



The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer

Pastor Jeff Moore

“Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’ And with that, he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’” (John 20:21-22)

John 20:21-22 takes place after the resurrection, when Jesus appeared to his disciples in the upper room. The disciples were gathered there, afraid and uncertain about what the future held for them. They had seen their leader and teacher crucified and they likely feared that they would be next. Then Jesus appeared to them and spoke these words of peace and reassurance, showing them that he was alive and that he was with them. But there’s more-- Jesus also had a mission for them. *Just as the Father had sent him, he was sending them.* This is John’s version of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)!

The mission of the gospel is essential in every age, for every church, for every follower of Jesus. Our Savior invites us, even commands us, to join him in his reconciling work in the world (2 Corinthians 5:14-21). Jesus commissions us to continue the work that he began, sharing the good news of the gospel with the world and making disciples of all nations. This is a mission

that requires courage, faith, and obedience, just as it did for those first disciples huddled in the upper room.

The amazing thing is that we aren’t alone to do this mission. We have a powerful Helper. Jesus breathed on his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit (20:22). This is John’s foreshadowing of Pentecost (Acts 2)! The Holy Spirit is the Person that we need to fulfill our mission. He is with us, and lives in us to give us the strength, wisdom, and boldness that we need to fulfill the task that Jesus gave us-- to share the gospel with others. If you are a Christian, then the Holy Spirit abides in you. He has moved into the home of your soul. He is taking up residence, convicting you of sin, comforting you in sorrow, counseling you with God’s wisdom, sanctifying you and shaping you to look more like Jesus.

So what does this mean for us today? How can we live out the mission that Jesus has given us and rely on the

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power of the Holy Spirit to do so? Here are a few practical suggestions:

1. Seek the Holy Spirit's guidance. The Holy Spirit is our guide and helper as we seek to fulfill the mission that Jesus has given us. We can pray regularly for the Spirit's guidance and wisdom, asking him to prompt us to share the gospel when the opportunity arises. The Holy Spirit often works in unexpected ways, so if you pray for his leading, keep your eyes open! He will guide you!
2. Live out the gospel in our daily lives. Sharing the gospel is not just about what we say, but also about how we live. We can live out the gospel of grace and reconciliation in our daily lives, demonstrating love, kindness, and compassion to those around us. You can ask the Holy Spirit to help you obey Jesus with a joyful and willing heart.
3. Trust in the power of the Holy Spirit. Finally, we can trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish what we cannot. We cannot save people or change their hearts, but the Holy Spirit can. So pray for his illuminating presence in the lives of people you know who may be far from God. We can rely on his power to work in the lives of those with whom we share the gospel.

So who is the Holy Spirit prompting you to pray for who may be far from God?

Who is the Holy Spirit prompting you to invite to worship, or into your home, or to your group?

Who is the Holy Spirit nudging you to share your story of faith?

Go ahead!

Pray. Speak.

The Holy Spirit is with you, Christian!

Be obedient to his holy nudge.

Watch what happens!



Hello LPC family! We will be publishing a 2025 directory and we need all your smiling faces! Please be on the lookout for sign-up sheets for photo shoot dates starting in July in the LPC Welcome Center. We will also have the ability to sign up online, so please look for that in our weekly email updates. Pictures will be taken at the church in August and September. Our Deacons will be calling their "flocks" as a friendly reminder. Please note that we would like to have our college students sign up prior to taking off for school. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call.

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SHERRY@LEBANONPRESBYTERIAN.ORG

The Sun is out! GO PRAYER WALKING

by Pastor Stephanie Poblentz

Many of you will remember how fruitful and wonderful our Season of Seeking was for our church during the in-between time after Pastor Peter retired and before Pastor Jeff started his ministry here. As a church we dedicated 4 weeks to prayer for our church family, our staff, and the ministries that God is using at LPC. As we move into summer, I would like to encourage our church family to begin praying over our community, seeking the Lord's will for Lebanon and how we as a church can offer support those in our city.

Below you will find an outline of what Prayer Walking is and some best practices on how to do it, which we first used during our Season of Seeking. My prayer is that you would use this resource as a guide, but not the end all be all. Let the Holy Spirit lead you in your walk for our community and pray where you feel led. Let this be a time where we can truly pray for our neighbors and for God to encounter our little town.

Prayer Walking – Originally in the Season of Seeking resource created by Andrew Johnson

Prayer Walking is simply praying in the very places we expect God to bring forth the answers to our prayers. Our prayers are extending beyond our own concerns, focusing directly on the needs of our neighbors and our church. Prayer Walking is not so much about walking or being outside; it's drawing nearer to those for whom we pray, so that we can be clearer about what we are to pray.

Prayer walking will allow you to listen for the Holy Spirit about how to pray for and connect with LPC and her community. You can walk in silence, praying internally, or speak your prayers out loud, either by yourself or with others.

Pray with a Partner. You can do Prayer Walking alone, but many find that their prayers are more focused when expressed with a partner. In this time of discernment, we encourage you to do Prayer Walking. Pray audibly for clarity and better agreement. As you finish, discuss - or even write down - the prayers, people, and places of most importance.

Pray with God's Spirit. Invite the Spirit of God to accompany you, guiding your steps and your words. Be attentive during moments of silence, allowing the Holy Spirit to help you see

with His eyes and pray in accordance with His heart. Ask God to redeem people as he restrains the enemy.

Pray with God's Word. Read Scripture aloud. Take your Bible! God breathed it and loves to bless it. Express God's thoughts in your own words. Carry Scripture with you. Use a small Bible, or note cards. Choose a particular verse or theme as a base for your prayers throughout one day's Prayer Walking.

Pray with Purpose. Pray for the present-hour needs of people and places that you see. In confidence of God's unfolding purpose, which includes your preparation prayer, try not to make conversation during your Prayer Walking but don't be rude. Explain what you are doing to inquirers: "We're praying God's blessing. Can we/I pray for you or others?"

Pray for the People: Pray that God will work in the lives of the people you pray for. Pray that God will give the leaders the humility and wisdom necessary for leading the church.

Pray for the Space: You can pray that God would bless everything that goes on in the space or location you are praying for.

Pray on behalf of Others: Quite simply, intercessory prayer is the act of praying on behalf of others. The role of mediator in prayer was prevalent in the Old Testament. Christ is pictured in the New Testament as the ultimate intercessor, and because of this, all Christian prayer becomes intercession since it is offered to God through and by Christ. Jesus closed the gap between us and God when He died on the cross. Because of Jesus' mediation, we can now intercede in prayer on behalf of other Christians or for the lost, asking God to grant their requests according to His will. As you walk from place to place, praise God for who He is. Pray and ask God to use us to reach our neighbors, our city, our country and the world.

GRADUATION SUNDAY 2024



2024 CONGRATS!





encc **LPC STUDENT MINISTRIES**
STUDENTS PARENTS LEADERS



Encounter Student Ministry Yucatan Mexico Mission Trip June 1-9

- Pray for the flexibility of the mission team.
- Pray for the financial support of the mission team while in Mexico (costs).
- Pray for good health and an abundance of energy and strength.
- Pray for safety in travel.
- Pray for protection from any and all danger.
- Pray for God's blessing in team ministry activities.
- Pray for adjustments to cultural differences.
- Pray for effective sharing of the Gospel.

Commit to pray for two participants:

Andrew Bicknell

Allison Bondurant

Margaret Bondurant

Grace Boyer

Ned Earley

Micah Earley

Megan Elliott

Elijah Forster

Ezekiel Forster

Kaden Kimple

Wallace Kimple

Willem Kimple

Julia Moore

Joshua Moore

Matthew Moore

Catherine Pierett

Brooklyn Taulbee

Megan Terrell

Raegan Williams

Isaac Young

Stephanie Poblencz

Inga Kimple

Andrew Johnson



PRIME TIMERS EVENT AT ROCK SCHOOL HOUSE ON APRIL 24, 2024



LPC FAMILY AND FRIENDS CELEBRATING ANDREW BICKNELL'S EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Meet & Greet WITH PASTOR JEFF





BREAKER ROCK BEACH VBS - God's Rock Solid Truth in a World of Shifting Sands

by Tracy Untener

I'm so glad you have all been praying for this year's VBS! This year, as we plan VBS, God keeps whispering, "Pray."

The theme this year is all about how God's Word never changes, something that children really need to hear. So many times children place their identity in something of this world: a house, built on the sand, which won't stand. Children need a firm foundation in order to place their identity with God. They desperately need to hear that they are His children. He knew them before they were born, He loved them so much that He redeemed them with an excruciatingly high price. He is waiting for them to choose Him, waiting with open arms.

Recently I attended a conference, and one of the speakers spoke about how we are created in God's image, we are His image-bearers. Although I knew this, it struck me anew. Our children are created in God's image, each one formed by His hand. They need to know and understand this, how special they are, especially in the culture we live in today, where the world sends out many confusing and oh so very enticing tendrils to grab them and lead them down another path, to form their identity in something that will eventually fail them.

That's why we chose this VBS; to help children hear the Word, which is powerful and effective, and to help them understand that once they give their hearts to Jesus, they are His forever; He has called them each by name and He sees them; He knows them, even down to each hair on their heads. The children need to know that when they choose to put their identity in God's hands, through Christ, that foundation is rock solid and will not be shaken. They can trust in Him.

Church family, keep praying. The children need you.



ARE YOU PRAYING FOR US?

VBS DECORATING

June 7, 8, 9

Hours Vary

Are you able to help us put up decorations the weekend before VBS begins? Can you volunteer even a couple hours of your time? Please contact Tracy at tracy@lebanonpresbyterian.org for more information.

Have a couple of free hours to volunteer on June 15 or 16?



On Saturday, we will be cleaning up the church for Sunday morning, taking care of crew leader bags, putting away some supplies.

On Sunday, after church, we will be taking down all the decorations and finishing cleaning up.



JUNE 10 - 14
6:00 - 8:20 PM

BREAKER ROCK BEACH VBS

**God's Rock Solid Truth in a
World of Shifting Sands**

Every day is an ADVENTURE at BREAKER ROCK BEACH, from the morning waves crashing against the shore to evenings filled with bonfires and s'mores! Adventure awaits each day as kids EXPLORE tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock!

At BREAKER ROCK BEACH, kids will discover that GOD'S TRUTH never changes and that everyone needs JESUS. They will investigate the difference between what the world says is true and what GOD says is TRUE, and will discuss how to speak the TRUTH in love.

During this VBS, kids will experience impactful BIBLE FUN, amazing CRAFTS, exciting GAMES, energetic MUSIC, tasty SNACKS, MISSION, and MORE!

Free for Kids Age 4 thru 6th Grade

REGISTER NOW!

Questions? Contact Tracy Untener at
tracy@lebanonpresbyterian.org or
513-932-2751



Thank You

Thanks to All

*"No More a Stranger or a Guest
but like Child at Home."*

When Garry and I moved to Lebanon nine years ago, we knew no one in the community or the church. We did have family living in the general area but Lebanon was not our home. The first Sunday we attended church services at LPC we knew we were at home and belonged. The LPC family of faith is an amazing group of people who represent the hands and feet of Christ in our community. I would like to express my thankfulness and gratitude to all who supported Garry and I during my recovery from my recent surgery. Your prayers, cards, expressions of encouragement and meals have been overwhelming. We thank God that we are a part of such a wonderful family of faith. God bless you all.

With a humble heart,
Sharen Benner



**THIS MONTH WE HONOR THE
FOLLOWING MEN AND WOMEN FOR
THEIR LOVING SERVICE TO JESUS
CHRIST AND THE CHURCH:**

Becky Creech and **Connie Sudbrook** for supplying breakfast for the Preschool/Daycare/Play-school teachers.



SPRING 2024 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

I have a friend who is extraordinarily good at seeing opportunities to help someone and point them to Christ. Recently, she tells of a “God-appointed moment” of being in the right place at the right time to help someone who was looking for someone to teach her English, which happens to be what my friend does. She is sometimes late to Sunday School, or other activities because, to her, people in the moment are more important than punctuality. Does that sound kind of familiar? Didn’t Jesus have the same attitude? I would like to be more like her (and Jesus). How about you?

I believe that we are all “in the right place at the right time” for someone, but sometimes we are so focused on what we are doing or where we are going that we miss the God-given opportunity to minister to them.

But I’m not someone who finds it easy to talk to perfect strangers, except to smile or speak a greeting – can you relate? So, how can we improve our ability to take advantage of

those opportunities God places right in front of us all the time?

I think, for me, the first thing I have to recognize is that even though I was taught to “mind my own business,” other people ARE our business. Jesus showed us that, right? Out of everything in this world – the most important thing is people!

The second thing would be to pray that God will help me to be sensitive to His leading so I will know when I need to stop what I’m doing and help someone.

The third thing would be to be available if someone seems to have a need that I could help with. Is that thing I have to do right now more important than this person?

I may never be like my friend, but I can be intentional about being available for God to use me to minister to others.

Karen Kilpatrick & Terri Catanzaro

Deacon Visitation Team Spotlight



ABOVE: CAROLYN LUCKE AND GEORGE MELOY VISITED GLORIA & BILL HENDRICKSON. **RIGHT:** NINA DORSCH AND GEORGE MELOY VISITED BILL AND JEAN LEWIS



Update on Family Promise of Warren County

The former Shaker Inn Hotel has been transformed into the new Warren County Family Promise facility which will house families in Warren County in a place of dignity. The LPC sponsored room at Warren County Family Promise was blessed in March. The first families arrived to the transformed space in April.

Here are some comments from Family Promise: We are open! The joy, the utter joy of the families once they saw their rooms was nothing short of heartwarming. Tears of joy came from several of the mothers and children who shared their pleasure with having “real” beds to sleep in.

Next LPC Family Promise Rotation June 23-30

We will be hosting the families at Warren County Family Promise in Lebanon, 600 Cincinnati Avenue, June 23-30.

The shifts for the week are: (more detail of the hosts can be found in the Signup Genius):

Dinner Hosts (5:30-6:30 p.m.)

Four people needed per day (provide meal, dine with families & fellowship)

Evening Activities Hosts (6:30-8 p.m.)

Four people needed per day (crafts, playtime, activities).

Overnight Hosts (7:30 p.m.-7 a.m.)

Two people needed per day.

Families are encouraged to serve together. All of these roles can be performed by a family. Feel free to sign up for two back-to-back roles, dinner and evening activities, or evening activities and overnight.

There is also a two-hour training at Warren County Family Promise on 6/1/2024. Volunteers are encouraged to attend that training (contact Terri to get signed up).

Scan the QR code to sign up. Signups will be available in the Friday LPC Weekly Update starting June 7 and Sundays for the hosting as well as a sign up for a grocery list of food that will be provided to the families for breakfast and lunch.



This is an exciting opportunity to make a positive, face-to-face impact on the families that we are called to serve. Remaining rotations for 2024 are September 15-22, and December 1-8.

Questions-call or text Terri Catanzaro at 513-288-2313. Thank you!

Family Promise LPC Leadership Team: Terri Catanzaro, Marge Cunningham, Ally Bondurant, Megan Terrell

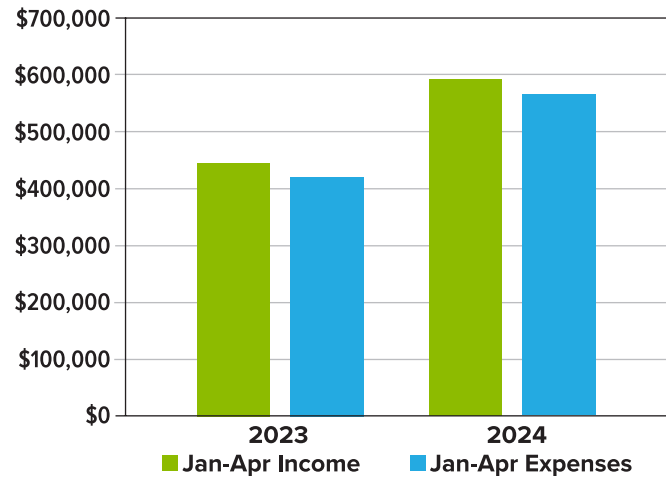


Session Report

The LPC Session took the following actions at our May 2024 meeting:

- Pastor Jeff opened the meeting with a teaching on the Biblical role of elder as shepherd of God's people.
- The elders prayer walked through our neighborhood in groups of twos and threes. They prayed for the needs, situations, and people that they saw as they walked.
- The Session approved a new job description for the Director of Worship and Music. Upon this approval, the hiring team can initiate the search for this new staff member. Please be prayerful for the team as the search begins. May the Lord Jesus reveal this person to us soon.

LPC Income vs. Expenses



Financial Giving

As always, we rely on your faithful giving to support the mission and ministry of LPC. You can send your pledge by mail, or you can take advantage of online giving. To begin online giving, go to our church website at lebanonpresbyterian.org or text "give" to 513-443-5522 or scan the QR code below by going to your camera, focus on the code, then just touch the website's QR code banner that pops up on your phone; you will be directed to the Suran website for giving at LPC.



DO YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION OR QUESTION FOR SESSION?

Comment Cards are available in the Friendship Pads. Just fill out a card and drop it in the collection box located in the back of the Sanctuary or Ark. You must provide your name and contact information to have your thoughts brought to the proper person or group. Don't want to fill out a card? – just email comments@lebanonpresbyterian.org.

Need Prayer?

prayerlist@lebanonpresbyterian.org will get your request to the Prayer Warriors ASAP.

prayerrequest@lebanonpresbyterian.org will get your request to a staff member who will handle your request confidentially and will only send out information you would like shared with our Prayer Warriors

Preaching Schedule

Sunday, June 2

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Walk Wise

Ephesians 5:15-21

Sunday, June 9

Walking Together

Ephesians 5:22-33

Sunday, June 16

Family Wise

Ephesians 6:1-4

Sunday, June 23

Work Wise

Ephesians 6:5-9

Sunday, June 30

Stand

Ephesians 6:10-20



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PASTOR

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