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GET REGISTERED NOW FOR PROJECT DOMINICANA, JUNE 15-24



It's not too late, but the trip is filling up. We are recruiting people from a local medical school and from the community, so it is important to get your application in as soon as possible. Project Dominicana is LCPC's mission to Haitian immigrants living in the Dominican Republic. Now in its 17th year, this experience has been life-changing for many adults and high school students.

This year's trip will give you the opportunity to strengthen friendships and continue work that is touching the lives of the very poor. You do not have to be part of the LCPC family to participate, but you should be a person who is seeking to know more about Jesus. This 10-day trip includes opportunities



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- to work with a construction team building houses in a poor barrio and work with a medical team who is bringing mobile health clinics to people who live in poverty in the La Romana area of the Dominican Republic, mostly Haitian immigrants.
- Trip brochures and registration forms are available in the church office or on the church website.
- Contact: Mary Wilson at mhw1@sbcglobal.net.





PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

We talked, debated and prayed for many months about the LCPC strategic plan. At the end of November the Session officially adopted the plan, called "All Eyes on God: Vision 2020." And since January, our church family has been working the plan. We will continue to do so through December 2020.

The vision is bold. God prompted us to establish many big goals. You can read about them on the one-page summary of the plan that was mailed to the congregation. It will be posted on the LCPC website and will be available in paper form at LCPC for anyone who wants one.

Please pray for LCPC as we follow the Spirit's lead and implement the plan. You might use the summary of the plan to guide your prayers.

One thing I would like to emphasize is that while the plan is not vague, it also does not spell out exactly how or when we are going to proceed. For example, the plan specifies that we will upgrade/modernize the lighting, sound and video technology in the Chapel, Fireside Room, Koopmans Hall, and the Sanctuary, and that we will do so at moderate levels of spending. But we now need to work with both volunteers and contractors to design effective, user-friendly systems and install them. I anticipate that we will make good progress on those projects over the next six months.

You can expect to see rapid progress (possibly this month) on two particular projects. The network PC computer system used by the staff is aging. (For those who are into such things: our system operates on Windows 7 which will no longer be serviced by Microsoft after this year. And the PCs aren't powerful enough to upgrade to Windows 10.) So we're on the verge of replacing the network and switching over to more cloud-based services.

Also, we have known for many years that the tan-colored outdoor decking above the two courtyards of the Christian Education building is wearing out. It is now at the end of its useful life so we can't ignore the problem. Very soon we will hire a contractor to replace the waterproof layer and the plywood below. Thankfully, we have already repaired all the structural boards that had been damaged by water. That happened when we repainted the church.

Over the next several months we also expect to make rapid progress on two of our major mission projects.

We will ramp up our efforts to build the Casa de Los Angeles Orphanage in Rosarito, Mexico. The team that will be in Baja this month over Presidents' Day weekend will help to build a large bunker that will serve as a highly secure storage

area (first for construction supplies and tools and later for orphanage gear). Then contractors from Rosarito will build the concrete floor of the second story. Then two more LCPC teams will begin the wood construction of the second and third floors. A big youth team (including students from Glendale Presbyterian Church) will be there over spring break, and a group of men (the Mission MX/Men's Retreat team) will be there the first weekend in May.



Meanwhile, the momentum is building for Hispaniola Partners in the Dominican Republic. This year, for the first time, our June outreach will include at least 10 nursing and medical students and faculty members from the Charles Drew School of Medicine. While our enhanced medical team is offering remedial health care, our construction team (including many youth) will build two more houses for poor families in the Kilometer 6 barrio outside of La Romana. The longer-term goal, probably achievable by year's end, will be to fully outfit and staff the Hispaniola Partners Mission House in La Romana so we can begin to receive mission teams in 2020.

How can you help? What can you do to engage with the plan and find your place in it?

The clear answer is: Come to the Town Hall Meetings that will be offered throughout the year by the Session, staff and key leaders. They will all be held on Sunday evenings, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The dates for the first four meetings will be February 10, March 10, April 7, and May 19. Each meeting will spotlight a different area of the plan: "Strategies for Reaching Our Neighbors," "Outreach Through Digital Media," "Construction and Technology," and much more. We'll hear exciting, multi-media presentations. We'll engage in conversation and share ideas. We'll seek the Lord's guidance and blessing. Please plan to be there!

I'll be sharing with you much more about "Vision 2020" over the months ahead. God is moving. Let's follow His lead and seek the unity of the Spirit as we work his good plan.

Love and good cheer,
Andy Wilson

BISTRO 50+ FUN FOOD, FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday,
February 26
12 Noon
in Koopmans
Join us for lunch. Only \$5!

CFC FAITH UPDATE

Calling all CFC dads! "Daddy and Me Day" is coming up quickly. I am so excited for "Daddy and Me Day" on Saturday, February 2, at 9:00 AM! It's always a great morning and a time for parents to get to know each other and get to know staff better. Please come by 9:00 AM to sing and dance with your children and with me during our Chapel time!

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LEE'S LATEST

Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." (Revelation 4:6-8)



In this scene from Revelation we see the first description of the worship in heaven. The symbolism combines elements of Isaiah's vision (Isaiah 6) and Ezekiel's vision (Ezekiel 1). These four beasts represent the animal kingdom. The lion represents the king of the beasts, the ox is the largest of the tame beasts, and the eagle is the king of birds. Lastly humans are part of the created order. And all the created order gives praise in its own way. Even the animal kingdom is represented in the heavenly worship scene.

But after this, humans give praise to the one who sits on the throne.

Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." (Revelation 4:9-11)

When the humans give praise, they use their capacity to reason. "You are worthy... for you created all things..."

Worship is a powerful thing. It's what humans were made to do. Worship provides the context for all of human life. If your world feels out of balance or out of control, worship is the thing that will help you make sense of the craziness of life.

Dear Friends,

At our recent Deacons meeting, we talked about service and hearing God's voice. One of our Deacons called LCPC "... a place where miracles happen" and I feel this is so true.

Our Father knows what we are going through and what we need. He provides love, strength, wisdom and pure physical and spiritual strength through His people, our fellow church members. We are His hands and feet, His voice of cheer and encouragement. It is such a gift to serve and obey our loving Father. When you feel that gentle nudge to go speak to someone you don't know well, or send a card of encouragement or help take in your neighbor's trash can, act on it! Those small gestures and acts of kindness are a blessing to you as well as the person you help.

Did you know the Deacons have a Fund? This is from your gifts and offerings on Sundays and special events and provides real financial assistance to our congregation and community members who may need help such as gift cards to Ralphs or Trader Joe's, rent, or mortgage payment. Deacons are there in times of hardship. That's

what we do. Please do not be afraid to ask. Just give Nancy Thomas in the church office a call and she will let us know. All assistance is strictly confidential.

Elaine Ross Collins sends Get Well, Anniversary, Birthday and Sympathy cards. If you know someone who would benefit from such a friendly and loving gesture, please email her at: elainemcollins@verizon.net to add them to the list. You can also advise her of birthday and anniversary dates as well as anyone who might need a visit from a Deacon, which is another of our core services.

Janie Roach wants to thank those who stepped up to provide rides to doctors and therapy for members of our congregation. If you have a need to get somewhere, please call on Janie, who will coordinate transportation for you or a loved one. Her number is (818) 326-1609.

We are so blessed to be a church family. Remember to love and appreciate those around you. God Bless you all, Kerry Milbrodt

Our Springtime in Abide looks to be incredibly busy, and we would appreciate your prayers and attendance at the events we have coming up! For more info on any of them, email Josh at josh@lcp.net or talk to him on a Sunday morning.



ABIDE STUDENT MINISTRIES

FEBRUARY

High School Winter Camp
at Forest Home!
Cost: \$300
Dates: February 15-18

MARCH

CASA Spring Mission Trip
Cost: \$250
Dates: March 16-21

APRIL

Lockout!
Cost: \$20 or FREE if you bring a friend
Date: April 27

MAY

Finals Relief Puppy Party!
Cost: Free
Date: TBA- keep an eye out!



We may have lost, but we had a great time playing Presby Cup broomball with Glendale Presbyterian!

children's Ministries

by Ashley Pollock

Ahhh February, the month of cupid and roses and chocolates! Darren and I have been together almost ten years and married for over six, and it is our tradition to not have plans on Valentine's Day. But this year, I am breaking tradition. This year, I do have plans and so does Darren, who will be watching ESPN without me trying to change the channel. And I will be at church for a long-awaited Parent's Night Out!

For those of you unfamiliar with Parent's Night Out (PNO), it is an evening where in lieu of trying to find a babysitter, parents can simply drop their child off at LCPC in the Student Center where a team of staff and volunteers will be ready with games (indoor and outdoor), craft supplies, a movie and more. Upon pick up, parents are asked to make a donation. This Valentine's Day, Children's Ministries will be hosting PNO and all donations will go toward our sponsorship of two children, Luis and Yasmine, through Compassion International.

Here are the details of the evening: PNO will take place February 14 from 5:30-8:30 PM. Children ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome to come but we would appreciate an RSVP to ashley@lcpc.net by February 7 so we can make sure we have plenty of volunteers. Kristy Hicks and I will be in charge of the event and we are looking forward to planning some fun activities for those in attendance. Don't miss this chance to enjoy a Valentine's evening out on the town!

A Valentine's PNO is not our only big event in February. We are packing a lot into the shortest month of the year. From February 8-10, we have Winter Camp at Forest Home for our 4th-6th graders. Space is still available for this fun, two-day adventure in the mountains. Please email ashley@lcpc.net if you are interested in registering. The cost is \$145 per child and scholarships are available. Winter Camp is always a fun weekend of rope climbing, gaga ball playing, exploring nature, and worshipping our Savior with churches from all over Southern California. I encourage all our SPARKS to attend!

Starting February 11, Kristy, Josh and I will be hosting a 6-week Bible Study for 5th and 6th graders only. This will be our third 6-week study over the past year or so and I love getting a small group of kids together to study the Bible, ask questions, eat snacks, and pray. The Bible Study will take place every Monday from 4:00-5:00 PM, beginning February 11 and ending March 18. As always, if you

have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at ashley@lcpc.net.

I hope your family and especially your kids are able to join us for these fun events!

In Christ,
Ashley Pollock

Kids Say The Darndest Things

3-Year-Old: (after washing her hands)
"I'm clean as a whale!"

Ashley: "As a whale?"

3-Year-Old: "Yeah – whales are really, really clean because they live in the water!"

Children's Ministries Needs an iPad

Are you trying out Marie Kondo's theories of tidying up in the New Year? If the answer is yes and you are ready to get rid of an old iPad, please consider donating it to Children's Ministries! We are looking for a used iPad so that we have a more portable way to check kids in on Sundays and Wednesdays. A donation can be dropped off in the church office or please call Ashley Pollock at (818) 249-6137 to discuss further.



SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN THE GARDEN

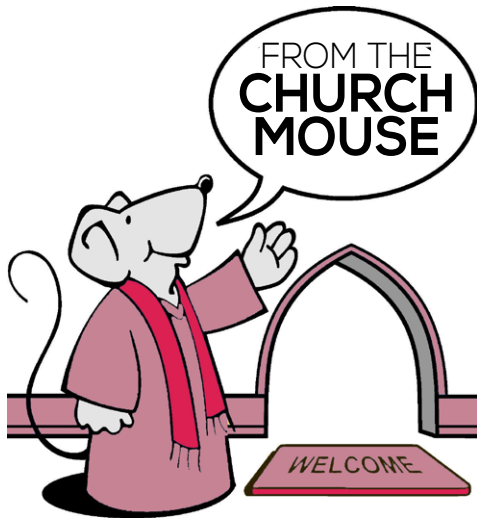
Join the Conversations! We meet once or twice a month on Sunday afternoons at the home of Nancy Coler to discuss the week's sermon in a peaceful and relaxed atmosphere. Both services are represented and new friendships are being formed. All are welcome!

This month we'll meet on **February 3 and 17**. Arrive at 4:30 PM, and we'll be finished by 6:00 PM. For more information, please call Nancy at (626) 755-1880.



All are welcome!

The Cruisers have invited keyboardist extraordinaire Rod Davis to present a program for our meeting on Tuesday evening, February 5, at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Bring a friend!



tion deadline is here. If you're lucky, there might be a spot or two left. Contact **Mary Wilson** at mhw1@sbcglobal.net to see if she can squeeze you in.

If you can't wait until June to participate in a mission trip, don't fret. **Andy** is taking a group down to work on the **Casa de Los Angeles Orphanage** in Rosarito, Mexico in just a couple of weeks. All you need is a passport, \$95 for the fee, to be in high school or older, and be ready to work! Contact Nancy in the church office to get signed up.

Big thanks to **Josh, Austin**, and their amazing students for treating us to another inspiring **Youth Sunday**. We always love having our students lead an entire worship service with their musical talents, their heartfelt testimonies about what it means to follow Jesus, and their creative videos.

Thank you also to everyone who donated their precious blood during the **Deacon's Blood Drive**, headed up by **Dave DePaoli**. This is one lifesaving act of service that is easy to do and makes a huge difference for so many people.

And one last round of thank yous to our new class of **Elders** – **Carleigh Fernandez, Cindy Guenther-Williams, Betsy Heckmann, Rebecca Lessley, Judy Trumbo**, and **Randall Wetzel**, and our new class of Deacons – **Jennifer Clem, Noel** and **Elaine Collins, Karen Hayhurst, Lou Lu, Armineh Manookian**, and **Linda Winfield**. We are grateful for your commitment to LCPC, your leadership, and your service.

We're looking for some friendly faces to join the **Sunday morning greeter team**. It couldn't be easier – just show up about 15 minutes before service, stand at the door and give smiles, hugs, handshakes or a sincere good morning wish, and then scoot on in to worship a bit after it begins. Talk to **Darrell Fernandez** if you're interested.

We are also looking for someone who can head up the **usher team**. It's another easy job of coordinating the schedule and communicating with the team. If you are interested in leading, please contact **Nancy Coler** at nancoler@gmail.com.

The **2019 Sunday flower chart** is up on the Narthex bulletin board if you'd like to provide flowers for worship. You can pick a day that's special to you, or just pick any old day because you feel like it. **Nancy** will contact you the week prior, ask what message you would like in the bulletin, and take care of all the ordering. The cost is \$50.

It's been exciting to hear about the LCPC strategic plans for 2019/2020 – **"All Eyes on God: 2020 Vision."** Love that title! We will have opportunities in the coming months to attend town hall style meetings to get more details and give input on how to implement the plans for discipleship growth, projects around our church campus, and reaching out to our community and beyond.

Be watching the bulletin for an **All-Church**

We love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). Perfect Bible verse for Valentine's Day, don't you agree? Be sure to go out and spread some love this month. In keeping with the theme of love, we have two engagements in the LCPC family. Our talented Choir Director **Gary Woodward** and **Jeanette Draney** are planning a March wedding! **Megan Doeding**, our missionary in Guatemala, recently got engaged to **Austyn Harrah**. We are so happy for both of these wonderful couples!

Parents – start making your **Valentine's Day** date plans because Children's Ministries is offering a **Parent's Night Out** from 5:30-8:30 PM. Just drop your kids off down in the Student Center, donate whatever you would pay a babysitter, and enjoy a night out with your sweetie!

If you happen to get any Valentine's candy in a **heart-shaped box**, CFC would love to have the box once you empty it. They use these fun boxes for games and to trace heart shapes. If you are having trouble eating the candy, send it my way!

Can you believe this year marks the 17th LCPC **mission trip to the Dominican Republic**? Even though the trip is not until June, the registra-



Work Day coming up in April. The property committee can use all hands on deck to participate in decluttering, cleaning, and repairing all the nooks and crannies on the church grounds in preparation for the new projects coming our way.

I'm happy to report that baby **Carter Pollock** is doing well, is just as cute and smiley as can be, and looks a lot like his beautiful big sister! Continue to pray for him and the Pollock family, as they eagerly wait for him to come home from the hospital.

Also keep our **missionaries** in your prayers as they spread God's message around the world. Some are in very dangerous areas where Christians are presently being persecuted for their faith.

CFC celebrated **Kindness Week** at the end of January by writing thank you notes to the hometown helpers in our community. I'm sure those dedicated people loved receiving the sweet letters from our CFC kids. Did you know that February 17 is "Random Acts of Kindness Day?" You too, can do something creative and kind to make someone's day better and spread the love of Jesus.

See you next month!





CFC Heartbeat



As I am writing this it is just days after Clemson University's football team won the national championship game. Bob and I went to the game and it feels like a bucket list item has been checked off.

Director's Corner



We debated about going for a while until the ticket prices dropped enough, a friend gave us a place to stay, and we figured out we could take the light rail train right to the stadium.

We have been fans of Clemson ever since our daughter was accepted her junior year of high school. She spent four years there getting her degree and loved every moment. She was a football fan before she went and has only increased that love during her time there. As Bob and I have no alma mater with a football team, we have jumped on board with the Tigers, as you can tell by the majority of Bob's clothing.

People who are not into team sports, or who do not like football, find fanatics like us funny. But I love what sports has done for our family. Early on we spent more time at ball parks than in front of screens on the weekend. Each of our kids went to the other sibling's games when possible. They learned that each of them had their time to be the star attraction, or when they got to be the supporting players. We met lots of community people at the games, made friendships, and cheered on their kids as well. The lessons on struggle, defeat, and sportsmanship are lessons that have served our children as well as lessons on victory, hard work and comradery.

At the end of the Clemson game we could see the emotion of the graduating seniors, or players headed to the draft, realize that this portion of their lives was over and they would treasure it for the rest of their lives. It all goes so quickly. So if you are at a ball park with your kids, either watching or participating, if you are doing other activities that draw your family together, whatever that might be, remember these experiences shape who your children become. Find the teachable moments and be intentional about the lessons they learn from your family choices.

And as always, Go Tigers!

Pat

Daddy & Me Day

Saturday, February 2, is a special day when dads and children come together for a morning of preschool. Children in Rooms 102, 104, 105, and 108 get to bring their dads or other male adult to school. You will experience Chapel, circle time, art activities, outside play time, and other activities typical of your child's experiences. Chapel starts right at 9:00 AM, so please be on time. This event happens rain or shine! These years go by very fast so don't miss this opportunity to be with your preschool child. Besides it is lots of fun!

Holidays

GUSD will be closed on Monday, February 11, but we will be open all day for everyone including our K-6th graders. On Presidents' Day, February 18, the entire CFC will be closed.

Spring Break

With the school year starting so early this year, Spring Break is in March 18-25. That's a week and a day this year, so plan ahead. We will be open the entire week with a full day camp planned for school age children.

Valentine's Day

We enjoy celebrating Valentine's Day at the Center for Children. On Thursday, February 14, we are asking the kids to wear Valentines colors to school – red, pink, purple, blue or you can decide. You will see lots of hearts, and red, pink, purple and blue paint as you walk around. On that day we will have a menu filled with love and the color red! Please check with your child's classroom to see how and when they will be celebrating. For most classrooms, it is better to bring Valentines without names on the outside. Remember, as parents the best Valentines present you can give to your children is to love and respect each other.

Next Year!

The time to start thinking about your childcare needs for summer and fall is now. You will soon be receiving information about the new year which starts June 17. Our waiting lists have grown so we need to place all in-house students before we go to our waiting list and offer spots to new families. When you receive your paperwork, please fill it out and return it quickly. Returning students' spots are only held until February 20. The registration fee is \$100 before February 20 and goes to \$150 after that. New Students pay \$150. Don't forget we give a \$100 finder's fee when a recommendation you make results in a student enrolling at CFC, so spread the word.

Changes Coming to CFC

We are going to be going on-line for many of the things we used to do in hard copy. We are not sure when we will be ready to go live, but soon you'll be able to pay on-line, fill out paperwork on-line, check your account, maybe even be able to sign your children in and out on-line. With this program, we will be able to send out emergency texts and emails. It should streamline much of our/your paperwork. The increase in our registration fee will cover the cost per child to set up each file. We have not increased our registration fee in the 20+ years I have been here. We believe that this improvement will be worth it.

Parenting for All Seasons

We have two classes left in our parenting class. It's never too late to join us! Class starts at 6:30 PM and child care is available.

February 6: Early Childhood - Limits Create Happier Parents, Happier Kids, Happier Families

February 13: Early Childhood - What to Do When Your Kids Leave You Speechless



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

NEW SONG WORSHIP (CONTEMPORARY), SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM
SERVICE OF PRAISE (CLASSIC), SUNDAYS AT 11:00 AM

Join us every Sunday through the Spring for a life-changing journey through **The Book of Matthew**. Meet Jesus of Nazareth, the long-expected Messiah who brought God's kingdom to earth. Learn why Jesus has a right to David's throne as Israel's true King. Discover for yourself

how intimacy with Him leads to a life that's joyful, satisfying, and abundantly productive.

Regardless of where you stand with Jesus and his Church, these messages will challenge you with new perspectives on our life together.

FEBRUARY 3 THE LORD'S SUPPER

Message by Lee Cook:
"The Book of Matthew: The Centurion's Faith"
For personal study: Matthew 8: 5-13

FEBRUARY 10

Message by Lee Cook:
"The Book of Matthew: Counting the Cost"
For personal study: Matthew 8: 18-22
Ordination and Installation
of New Officers at 11:00 AM

FEBRUARY 17

Message by Lee Cook:
"The Book of Matthew: The Power of Forgiveness"
For personal study: Matthew 9: 1-8

FEBRUARY 24

Message by Lee Cook:
"The Book of Matthew: The Laborers are Few"
For personal study: Matthew 9: 35-38

Let your friends know how God is changing lives – invite those without a church home to worship with you!

