

**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 2, 2011**

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Rob Brannan Steve Wells Dave Watkins  
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**Weekly Statistics for September 25, 2011**

AM Bible Class	73
AM Bible Class Avg.	105
AM Assembly	192
AM Assembly Avg.	211
Contribution	\$5,445.50
YTD Average Weekly Contribution	\$8,784.86
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$9,815.38</b>



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*Caring people...growing to be like Christ*

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**1962**

I was born in the year 1962. The average cost of a house in the USA was just over twelve thousand dollars. Gas was 28 cents a gallon. The Dow Jones closed at 652 at the end of the year. The Cuban Missile Crisis took place. Marilyn Monroe died. The Beverly Hillbillies were on TV and they weren't reruns. The Beatles released their first recording; the single "Love Me Do." A lot of water has gone under the bridge since then. This is just some of the things that happened that year but just as interesting are some of the things that were not around that year. There were no cell phones or home computers or the internet. The world is not the same as it was even twenty years ago.

It is easy to see that people have very different expectations out of life today than they did a few generations ago. We shop differently, make money differently, spend money differently. For most people work is not exercise so we have to create ways to get exercise separate from work. No one buys records or 8 tracks or cassettes unless they are into retro stuff. Now they really don't even buy cds. Rarely do young people ever listen to a whole cd recorded by an artist. Instead they pick and choose only the songs they want.

Google whatever year you want and you can find a lot more information and see how things have changed in your lifetime. My point here is that when you consider how much things have changed we should ask the question how is the Church changing to keep in stride? I know that may sound blasphemous to some because we know that God does not change. That is very true and worth noting but people do change and the best way to reach them does not stay the same. We may have loved the old ways of teaching children and some of the ways have not changed but some have. The Church must be willing to change methods in order to best lead our young people to be disciples of Christ.

What I am talking about here is why we have made the changes to our education program that we have. It is our desire to do the best job we can to help our members become disciples of Christ but we are especially concerned about how to help young people since they are so

vulnerable as they go through their young years. This is the reasoning behind our switch from mostly classroom instruction to a combination of learning in the classroom and learning in practical settings. Young people do not think about religious things the same way we did. If you ask an older person whether or not the Church should help the poor chances are they will give you a verse from the Bible to make their point. Young people will not. Even if they know a verse that says what they think they will not quote it but will rather talk from their experience of what is right and wrong. I think a mix of being able to find specific verses in the Bible and being able to easily apply the principles would be a great combination. This is the beauty of the mixing of the ages that we do sometimes.

I love the changes we are making. I think they are not only helpful to our young people but find them helpful and enjoyable for me.

Have a great week!  
Allen L. Close

### "Living" Room Session

We would like to invite everyone to a special event on Sunday night October 2nd at 6pm here at the building.

Rick, Andrew, Matt, Nate, and Jeff will be hosting a "Living" Room Session for their Worship Song Writers Guild.

There will be fresh baked scones, coffee, and very lite snacks.

We will be sharing 11 new songs we have written & recorded over the past year.

Life groups are welcome to make this a fellowship event. Families are encouraged to attend.

## Lexington Coming Events

**Ladies Bible Study**  
**Thursday Mornings at the church 10 am**

**Independent House Christmas Care**  
**Package Project**

Items needed for this week:

**\$5 Wal-Mart Gift Cards**

**Please give those to Teresa Castleman**  
**or Mary Turner.**

**Ladies Brunch**

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

**Palmetto Bible Camp**

31st Annual Fall Singing October 8th  
Singing at 10 AM Lunch at 12:30

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT EVENTS

**October 5** Southlake 6:30 pm  
Letter Writing 6:30pm - Prayertime 7:00 @ church

**October 12** Load Moving Truck at Mize's  
Letter Writing 6:30pm - Prayertime 7:00 @ church  
Prayer time at Leo & Minerva's

**October 19** LICS 6:30 pm  
Letter Writing 6:30pm - Prayertime 7:00 @ church

**October 26** Fall Praise Fest &  
Trunk or Treat 6:30 pm  
Prayer time at Leo & Minerva's

## Youth News

Elohim- the powerful, sovereign God who created the universe and everything in it. Even more, He continually sustains it with His creative power and blesses his people both physically and spiritually. And we all have a wonderful opportunity to spend some time getting to know this God, and the many other names and characteristics of Him, throughout the month of October in our Sunday morning classes. Allen Close will be teaching the high school class, and I am looking forward to teaching the middle school class and getting to know our newest members to the youth group. So make sure you're all here at 9am starting this Sunday. We also have LAFS this week. The teens should form groups and go out for lunch together after church. Parents will obviously need to help the younger ones with this.

A few other things to mention: We had a great turnout this past Thursday at the teen breakfast! I should mention that breakfast occurs just one Thursday/month and begins as early as 7:15am for those who are coming a little farther. Crossfit had pretty good attendance this week as well, even despite the fact that we forgot to mention the change in location. From now on the boys will be at the Iron Gym in Lexington's Old Mill, same day, same time. Last, but not least, keep your eyes out for an email with details about our upcoming youth back-to-school party. I will be needing some volunteers for food and games. Thanks so much and I hope you all have a great week!

### Upcoming Events:

10/2 Names of God 9am class/LAFS/HS guys group 6pm  
10/3 Iron Gym 6:30pm  
10/4 HS girls group 7:30pm  
10/5 MS girls group 6pm

**BIRTHDAYS:** October 4 Sara Hanle

October 8 Kelli Daniel

**We extend our sympathy to Cindy Cox in the loss of her grandmother Ruth Owen.**  
**The funeral will be in Nashville.**



### Prayer Requests

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

**Jeff & Trish Kerby** as Jeff leaves for training before going to Afghanistan.

**Sandy Barnett** asked for prayers for her friend **Alice** who had surgery for cancer.

**Dan Canales's grandmother** is critically ill.

**Hannah Baker** is having fear issues and panic attacks.

**Sara Hanle**, that she will have peace as she leaves baby Wren to go back to work.

**Janice Holt**, is at home recovering from blood clots in her lungs and leg.

**Jean Cottrell** as she continues the chemo, that she will be able to tolerate it and do well.

**Allen Close's grandfather** fell and broke his collarbone. Pray for his recovery.

**Marjorie O'Neal**, Phyllis Bruff's mother. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Leanne Badeaux**, remember her in prayer.

**Sister Margaret** in Guyana is not doing very well, please remember her in your prayers.