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TO KNOW JESUS AS SAVIOR AND
LORD AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN.

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GREAT BANQUET
SUMMER & FALL
2019 DATES

Girl's Awakening #31

May 31–Jun 2, 2019

Vanessa Kelson Lay Director

Boy's Awakening #32

Jun 7-9, 2019

Doug Wolber Lay Director

TCC #15

September 6-8, 2019

Steve Wood Lay Director

DCC #17

October 10-13, 2019

Lori Rosborough Lay Director

Men's Great Banquet #116

October 24-27, 2019

Jeff Byers Lay Director

Women's Great Banquet #117

November 7-10, 2019

Nancy Hart Lay Director



Sunday Morning Worship

9:15 am

10:45 am

Sunday School

Classes for Children and Adults

at 9:15a & 10:45a

Fellowship 10:15-10:45am

Children's Church 11:00am

May 15, 2019



MEETINGS:

MAY 17-18

Healing Training

MAY 19

Team Meeting #31, #32

6p

MAY 20

Stephen Ministry

Supervision

6p

MAY 21

Women's Bible Study

10:00a

Session

7p

MAY 22

Dinner

5p

Bible Study

6p

MAY 23

Exercise Class

10:30a

Under His Wings

6p

MAY 28

Team Meeting #31, #32

6p

Building & Grounds

Outreach

7p

The Chimes

GOING TO THE MOUNTAIN

If you are reading this I am probably on “study leave” and doing a little “personal mission work” which is part of my call and “compensation package” between me and you. For probably 40 years, I have tried to get away in May to “recharge” and get into the presence of God. I am also doing a little “ministry” away from the church as well. I will be also be in Boston helping on the women’s GB #4.

One thing that I have found out about myself, if you are always working, you get to the point where you are no longer “cutting it”. Just like a chain saw needs to be sharpened every so often, we all need to “retreat” or “go to the mountain”. It’s not just taking a vacation, which is something we also need to do, but actually getting into God’s presence to rediscover who we are, and what we are about in this life. Jesus did it on occasion, which tells me, that it is probably a good idea to follow in our own lives.

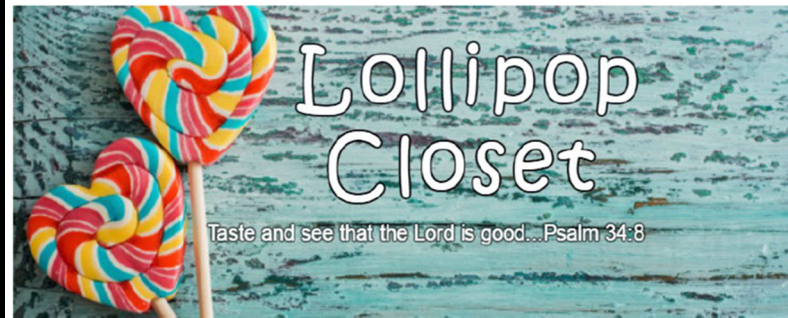
The Great Banquet is one way we get into God’s presence. We also offer a men’s and women’s retreat here each year. There are also conferences to go to in other places as well, that help us “get away from our busy lives” and reconnect with God. There are a lot of different ways to do this, but the important thing is to do it intentionally and pay attention to your personal spiritual life and relationship to Jesus.

Now, to change the subject. When I began writing newsletters over 40 years ago, it was just a “church newsletter”. So, I would take a page to unravel the mysteries of life and death and share my discoveries with those who just happen to read these “gems” of literature. THE MEANING OF LIFE once every couple of weeks! I’m not kidding, so follow me on this:

If we are in agreement with the concept “I think, therefore I am,” then what are we in those rare moments when we’re not thinking? HMMMM? Do we cease to be? No, of course not. . . . unless we never “were” at all, unless our actual identity is a nothing that embraces everything, but an “everything” can’t look at itself so we create the illusion of separate selves, which leads to the illusion of survival, which, of course, leads to all of our pain and suffering.

Pride, vanity, etc. goes before a fall. You thought I was joking. That is why I try to reconnect with God every year about this time. To keep me from losing what sanity I have. Maybe you should try it as well. Just remember, since God created us out of the dust of the earth, we are nothing but dirt without Creator and Redeemer, Jesus.

See you in church or maybe I won't the Sunday after you get this. Jack



Lollipop Closet collects the items listed below. The Backpacks are packed with shirts, pants, socks, underwear, pajamas, lollipop and a Biblical item. They are distributed to the Decatur DCFS office to be given to the kids.

Items needed are: Backpacks, Shirts, Pants, Socks, Underwear, and Pajamas must be new and in packages. Sizes need to be in Girls and Boys 2T to Small Adult.

Items can be dropped off at Lampstand Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact Jacque Danneberger at 217.358.2423 or jssievers@yahoo.com

Vacation Bible School



Lampstand Church
June 17-21, 2019
www.lampstandpc.org

For questions, contact:

Angie Corrigan - 433.2168

or Shari Hanks - 521.1432

ATTENDANCE			
	2017	2018	2019
January	250	226	204
February	250	228	228
March	255	254	225
April	302	302	279
May	229	241	
June	256	242	
July	210	227	
August	262	286	
September	240	233	
October	243	226	
November	276	252	
December	278	251	

Loan Balance as of end of APR 2019
 \$670,654.79

Capital Fund Contribution Through APR 2019
 \$36,998.67
 Expenses through APR, 2019
 \$29,290.48
 \$9,080.65 Interest
 \$20,209.83 Principal

Capital Fund Checking Account End of APR 2019
 \$11,058.62

Giving thru APR, 2019
 \$168,772.05
 Expenses through APR, 2019
 \$168,610.68

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Chris Nazarian 01
- Bobby Carlson 02
- JoElla Morthland 03
- Erika Sofia 03
- Heather Dyer 04
- Jamie Cavanaugh 10
- Jacque Danneberger 10
- Cory Brown 13
- Mark Laughery 13
- Berta Pitzer 13
- Brennen Simmons 14
- Connie Crandall 15
- Tonya Rueff 15
- Breanna Welch 15
- Cameron Brown 18
- Tammy Wright 19
- James Comage 20
- Jerrin Taylor 20
- Ricki Vaughn 20
- Angela Young 20
- Ana Miller 21
- Karli Brown 23
- Chuck Lines 24
- Gail Rennert 26
- Stephanie Marshall 27
- Trichel Sturgeon 27
- Jeff Byers 28
- Brier Rodgers 28
- Bob Nelson 30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- Brandon & Jenny Walker 13
- Tim & Abby Messmore 14
- Rick & Sara Doering 16
- Dick & Ricki Vaughn 16
- John & Judi Curry 20
- Jerry & Marsha Haycraft 22
- Rob & Lisa Perkins 25
- Andrew & Casey Cook 28
- Brian & Corey Crafton 29
- Steve & Robin Jackson 30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- Joe & Mary Cardascio 02
- Ron & Shari Hanks 02
- Brent & Guyla Pilger 02
- Nick & Michelle Adkins 05
- Mike & Sue Edie 06
- Doug & Norma Davidson 07
- Mark & Mary Lou Holmer 09
- Jeff & Amy Brown 11
- Chris & Janet Oldweiler 13



Healing Prayer Training

Friday, May 17, 2019
 5:30–9:00 PM
 Saturday, May 18, 2019
 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

This is a Free Event at Lampstand Church and Open to the Community



If you are searching for nuggets of truth, the Bible is a gold mine.

The company you keep helps determine the trouble you meet.