 661-2818.

Meals Ministry

If you would like to assist in preparing and delivering meals to congregation members in need, please contact Emily McColl at 249-1218.

LNPC Children's Choir

Come join LNPC Children's Choir as we discover our Gods love for us.

- Every Monday starting September 13th 4:00pm – 5:00pm
- Lee Lee Truong at (714) 425-6638 or LeeLee@lnpc.org

Youth Instrument Ensemble

Mission: To worship God with our instruments. We are looking for all youth instrumentalists. Come join us! Let us use our talents to worship God!

- Every Sunday at 9:15 am in the Sanctuary – Groom's Room
- Lee Lee Truong at (714) 425-6638 or LeeLee@lnpc.org

Reminders

Church Business - If you have any church business (i.e. availability of calendar dates, etc.) please contact LNPC church office at 249-1218, Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 5pm.

Health Ministries

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- infants, especially those younger than 6 months
- Children 11 years and older who haven't had their regularly scheduled Tdap booster shot
- Pregnant women in their second and third trimester
- Women who plan to become pregnant

When to contact your doctor

Talk to your doctor about getting vaccinated if you belong to any of these groups. Always be sure to cover your mouth when coughing and wash your hands often to help reduce the risk of spreading whooping cough to others.

If you suspect you or a family member has whooping cough, contact your doctor immediately.



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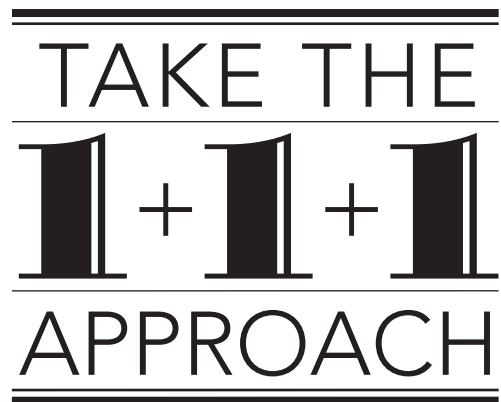
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