

# MESSENGER



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## PHANTOM OF THE AUCTION

**Our Phantom of the Auction fundraiser is BACK!!!!**

Saturday, October 22, at 6:00 PM in Koopmans Hall and the Courtyard. Drinks and snacks will be served.

**What is Phantom of the Auction?** Phantom is a fun evening of fellowship while bidding on silent and live auction items.



All proceeds from the event go toward reducing the costs of camps for children and youth, camp scholarships, mission trips, and mission activities. A portion of the proceeds will also go toward CFC scholarships for families in need. A great event to get your Christmas shopping done!

**New this year, we will be taking reservations for this FREE event.** This will help in the check in process on October 22. ALSO new this year, we will be working with the LCPC Deacons to provide rides to and from the event. When you make your reservation, just note that you need a ride!

**We still need Donations!** Do you go to the same place for tacos every Tuesday? Do you get your nails done at the same salon every couple of weeks? Do you adore your hairdresser? Have your kids been taking lessons from some talented person for the last few years? Do you have a friend or family member who owns or works for a local

business or restaurant? Please ask them for a donation! Do you have season tickets for a sporting event or concert venue that you're not able to use? Do you have a talent or service you can offer? High school aged and up can offer services such as tutoring, music lessons, help with party prep,

Christmas gift wrapping, baking – be as creative as you want! Do you have a talent for painting, sewing, knitting, or woodworking? People love items made by our church family! All donations received by October 16th will be acknowledged in the program.

For more information or donations please contact Jenny Schwing at (818) 424-6483 or [jennyschwing@gmail.com](mailto:jennyschwing@gmail.com).

**COME INTO HIS PRESENCE WITH SINGING**

The Cathedral Choir wants YOU! We are still welcoming new singers to join our merry band of musicians, and share in the unique experience of joining together to sing the Lord's praises.

And did you know that group singing is good for you? Science has proven that it brings both physical and psychological benefits that no other single activity can create. Come get your endorphins pumping and reduce your stress levels!

We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:00 PM. HOWEVER, if you wish to attend PEAK classes, we understand! Come on over after class, and you "off-PEAK singers" can still get in on the Christmas concert. Hope to see you next Wednesday!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 14

That's right, the time has come to start getting your empty shoe boxes out and fill them with little gifts that will certainly brighten a child's Christmas!

### HOW TO PACK A SHOE BOX GIFT

**Step 1:** Find an empty shoe box (standard size) or small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately) but that is not necessary.

**Step 2:** Determine whether your gift is for a boy or girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 years. Either create a label or use one of the labels available in the church office and tape the label to the top of your shoebox.

**Step 3:** Fill the box with gifts.

**Step 4:** You can also include a donation to help cover shipping costs. Samaritan's Purse suggests \$7 per box. This is not necessary but encouraged. You may also make a donation online at [www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ).

**Step 5:** Drop off your filled box at the church by **November 14!**

### GIFT IDEAS

**Toys:** small cars, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small balls



**School Supplies:** pencils, pens, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, solar calculators

**Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), combs

**Other:** hard candy (double bagged), socks, shoes, ball caps, hair clips, flashlights

**RETURN ALL BOXES BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14!**

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Dear friends,

In case you missed the story last month, LCPC's Young Adults Ministry is off to a fantastic start. The group was launched by five

extremely excited representatives of the 18-to-early-30s segment at LCPC (with help from a few older friends.) Our mighty Co-directors of Student Ministries, Kim Cox and Josh Horton, are on the leadership team.

Sitting with the group of 15 in Aubrie and Emma Cary's (both college students) living room at the first meeting, I had a sense that the Spirit was moving powerfully, forging not just a new fellowship group, but also a new movement. The evening started with a great taco bar dinner and lots of laughs, transitioned to a time of lively Bible-based conversation and prayer, and ended with singing and recreation in the Cary's amusement-park-inspired back yard.

Some time back I wrote about bringing people into our church family. I have a friend that I have known for years. We have lunch together about once a month. A few days ago we were finishing a wonderful lunch, good food and good friendship, when she asked me if I still go to church every Sunday. I replied that I do. I asked her if she wanted to join me. She said, "No, I don't think that would be a good idea." I asked why and she replied that she did not think that God, if he existed, liked her.

I was surprised, maybe shocked is a more accurate word. "What makes you say that?" I asked. She replied that when her husband was dying of cancer, she prayed several times a day for the three years that he was sick and each day the cancer grew worse. She watched him grow weaker. She watched him grow thin. She watched him in so much pain that only drugs strong enough to take away his pain also took away his conscious mind. In the end maybe they even took away his life.

"No," she said, "I don't think there is anything for me in your church." I was stunned, I did not know what to say or how to say it. "God's will is that not every prayer is answered; bad things happen to good people." None of these made any sense to me and I am sure that I could not make them make sense to her. After all, hasn't this been a debate since the days of Job?

We said our goodbyes and promised to meet for lunch next month. On the long drive home, I kept thinking of what my reaction should have, or could have, been. What could I have said to make

You may wonder how many young adults are there in the LCPC family? Actually, there are way more than most people are aware of. There are more than 20 students in Abide High School Fellowship who graduated this year, most of whom just started college. There are several dozen older college or grad school students from LCPC, some of whom attend local schools. And of course there are lots of 18-to-33-year-olds – more than 45! – who have been a part of the LCPC family and have finished school. Some live and work nearby, while others have moved away, but frequently visit their families.

If you fall into any of those categories, I hope you'll give Young Adult Ministry a try. Anyone age 18 to early 30s is welcome, including seekers who aren't sure where they stand with Jesus. The group meets almost every Sunday evening at the Cary home, 2367 Pickens Canyon Road (up Briggs from Foothill almost to the top, then right). On the first Sunday of the month, the group eats a killer din-

ner understand God. That night I laid in bed unable to sleep, unable to free my mind from this question. The next day over my morning coffee, I realized that I not only did not understand, but maybe I was incapable of understanding.

Comparing my intellect to that of God, would, after all, be like comparing the intellect of a fish to that of a man. In fact, this is not the only thing that I don't understand.

I don't understand nuclear physics or even how the automatic transmission in my car works. I don't have the mental capacity to understand all of the things that God does, how he does them, or why he does them. But, I have faith. I attend church to give thanks for the blessings that we receive. I attend church for the emotional support of fellow church members. I don't attend church as some sort of contract with God that if I will attend every Sunday, He will get me a flat screen television. It is not that simple. We should look at the big picture, although, I still fear that I lack the ability to truly understand this big picture.

I opened my Bible to a random page and my eyes fell on John 3:16. I look forward to my lunch next month.

–Kathy Hill

PS. Please remember that the Deacons will be available to anyone needing a ride to the Phantom of the Auction in Koopmans and the Courtyard on October 22 at 6:00 PM. Watch for more information in the weekly worship bulletin.

ner served up by the Carys (thanks, Mandy!) from 5:00 – 6:00 PM. All other Sundays the gathering begins at 6:00 and ends at 7:30 PM – or when the swimming, basketball, volleyball, pool, ping pong or worship songs end.

For the next two months, the Young Adults Ministry discussions will focus on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians that touches on issues and concerns that are deeply relevant to young adults: "What's God's plan for sexuality?" "How can we discern God's truth in a diverse culture dominated by skeptics?" "How can I know God's will for my life?"

Please spread the word to the young adults you know, including those that aren't active at LCPC. And please join me in praying that the Spirit will bring fresh fire to every gathering.

Love and good cheer,  
Andy Wilson



A MOST DIFFICULT QUESTION

CFC FAITH UPDATE

This month, we will be finishing up our "Cave Quest" Chapel series that looked at different gifts from Jesus and ways He interacts with us. We will also be beginning to talk about gratitude. Some questions I look forward to discussing with the boys and girls of CFC are: What does the Bible say about thankfulness? How can we show God we are thankful? What should we do when we are having a bad day and don't think we have anything to be thankful for? I treasure my time with them and look forward to seeing our preschoolers and their moms at "Mommy and Me Day" on October 1.

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# ABIDE

STUDENT MINISTRIES

## Phenomenal Phantom

Our church has the greatest kids and students! Okay, maybe I'm a bit biased, but nonetheless they are amazing. This last summer Abide student ministries had 32 students attend Mt. Hermon high school camp – 32! Twenty-two high schoolers took it upon themselves to spend ten days of their summer serving in the humid atmosphere of the Dominican Republic. Fourteen junior highers enjoyed the clear waters of Catalina and we had a total of 39 people come together to partner with the Vah-ki church in Arizona! Every person who participated in one of these trips had their lives radically impacted! They saw the glory of the Kingdom outside the walls of LCPC and realized how great of an impact the love of Jesus can have on anybody.

At LCPC we are blessed to be able to give our youth the chance to have their faith become a tangible reality. They experience moments of inspiration and find truths that they are able to hold onto in times of trial through events like these. I have



One of the most coveted items at the last Phantom, Lee Cook as depicted by Darren Pollock.

had many conversations with my youth pastor friends who all say the same thing, that they would be “honored to have the resources available so that they could offer the same opportunities to their students.” Why are we able to give these students such an unshakable foundation of “hands on” ministry and grace? One event in particular makes all the difference: Phantom of the Auction!

This year, Phantom of the Auction will take place on October 22 starting at 6:00 PM in Koopmans. I cannot emphasize the importance of this event to Student Ministries and Children's Ministries enough! Where else can you have so much fun while supporting such a worthy cause? Attend Phantom and bid on the items that catch your

eye, whether it's a planned day with Ashley, Josh or myself, tickets to a sporting event, or the nicest wine basket, and see for yourself!

Phantom truly is a magical event where the church comes together to bless a ministry, to allow God to use the resources he has blessed someone with to have that blessing grow. This event is supported by every part of our church. We have child care for the parents, transportation and personal shoppers for seniors, munchies for the snackers, raffles for the adventurous, music for the artists and of course baskets of prizes for anyone who enjoys a great deal on some quality gifts. Please, be apart of this wonderfully encouraging event!

If you have an item to donate, or would like to help out in any way, contact Jenny Schwing at (818) 424-6483. If you have any questions about how your students can participate in this event, email me, Kim Cox at kimmycox@gmail.com.

And if all this wasn't enough to entice you, the Abide Student Ministries band will be performing at this event for your enjoyment!! See you there!

Kim Cox

## LEE'S LATEST

A few years ago I started building guitars in my garage. At first, I just tinkered, took things apart, played with wiring, and tried not to cut my fingers off. But after a while, I realized that I really liked this new hobby and was starting to grow in my skill. I decided to take a chance and build an acoustic guitar. I ordered the materials (and some of the more complicated jobs I had someone else do). But for the most part, I got a lot of different shapes of wood, and they eventually looked and sounded like a guitar.



As my proficiency and confidence grew, I began to do the more demanding jobs and found that I quite liked them. But the most mysterious part of the guitar is not the shiny part on the outside, but the unseen elements on the inside. If you look inside an acoustic guitar, you'll see wood braces set in some sort of pattern in the glued to the top and back of the guitar. Combining mathematics and art, these braces provide support for the tension strings put on the top (about 200 pounds) and allow the vibrations of the strings to move air inside the chamber of the guitar.



By relieving mass from these braces, a master luthier (that's what guitar makers are called) can take spruce and rosewood and create a guitar that speaks to our hearts and overwhelm our senses.

My guitars are loud! That's not to belittle my work, just an admission that I still have much to learn about these lovely, functional art pieces.

But most master luthiers spend more time carving the braces of the guitar (which no one ever sees) than polishing the outside of the guitar (which is what most people see). I think you see where I am going. In our culture, outward appearance is what we spend the most time on; looking like we've got it all figured out. We spend hours cultivating our persona on Facebook, Instagram, PTA, and even church. Yet just like a guitar, the most important part is the little things we do when no one is looking. That's when we develop character. Fasting, praying, meditating, giving, serving, gratitude – these are what make us who we are. And when those little things begin to take shape, we create harmony, beauty, peace, and love wherever we go.

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Tuesday,  
October 25  
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# children's Ministries

by Ashley Pollock

Well friends, the local grocery stores and Starbucks have unleashed all things pumpkin, so fall must be here! And what says fall more than hot apple cider, tea and fresh baked cookies? That is what Children's Ministries will be serving after this month's Evensong Prayer Service on Sunday, October 16. The service itself will run from 5:00 - 5:45 PM and be followed by some warm, pre-dinner treats. This prayer service will be led by the children of LCPC and the Children's Ministries committee and volunteers. The service will be based on the popular A.C.T.S. prayer model – Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication. It is a model that children and youth can understand (with the exception of the word “supplication” which generally has to be explained!) and a model that can be useful for all of us during those times we come before God unsure of where to begin. I hope you will join us not only to support our kids but also to engage in an intergenerational worship experience that I pray will glorify our God.

Speaking of intergenerational worship, I am very excited to announce that Children's Ministries, with the generous help of Ed and Shirley Carlson, will be sponsoring a GenOn Ministries Workshop called “Generations: Growing in Faith Together.” GenOn Ministries is a non-profit organization dedicated to “Equipping faith communities for Christian discipleship through intergenerational relationships.” The workshop will focus on helping our church better understand intergenerational ministry and how we can make the most of the opportunities we have here at LCPC to learn, grow and worship with people of different ages and life stages. The workshop will be led by Liz Perraud, a GenOn Ministries trained leader, and will take place on Saturday, November 12, from 8:30 AM to noon. Breakfast and snacks will be provided. All are welcome so please mark your calendars for this free event!

Last, but certainly not least, this month is one of our tried and true LCPC events – Phantom of

the Auction – the biennial fundraiser that makes it possible for us to subsidize every Winter and Summer camps for 4th - 6th graders. Our children have never had to pay full price for a camp thanks to the generosity of people at Phantom. I am so grateful for the hard work of the Phantom team under Jenny Schwing's leadership, and look forward to bidding with all of you on Saturday, October 22, from 6:00 -10:00 PM right here at LCPC.

## Kids Say The Darndest Things

**3-Year-Old:** “Ash-a-lee, when I grow up . . . you know, when I'm five, I'm gonna play soccer on the Purple Thunder Clouds.”

**Ashley:** “Wow – is that a team you like?”

**3-Year-Old:** “It will BE a team when I grow up . . . you know, when I'm five.”

## UPDATE FROM DANIEL AND MARIE A SUMMER OF GREEK

Dear friends,

I finished my Greek class! Taking a year of Greek in just two months was challenging. Every class started with an exam, and since each class covered up to three chapters of material, I was cramming constantly. As I learned, my appreciation for the Greek language grew and I enjoyed my efforts at translating the story of Jesus.

Thank you for praying for me as I surmounted this daunting challenge. I am so grateful to have the ability to spend these days studying God's word, thanks to Marie's help and all of your support. It is a privilege few have. You have given me the time I need to succeed in my study of Greek, and it is by sheer grace that I've made it through this intense time. All in all, it was an incredible experience! I'm hoping to take a course in intermediate Greek later on.

### UPDATE ON MY MOM'S HEALTH

These last two months have been intense for my family. My mom and dad went to Italy for a vacation where my mom fell off a bike and had a serious head injury, requiring a craniotomy. My family waited to hear whether she would live, and when she did, they waited to see to what extent her mind and body could recover. Thanks to the heroic efforts of my dad, the rallying support of her family, and the unlooked for kindness of many strangers, my mom is alive and making a full recovery. She flew from Italy to New Jersey where my aunt, a doc-



Marie with her student leaders from the music schools: Lucas, Yoga, and Alan. They are at InterVarsity's summer retreat where Marie is helping 100 students make plans for sharing about Jesus and living out their faith this fall on campus.

tor, could see to her medical care.

In between my Greek exam, moving apartments, and a family reunion for Marie's grandmother's 90th birthday, I drove to New Jersey to visit my mom in her rehab facility. I can report that my mom is back to her old self, though her body has a long way to full recovery, and she is spiritually renewed in a way I can't express. What a relief it was to see her. Throughout the trial, my mom and dad witnessed God's incredible provision, and it changed them. My mom's spiritual rebirth, as she calls it, is an amazing witness to God's faithfulness and love.

### A NEW ADDRESS AND NEW ROOMMATE!

While all this was happening, we moved into a new apartment and Marie's sister, Bethany, has moved in with us for the year! Marie and I are thrilled to have her and eager to see how God shapes us in this wonderful year ahead. Bethany will be working as a preschool teacher at Amazing Grace Kids in Lexington.

Our new address is:

43B Winship St.  
Boston, MA 02135

### PRAYER REQUESTS

This fall I will be taking four classes:

- Evangelism and Discipleship through the Local Church
- Interpreting the New Testament
- Christology: Biblical/Theological Perspectives
- Educational Ministry of the Church

Please pray for my parents as they reenter life back home. Pray for me as I begin my first semester as a full-time seminary student, and pray for Marie and her student partners as they start another exciting year of helping college students encounter Jesus. Thank you for your prayers and support!

God bless,  
Daniel & Marie



**October** – the month that reminds us that the holidays are just around the corner, as we see pumpkins, turkeys, and Christmas decorations nestled next to each other in all the stores!



**Phantom 2014**

If you want to get a head start on your Christmas shopping, then you won't want to miss the **Phantom of the Auction** on Saturday October 22, from 6:00 - 10:00 PM. This biennial silent auction is the **biggest fundraiser we have** for our children's and youth programs. These funds help to reduce the cost of camps, mission trips, and activities for our kids. There will be a variety of gift cards, homemade items, services, and unique gifts. If you have a connection to a business that can make a donation of an item, gift card or service, please contact [Jennyschwing@gmail.com](mailto:Jennyschwing@gmail.com).

If you are someone that has recently started attending at LCPC, or if you've been coming for a while, but still don't quite feel connected, we would love to have you join us for a **Newcomers Dessert Reception** at Pastor Andy and his wife Mary's home on Sunday, October 2, from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. It will be a relaxed evening of fellowship, conversation and delicious desserts!

We have another great opportunity for getting to know new people and studying the word together at our upcoming **Journey with Jesus PEAK event**, starting Wednesday, October 5. All together, and in small groups, we will be exploring "God and the Good Life" and what makes for a good life. Those who attended the first "Journey with Jesus" last winter had nothing but positive things to say about their experience. We hope you can join us for all six Wednesday classes!

Our recent PEAK classes have been bringing record crowds on Wednesday nights! Pat's **Parenting with Love and Logic** class has the campus bursting at the seams with young families and lots of new children. Thanks so much to the volunteers who stepped up when **Ashley** needed to add an extra class and a new sign-in procedure. We're thrilled to have lots of new faces here!

A new group we're very excited about is the **Young Adult Ministry** that has been meeting on Sunday nights at 6:00 PM at the **Cary home**. We have been long overdue for a ministry for our college through young 30s age group. Come check it out!

Two of our youth group stars, **Molly Wolflick** and **Hannah Weingarten**, will be appearing in CVHS's fall production of **The Diary of Anne Frank**. Our church is always so supportive of CV's theater department, and we know

they will bring you another stellar performance. You can catch the show October 6, 7, and 8 at 7:00 PM in the MacDonald auditorium with a matinee show on October 8 at 2:00 PM.

We had another talented group of young ladies, known as **GLAM**, come share their beautiful singing voices with us last month at the Classic/Blended service. **Noel** and **Elaine Collins' granddaughter Lexie** is part of this group and got to share the stage with Grandpa who played percussion for the girls. They did a magnificent rendition of **Amazing Grace** together. I sure hope we see them again soon!

It's that time of year to start preparing your **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes** for the November deadline. Buy up those school supplies now while they are still plentiful! **Ashley** took a group of kids to Village Christian on September 24 to get a jump start on packing Operation Christmas Child boxes. It's a great service activity to do with your kids.

Thank you to the **Bryan, Emirkhanian, and Wilson families** for hosting the always popular **SPARKS Backwards Dinner** last month ... or should we say "**Ouy Knaht?**" What could be more fun than having dessert as the first course of the night in progressive dinner fashion, and wearing all your clothes backwards?

Have you updated your **contact information** lately with **Nancy**, our wonderful church

office manager? The staff is hoping to get an **updated church directory** out soon, and we are missing information on a lot of our newer families, or the information we have is outdated on our members. Be looking for an insert in the Sunday bulletin soon that you can fill out and put in the offering plate.

If you regularly attend or have attended the **Classic/Blended service** in the past, we would love for you to take a few minutes to complete a short survey about your experience and suggestions. A link to the survey can be found in the weekly email. Look for the orange button that says, "**Take the Survey.**"

Lots of work is being done behind the scenes to get ready for the church and CFC to get **new exterior paint**. Leaks and roofing issues are being repaired, and we also have new outdoor lighting hooked up near the basketball court. Thank you to our hard working property committee volunteers **Mark** and **Josh Kauffman, Mike Pratt** and **Duane Fernandez**.

Doing any redecorating around your house? **CFC** is looking for **clean couches** and **bean bag chairs** for the kids to relax on in their classrooms. Call the CFC office if you have a donation.

The CFC kids had a front row view for the community **9/11 Remembrance Motorcade**. The **American Legion Post** hosted the **CFC kids** during the parade and gave them all flags that they proudly waved as our local fireman, police officers, veterans, and patriotic community members passed by. May God bless America, those who lost their lives, and our heroes.

See you next month.



## SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN THE GARDEN

Please join us for Conversations in October. We meet once or twice a month on Sunday afternoons at the home of Nancy Coler to discuss the week's sermon.

So far, we have been meeting indoors to escape the heat. Join us for some heartfelt fellowship that will carry us into November. All are welcome!

This month we'll meet on **October 2**. Arrive at 4:30 PM, and we'll be finished by 6:00 PM. For more information, please call Nancy Coler at (626) 755-1880.



## Director's Corner

I have a vision for a world where all people are treasured and appreciated, regardless of their race, gender identity, or socioeconomic level. I am often reminded of how far we still have to go. I often feel challenged about how to best help children understand issues of violence, inequality, racism, prejudice, and discrimination. There are no easy answers, but we can begin by remembering the influence we have within our own homes and communities. The commitment to embracing cultural diversity begins in childhood. Parents and extended family members play a significant role in determining the values the next generation will hold.

Children are apt observers, taking in both subtle and more direct messages about how to view the world. They are most strongly influenced by the people they care about – teachers, friends, and most of all, family. Be thoughtful about the messages you're consciously and unconsciously sending. How we treat family members, neighbors, teachers, service providers, and even strangers powerfully communicates our true values to children. Derogatory comments, criticism, gossip, or jokes at someone else's expense become embedded in a child's value system. Try to cultivate an atmosphere

in your home in which children feel safe to ask questions about issues of cultural diversity. Books can transport children to other times, environments, and situations, allowing them to relate to and develop empathy for a broad range of characters and circumstances.

Children sometimes make seemingly racist or bigoted comments that are actually an indicator of the child's innocence and developmental level. Avoid showing shock over comments such as, "Why is his skin that color?" or "What's wrong with her legs?" Instead, offer a brief, matter-of-fact answer. You could explain, "Just like we have lots of different kinds of flowers in our backyard, people don't all look the same. That would be pretty boring, wouldn't it?" While teaching tolerance, empathy, and compassion to your child, tailor your conversations and approach to his or her age, maturity, and cognitive ability.

Remember that teaching children character is a cumulative process of a thousand small moments achieved through consistent, intentional teaching and example by parents, grandparents, and teachers. As Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The time is always right to do what is right."

(Adapted from "Embracing Cultural Diversity: Teaching Tolerance and Empathy", BrightHorizons.com)

Pat

## Patriots Parade

Two of our classrooms joined the American Legion Post on La Crescenta Avenue to cheer on the Patriots Parade. We talked to the children



about thanking those people who come when we need help such as police officers, firefighters and military. The Veterans at the post gave each one of our kids a flag. We want to thank them for their generosity.

By the way . . . CFC is in need of gently used clean couches and bean bag chairs.



Find us on Facebook



## Mommy & Me Day

On **Saturday, October 1, from 9:00 - 11:30**, moms in Rooms 104, 105, 102, and 108 are invited to join their children at our annual "Mommy and Me Day." On that day, Moms will experience a typical morning in our full day preschool program. They will go to Chapel, participate in art projects, sing, and dance, play outside and enjoy surprises each class has prepared. It's a great time to get to know other mothers and get to know the staff even better. This is a morning for Moms and enrolled children in the participating classrooms. Please leave other siblings at home. Do you have more than one child enrolled in these classrooms, or mom can't make it? Feel free to ask another female (age 12 and up) to come be your assistant. Be sure to be here right at 9:00 AM for Chapel time with Ashley.

## Raising Cain

I am so excited that our entire staff will be going to hear Michael Thomas speak on the subject of boys on Monday, October 17. His book, *Raising Cain*, discusses protecting the emotional life of boys. We will be looking at ways to ensure that the boys in our program are honored for who they are. We will be closed on that Monday so that all the staff can attend. Please make alternative child care plans.

## Painting the Facility

During the next several months, the entire campus will be painted, from the bell tower to the classroom doors. This means we will have people with ladders and other equipment around the CFC area. Please be sure to walk with your children to and from the classrooms. There may be times when you will need to follow signs to classrooms or times when we don't have the use of certain areas of the CFC. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience.

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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

NEW SONG WORSHIP (CONTEMPORARY), SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM  
SERVICE OF PRAISE (CLASSIC), SUNDAYS AT 11:00 AM

Throughout October, ending at Thanksgiving, our epic journey through the Book of Acts continues. An extension of Luke's Gospel, Acts reveals how the Holy Spirit used tiny circles of Jesus-followers to change the world. The Apostles' preaching was accompanied by signs and wonders. People who were walking in darkness were brought to the light. Lives were turned up-side down.

Focusing on a different story each week, we'll learn that the first Christians weren't so different from us. They fought about theology, money,

sexuality, worship styles and who should be included. They wrestled with doubts and temptations and faced an uncertain future.

We'll also learn that New Testament Christianity – the church tradition passed down to us from the Apostles – is more than adequate for the challenges of our daily lives. The foundation of the new church God is calling us to become has already been established.

Bring a friend as we seek the inspiration of God's living Spirit!

## OCTOBER 2

### THE LORD'S SUPPER – WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Message by Andy Wilson – "Acts: Speaking the Truth in Love"  
*For personal study: Luke 8: 26-38*

## OCTOBER 9

Message by Lee Cook – "Acts: Forever Changed!"  
*For personal study: Acts 9: 1-19*

## OCTOBER 16 CENTER FOR CHILDREN CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Message by Lee Cook – "Acts: Every Race and Nation"  
*For personal study: Acts 10: 34-48*

## OCTOBER 16

### EVENSONG PRAYER SERVICE 5:00 - 5:50 PM

Children's Ministries will lead this unique, child-friendly service in the Chapel featuring personal prayers, contemplative songs and visual arts.

## OCTOBER 23

Message by Andy Wilson – "Acts: Building Like Barnabas"  
*For personal study: Acts 11: 19-30*

## OCTOBER 30

Message by Lee Cook – "Acts: Coping With Conflict"  
*For personal study: Acts 15: 13-22*