

# Perspectives

LAGUNA NIGUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church is very excited about our Fall Schedule and the events to come, especially after a great summer of ministry and programs. We are kicking off our Fall Schedule with a big event at the end of September.

## Discovery Seminar

On September 19th LNPC is offering a seminar for those interested in learning about our church, faith, and Christian discipleship. Anyone who would like to experience Christian community and learn about church membership is encouraged to attend. Come and learn what it means to be a part of the Body of Christ. The seminar begins at

8:30 a.m. in Gard Hall and will end at 3:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Call the LNPC office at (949) 249-1218 to register or for more information.

## Burn the Mortgage

On Sunday, September 27th, we will have our burn-the-mortgage party. The theme will be an "Old Time Gospel Hour" with a gospel choir and a Sunday Gospel Brunch to follow. It will be a time to remember for sure!

## Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry is ready to kick off their Fall Schedule with Pathfinders (children's after school program) resuming on Wednesday, September 23rd at 3:30 p.m. All children from Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to come for a fun afternoon of Bible stories, music, recreation, and crafts. Call Janice Ehlers or Stacy Podres at (949) 249-1218 ext. 220.

## Festival of Faith

October 23rd, 24th, and 25th, LNPC will host our Fall Festival of Faith. This year we have a great speaker and pastor, the Rev. Dr. Michael Wenning joining us to inspire and empower us in our faith. Dr. Wenning has served at Geneva and Bel Air Presbyterian  
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# “Not Just for Old Folks”

## Free Estate-Planning Seminars

LNPC's Planned Giving Committee is sponsoring another pair of estate-planning seminars in September. These seminars are absolutely free of cost and obligation. They are for informational purposes for those members who either haven't yet given much thought to estate planning, or those whose life's circumstances have changed since they last updated their will or trust.

Two alternative dates are planned:

**Saturday, September 26th at 10:00 a.m., or  
Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m.**

The estate-planning law firm of Copenbarger and Copenbarger will conduct these events. Please take advantage of this 2-hour seminar to help protect your family by considering: guardianship of minors, tax consequences, probate issues (costs, privacy and delays), and many other issues. *Everyone should have a will and a plan!* Mark your calendar – hope to see you there.

## SHARING *Our Caring*

### Baptisms

Luke Brekke Phillips on 07/19/09  
Benjamin David Steele on 08/02/09

### Deaths

Willie Brown 07/21/09

### At Home

Pam Anderson; Ben Askari; Nima Askari; Lynn Bible; Marjorie Crane; Maud DeKoning; Diana Drumm; Michael Duran; Bob Erickson; Ethel Janik; Bob Kimberly; Dolores Kirkpatrick; Elizabeth Macaulay; Judy Mangan; Donna McCullen; Ken McCullen; Linda Parker; Ron Pearce; Marjorie Phillips; Connie Peace; Gregory Reid; Irene Vorland; Alice Yensen; Rhea Werner; Dean Winter; and John Zink.

### In Health Care Facilities

Jean Bassett and Dory Sargent

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## LNPC News

Dear friends in Christ,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many friends for your thoughtful gestures and healing prayers these past several months during Judy's surgery and recovery. While this has been and continues to be yet another life changing experience, we are secure in the belief that Christ is with us on this journey. The many delicious meals that were prepared and delivered with love have been a wonderful reminder to us that Christ often demonstrates His love through His people. We are extremely grateful for the love and support that we have received from everyone, including, of course, our LNPC Pastors. Thank you, thank you.

In His service,  
Brian, Judy, Sean & Becca Mangan



### School Supplies

Thank you for your generous donations of School Supplies for San Juan Elementary School. We deliver over 100 bags of school supplies and a check for \$470.00. San Juan Elementary is so gratefully for your donation.



### South County Outreach

South County Outreach want to thank you for the generous donation during the summer. South County Outreach needs soup, chili, and tomatoes sauce, for September. Thank you for helping S.C.O.

### Adult Education

Drop-In Bible 8:45 a.m., each Sunday in Gard Hall. Christ has redeemed us to be a light that directs others to Him. Fulfilling this call requires us to be able to deal with the most difficult questions asked about the Christian faith. Come any Sunday morning and view a DVD, also, receive a packet of outstanding notes by R.C. Sproul. Moderator, Ron Reynolds. Look forward to seeing you.

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# A Message from Randy

**G**reetings!

## **Celebrating the Summer**

Wow! Where has the summer gone? I know we say that phrase every year just before school starts, but as I look back on this past three months it truly has been a busy time and exciting time at LNPC.

In June we celebrated graduations and launched our youth/college and career ministry. It was a time of festivity and remembering God's blessings through our families and our church community. It was also a time when we retired our debt on McCullen Center. Just think, in less than five years, we were able to retire our mortgage and experience a "free for mission" in our financial planning and ministry. God has blessed us as a Christian fellowship and you have responded in generosity—even in the middle of a recession! Thank you for your witness to Christ and your commitment to this church.

July was also an outstanding month for us. During Vacation Bible Camp we experienced our largest enrollment ever! With 109 children and an equal number of volunteers to support the week-long Christian camp, it was an exciting time at LNPC. Even more important, this outreach to our community brought many families to our church for the first time. Three quarters of those registered did not regularly attend our church (only 33 were from LNPC)! It was an all-church commitment and outreach. Thank you for all of you who gave yourself to this ministry.

July also saw our youth, young adults, and adult volunteers give themselves in mission and ministry to hurricane-stricken Texas. Homes and lives were refurbished and the love of Jesus Christ was shared in very powerful ways. It is a witness to God's Spirit working through young men and women in God's reconciling love in today's world.

Throughout the month of August we have celebrated a resurgence in our summer worship. In what has traditionally been a "down time" for church attendance, LNPC has seen a significant increase in our 10:00 a.m., single-service worship format. We have averaged more than 325 a Sunday with a high of over 500! Children's and high school Sunday School classes have shown the same numeric increase! This is truly an amazing place to be on Sunday mornings! Praise the Lord!

## **New this Fall**

With this kind of momentum, excitement, and all the positive feedback the office has received from your input on the yellow cards, the Session has voted to continue the 10:00 a.m., single-service format until the end of the year. This will mean we will continue to worship together as an entire congregation enjoying the energy that only a full sanctuary can provide. It will mean we will have the full resources of our music ministry in



**Dr. Randall Steele**

every service. And, our Fall Sunday School classes will continue to grow as the new school year begins. This will be a great Fall!

The Session has also approved dates for a couple of all-church celebrations. On Sunday, September 27, we will have our burn-the-mortgage party. The theme will be

an "Old Time Gospel Hour" with a gospel choir and a Sunday Gospel Brunch to follow. It will be a time to remember for sure!

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It looks like our Fall will be just as exciting as our summer months. I am looking so forward to journeying with you. God is truly doing a great thing among us and through us. Let us continue to celebrate his presence in our fellowship, mission, and ministry.

In Christ' love,

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

# SHARING *Our Caring*

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## Family/Friends

Jenna Aldridge (Ehlers' family friend); Ken Alm (Gerald Alm's son); Mahin Amirfathi (MOPS assistant); Tammy Argast (Terry & Dodie Argast's niece); Sholeh Askari (Ben Askari's wife); Joyce Bodell (Ethel Janik's friend); Frank Boyd (Don Boyd's father); Michelle Boyd (Don Boyd's sister); Susan Cambio (Hospice Coordinator); Bob DeLong (Thon Griffith's husband); Gary Finney (Tom Julian's friend); Judy Flannery (John Flannery's sister-in-law); Maxine Fry (Gary Fry's mother); Jeanne Ginther (Shirley Byer's sister); Robin Griffen (Carol Durst's friend); Linda Hanson (John Flannery's friend); Jerry Heard (friend of Kristy Chernick); Carla Hughson-Schmitt (cousin of Scott Troester); Catherine Humphrey (John Humphrey's mother); Beryl Kendall (friend of Dee Wells); Dwight Kramer (Phyllis Browne's friend); Don & Nancy Mason (friend of Marian Potter); Betsy Moore (Paula Mathews' friend); Trella Moyer (Marvel Anderson's sister); Lindsay Nunnikhoven (Pat Nunnikhoven's daughter); John O'Shea (friend of Donna Riddell); Natalia Oujez (Friend of Lois and Gary Wright); Lucille Pelletier (friend of Kathy Vangsnes); Gina Perella (friend of John Humphrey); Lorene Petrucci (Nancy Humphrey's sister); Frank (Marty) Reid (Gregory Reid's father); Norm Reid (Arlene Dunn's neighbor); Lori Rettig (Steve and Anu Rettig's sister-in-law); Virginia Richardson (friend of John Bare); David Riorden (Christine Clark's father); Debbie Schmidt (Sara Estes' friend); Kayla Sheffield (Dee Sarubbi & BJ Tyler's grandniece); Grayson Smiley & Mother (friend of Pat Knirk); John Stritch (Janice and Fred Ehlers' friend); Bob Stewart (John Zink's friend); Azad Tanielian (Kathy Khalifa's friend); Dorothy Troester (cousin-in-law of Scott Troester); Anthony Uleano (Steve Nabor's brother-in-law); Dee Dee Vasquez (Lisa Favor's cousin); Harry White (friend of Sara Tarvaran); and Roger Winqvist (John Zink's friend).

## Service in the Military & Mission

Maj. Gina Garabedian (Suzanne Chapman's niece); 1st Lt. Audrey Callanan (Khalifia family friend); PFC Kenneth Koch (Judy Ruddiman's grandson); Ens. Duncan Andrew McColl; and Sgt. Derek Morris (Jill Bone's son-in-law).

# Emily's Desk

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.



**Rev. Emily McColl**



## Deacons

Some parishes have been shuffled to reflect either a common ministry or a common neighborhood. Also Deacons are now close to the folks in the parish they serve. You may have a deacon that is new to you, I hope you get to know both your deacon and your neighbors. Remember, if you have questions about church or a need that we can meet in Christ, please call your deacon.

## We also have special calling deacons as follows:

- **College and Career** – for the 20something crowd, Rena Kamariotakis is the deacon and contact point. Prentice Park our youth director is also excited about activities together.
- **Covington** – for those who live at the Covington in Aliso Viejo, June Beeler and Kay McCann are the deacons.
- **Circle of Care** – for those who need visits or are unable to attend worship, Judy Grant is both the deacon for this group and the Ministry Team Leader for those who volunteer in service to these members. Maybe you are interested in visiting?!
- **Young Families** – for those with children 5th grade and under, Steve Rettig is the deacon at large.
- **Youth Families** – for those with preteens and teens, Ann Boscardin is the deacon at large.

Any of these deacons may call you to connect you to our ministry here at LNPC. Of course, you may call the office at any time and we will help you find the information you need.



## Prayer Ministry

Here at LNPC we publicize the prayer needs each Sunday. We also have a confidential prayer chain that goes out by email. Some people meet for prayer time together as well. If you would like to be involved or have ideas for this ministry, please call Pastor Emily.

**Stephen Ministry** continues to quietly support people in crisis or in need. These are well trained lay listeners who will keep confidentiality while providing a safe place to reflect upon the events or stressors that test your faith. Please contact Margaret Lee or one of the pastors if you would like to know more.

# MOPS

Every Wednesday morning, over thirty Mothers of Preschoolers meet at LNPC to connect with other moms, hear informative and interesting speakers, and experience community in a spiritual setting. But beyond these Wednesday mornings, MOPS moms have come together to give back to our community, plus have a little fun on their own!

Here are a few of the exciting things MOPS moms did this past year. And we are looking forward to the start of a NEW YEAR! Come join the fun!



## Community Outreach

MOPS has GONE GREEN!

We are doing our part to protect the environment by changing all of our plates, napkins cups and utensils to biodegradable products.

## Supporting our troops at home and overseas

- This Christmas, MOPS moms provided gifts to two Marine families—one with four children, the other with two—who are based at Camp Pendleton, helping to make their holiday even more joyous during these difficult economic times.
- We also collected numerous supplies and gifts for our troops stationed overseas, and we able to send 12 FULL BOXES to Marines in Iraq and Afghanistan, hoping to make them feel the spirit of the holiday even when they are so far from home.
- Helped beautify the Church by donating and planting flowers throughout the church grounds.
- Donating clothing to Kids Closet and food for the Food Pantry Project.

## Just for Moms

After long days of caring for our wonderful children, mothers of preschoolers definitely deserve a break once in a while! Here are some of the fun activities we've done this year, and a preview of what's still to come:

- Mother's Day Out at Christmas
- There's no room for strollers at the mall when it comes time to Christmas shop, so moms and dads were grateful to have a day to shop on their own while the kids played together at LNPC. What a treat!

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# YOUTH *Ministries*



**Andrew Favor, David Wright, Michael Ricketts, Mrs. Rose, Gwendy Tapia, Raquel Flower, Kristen Richardson Robelotto, Melanie Hess, and Marissa Columbus**

The youth at LNPC would like to thank the congregation for their prayer, support and encouragement. It was because of your support that our trip was such a success! We thank God that we had such a powerful experience in Texas. We were all able to see a world outside of South Orange County and our hearts broke for the people living in such horrible and un-livable conditions due to hurricanes Rita and Ike. We split up into three different groups, each having our own projects, these projects included; demolishing, painting, tiling, flooring, cleaning, and several other construction tasks. We left making an impact in the families we served and the community around. We truly believe the love of Christ was displayed in a real tangible way! Thank you again and we look forward to next year!



**Andrew Favor, Melanie Hess, Raquel Flower, David Wright, Luanda (Home Owner), Michael Ricketts, Gwendy Tapia, Kristen Richardson Robelotto, and Marissa Columbus**

# CHILDREN'S *Ministries*

## Crocodile Dock VBC

It was an awesome week in the Bayou with 109 camper and 75 volunteers. All the campers enjoyed a journey back in time to the events in Moses' life during Bible Stories. Recreation was full of fun swamp games with a very wet water day on Thursday. The campers made a different, creative Bayou craft each day. Music provided new and exciting songs which the children sang for the congregation on VBC Sunday. Campers enjoyed themed, delicious snacks every day. Friday was a special, surprise guest Ryan "The Reptile Guy". He shared with all the children reptiles from Bayou and their relatives. This was an energetic week full of fun, excitement, and learning the true meaning of God's love.



## Vacation Bible Camp BBQ

Following the service on July 12th, the visitors and congregations were invited to an afternoon of fun. The In n' Out Burger truck was here to serve yummy burgers and there was a water slide and jump house for lot of fun for kids of all ages. What a wonderful way to celebrate the completion of Bible Camp!

## Fall Pathfinders

### "Dr. Jones and the Secret of the Lost Keys"

Calling all Kindergarteners through 5th grade students to come and join our super-charged Pathfinder's group. We meet Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:15 September 22nd through November 17th. Our Christmas session will be from December 1st through December 15th. Meet us out on the patio for snacks & recreation and then rotate through Bible stories, music and

craft time. Bring your friends and neighbors and discover the excitement of God's love through the adventures of "Dr. Jones and the Secret of the Lost Keys". The cost is \$25 per child, 2 children are \$40 per family and 3 or more children in a family are \$50. Sign up on the patio or call the church office ex. 220 for more information.



**Questions? Contact Janice Ehlers or Stacy Podres at (949) 249-1218 x220, or by email [kids@lnpc.org](mailto:kids@lnpc.org)**

## And still to come...

- Easter Egg Hunt with the kids
- "Tea and Testimony," a special day devoted to spirituality.
- Garage Sale Fundraiser
- End of the Year Bunco Party

If you want to learn more about MOPS or attend one of our meetings, please contact the Coordinator, Kirstin Gerry, at 310-3186 or [kirstingerry@yahoo.com](mailto:kirstingerry@yahoo.com).

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### Grief Support

Grief support & divorce recovery classes will begin on Sept. 11, Fridays at 1 pm, and on Sept. 15, Tuesdays at 7 p.m. These are weekly structured classes that will end just before Christmas. You may select which day/time is best for you. Please call Margaret Lee at 230-8999 to sign up or the church office at 249-1218 for information.

### Helping Hands Ministry

"For those in Need" or "Technologically/Time Challenged." Capable helpers are available to church members to assist on projects around your house. We can help with moving/lifting boxes and furniture, changing light bulbs, repairing, replacing, building, assembly, disassembly, installing safety grab rails, etc. "No job is too small." If we can't do it, we have suggestions on who can. Check out the LNPC website [www.lnpc.org](http://www.lnpc.org), for additional details, call Sam Johnson at 661-2818 for an appointment or contact the church office at 249-1218.



### Flu Shots

Seasonal flu shots will be given Sept 20th and 27th. Please contact Lee Kraft for more information at 949-388-4584.

### Pastor's Bible Study

Book of Romans will be taught by Dr. Randall Steele starting this fall; Pastor's Bible Study Brunch beginning Tuesday, September 15th at 10:30 a.m. and Pastor's Evening Bible Study beginning Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m.

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## MOPS

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- Movie nights
- Bunco parties, including a Halloween costume party.
- "Mani's and Mexi" What could be better than a relaxing manicure followed by a delicious Mexican dinner, especially when you're surrounded by your friends?
- Mom's Night with Mickey. Disneyland with no kids. Enough said.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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### **Career Management Workshop**

Presented by Peter Platt, President and Owner of The Platt Network, Inc.

The Platt Network provides recruitment and career management services to meet the needs of organizations and individuals. The career management services include personal discovery, counseling and coaching for individuals as well as group workshops.

The workshop is targeted for individuals who are interesting in learning and applying best practices for leveraging your career and identifying your next job through self discovery, the latest in Web 2.0 technologies, as well as interview and salary negotiation skills training.

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## **LNPC Fall Schedule**

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Churches and officiated at President Regan's memorial service. His warm, insightful, and relational teaching will bring meaning to our faith and spiritual lives.

## **Music Ministry**

### **Youth Instrument Ensemble**

Calling all musicians young and old to come join LNPC's Youth Ensemble. Let us serve the Lord through instruments every Sunday starting September 13th. Contact LeeLee@lnpc.org or call (714) 425-6638.



### **LNPC Children's Choir**

"We're on a Mission with no time to loose to spread the love of Jesus everywhere; we're on a mission of Love." Come join our grow-



ing Children's Choir. Rehearsal is every Monday starting September 14th from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Contact LeeLee@lnpc.org or (714) 425-6638.

### **Christmas Worship Festival**

Start your Christmas with a big bang! Join LNPC's Christmas Worship Festival Choir and present your musical Birthday gift to Jesus, the people of Laguna Niguel and surrounding com-

munities. Contact LNPC's music minister, Dr. Binh Vu, at musicministry@lnpc.org for information.

### **LNPC's Chancel Choir**

Those who sing Praise Twice...If you find yourself humming in the car or in the shower join LNPC's Chancel Choir to serve in Sunday morning service. Contact Dr. Binh Vu, at musicministry@lnpc.org for information.



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