



June / July 2008

## The Report

*A monthly newsletter*



**Performing live at:  
Legacy Christian Church  
Sunday, June 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.**

John Jacobs' Next Generation Power Force is a group of world-class athletes who have performed the world's greatest exhibitions of power, strength, speed, inspiration, and motivation throughout the United States and internationally. These giant men, many weighing over 300 pounds, can blow up hot water bottles, snap baseball bats, lift telephone poles, rip phone books and license plates, and smash walls and concrete.

John and his team have performed in over 20,000 school assemblies over the past 25 years. Believing that inspiration and motivation equals academic and personal achievement, they tackle the tough issues of drugs, alcohol, violence, abstinence, peer pressure and suicide. Young people have been challenged and changed by their positive messages.

John Jacobs' Next Generation Power Force has an unparalleled history, with proven effective methods, that churches, corporations, cities and organizations utilize to draw people from all walks of life, reaching their communities with powerful, life-changing messages of hope and inspiration.

Invite your family and friends to attend this extraordinary event at Legacy Christian Church. A love offering will be taken. In addition, John will preach at the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services that day.

## **Bud Jones Announces His Retirement**

In a letter to Dr. McConnell and the church staff, Bud Jones announced his intention to retire from active ministry in June of this year.

Bud has retired before--first, from the Cincinnati Fire Department. In 1999, Bud retired from serving for many years as the pastor of the Addyston United Methodist Church. He has spoken several times over the years about his intentions to retire, so in his letter Bud wrote, "But this time it's for real (I think). I am retiring the nineteenth of June, 2008."

In was on June 19th, 1983, that Bud preached his first sermon and responded to the call to be the Pastor at Addyston United Methodist Church. This June will mark Bud's 25th anniversary in Pastoral Ministry. It seems like a great time to celebrate a quarter of a century in pastoral ministry and officially retire.

Bud will be sharing more about his motivation for retiring in a letter to the church. He states in his letter to Bill that "I felt very strongly that God was calling me to First Christian, and now I feel that He is calling me to step aside from active Pastoral Ministry and to walk with Him in some new and exciting ways."

Dr. McConnell said, "We are so thankful for the ministry of Bud Jones in the life of this church. He has been one of my best friends for many years, and his friendship and ministry have certainly blessed my life. I hate to see him retire, but I am excited for him as God continues to guide his steps. Some have already asked if we are going to replace Bud. No, Bud can not be replaced. He is one of a kind."

We will be celebrating Bud's ministry and retirement on **Sunday, June 22 in the Worship Center**. He will be preaching at both services that morning, and the church will host a retirement party for him that afternoon, **from 2:30 - 4:30**. Mark your calendar now and plan to be a part of this special event.

## Newsletter Switches to Bi-monthly Schedule

Beginning with this issue, the LCC Report will be produced on a bi-monthly schedule, changing from its monthly publication. There are other changes in the works for the newsletter, as the editorial team expands and explores ways church members can meet and get to know each other better through this publication.

## Matthew 25

### Ministries

### Saturday, June 21

### Saturday, July 19

Come and help us recycle for Jesus! We will **leave LCC at 8:00 a.m.** to sort clothing and other items at M25M in Blue Ash. We will work there from **9:00 a.m. until noon.**

This is a GREAT opportunity to Life Groups to serve together. Contact **Tom and Diane Elrod at 513-521-8799** for details.

## Children's Class June 22

What does it mean to ask Jesus into your life? This question (and many others) will be answered **Sunday, June 22, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Parents are invited to attend this class with their children. Lunch will be served. Please contact **Willisa Redford, Director of Children's Ministries, at the church office (513-367-4316)** to sign up.



## Our Condolences

We express our deepest sympathy to **Paul Mendel Jr.** on the death of his father; **Mildred Ross** on the death of her niece; **Jenny Bradshaw and Carolyn Ford** on the death of their uncle; **Andrea Coots** on the death of her father; and **Graydon, Jim, Norma and the rest of the Kuehn family** on the death of Clara. Please keep these families in your prayers.

## Baptisms offered Sunday, July 13

Water baptisms will be offered Sunday, July 13, **immediately following the 11:00 worship service.** Please contact the church office (513-367-4316) if you wish to be baptized.

## It's a Boy!

Congratulations to **Michael and Valerie Benjamin** on the birth of **Carson Michael** April 25. He weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces.

*Happy Father's Day!  
Sunday, June 15*

## Church Offices Closed

LCC Church Offices will be closed **Friday, July 4,** in observance of Independence Day.



## ministry reports

### *MISSIONS* –

#### **Sunset Gap Tennessee Mission Trip July 27 – August 1**

Please keep team members (**Randy Sanders, Larry Nielsen, Rachel Bradshaw, Bob and Cheri Jacobs and Brandon, Chris and Beth Kessen, Mike, Alex and Josh Mains, Dale Barth, Coni Leiber**) in your prayers as they serve the community of Sunset Gap.

#### **2008 Central American Mission Trip Honduras: October 3 - 10**

Heart to Honduras is a holistic ministry assisting in meeting the needs of the poor in Honduras. In the spirit of Matthew 25:31 – come and let your heart and life be changed.

For more information about the Honduras mission trip, contact **Jenny Baer (513-923-3278 or [baerjk@healthall.com](mailto:baerjk@healthall.com))**. **Cost will be \$750 - \$1000 per person.** Passports and shots will be needed.

### *SERVICE* –

#### **Fast One—Feed One**

Please remember your less fortunate neighbors in the Harrison area this summer by participating in Fast One—Feed One. Some school-based nutrition programs do not extend into the summer months, and high gas prices have a devastating effect on those who earn minimum wage. "... Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Luke 3:11.

### *FELLOWSHIP* –

#### **Barbeque and Baseball Sunday, June 29**

LCC has reserved a prime spot at Champion Window Field in Florence, Kentucky for a major fellowship event. **After the 11:00 worship service**, we will travel to the Field, feast on ribs, pulled pork and chicken tenders and then enjoy a 2:05 p.m. baseball game as Florence Freedom hosts Traverse City in a professional triple-A contest.

LCC will have an exclusive reserved field-level area on the first-base line, with patio-style tables and chairs. Food and beverages will be served through the fifth inning. **The cost is \$20.00 per person. Make checks payable to Legacy Christian Church. For more information, contact Larry Nielsen.**

## CLASS OF 2008

We will honor our graduates at church on **Sunday morning, June 8**. Congratulations on your achievements!

### 2008 High School Graduates

**Spencer Ford** graduates from Harrison High School. He plans to attend Cincinnati Christian University for undergrad then Seminary. Spencer is the son of Roger and Carolyn Ford.

**Blake Hall** graduates from Franklin County High School. He will study Chemical Engineering at Purdue University. Blake is the son of Keith and Linda Hall.

**Amanda McClure** graduates from Franklin County High School. She will attend IUPUI Herron School of Art and Design and hopes to study abroad during college. Amanda is the daughter of Jeff and Nedra McClure.

**Kenny Phillips** graduates from Harrison High School. He will attend Ohio University and study graphic design or work with YWAM (Youth With A Mission). Kenny is the son of Jack and Tina Phillips.

### College Graduates

**Alexandra Bryant** received a Degree in Middle Childhood Education from the University of Cincinnati.

**Aaron Coots** received a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Kentucky. He is currently working as a therapist at Catholic Social Services and assisting the University Hospital Organ Transplant Team. Aaron plans to open a private practice for counseling and therapy. He also serves as a drummer on Praise Team #1.

**Allison Finley** received her Medical Doctor Degree from Northeastern Ohio Universities School of Medicine. She will be a resident for three years in Akron for Emergency Medicine. Allison is also getting married June 7.

**Rachel Joerger** received her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Anderson University (Indiana). She will be getting married June 14. Rachel and her fiancé, Caleb, will reside in New Jersey. Rachel plans to get a teaching job while Caleb finishes college.

**Chelsea Struewing** received her Bachelor of General Studies Degree from IU East.

**Christy Brock** received her Master's of Social Work Degree from the University of Cincinnati. She is currently working at the Pressley Ridge Treatment Facility.

**Christena Wingerberg** received an Associate Degree in Applied Science and Medical Assisting and an Associate Degree in Phlebotomy from Ivy Tech State College.



## VBS at LCC: “God’s Big Backyard”

**Monday, July 7 - Friday, July 11  
6:00 - 9:00 each evening in the  
Worship Center at LCC**

Get ready to join **God's Big Backyard: Where kids have a blast serving Jesus!** The adventure grows each day as kids take the love of Jesus from their “backyard” at church into

their neighborhoods and communities!

In God's Big Backyard, kids will participate in the large-group excitement of Backyard Bash, experience God's Word at Backyard Bible Club, meet real-life servants at Community Corner, plus explore and create through fun-filled crafts, snacks, and games. Just step outside, take a look over your fence, and help kids discover how much fun they can have serving in God's Big Backyard!

Beginning each day at *Backyard Bash*, our backyard buddies--Stan, Cooper, Alex, and Nick--discover how much fun service can be, challenging kids to serve their families, friends, neighbors, communities, and Jesus.

Each day at *Backyard Bible Club*, kids will commit to serving! Then they will head off to *Community Corner*, where they will hear stories of other kids and adults making a big difference in their backyards!

Your kids won't want to miss this adventure in Gods' Big Backyard! To decorate, we will need the following items. Please look at the list below and look for items you might have in your basement or garage (if requested, items can be borrowed for decorating and then returned):

- potted flowers, trees and shrubs (real or artificial)
- wooden or vinyl fencing
- benches, tire swings and hammocks
- grills
- lanterns, patio lights, Christmas lights (white)
- picnic tables and patio furniture
- picnic baskets and other baskets
- sports equipment and lawn games
- sandboxes, swings from swing sets
- Hula hoops
- small pop-up tents
- shoe boxes
- white or light cream-colored sheets (can't be returned due to spray paint will go on them)
- toys (new or gently used). We will have a toy sale and money raised will be donated to Reach Out Pregnancy Center.

## Love Inc School Supply Give Away



Love Inc will be collecting school supplies for area children. **Items may be turned into the church office or the Worship Center entry (please place in grocery carts) by mid-July.** School supplies will be distributed in August.

Backpack (no wheels)	Notebook Paper (wide rule)
3 Ring Binder (1 – 1 ½”)	Paper Towels
Black & White Composition Books	Pencils (# 2)
Colored Markers, Washable (8/pack)	Pens (blue, black, red)
Colored Pencils	Pocket Folders (with and without tabs)
Crayons (24/box)	Protractor (clear plastic)
Dictionary	Ruler (inches and centimeters)
Disinfectant Wipes or Baby Wipes	Scissors(Fiskar)
Dry Erase Markers	Small Supply Box
Eraser (single pink and pencil tip)	Spiral Notebook (70 count – wide rule)
Glue Sticks (Elmers)	Tissues
Highlighters	White School Glue (Elmer’s orange cap)
Index Cards, 3x5 (ruled and blank)	Ziplocs (gallon, quart, sandwich)



**Family Camp Out**  
**Friday, June 27 beginning at 6:30 p.m. until**  
**Saturday, June 28 ending at 9:00 a.m.**  
**in the Worship Center**

For children in grades preschool – fifth grade. Bring your tents and sleeping bags. Contact Willisa Redford (Director Children’s Ministries) for details.

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Deadline for submissions to this newsletter is the **15th day of the month** prior to publication.

**If you would like to receive a full-color version of this newsletter via e-mail, contact Sue in the church office: 513-367-4316.**

## STAFF

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