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The Report

A monthly newsletter



The Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

Imagine. . . what could the People of God do for the Kingdom of God if they were debt free?



Financial Peace University is a biblically-based, video-driven small group study that teaches families to beat debt, build wealth and give like never before. It is described as a *life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money and empowers you with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace*. Over 650,000 families have already benefited from this life-changing program that:

- Teaches financial responsibility with easy Baby Steps
- Helps eliminate debt using the Debt Snowball
- Offers accountability and continued support with lifetime membership
- Trains participants to spend every dollar on paper with the zero-based budget planner
- Empowers people struggling with financial hardships by establishing a plan to take control of their money

LCC will be offering this course on Wednesday evenings from January 7 through April 1 from 7:00 p.m. in the Children's Ministry Center Sanctuary. A free preview of what to expect will be given Wednesday, December 10 and Sunday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Children's Ministry Center Sanctuary. Contact the church office (513-367-4316) to make reservations.

Financial Peace University's creator, David L. Ramsey III, is a financial writer, radio and television host. His syndicated radio program, The Dave Ramsey Show, is heard on over 350 radio stations throughout the United States and Canada. He has written over 14 books, three of which have been on the New York Times Best Seller list. His books and broadcasts often feature a conservative Christian perspective that reflects Ramsey's own religious beliefs.



Announcements!

Sunday Healing Services
December 7 at 6:00 p.m.
in the Worship Center
(no healing services in January)

LCC Board Meeting
Thursday, December 11
Meeting begins at **7:00 p.m. in the State Street building**. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Visiting and Caroling
Saturday, December 13
We will make Christmas visits (and caroling) to our homebound members. Everyone is welcome to join us. **Meet in the church parking lot at 1:30 p.m.** We will also be taking cookies to them. If you would like to donate cookies, please bring them to the church office by Thursday, December 11 (please mark them for visiting). **Call the church office (513-367-4316) by Tuesday, December 9, to let us know if you're making cookies or joining us for caroling.**

Matthew 25 Ministries
Two Saturdays: December 20 and January 18
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**.
Contact **Tom and Diane Elrod at 513-521-8799** for details.

If you'd like to receive a color version of the newsletter via email, contact the office at 513-367-4316.



Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24
at 6:00 p.m.
in the Worship Center

Upward Basketball
Upward basketball games begin **Saturday, January 10**. Come cheer on the basketball players and cheerleaders. Games are Saturdays in January and February in **the Worship Center and at the Harrison First Presbyterian Church**.

Church Family News

Two Become One

Congratulations to **Danny Metz and Catherine Grant** married October 4, **Rob Van Metre and Beth Goffena** married October 4, **Jenny Wendel and Russell Bullock** married October 18, **Ryan McAdams and Jill Welch** married November 1 and **Angela Williams and Matt Jesse** married November 8. We wish these couples love and happiness as they begin their new lives together.

Church Offices Closed

Closed at **12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 24**

Closed **all day on Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26**

Closed at **12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 31**

Closed **all day on Thursday, January 1 and Friday, January 2**

Closed **all day on Monday, January 19** (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

End of the Year Giving

The accounting books will close on **Sunday, December 28**. Please be sure that all of your 2008 giving has been completed by that date. Thank you.

Building Name Change

Please make a note of the following change: the **Discipleship Center** (beige building) is now the **Children's Ministry Center**. This building will mostly serve school-aged children but will also have meeting rooms adults can use.

Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest condolences to **Lon Wise** on the death of his father; **Ora Lee Garrett** on the death of her sister; **Michael Bradshaw** on the death of his mother; **Nancy Baize** on the death of her husband; **Janeen Robertson** on the death of her father; **Sharon Wendel** on the death of her father. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thank You

Thanks to all who have prayed, sent cards and memorials due to the recent passing of my mother. Your expressions of love and sorrow are greatly appreciated by my family.

Michael Bradshaw and family

Stork Report

Congratulations to **Steven and Jessica Merkhofer** on the birth of **Jerome Steven Merkhofer IV**, born November 10, 2008.

CHRISTMAS GIVING AT LCC

Children's Giving Tree

On **Sunday, November 30**, there will be boy and girl cutouts in the **Worship Center** for 50 children in the community who need someone to shop for Christmas gifts. Age of child, clothing sizes and a toy request will be written on the back. If you would like to shop for a child, please pick up a cutout and sign your name on the list (monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase gifts for the children). Wrapped, bagged and tagged gifts need to be brought to the worship services **Sunday, December 14**. They will be delivered to the families on **Monday, December 15 (meet in Room 2 of the Children's Ministry Center at 9:00 a.m. to help)**.

Please call **Sheila Byrd (513-564-6206)** if you want to help deliver the packages.

Gift Wrapping at biggs Saturday, December 13

Legacy Christian Church will be serving our community by wrapping Christmas gifts at Bigg's on **Saturday, December 13, from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity for you and your Life Group to work together in serving Christ by serving others. All wrapping materials will be provided by the church. You can sign up for an hour of wrapping Christ's love up with a bow on top! Please let **Gerry Quinlivan (513-738-3668; gquin@zoomtown.com)** know what hour you will be serving.



Give a family a Christmas dinner

As we continue to serve the Harrison community, we will be providing Christmas dinners for 18 families in need. Groceries for the dinners will be purchased and then brought to the **Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, December 21**, and delivered after the 11:00 service.

Grocery items for each dinner are: one canned ham; one box of dressing; one box of instant potatoes; one can of yams; two cans of green beans; two cans of corn; two cans or jars of gravy; canned pumpkin and crust or pumpkin pie or cake mix; one can of cranberry sauce; rolls (12 count). Other possible items to include are any non-perishable food items and paper products.

If you wish to purchase a dinner and/or help deliver them, please contact **the church office: 513-367-4316**.

Ministry Opportunities

Our church's target outreach is to families with young children who are not attending a church. Have you ever wondered how you could connect with these families? We all want to make a difference and further God's kingdom. But how?

Here are a couple of opportunities to connect with families with young children:

Tutoring at Harrison Elementary

In tutoring at Harrison Elementary, you are able to pick the age and sex of the child you would like to tutor. Tutoring younger children could be doing things like reading to them, helping them study their spelling words, helping them recognize numbers, etc... Tutoring older children will usually involve helping them with their homework. Whatever age group you help, Harrison Elementary teachers send a slip of paper with specific instructions on how to help the child. While helping the child with their school work, they will open up and share a little of their life with you. So you will also have the opportunity to mentor and influence a child in a positive way. At the end of tutoring, you take the child to the entryway and help them connect with their family. Willisa has been able to tutor for four weeks. In that time, she has met the children's mother and invited the children to Upward. The mother wants her children to be a part of Upward and also wants to help with cheerleading practice. The mother would not have taken this opportunity to have her children play Upward because she didn't understand that the church would help her with the cost of Upward. In four short weeks, a connection has been made with this family and they will attend church and hear the gospel through the Upward program. This is a way to connect with families with young children who are not attending church.

If you are interested in helping with tutoring a child, please contact Willisa Redford and let her know what day and times you could help.

Involvement in the Upward Ministry

There are many ways to be involved in Upward. You could help at practices with sharing a devotion that is already written up and ready to go. You could help a coach keep track of his/her team and do some organizational types of things. You could help children get to and from practices and games. Of course, there is always room to help coach a basketball or cheerleading team. A couple from the First Presbyterian Church "adopted" a little girl for Upward. They paid for the child's fee, will pick up the child for practices and games, and will attend her games. This little girl's mother is in a nursing home due to MS and her father has some serious problems of his own. But because this couple is willing to step up and minister, this child will be able to attend church and hear the gospel presented to her.

There is a person from Upward Soccer who helped a coach with organizational items during practice and games. This person was able to meet two different families with young children who do not attend church. This person is still in contact with both of the families and has invited them to church and to Alpha. Both families will attend Upward Basketball and Cheerleading. This is a way to connect with families with young children.

If you have ever thought or felt, if I just knew HOW to connect with families with young children who do not attend church, you now know a couple of ways. Please pray and consider getting involved in one or both of these ministries. **Then call Willisa at church: 513-367-4316.**

Shawneespring Community Church launched

At 7:00 pm on **November 9, 2008**, Shawneespring Community Church, a church plant of Legacy Christian Church, held its first service in the chapel of Shawneespring Health care at 10100 Simonson Road. About 50 residents, family members, staff and well-wishers attended the first service. **Nancy McConnell** led the worship and sang a solo during the communion. Nancy was assisted by **Rae Barrott, Nancy Martin, Judy Noes and Evelyn Schlemmer**, with **Susan Brogden** playing piano.

A reception was held after the service, and members of **LCC Children's Ministry** served cake, punch, and cookies and serenaded the residents.

Shawneespring Community Church is specifically designed for residents, family and staff of the Shawneespring Health Care Center, but anyone is welcome to attend.

Services are every Sunday at 7:00 pm. The church is pastored by Larry Nielsen.



**A NEW
YEAR
&
NEW
OPPORTUNITIES**

2009 LCC officers and budget approved

On **November 9, 2008**, the congregation of Legacy Christian Church voted on and passed the proposed budget and approval of the following church officers:

Board Chair – Jeff Welsh
Board Vice Chair – Mike Bradshaw
Board Secretary – Karen Renbarger
Board Treasurer – Carolyn Ford
Trustees – Bob Conly, Lisa Taylor
Members at Large – Jeff Milton; TBD.

Elders are: Greg Mathena (Elder Chair), Tom Kendrick, Karen Renbarger, Ed Hoffman, Ken Nickoson, Carolyn Grant, Gerry Quinlivan, Pam Frierhood, Aimee Samuels, Scott Holland, Ken Johns on.

Scott Holland accepts call to pastor church in Chardon, Ohio

Scott Holland, a member at LCC since 1997, has accepted the call to become Pastor of Pilgrim Christian Church in Chardon, Ohio. He will start his ministry there on January 1.

Scott has served as a member in many ministries at LCC over the years, including Diaconate, board of directors, care team, and praise team. He has also served as a leader in the Alpha and Walk to Emmaus programs. Currently, he serves as a church elder and leader of the Crooked Glasses Life Group.

In the spring of 2007, Scott received a Master of Divinity degree from Cincinnati Christian Seminary, which is the graduate school division of Cincinnati Christian University. Scott, his wife, Tina, their family and church family have all been praying for God's leading as he has looked for a full-time ministry position. After several visits and interviews with Pilgrim Church's leadership, Scott preached during the morning worship services on Sunday, November 23. Afterwards, a majority vote was cast by the congregation to accept Scott as their new minister.

The Pilgrim Christian Church is located at 202 South Hambden Street, Chardon, Ohio, 44024. Their website is www.chardonpcc.org and their phone number is 440-285-8791. PCC is affiliated with both the Christian Church - Disciples of Christ and the United Churches of Christ.

According to Scott, "PCC has a strong core of leaders who are committed to finding ways to be relevant to the Chardon community. We will be facing some challenges as we begin making the changes necessary to reach out to a younger generation and meet the people where they are. We would be encouraged by prayers for unity, wisdom, and servant hearts as we embark on this journey together."

Chardon, Ohio, is located east of Cleveland and about 285 miles northeast of Harrison. Tina will remain in Harrison for a while as she and Scott sell their Harrison home and their daughter, Sydney, finishes the sixth grade at Crosby Elementary. They will spend time together as a family on the weekends during this transition time.

LCC sends the Holland family off with the joy of knowing our brothers and sisters in Christ at the Pilgrim Christian Church will be gaining a minister who loves God and is dedicated to serving Christ and His people in Chardon, Ohio.

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

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STAFF

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