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Quarterly Newsletter October - December 2016



Many of us enjoyed watching the Olympic Games this past summer. Team USA outperformed opponents left and right. Probably most inspiring of all was the USA swim team and the accomplishments that were achieved. The United States won 33 medals (16 gold, eight silver, nine bronze) in the pool in Rio, taking home nearly half of the medals in swimming. Katie Ledecky shattered records; Michael Phelps racked up his medal count and put his overzealous competitors to shame; and Simone Manuel become the first Black woman to win an Olympic gold medal in swimming. The team seemed to gain momentum with each victory, adding fuel to the fire of those who would continue to swim, often victoriously.

The US swim team was led by captain Michael Phelps. Recently, Under Armour released an ad campaign entitled "Rule Yourself" in which it highlighted the training that Phelps (among other athletes) endured in order to succeed. Time exercising in and out of the pool, nutrition, sleep, recovery, and overall sacrifice were portrayed, with the end caption reading, "It is what you do in the dark that puts you into the [spot] light."

Certainly, our goal as Christians is not to achieve stardom or fame, but we can take away a lesson from these athletes. In Hebrews, the author writes that Christians should, in light of God's faithfulness, hold on to their hope, spur (or inspire) each other to love and good deeds, fellowship with one another, and encourage one another (Hebrews 10:23-25). When a church is committed to the calling and is willing to sacrifice in order to further the kingdom of God, often times that example inspires others on to greatness. What part do you play in adding fuel to the fire of Living Hope Baptist Church?

LHBC Y.T.D. Budget Update

As of September 18, 2016

Year-to-Date Tithe and Offerings: **\$157,522.05**

Year-to-Date Budget Shortfall/Surplus: **+ \$ 5,522.04**



a **Month of Missions**



**LHBC
MISSIONS
MONTH
OCTOBER
2016**

- Oct. 2nd:** 10:50 AM - *Bridging the World*
Pastor Samek Sadek
6:00 PM *Greater Baltimore Jail & Prison
Ministry* – John Plasterer
- Oct. 9th:** 10:50 AM Voice of the Martyrs
Mark Dellinger
6:00 PM Alpha Pregnancy Center
- Oct. 16th:** 10:50 AM IPM – Puerto Rico
Nelson & Carmen Westerband
6:00 PM Baltimore Rescue Mission (BRM)
Chuck Buettner
- Oct. 23rd:** 10:50 AM OTAN (Outreach to Asian Nationals)
Arthur MacArthur
6:00 PM OTAN
Kimberly Sorensen

NOTE: If your are able to bring a snack food to share at the Sunday evening gatherings, it will be much appreciated. Thank you in advance.

"GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH TOE GOOD NEWS TO ALL CREATION." MARK 16:15

LHBC Members & Friends



- 2 - Hailey Linthicum
- 3 - Nicholas Palmisano
- 8 - Phoebe Martin
Dana Miller
- 12 - Wade Dryden
- 20 - Jerry Streicker
- 23 - Tyler Dugan
- 24 - Hudson Linthicum



- 1 - Ginger Bitz
- 3 - Sam Keller
Nestor Vargas
- 4 - Marg Streicker
- 6 - Benjamin Miller
- 8 - Katie Barritt
- 9 - Dottie Horst
- 12 - Pauline Whitten
- 14 - Paul Uhler
- 15 - Jessica Palmisano
- 16 - Bill Wilhoit
- 29 - Don Martin



- 9 - Chrissee Harrison
- 18 - David Linthicum
- 24 - Joe Horst

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

As September rolls to a close we begin to get serious about putting our Christmas program together and start incorporating Christmas songs into our regular Sunday morning rehearsal time. This year I've picked out 4 brand new choir songs to intersperse with solos, trios and quartets which together will create our concert which we plan on doing in the gymnasium on December 18th at 10:50 AM. We invite and encourage any one who can carry a tune to join us. Our final dress rehearsals will be the first three Thursdays of December - the 1st, 8th and the 15th from 7-9 PM.

As you can see we need more voices in our choir and instrumental ensemble, so if God has gifted you in this area please feel free to join us. I'd like to thank all those that give of their time and energy to the music ministry. You are a blessing to all those who hear and see you lead us in praise and worship to the Lord each week. Let us now grow weary in well doing, knowing that we will reap a harvest if we do not give up!

God Bless,

Rich





OCTOBER



Friday, October 7, 2016, 6:00 - 8:30 PM



Drop off your kids and enjoy a worry free night out, while your kids enjoy a time of pizza, fun & games.

**First Friday of the Month
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

FREE OF CHARGE ~ Kids 4-12 years old

First Come, First Serve - Call to Register @ 443-273-3037



Senior Saints Luncheon

October 10, 2016 @ 11:30 a.m.

Senior Saints Luncheon

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert.
Come and enjoy the day with us.

CALLING ALL KIDS AGES 12 AND UNDER ...



Saturday, October 29th @ 7 PM

You are invited for an evening of fun ...
a special story, treats & candy,
candy and more candy !!!

**** Church family Please see Kim Dugan, or sign-up in the front / back lobbies if you would be willing to HOST A CAR or provide candy for this outreach event. ****

Sunday, October 30th @ 6:00 PM
Special Music Concert by Jordan Ware

Come and join us for a night of beautiful praise and worship music.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all of those who have been donating items to go into our OCC shoe boxes. Each month you have donated items that will help to complete our boxes. OCC will add story books that will share the love of Jesus Christ with these children. These simple shoe box gifts are powerful and can change a child's life forever!

NOVEMBER COLLECTION ITEM: Now that we have collected items to fill our boxes, we need to help in shipping them all across the world. For November we will be taking a **love offering** at the end of the worship service on 11/6, 11/13 & 11/20. Please consider donating to this great project. See Stephanie Palmisano with questions.

Friday, November 4, 2016, 6:00 - 8:30 PM



Drop off your kids and enjoy a worry free night out, while your kids enjoy a time of pizza, fun & games.

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6:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

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Senior Saints
Luncheon

November 14, 2016 @ 11:00 AM

Senior Saints Luncheon

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert.
Come and enjoy the day with us.

Annual OCC Packing Party

Join us on **Sunday, November 13th** following the morning worship service and help us pack our shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

**Packing
Party**



**Thursday, November 17, 2016
(Event Pending)**

Women of Worth



&

CANVAS

COFFEE Have some fun being creative as our guest inspires us in our own 'uniqueness' to paint a one of a kind masterpiece!



THANKSGIVING
Tradition

Sunday, November 20, 2016
(following morning worship service)

Church Family Thankfulness Meal

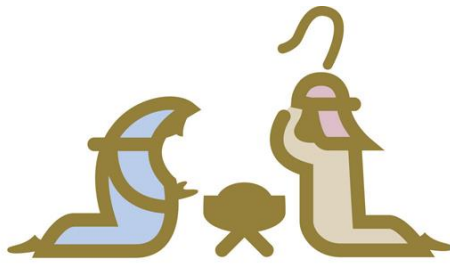
Plan to stay after our Sunday morning worship service to join us for a wonderful Thanksgiving meal.

Sign-up sheet will be located in the front entryway the first week of November.

** Check the food sign-up sheet on the W.O.W. table to see how you can help provide the food!

*Give thanks unto the Lord unto the Lord,
for He is good. Psalm 136:1*





DECEMBER

Friday, December 2, 2016



Drop off your kids and enjoy a worry free night out, while your kids enjoy a time of pizza, fun & games.

**First Friday of the Month
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

“In His Presence”

Saturday, December 10, 2016
@ 5:00 PM



ALL AGES ARE WELCOME ...

Adults: Bring a wrapped 'white elephant' gift.

Children (Ages 10 & Under): Bring a new gift (wrapped and marked boy or girl & the appropriate age)

Senior Saints Luncheon

December 12, 2016 @ 11:30 AM

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert.
Come and enjoy the day with us.



Senior Saints
Luncheon

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 18, 2016 @ 10:50 AM

Come and worship with us as
We share songs with you that
celebrate the birth of our Savior!



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Come and join us on
Tuesday, December 20th,
as we share the joy of this
holiday season and sing
Christmas carols for some
of the shut-ins and senior
saints of our church.



We will take the church van, leaving the LHBC parking lot at approximately 6:30 PM. Sign-up sheet will be located in the front entryway the beginning of December. Please see Sandy Brown with questions.

**Saturday, December 24, 2016
@ 6:00 PM**

Join us as we celebrate the birth of our
Savior, Jesus Christ



**Sunday, December 25, 2016
@ 10:50 AM**

Join us for this special time of praise
and worship for our Savior.

***NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES or
HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS TODAY ***



LHBC Calendar At-A-Glance

Fri.	10/7	Parent's Night Out (6:00-8:30 PM)
Mon.	10/10	Senior Saints' Luncheon (11:00 AM)
Sat.	10/29	Trunk-N-Treat Community Outreach
Sun.	10/30	Special Music Concert - Jordan Ware 6:00 PM at LHBC (No Home Fellowship Groups)
Fri.	11/4	Parent's Night Out (6:00-8:30 PM)
Fri.	11/14	Senior Saints' Luncheon
Thurs.	11/17	Women of Worth (6:30 PM)
Sun.	11/13	OCC Packing Party (following service)
Sun.	11/20	Thanksgiving Meal (following service)
Fri.	12/2	Parent's Night Out (6:00-8:30 PM)
Sat.	12/10	Annual Christmas Party (5:00 PM)
Mon.	12/12	Senior Saints' Luncheon (11:00 AM)
Sun.	12/18	LHBC Christmas Concert (10:50 AM)
Tues.	12/20	Christmas Caroling
Sat.	12/24	Christmas Eve Candle Light Service 6:00 PM
Sun.	12/25	Christmas Morning Worship Service 10:50 AM (NO Sunday School or Home Fellowship Groups today)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**Friday - Saturday
February 3 - 5, 2017**

Sandy Cove Ministries (in Northeast, MD) presents a women's weekend designed for fevent study and intentional reflexion entitled DYING TO LIVE!
Fee includes two night lodging, six meals, snacks and programs. See Ann Barcroft for details.



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