



COMMUNITY NEWS

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Newsletter

From the Senior Pastor's Desk...

During the year of our 20th anniversary, I would like us to also celebrate the many blessings God has brought to our church in the area missions. We have had the privilege of partnering with dozens of missionaries serving literally in every corner of the globe. We have participated in any number of efforts to reach out to others, including food and clothing drives, Christmas outreaches, partnering with local agencies and being the hands and feet of Jesus in many other ways. One of the clear areas of growth is the development of our short-term mission teams. In 1996 we set the goal to send a team overseas on a mission trip at least every other year. Thanks to God's faithfulness, we have met or surpassed that goal every year since. In 2011, for example, we will have sent no less than six teams to minister to others. (Of course, we know these trips are just as impactful for the participants as they are for those to whom they minister!) Next year we already have several trips in the planning stages: Ghana, Hungary, Thailand, Honduras and Haiti are just a few of the ideas we are working on. So please, continue to pray for our missions efforts. Get involved when and where you are able. And remember to thank God that for 20 years He has allowed us to be a part of His work throughout our world!

In Jesus' Love — Pastor Chuck

November Birthdays & Anniversaries



2nd
Macy Lambrecht

3rd
Cody Mosier
Jenni Reichenbach
Brandon & Heather Green
Brad & Kelly Luedeke

4th
Colton Evans
Emilee Mosier
Mark Weigel
Scott & Penny Hundley

5th
Carolyn Kissel

6th
Brett Fathauer
Eric Frankhauser
Eric Herrmann
Michelle Ianni
Carolyn Wheeler
Nicole Woodard

7th
Nancy Stroia

8th
Cheryl Baker
Lucas Fisher
Amy Meador
Alexa Pelley
Randy Pruitt

9th
Evan Adams
Kaitlyn Risley
Brett Westbrook
Maria Westbrook
Chip & Annie Wehling

10th
Richard & Julie Abraham

11th
Sue Ketchum
Heather Skinner
Mike Walls
Mike & Janie Brewington

12th
Brenna Branner
Jordan McDaniel
Luke Petty
Darin Sprong

13th
Clifford Harp
Dave Vincent

14th
Zach Booth
Alice Goodwin
Don Goodwin
Neil Snyder
Andrea Tian
Michael & Tisha Terry

15th
Jeff Boriss
Preston Grimes
Chip Wehling
Bob & Shari Christman

16th
Abi Beerwart
Janealis Brandsma
Morgan Cook
Phyllis Fear
Craig & Siv McNeely
Mark & Jill Major

17th
Cindy Lewis
Kelly Music
Joy Thompson
Lisa Trilling
Sherry Walton
Yuxia Wang
Rich & Mary Fogler

18th
Joshua Conrad
Sharon Newton

19th
Brian Barnes
Megan Combs
Blake Helton
Al Tucker

20th
Sue Bodach
Jerry Buchanan
Josh Haw
Brianna Newell
Logan Skinner

21st
William Eikenbary
Karl Evans
Kaitlyne Fisher
Michaela Fisher
Judy Powell
Eva Snyder
Sam Ward
Chris & Lori Love

22nd
Gabriel Tertocha
Taylor Tertocha

23rd
Linda London
Clifford & Donna Harp

24th
Terri Belden
Tessa Madigan
Pam Wallace

25th
Chuck Goode
Anthony & Kristie Ayers
Kevin & Tracy Grider
Bill & Debbie Hasch

26th
Braden Frietzsche
Carolyn Hart
Tyler Hostetler
Craig McNeely

27th
Becky Carmer

28th
Ted Sims

29th
Anna Bogard
Jaelyn Carmer
Dave & Sue Ketchum
Wendell & Vicki Smith
Mike & Michelle Walls

30th
George Glick
John Kirts
Lulu Yang
Al & Sherie Reed



November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 MISSIONS MONTH		1 G.A.P. Prayer Group (CDT) 7 am Tuesday Connection: Dinner 5:30 pm Groups 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm MPG 7 pm	2 Hopekeepers 10:30 am (CDT) Celebrate Recovery 11 am G.A. P. Prayer Group 6 pm Worship Choir 7 pm HS Worship Practice 7:30 pm	3 Women's Bible Study 9 am Men & Women's Bible Study 6:30pm  Cub & Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	4 Quilts of Valor Public Display 9 am-5 pm American Heritage Girls 4-6 pm Chinese Bible Study 7:30 pm	
6 *Communion* Quilts of Valor display Children's Christmas Musical practice 4-5 pm Middle & High School Youth 6-8 pm	7 Quilts of Valor 9 am YAK meeting 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Counselors Meeting (CDT) 7 pm	8 *VOTE* G.A.P. Prayer Group (CDT) 7 am Tuesday Connection: Dinner 5:30 pm Groups 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm Elders' Meeting 7 pm	9 MS & HS Youth "One Meal/One Day" (CDT) Celebrate Recovery 11 am Foster/Adoption Parent Info 6 pm G.A.P. 6 pm Women's Ministry Book Club 7 pm Worship Choir 7 pm H S Worship Practice 7:30 pm	10 Women's Bible Study 9 am  Men & Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Cub & Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	11  Chinese Bible Study 7:30 pm	12 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am 
13 Deadline for New Member applications *Child Dedication* Children's Christmas Musical practice 4-5 pm Middle & High Sch. Youth 6-8 pm	14 Quilts of Valor 9 am  Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	15 G.A.P. Prayer Group (CDT) 7 am Tuesday Connection: Dinner 5:30 pm Groups 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm	16 Hopekeepers 10:30 am (CDT) Celebrate Recovery 11 am G.A. P. 6 pm Worship Choir 7 pm HS Worship Practice 7:30 pm	17 Women's Bible Study 9 am Men & Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Cub & Boy Scouts 6:30 pm	Youth Workers Convention Nov 18th-20th	
20 Children's Musical practice 4-5 pm No youth groups tonight! Youth Workers Conv.	21 Quilts of Valor 9 am  Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	22 G.A.P. Prayer Group (CDT) 7 am Tuesday Connection: Dinner 5:30 pm Groups 6:15 pm (final session) Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm	23 (CDT) Celebrate Recovery 11 am G.A. P. 6 pm Worship Choir 7 pm HS Worship Practice 7:30 pm	24 THANKSGIVING DAY 	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 
27 *New Member Sunday* Children's Musical practice 4-5 pm No youth groups tonight!	28 Quilts of Valor 9 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	29 (CDT) GAP 7 am Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm	30 (CDT) Celebrate Recovery 11 am G.A. P. 6 pm Worship Choir 7 pm HS Worship Practice 7:30 pm	 DECEMBER EVENTS: 2—Children's Ministry Christmas Store 3—Women's Ministry Christmas Brunch 6—"Surviving the Holidays" - Griefshare & DivorceCare Dinner & Groups 10—Children's Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal 11—Children's Christmas Musical 18—Worship Choir Special Music 22-24—Boy Scouts Live Nativity 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Services (times yet to be determined) 25—Christmas Day—one Family Service at 10:30 am (no childcare) 31-Jan. 1st—High School Lock-in		
Children's Ministry Christmas Store collection Nov 28—Dec 1						
Financial Report		September 2011	Year-to-Date	Building Fund (as of 9-30-11)		
Offerings	\$105,501.82	\$1,075,596.28	Total needed: \$750,000.00 Collected: \$259,121.40			
Interest Income	247.48	2,840.81	Needed to complete the project: \$490,878.60			
Other receipts	20,658.42	243,563.30				
Expenses	(159,825.51)	(1,223,288.48)				
Net	\$(33,417.79)	\$ 98,711.91				

RESCUE ALERT

Reaching Hearts • Changing Lives

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Preventing Homelessness “I’m so thankful...and blessed!”

Most of the stories you read in this newsletter are of people who were homeless. Today, we want you to meet one of the hundreds of your neighbors who did NOT become homeless because they were able to get help from you through the Mission.



When Stephanie moved into her new home, she didn't realize that her electric baseboard heating system would cost so much to run. She had known her bills would be higher during the winter months, but the first big bill was \$465!

Unable to pay the full bill and the rest of her utilities and rent, Stephanie applied for help where she works...a local organization dedicated to fighting poverty. But they said her income was too high, despite the fact that \$275 was coming out of each check before Stephanie received it to pay some medical bills that had “piled up.”

Thankfully, a friend told Stephanie about Lexington Rescue Mission's Homeless Prevention Program, which helps families in crisis. Rather than see people evicted or have their heat or water turned off in the middle of the winter, the Mission provides emergency financial assistance.

Working one-on-one with individuals like Stephanie, we also provide budget counseling and referrals to other organizations to keep problems like this from recurring.

By the time Stephanie got help at the Mission, she had already paid

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\$260 of her bill. We were able to assist her with the rest and provide food for her family.

“I'm so thankful,” Stephanie told us. “I just want to give back.”

Last year, the Mission kept 110 families from being evicted and 78 from having their utilities shut off.

A full-time working mom, Stephanie just completed her bachelor's degree. But she's determined to make time for her whole family to come back to the Mission and volunteer!

If you know someone who needs one-time emergency help with rent or utilities, please have them call our housing counselor at (859) 381-9600, ext. 236, on the first Tuesday of the month for more information.

**from the
Executive Director**



Dear Ministry Partner,

“Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” (Matthew 8:20)

I believe Jesus truly understood the needs of those we serve today.

Throughout His ministry, He was a homeless stranger – going from town to town, city to city, depending on the kindness and hospitality of others for a roof over His head.

He knew the value of a simple meal, an ear to listen, a smile or hug to lift the spirits.

As a partner in this ministry, I know you have a heart for the broken and the needy. You help us bring them God’s love in tangible, life-changing ways – a meal, a night’s shelter, education, job training and counseling.

And when we help, we remember His words in Matthew 25:40, which proclaim, “Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Bless you for caring,

Jim Connell
Jim Connell
Executive Director

Mission Opens Transitional Home

Lexington Rescue Mission recently opened a transitional home at 854 W. High Street for men who are homeless or in recovery from drug and alcohol addictions.



The home is for men who have participated in a recovery program, achieved at least 30-days of sobriety and need a safe place to live a sober, healthy life. Residents are encouraged to attend church and Christ-centered recovery meetings

each week. Men living in the home are also required to find employment, which the Mission assists them with.

“We wanted to be able to provide more holistic care to men struggling with drug and alcohol addictions,” says Jim Connell, Executive Director. “We have seen such a need for this kind of supportive living.”

We recently closed our Life Renewal Program and are now referring men in need of a long-term program to Lighthouse Ministries’ Nehemiah House. Through this partnership, we are expanding the continuum of care and providing more options for men in need of transitional housing.

We look forward to opening a transitional home for women soon. For more information, please e-mail Vince Maccariello at vince@lexingtonrescue.org.

Klothes 4 Kids

Thanks to your support, Lexington Rescue Mission purchased new underwear, socks, shoes, t-shirts and pants for more than 200 needy kids with the funds raised through our annual Klothes 4 Kids drive.

The clothes were distributed to families through the Family Resource and Youth Service Centers at 16 Fayette County schools.



Thanks to everyone who supported this project! For more information on this and

other Mission outreach events, visit www.LexingtonRescue.org.

A Sign of Our Times



You’ve seen them on street corners and highway off ramps. Handwritten cardboard signs. “Hungry, please help.” “Will work for food.”

Your heart tells you to help. But you’re not sure how the money will be used. So you support Lexington Rescue Mission! Because you know that in addition to serving hot meals and offering safe shelter, the Mission will provide the help these people need to build better lives.

Right now, we need to raise \$13,195 to provide meals and care for the next 90 days. That’s a big job.

But it’s also our busiest time of the year. We’ll provide 2,000 meals this month, 2,500 in October and another 2,750 in November, including our annual Thanksgiving dinner.

Please reach out with your gift as we head into our busiest season ever!

You can use the enclosed slip or visit www.LexingtonRescue.org to make a gift today. **With your support, we pray more people will abandon their street corners and come to the Mission, where both immediate and eternal help are freely given.**