

# Lincoln Park Church of Christ

## THE WONDERFUL GIFT OF GOD

What makes a good gift a good gift? Let's be honest here - you probably weren't super thrilled with every gift you have received. Perhaps some gifts discretely became someone else's gift. Or maybe you took a couple back to Wal-Mart. On the other hand, for some gifts that would be out of the question. Why? Why do you love certain gifts? Maybe it is because the gift is valuable. You wanted it but you wouldn't have (or couldn't have) bought it for yourself. Maybe it is because the gift is useful. It fulfills a practical need in your life. Maybe the gift is long-lasting. (After all, if your gift breaks ten minutes after you open it that's not going to be your favorite gift). And maybe the gift is none of those things but you know the giver gave it out of love so you love the gift anyway.

The gift of God is all of these things. It is valuable. More valuable than everything you have. "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field" (Matthew 13:44). This gift of God is useful. "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). The gift is long lasting. Really long lasting. "Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys" (Luke 12:33). And we can certainly know that the gift of God was given out of love. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

What will your response be to being given such a wonderful, powerful gift? I remember when I was a kid, if I really loved the gift, I would check the tag and write that person a nice thank-you letter. Well, I wrote a thank-you letter for every gift because my mom made me. But if I loved the gift I really meant it! I suggest no less for the gift of God. Tell God thank you. Tell Him every day. His gift is that good.

AM Sermon: The Mysterious Gift of God (Ephesians 3)

Reading: Ephesians 3:20-21

PM Sermon: The Throw Away Box

### Sunday

	<u>Dec. 18, 2016</u>	<u>Dec. 25, 2016</u>
Song Leader	R. Alt	Chu. Middleton
Prayer	S. Danz	D. Smith
Communion	M. Davidson	D. Thomas
Assist	E. Stewart	Z. Thomas
Pass	T. Jarvis	D. Boze
Pass	T. Raupp	T. Brooks
Scripture	R. Bousho	M. Perry
Usher	J. Fronczak	B. Samu
Usher	B. Hoffman	R. Alexander
Prayer	R. Castillo	P. Danz

### Evening Worship

Prayer	L. Montgomery	S. Lance
Communion	P. VanHorn	R. Coss
Prayer	B. Smith	R. Alt
Bible Time	C. & D. Middleton	No Bible Time

### Wednesday Midweek Bible Study

	<u>Dec. 21, 2016</u>	<u>Dec. 28, 2016</u>
Prayer	D. Wells	R. Bone
Song Leader	D. Smith	L. Montgomery

ON THE CALENDAR AND CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

**SAMARITAN LADIES:** Every Wednesday at 10 am in room # 5.

**MEN'S GROUP:** Every Thursday at the Tim Horton's on Allen Rd. / Goddard Rd. in Taylor at 7:00 am AND 4:00 pm.

**HOLIDAY CARDS:** The "mailboxes" are in the foyer. Cards are due no later than Sunday, December 18. If you would like to make a donation to the O'Neal family, please see Fran Bone.

**TEEN NIGHT:** Sunday, December 18 after the evening service.

**ORPHANS LIFELINE:** Donations are due on Sunday, December 25 to Randy Alt.

**FYI:** Our service times for December 25 and January 1 will remain the same as usual for both am and pm services.

**LADIES' LUNCHEON:** Saturday, December 31 at 11:30 am, location TBA.

**SHOES NEEDED:** We are collecting gently used shoes for women and children in Nicaragua. Please have your donations back by Sunday, January 4 for Javier & Isabel to take on their trip.

**MDYC CONCERT:** Sunday, January 8. Our evening service will begin at 5:30 pm and the concert at approximately 6:00 pm. See Barb Raupp if you would like to help with the meal to feed the chorus.

**MCYC WINTER CAMP:** January 27-29<sup>th</sup>. Students are \$64 & Adults are \$29 Pricing includes all meals, lodging, leather craft, arts and crafts, and most activities. Sign the list at the back of the auditorium. See Matt Perry for more info.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The 2017 lists for communion prep, baptismal clothing care, and closing of the building are posted at the back of the auditorium.

**WINTER QUARTER CLASSES**

**Sunday**

Auditorium: Adults  
Building Character (study of Proverbs)  
Teacher: Doug Wells

Fellowship room: Adults  
"Thinking How God Thinks - The 4:8 Principle" Teacher: Deron Smith

High School: Teachers: Matt Perry

**Wednesday**

Auditorium: Men's Class  
"Distinctiveness of the Church"  
Facilitator: Louis Montgomery

Fellowship room: Ladies' class  
ABC's of a Godly Heart  
Teachers: Diane Middleton, Barb Raupp

High School: Matt Perry

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

BETHANY LIVERNOIS

MARTHA DAVIDSON

LYDIA MULLINS

SHIHO BENHAM



CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Joe Antio, Virginia Clay, Elena Danz, Mamie Davis, Ramona Douglas, Ryan Douglas, Chris Egan, Corey Eisel, Laura Farr, Margie Frost, Kent Holliday, Ed Ingle, Dennis Johnson, Yolanda Joiner, Candy Lance, Ken Lewis, Pat Longoria, Gil & Glenda Maldonado, Don Mander-nach, Randy Mathews, Landy May, Ben & Peg Morton, Evelyn Mullins, Betty Parsons, Faye Porter, Sheryl Prosis, Margaret Rodriguez, Garry Ruphard, Jim & Val Toby, Maria Tolbert, Rebecca Vaughn, Jerry White



## ELDERS' EDIFICATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

### BEAUTIFUL HYMNS



One day Louisa Stead (1850-1917) with her husband and four year old daughter went to enjoy the beach at Long Island, New York. While there, they heard a call for help from a young child in the water. Mr. Stead went to his rescue but instead both he and the child were drowned. Louisa and her daughter were left to experience poverty in their lives.

One day she found some food and money had been left for her on her doorstep. The hymn "'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" was born from that incident. Later Louisa and her daughter left for South Africa and she remarried. After which she and her husband became missionaries. The music to this hymn was written by William J. Kirkpatrick.

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word,  
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."*

*O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood,  
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!*

*Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace.*

*I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

<sup>2</sup> Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they reveal knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> They have no speech, they use no words;  
no sound is heard from them.

<sup>4</sup> Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:1-4

### SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

**SERVICES**

*Sunday*

Bible Study 9:30 am  
Worship 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

*Wednesday*

Bible Study 7:00 pm

**SERVING THE LORD IN DECEMBER**



*Communion Preparation:* Don & Rosie Mandernach

*Care of Baptismal Clothing:* Sherry Bousho

*Closing the Building:* Patrick VanHorn

**OFFICE INFORMATION**

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Office Hours

M - F 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**



Bryanna Williams  
Butchie Montgomery  
Moira Clay  
Linda Weick  
Dick Leimstoll  
Tony Jarvis  
Judy Stewart  
Annalise Middleton  
Pat Longoria  
Doug Clay



Tom & Barb Raupp

**MINISTER**  
Doug Wells

**ELDERS**

Russ Bone Randy Coss  
Chuck Middleton Louis Montgomery

**THEME**

**“Surrender to God in 2016”**

**DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER**

- 1) 1 Corinthians 12-14
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15-16
- 3) 2 Corinthians 1-4
- 4) 2 Corinthians 5-8
- 5) 2 Corinthians 9-13
- 6) Galatians 1-6
- 7) Ephesians 1-3
- 8) Ephesians 4-6
- 9) Philippians 1-4
- 10) Colossians 1-4
- 11) 1 Thessalonians 1-5
- 12) 2 Thessalonians 1-3
- 13) 1 Timothy 1-4
- 14) 1 Timothy 5-6
- 15) 2 Timothy 1-4

- 16) Titus/ Philemon
- 17) Hebrews 1-5
- 18) Hebrews 6-9
- 19) Hebrews 10-11
- 20) Hebrews 12-13
- 21) James 1-5
- 22) 1 Peter 1-5
- 23) 2 Peter 1-3
- 24) 1 John 1-5
- 25) 2,3 John/Jude
- 26) Revelation 1-3
- 27) Revelation 4-8
- 28) Revelation 9-12
- 29) Revelation 13-16
- 30) Revelation 17-19
- 31) Revelation 20-22

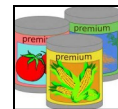
**CONTRIBUTION**

**WEEKLY BUDGET**

\$3,400

12-04-16	\$5,030
12-11-16	\$1,851
12-18-16	
12-25-16	

**FOOD PANTRY**



Needed items

- Beans
- Rice
- Jelly
- Mac and cheese
- Mashed potatoes (boxed)