

LEWISVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

CONNECT

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SPEEDWAY GETS GOING!

Who doesn't love a Bouncy Castle? Speedway, our mid-week kids program, kicked off another year this September with our "Get Going Grand Prix"! We've got over 70 kids so far this year and Wee Worship, our kids choir, has over 25 singers! Get in on the fun!



KIDS! WANNA COME TO SPEEDWAY? IF YOU'RE BETWEEN K AND GRADE 4, GET A GROWN-UP TO HELP YOU SIGN UP ONLINE AT LEWISVILLEBAPTISTCHURCH.COM, OR JUST SHOW UP ON WEDNESDAY AT 6-30PM AND WE'LL GET YOU REGISTERED. IT'S FREE!



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

LMS & AHM Breakfast Clubs



Breakfast Clubs are up and running at the two schools in our community, Lewisville Middle School and Arnold H McLeod. The Breakfast Club allows for kids who have come to school without having had breakfast the opportunity to fuel their bodies and minds so they can be alert and more productive in the classroom.

For some children it may be that there was just not enough time to eat at home before catching the bus and for others it may be that there was no food in the home.

This is an amazing program that the schools offer but volunteers are needed to make it happen. The schools have asked us to come alongside them to help in this program. This is a great opportunity for us to work side by side with the schools in our community; a definite "Here to Serve" moment! We are so thankful for this relationship that we have with these schools. This is our opportunity to step out of our building and be His hands and show His heart!

What does it involve? We currently have a few people on each team (one team for each school). We as a church have committed to looking after the Breakfast Club at each school, one day per week (AHM on Thursdays, LMS TBD). The more people we have involved the less commitment it is for everyone. It requires 2 people to show up at the school at 7:30am to get things ready to go for when the kids arrive for breakfast at 8 am. The food is there; it is just simply pouring cereal, toasting bread and spreading some Cheese Whiz on it. Kids are done by 8:30am and then clean up takes only a few minutes so you're out of there by 8:45am. Not much to it...if you can prepare breakfast for yourself you can do this too! The "tank filler" is seeing the kids and knowing that you are making a difference in their day!

How do I get involved!? It's simple. Just speak with Rene or Diane and they can give you more details and get you plugged in! There is always room for you to get involved!



Let's serve our community!

OCTOBER MISSIONS UPDATE

"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

KENNY

Aaron & Erica Kenny and their kids – Emma, Tristan and Ava – have just recently returned to Kenya after a three month home assignment. They were able to visit 22 churches and missionary groups throughout the Maritime Provinces during the summer.

Praying for Peace and Healing in Garissa

September 9 – This past week CBM hosted our fourth conference for Garissa pastors and church leaders. The group of sixty leaders and CBM team members gathered together in the beautiful Brackenhurst centre in Tigoni, Kenya for training on designing church-based sustainable community development projects. Over the past year, we have been working with the Garissa churches with the goal of strengthening the fellowship and unity among the churches, and enhancing the work of Integral Mission within Northeastern Province. We were delighted to have 24 churches represented at this week's gathering. They are eager to begin participatory community assessments throughout Garissa District, as they are mentored by our colleagues William, Yattani and Michel.



"We are so thankful for the CBM," shared Pastor Ibrahim of the East Africa Pentecostal Church "They brought us together as churches. If the attacks had come before, when we were scattered and broken apart, it would have been devastating, but God knew that we needed to be together and united. Because of this, the attacks have shaken us, but we have not fallen away!"

The July 1st attacks against three of the Garissa churches have had a serious impact upon the Church. "It is not only the 18 Christians who were killed and the 60 others seriously injured from the grenade and bullets" shared Pastor Jesse of the G.P.C Church. "Many Christians are afraid to come back to Church. Some people have moved their families away, and others have requested that their employer transfer them away. On Sunday worship, the churches have maybe half their number, because people are scared." Sister Lea Maina of EAPC also shared with us how those sitting in the worship services have struggled with fear. "We sing and pray, but everyone keeps looking over his shoulder. If you see a shadow by the window or at the door, you think maybe it is another attack. Everyone is on edge. Even if someone gets up to leave for the toilet, everyone sits up and wonders where is he going? ... In our fears we must turn to God ... We have not lost our faith. God is good, and God is mighty." During the conference, she preached to the gathering encouraging her fellow Christians not to lose hope.

It was encouraging to hear of the faith of God's people as they witnessed to signs of healing and hope in Garissa. Reverend Mutunga, pastor of the African Inland Church Garissa, buried 14 members of his church in a mass funeral after the attack on his church. On the Sunday after the attack, he led worship in a church where bullet holes and scars from the violence remained. "Evil has not won!" In a courageous act of solidarity, Muslim sheiks, leaders and neighbours came and formed a human wall around the church. "They came to show that the terrorists had not won!" shared Rev. Mwasya of the Church on the Rock (another church targeted on the July 1 attack). "They came to protect Christians, they came to show that they were sorry for what had happened... it is a sign that good can come out of something so terrible!" In the past two weeks as several churches in Mombassa, Kenya have also been attacked and burned, similar signs of solidarity have been shown as Muslim leaders have not only surrounded churches, but have actually entered them and joined Christians during their worship services. "They are telling the terrorists that if you want to kill Christians, you must kill us as well!" shared Rev. Mwasya. Such actions are signs of God's grace and redemption at work.

Please continue to pray for the Church in Garissa and for peace and healing within the greater community. As we concluded this gathering, it was evident that God has placed these faithful men and women to be ambassadors of the love and mercy that is at the heart of God's kingdom. The road ahead will not be easy. The challenges the Church faces internally, and within their wider context are great, but as our friend Sister Lea shared "God's Love is Greater!"

ALWARD



At the end of June Rebecca was invited to present *Horizons*, the online youth leader training resource at the Youth Leaders' BWA conference in Santiago, Chile. She had the privilege of meeting various youth leaders from several Latin American countries and spending time with them. She was also pleased and excited by the interest in bringing *Horizons* to their countries as well.

In July Rebecca had the opportunity to host a STEP partner group from Westhill Park Baptist Church in Regina, SK whose focus is the Tarija region.

At the beginning of August the Tarija Vida Joven leadership team and the regional youth council hosted the annual national Vida Joven training weekend in one of the local churches, which meant Rebecca was also quite involved in the events of the weekend.

Most recently Rebecca has spent time in Sucre, Potosi and Cochabamba training the local leadership teams before coming home to Canada for a couple weeks of vacation time. She is now back in Bolivia preparing for the annual national youth convention in November and starting the *Horizons* pilot project.

CARLINE

While the Carlins are no longer CBM staff in Kenya, Paul Carline has been named the Director of Inter-Cultural Ministries with CBM and the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches. He is based out of the Convention offices in Saint John, and works to further a growing movement of hospitality that has new and old Canadians of various cultures joining together in vibrant Christ-centred communities. It's about working towards healthy neighbourhoods as well as healthy churches.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The sign on the professor's door was one I had never seen before. It read, "Give a man a fish – he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish – he eats for a lifetime."

That saying is well known today, but in 1980 when I saw it for the first time it was novel, even revolutionary for my thinking. My professors weren't thinking of literal fishing. That professor's door was at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and it gave me an insight into what those men and women saw as their opportunity and responsibility toward us as students preparing for ministry.

To that point I had experienced some pretty good professors already. At both Atlantic Baptist College and Gordon College there were some very good ones! But my approach to God's Word was about to get a shot of steroids. Bible teachers taught us how to study the scriptures. Is this a letter, or historical narrative, or what? What about important questions like who, what, where, when, why? And some words carry more weight than others – how do I tell the difference? What about context? Those and many other questions "grew me" as a Bible student first and then as a Bible teacher.

Those professors wanted me to be as equipped as possible to study God's Word, teach God's Word and help others learn to study God's Word too!

On October 14th we're starting a new preaching series. We will be studying Ephesians – specifically Ephesians 1:1-2:10 – under the heading "The Mystery of His Will". This series will be different from others we've done. Here's why – we won't simply be working our way through the first part of Ephesians. Over a 6-week period, piece by piece, we will also be doing something else. Along the way we're going to talk about and demonstrate some (hopefully!) simple principles for studying and understanding scripture.

The goals are (1) we will all get a better handle on what Paul was writing to the believers in Ephesus; but (2) when we sit down to study the scriptures at home we will have a good start on our own 'toolbox' for feeding ourselves on God's Word. So, bring your Bibles (I will be using an ESV – English Standard Version), your highlighter, a pen and some paper (if you like to take notes).

I'm looking forward to this! It will be good for all of us (not to mention fun along the way as we learn and grow!)

See you there!

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BOOK REVIEW: "COACH WOODEN" by Pat Williams

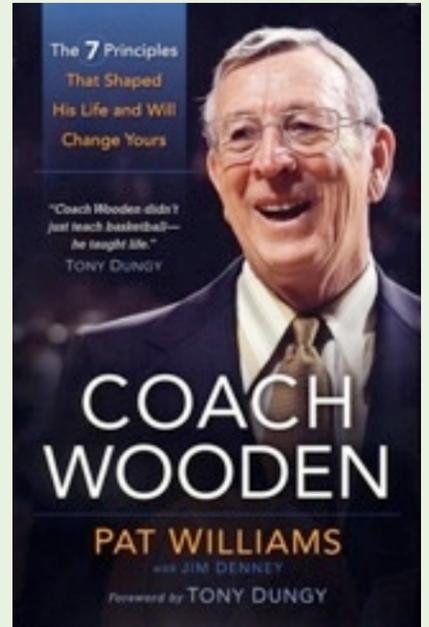
Chris Shaw

I love to watch the seasons change – golf, baseball, football and of course hockey (go Leafs go!). But this season is different. This season the boys of winter may not skate. Even as I write this, the two sides are meeting to try and save the NHL season. What will the sports nuts do if, in this writer's opinion, the greatest game of all is cancelled? Some of us already know the answer to this question...basketball. Admittedly I have never really followed the sport. It's not that I don't enjoy it, but it runs its season the same time as hockey. If I have to pick between the Leafs vs. the Habs and the Celtics vs. LA, for me it's no choice at all. So if I'm going to watch this coming basketball season I have to think, what do I know about the game? Not much.

1. Invented by a Canadian while living in the U.S.
2. More team names that don't end in 's' than any other pro sports league.
3. Had the best coach in sports.
4. The Washington Generals will never win.

Just a tic. Best coach in sport? How can that be? Hockey has Scotty Bowman and Grapes. Baseball has Tony La Russa and Joe Torre. Who could be a better coach? The answer is a man referred to by other bench bosses from all sports simply as "The Coach". John Wooden was the head coach for the UCLA Bruins from 1948 to his retirement in 1975, but what made him great? His record is clear: 10 NCAA National Championships in 12 years – 7 in a row – including an 88 game winning streak and four perfect 30-0 seasons.

This month's book looks at the question of where The Coach's greatness came from. Pat Williams has written a book entitled "Coach Wooden" in which he looks at what influenced the man that has had such an impact on basketball and sport. As we read we learn that the Coach's relationship with his father had a great impression on him. Greater still was a piece of paper given to him by his father the day he finished Grade 8. The paper has a poem by Henry Van Dyke on one side and seven principles on the other.



Four things

Four things a man must learn to do
If he would make his record true:
To think without confusion clearly;
To love his fellow man sincerely;
To act from honest motives purely;
To trust in God and Heaven securely.
~ Van Dyke

- Be true to yourself
- Make each day your masterpiece
- Help others
- Drink deeply from good books, especially the Bible
- Make friendship a fine art
- Build a shelter against a rainy day
- Pray for guidance and give thanks for your blessings every day

Spoiler alert: "God plays a key role in all points!"

I'm fortunate to have a signed copy of the book. I got it from a friend who was able to meet Mr. Williams and was kind enough to think of me. In the note that Pat inscribed he offered some advice that I would like to pass on to you: Read, Apply and Really Grow.

MINISTRY PROFILE - MEN'S & LADIES GROUPS

Ladies Group (Tuesdays, 7pm)

Travelling Light: *Releasing the Burdens You Were Never Intended to Bear*

The Promise of Psalm 23

By Max Lucado

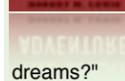


Weary travelers. You've seen them -- everything they own crammed into their luggage. Staggering through terminals and hotel lobbies with overstuffed suitcases, trunks, duffels, and backpacks. Backs ache. Feet burn. Eyelids droop. We've all seen people like that. At times, we are people like that -- if not with our physical luggage, then at least with our spiritual load. We all lug loads we were never intended to carry. Fear. Worry. Discontent. No wonder we get so weary. We're worn out from carrying that excess baggage. Wouldn't it be nice to lose some of those bags?

Using the twenty-third Psalm as a guide, Max Lucado walks us through a helpful inventory of our burdens. May God use this Psalm to remind you to release the burdens you were never meant to bear.

Men's Group (Thursdays, 7:30pm)

Men's Fraternity: *The Great Adventure* by Robert Lewis



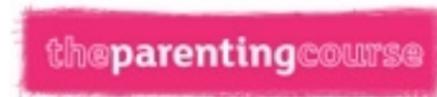
Men's Fraternity provides men with an encouraging process that teaches them how to live lives of authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus Christ and directed by the Word of God. *The Great Adventure* explores a man and his world beyond the everyday. The 20-session study puts the roof on the house of masculinity and creates a vision for a man's future and destiny. This study will help men rediscover the adventure in life through a greater understanding of who they are. Men will uncover the uniqueness they have as a man and discover a satisfying life focus. It will challenge men to consider several important questions they are continually asking themselves: "Who am I?", "What are my dreams in life?", and, "Do I have courage to pursue those dreams?"

Never has another manhood curriculum challenged men to live life to the fullest like *The Great Adventure*. It will take them on a journey that leads to significant personal discoveries about who they are and where they are going in life.

To kick off the Men's Group for the program year there will be a breakfast buffet on **Saturday, October 13th** at 9am at McGinnis Landing Restaurant. All men are invited to come and enjoy the



We're going to be having a **child dedication** in our first service (9:15am) on **Sunday, November 25th**. If you've got a little one who you'd like to dedicate before God and your church family, or even if you'd just like a little more info about the process, we'd love to hear from you! Please fill out a Connections Card or contact the office.



We're excited to be offering an Alpha Parenting course here at LBC!

The Parenting Course starts on Sunday, October 14th and runs for 5 weeks (minus November 11th).

The course will consist of a family meal together at 4:30pm (provided) and childcare will be offered for kids up to age 10 while Mom and Dad take part in the course after supper. The evenings will wrap up at 7pm.

We'll be offering 2 tracks, one for parents of kids up to age 10 and another for parents of kids age 11-18. There's no cost to be involved, so please visit www.lewisvillebaptistchurch.com/alpha-parenting and fill out the form to let us know you're coming.

For more information call 853-7552 or contact Diane Bustin, Andrea Woodworth or Rene Robichaud.



Coming this November, keep your eyes peeled for a new initiative to encourage families in their faith at home.

A special event is being planned for November 25 during the 2nd service for kids age 3 to Grade 4 and their parents. Stay tuned in to Kidsville for more details!



While kids programs continue during both our Sunday morning worship services, Sunday School for teens and adults happens at 11:00 during our 2nd service only. Check out what's being offered this semester!

Middle School & High School

"Echo the Story"

Rene Robichaud, Johanna Entz and Dannaya Wall

Adult Electives

"Minor Prophets, Major Truths"

Mel Schriver
CE Classroom

Precept Ministries Bible Study: Ephesians

Hendie Dijkman
Upstairs Lounge

"Crazy Love" DVD/Book Study

Paul Woodworth
Upstairs Auditorium



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