

**A Warm Welcome Awaits You
At These Assemblies**

Sunday Bible Study 9:00AM
Sunday Morning Assembly 10:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

**Bible Classes for All Ages
Attended Nursery**

Opportunities to Serve: October 9, 2011

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Weekly Statistics for October 2, 2011

AM Bible Class	113
AM Bible Class Avg.	105
AM Assembly	206
AM Assembly Avg.	211
Contribution	\$12,512.32
YTD Average Weekly Contribution	\$8,878.04
Weekly Budget	\$9,815.38



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Equal

There are a lot of things in society that separate us. Money is certainly one of those things. It is easy to feel uncomfortable when you are in a group that obviously either makes more money than you do or less money. Some people are good at overcoming that but some aren't. Education is another thing that has a way of creating separation. When a couple of people are talking and you realize you don't even know what they are talking about you can feel dumb and not part of the group. How people look also does this to us sometimes. How about skin color? We try to not let it be an issue but it often is. All of these things are sad because the separation is not based on reality even though it seems very real. Differences like these don't really matter.

Are there some things that create equality in Christianity? I think Jesus brought us many ways to stand on equal ground. The greatest equalizer of all time is the cross. We all stand together at the cross asking God if he would be so good to forgive us of our sins. When you stand there you realize any comparisons with the other people around would be nonsense. At the cross it doesn't matter at all what you look like or what degrees you have. Alongside this equalizer is the Lord's Supper. Everyone gets a small plastic cup and we just go from front to back. No one gets any kind of special treatment. This makes sense since it is reminding us of the cross. Baptism is also no respecter of persons. There are no special baptism clothes that certain people get to wear. Lately it has been bring your own swimsuit and a t-shirt. What a great way to start.

There are also some things that we go through in life that have a way of helping us realize we are all equal. We all love our children. When women get together and start talking about their children it becomes apparent that they all have this in common and they can talk on level ground. Suffering has a way of erasing our differences. When you

are in pain you don't care who helps you. You will appreciate and get close to anyone that comes to your aid. Snootiness becomes ridiculous. Death is like this also. As you struggle with all that death and disease brings you want to reach out to anyone that is willing to love you through this difficult time. All of these things have a way of helping us see through the differences to what makes us the same.

Lately I have been facing several of these things that have a way of accentuating our similarities. An added benefit is that they have helped me to understand what many of you have already faced. It is really good to have each other.

Have a great week!
Allen L. Close

Wednesday Night Events

October 19 LICS 6:30 pm
Letter Writing 6:30pm -
Prayertime 7:00 @ church
Prayer time at Leo & Minerva's
October 26 Fall Praise Fest & Trunk or
Treat 6:30 pm @ church

Lexington Coming Events

Ladies Bible Study
Thursday Mornings at the church 10 am

Potluck Lunch Sunday Oct. 9
Tea, Lemonade, and coffee will be provided
Please make sure that you bring enough food for
your family and to share with visitors.

Dear Church Family,
Your prayers, cards, and visits were a real
comfort to me during my hospital stay. Thank
you for all the ways you showed you care. I am
grateful that our loving God brought me this
far again. God Bless us all.
In His name, Janice Holt

**Independent House Christmas Care
Package Project** Item for this week:
**\$5 Wal-Mart Gift Cards. Please give
them to Teresa Castleman.**

Ladies Brunch
October 15th from 10 am -12 noon
Sign up sheet for food in the foyer.

Ladies Sunday Morning Bible Class
Beginning November 6th
The title of the study is "A Light in the Darkness"
it's about Elijah and Elisha by Casandra Martin.
The cost of the Book is \$15. Sign up sheet in the
foyer. See Karyn Giles to purchase a book.

Youth News

Have you ever thought about how diverse and creative God is? Think about all the different kinds of trees, some that flower, some that don't, some that produce fruit to eat, some that only produce pollen. Speaking of pollen, think about all the different sounds people make when they sneeze. Some are loud, obnoxious sneezes, some are so quiet you can barely hear them, and there's everything in between. What about that fact that every human being is born with a completely different set of DNA, so no two people look exactly alike? And isn't it amazing when you think about how God didn't just create the earth and everything in it, but he continues to sustain it with his life-giving power? Just think about how he made the plants to take in the toxic chemical that we breathe out, CO2, and turns it into oxygen which we need to survive. What about how every animal in the food chain, even down to the annoying little mosquito, matters in keeping a healthy balance of things here on earth?

After discussing Elohim, the creator God, in class on Sunday morning, my daughter and I were looking online at pictures of odd sea creatures. We laughed as we talked about how God must have a really good sense of humor to create such interesting animals. I don't know why God made some things the way he did, but I do believe his creation speaks of himself, giving us an idea of who he is and what he is like, and proving to us that our God is absolutely marvelous!

Upcoming Events:

10/9 Names of God class 9am/HS guys group 6pm
10/10 Iron Gym 6:30pm
10/11 HS girls group 7:30pm
10/12 MS girls group 6pm

ANNIVERSARY: October 12 Robin & Mandy Akers



Prayer Requests

Norm & Lynn Gaines Julia Furr Andrew Brown John Chandler Makonde Team

The Gonda Family as they mourn the loss of Luis's mother.
Dan Canales's grandmother is critically ill.
Jean Cottrell as she continues the chemo, that she will be able to tolerate it and do well.
Allen Close's grandfather is still in the hospital and not doing very well.
Marjorie O'Neal, Phyllis Bruff's mother. Please remember the family in your prayers.
John Turner's Dad is very weak and needs our prayers.
Dan Baier's mom has gastro problems and Dan will have surgery on his foot this week.
Jorge Landaverde asked that we pray for his small business, that he will knock on the right doors.
Melissa Fabry, that she will find the funds she needs to go to Italy and for the work she will do there.
Alma Ulmer's aunt had a stroke.
Leo Iniguez asked for prayers for his brother who is having surgery.