



LPC Short-Term Mission Trip to Alabama

July 14 - 23, 2023

Grace Fellowship Church in Albertville, Alabama

On July 14-23, LPC is going to Grace Fellowship Church in Albertville, Alabama to help reach out to a multi-ethnic community through a Vacation Bible School put together by Grace Fellowship.

This is open for people of all ages, but would also be ideal for families and anyone who has never been on a Mission Trip before!

- Depart on Friday July 14, stay overnight in Ohio; drive Saturday July 15 to Alabama.
- Lodging will take place at the Grace Fellowship mission house
- Sunday July 16 - Worship and preparations for VBS
- VBS at Grace Fellowship runs Monday July 17 - Friday July 21

If you have any other questions or would like to express interest, email Pastor Will at will@l-p-c.org. We hope to see you there!

Busyness



The title doesn't even look like a real word, does it? When it's written out, it doesn't look right. While we are busy all the time and describe ourselves as busy, we don't often see "busyness" written out, so it looks silly. I say this because I want us to see the whole notion of busyness as silly.

Now hold on, I'm not trying to undermine your

schedule or preach at you to be better at time management (God knows I could do better!). There's so little we can control: doctor's appointments, family emergencies, getting called into work by your boss, unexpected guests, etc. These things which take up our time, whether welcomed or not, make themselves at home in our calendars without leaving much room left. I look with both excitement and weariness at seeing how few days I have in June to just be in one spot! Between Israel, General Assembly, Camp Duffield, and other things in-between, while I look forward to all of it, it can still feel overwhelming.

I know many families plan trips, and while it seems contradictory, stress seems to come with planning and going on trips! Afterwards, you need a vacation from your vacation! I sympathize with students and families today who seem so much busier than I was in high school.

The idea of taking on one more activity seems like the card that causes the whole fragile house to come tumbling down. So what's the solution for all this?

While we like to view summer as a time of relaxation and as a break, Scripture speaks to another kind of break that I would encourage we re-implement into our lives. Yes, you guessed it: the Sabbath. "Sabbath" is kind of a "churchy" word, but it references a day in which we cease from all work. It was a day declared holy by God in which every man, woman, and child, would refrain from labor. Exodus 20:10 says, "On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your livestock, and any foreigners living among you" (NLT). Even animals weren't supposed to work!

So, what do we do on the Sabbath? Well, we figure that out when we see what the point is. The Sabbath puts our focus back on God. It reminds us of His goodness, His provision, and that we are completely dependent upon Him. It reminds us that we are in God's eternal rest and that we are not saved by our works (Hebrews 4:9-11). It reminds us to spend time with God in prayer, and the Word, to be taught and to learn (Luke 13:10). It gives us time to be in fellowship with other believers and to be with those who are in need (Matthew 12:12). I appreciate what John Piper says concerning the Sabbath, "It is designed to provide a weekly meal of rever-

ence for our shriveling souls. Sunday should not be trivial. It should be holy—set apart for God. A day in which we delight ourselves in the Lord in ways we can't on other busy days. Many innocent and good things should probably be replaced with deeper things on the Lord's day" ("Sabbath Hedonism,"). Notice he said it serves in contrast to our busy days. We partake in it because it's a Holy Commandment by God and He wants us to delight in Him!

We should certainly have Jesus on our minds every day, but our busyness and work and family responsibilities prevent us from being able to just read the Bible every hour of every day (1 Corinthians 7:26-35). So, God created the Sabbath so we may devote an entire day to re-center ourselves back on Him. Otherwise, it's too easy for us to fall into the concerns of the world and lose sight of our eternal hope. Busyness can give the feeling of anxiety, that we have to be doing *something*. The feeling that playing a game with family or sitting on your porch and watching the birds is somehow sinful because you aren't being productive. The feeling that we *have* to work in order to provide, the feeling that it's *all* up to us, creeps in and grows without hindrance. The Sabbath helps us enjoy and recognize the gifts God has given us, and that includes family, friends, even nature!

Having the Sabbath one day a week also prevents us from seeing work as bad, because it isn't (unless you're a hitman or maybe a used car salesman). Work was instituted by God (Genesis 2:15), not as a punishment, but as a pleasure. We should not see providing for ourselves and our family as a burden, nor see work as punishment, for our work is a demonstration of our faith (John 15; 1 Timothy 5:8; James 1:22). Instead, the Sabbath helps us have the right mindset as we go back into work to remember why we work: not just for ourselves or even for our family, but primarily to glorify God.

There's so much to say about the Sabbath. But I greatly encourage you to look in Scripture. You can even type in keywords on websites like biblegateway.org to see where the term "Sabbath" appears! Think about it with family and friends: the ones who will help keep each other accountable. What would it look like to set one day aside where you don't work and you spend extra focus on God in all of your activities? It will require planning, just as the Israelites stored up food in preparation for the Sabbath. But try not to go too rigid on it. Sabbath was made for Man, and Jesus has freed us from the law of sin and death. We certainly won't be perfect in our Sabbath-keeping, so don't overwork yourself on trying to rest! Think of it the same way as a tithe: it's a freewill offering to Jesus to show your appreciation and love for Him and all He has done for you.

Don't believe the lie that Jesus expects us to be working 24/7. Even He rested! We are to rest in His unending grace, and Jesus gifts us with rest (Psalm 127:2). The Sabbath is a wonderful practice to both guard us against busyness and to teach us how to rest in Jesus. Just know that resting in Jesus doesn't mean sleeping during the Sunday sermons!

Prayer Gathering - Monday, June 12th

Come and pray silently or aloud, but join with fellow believers in praise, thanksgiving, confession and petition. 1:00pm in the Church Library

Memory Lane - Sunday School Children's Day

Sunday School has always been a vital part of Lancaster Presbyterian Church. It was most likely important long before 1938, but thanks to Mrs. Nerber, who kept meticulous records, we can read how important our forebears believed it was for children to be in Sunday School. In 1938 pupils from the Beginner Department through the Intermediate Department who attended 25 Sundays from the first Sunday in October (Rally Day) to the second Sunday in June (Children's Day), were awarded a book.

In 1940, to be eligible, pupils from the Beginner through the Intermediate Departments had to have attended 25 sessions of Sunday School and 25 sessions of church (not necessarily on the same Sunday) beginning with Rally Day on the first Sunday in October and ending the Sunday before Children's Day.

Attendance awards were given throughout these years, sometimes a pin and sometimes a book.

In 1951 "One important discussion was held [at the Christian Education Meeting] and that concerned the attendance awards. It was this: that we live rigidly up to the rules of the contest that say, "In the event that he is visiting another Sunday School outside of Lancaster, he must bring a note certifying that outside attendance. Or in the event that he is ill HE MUST BRING AN EXCUSE SIGNED BY EITHER OF HIS PARENTS. NO OTHER EXCUSE WILL BE PERMISSIBLE. (*Capitals in the original*) If those two conditions are not complied with the child will not be eligible for an attendance award." Also in 1951, "...in order that your child may be eligible for the attendance award he will have to be in attendance each and every Sunday from the ninth of September ... until the first Sunday in June (Children's Day), with the possible exception of five Sundays for Nursery and Beginners and three for every other department."

In the list of those who received an attendance award in 1950, we find Jane Richards (Carlsen) listed in the Primary Department. In the photograph below from about 1947, among the names listed is Edward Carlsen in the front center. James Cavanaugh and Lois Strock are the teachers in the other photos.

Sunday School is still an important part of our church life, for both children, youth, and adults. Let's all aim for perfect attendance. Thanks to our Coordinator of Children's Sunday School, Debi Eaton, and all of the teachers who faithfully teach each week.



LPC's Summer Youth Intern - Gaelen Negus

My name is Gaelen Negus and I have the joy of serving this summer as LPC's Youth Intern. I will be working closely with the Elementary and Jr/Sr High youth under the supervision of Pastor Will, planning regular meetings and special events (and just being around to hang out). Having grown up in LPC, I'm thrilled to get to serve in this capacity once again after filling this role during the height of the Pandemic in summer 2020. Lord-willing, this summer will be more conducive to fun activities together. I'm raring to get started!

I recently graduated from Houghton University with a degree in Bible and philosophy, and will be beginning the MDiv program at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary this fall in pursuit of a calling in pastoral ministry. In light of this, I am especially excited to have this opportunity to serve again and gain ministry experience over these next few months. I can't wait to spend this time cultivating friendships and ministering to LPC's youth (it hasn't been so long since I was one of them!).

We will start off summer events the week before camp with our first regular youth meetings. These will happen each week throughout the summer (with the exception of our time at Camp Duffield, which you DEFINITELY don't want to miss out on!)



- **Grades 3-6 (kids entering 3rd through 6th grade)** will meet Wednesday evenings from **6:30-8:00pm** starting **Wednesday, June 21st at the home of Dave & Becky Young**
- **Grades 6-12** will meet Tuesday evenings from **7:00-9:00pm** starting **Tuesday, June 20th at the Potter's House**

****Please note:** 6th graders are welcome at either or both these meetings!

Stay tuned for fun upcoming events and, most of all, please be praying for all the kingdom work that God will do in and through the lives of our young people this summer. It's going to be amazing!

Do feel free to reach out to me with questions!

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Many blessings to you! Gaelen

Junior & Senior High Youth Group (7th—12th graders) - END OF SCHOOL YEAR POOL PARTY, Sunday June 4th at the Carlsen home

- Arrive at the Carlsen home at 6:00pm, dinner will be provided.
- Girls bring a drink, boys bring a snack
- Bring a towel and wear a modest bathing suit
- Pick up from the Carlsen home at 9:00pm

Be part of what God is doing with our Youth Groups this Fall!

1. **Jr/Sr High Youth Group** - Sunday nights with some new ideas coming on board
Thank you to the excellent support who signed up last week to help lead this group!
 We are looking for a couple more leaders to join the rotation so no one needs to be present every week and can help as they are able.
2. **Kids Youth Group** - has been blessed with many neighborhood children! (Wednesday)
Thank you to those who have already agreed to be with these kids next year!
 The hope is for a few more leaders to help share the load. If this group continues at its current size, leaders are needed for crowd control, and to provide scheduling flexibility.
3. **New next year** - "Mini" Youth Group and Cherub Choir for pre-K - 2nd grade
 With Wednesday night pizza for everyone and parent/adult Bible Study at the same time,
A good team is working on a plan for all this! More help with the young children would be welcome.

We hope to connect with the neighborhood families who send their children to Kids Youth Group and make the Wednesday night Bible Study a time which will appeal to them as well. Anyone who would like to think about how to reach out to these families can contact Pastor Will or note your interest on the sign up sheet in the foyer.

To express your support for the Youth Groups, please contact David Young or another CE member, or use the sign-up sheet in the foyer. Pray for our kids and these youth groups!

Youth Summer Camp at Camp Duffield!

Sunday, June 25th @ 2pm - Friday, June 30th @ 9am

(Open to students finishing 3rd through 6th grades)

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Please visit the church website for more information & for the required camper forms.

<https://www.l-p-c.org/ministries/summer-camp/>

DAB—Dinner And Bible

LPC's Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-28)

Meeting weekly on Mondays at 6:00pm throughout the summer

Dinner starts at 6:00pm, the evening will end at approximately 8:30pm

DAB gatherings will meet at the homes of Dave & Becky Young (12 Huntley Place, Lancaster) and Shaun & Marie Babcock (871 Erie St., Lancaster)

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, June 10th at Honeoye Lake!

For additional details please call the church office at 716-684-2277.

CompassCare Walk for Life 2023 Report

Wow!! What a great turn out we had for our first Compass Care Walk for Life at Lancaster Presbyterian Church!! 64 Walkers!! What a powerful witness to our community!! Thank you so much to every single person that came. We had Pastors from 3 other churches and our walkers included people from 8 churches. You made it happen!! Thank you to our LPC leadership!! The Walk was fully supported with both of our Pastors walking and full Session backing!! Thank you!! Thank you!! God truly blessed us with a beautiful sunny warmish day. We were not only blessed by so many walkers, but people responded very generously to this annual fundraiser for Compass Care. Our walk at LPC raised \$7,760, which is enough to cover the care for over 13 women for one ENTIRE year!! Praise God for this wonderful donation from so many people!! He has truly put this ministry on the hearts of many people. Compass Care's fundraising goal for 2023 for all three of their locations(Buffalo, Rochester, Albany) is \$912,000. As of the writing of this article(5-23-2023) the total raised so far is \$833,838.75, which is 91% of their goal. There are still other walks scheduled, even into June. We will not have a final total until probably July. Locally here in Buffalo there were approximately 35 walks and nationally(yes there are others in our country who have taken an interest in our Compass Care, besides Rochester and Albany, the other 2 Compass Care locations in NY State)there were approximately 65 other walks. We would also like to thank everyone who helped in any way!! Your help with registration, in the kitchen, setting up, baking, children's activities, clean-up and safety were all very important to making this walk a HUGE success. We are already looking forward to doing another walk next year which hopefully will include different speakers and even more churches from the Lancaster area to be involved with us.

PATH People Against Trafficking Humans meal ministry

You are invited to help support the clients at PATH by contributing to their Wednesday meals on the following dates: May 31, June 7, and June 14. Please sign up in the foyer to help meet this need.

- large pot of soup (feeds 20-25)
- large pot of vegetarian soup (feeds 10-15)
- bread or rolls for 30-40 people
- 4+ dozen cookies

On Sunday, take home a large pot from the church kitchen. Then bring it back by 10 a.m. Wednesday for pick-up by PATH. Contact Becky Young or the church office with questions. PATH is always so appreciative of your support and look forward to the Soup Days!

Important Dates

Sunday, June 4th: Last Sunday of two worship services; last Sunday of Adult Education & Sunday School

Sunday, June 11th: Music Sunday, one service at 9:30am

Sunday, June 18th: Confirmation and Graduate Sunday, one service at 9:30am

Summer worship services continue throughout the summer until Sunday, Sept 3rd with one service at 9:30am, service styles will vary each week.



Prayer Page

Pray for the pastors: Send the spirit of prayer upon our pastors. Send others to join us in prayer for our pastors.

The Pray! Prayer Journal, Nov Press 2003, p.156

Praying for LPC ministries:

Session: The KAP prayer is to be a prayer asking the Lord's blessing upon and His help with the work of Session. Session this month wishes to offer the following KAP prayer request: Lord, we ask for a spirit of unity at LPC as we read and study your Scriptures.

Lord, help us surrender "our way" or "our understanding" and seek "Your Will".

Lord, help us focus on the Gospel, share the Gospel and avoid distractions to the Gospel.

Lord, help us feel and show genuine tolerance in areas that are non-essential to the Gospel.

Lord, help us quickly forgive others as we often harden our own hearts toward others.

Lord, we ask for a spirit of unity as we praise and worship You Lord.

Deacons: Father God, Jesus our Savior, Holy Spirit, We thank you for the gift of prayer! Remind us in the busyness of doing what we ought to fill a need, to help others to strengthen our church community, that we must pray first and pray unceasingly. Without your will and guidance we can accomplish nothing. To You alone all glory and honor and praise and worship. Hear our prayer for the deacons of LPC to pray first and always while serving the church family. May we have happy hearts to serve and many brothers and sisters willing to join in the work that needs to be done. May our faith never waiver and our purpose always be clear. Amen.

Prayer for our country: Lord, please open the spiritual eyes of the people of the United States of America to the dangers of Socialism, Communism and all of the godless isms that Satan uses to deceive people. We plead for Your revival in this nation and that the Church may stand strong against evil. Please defeat legislation that goes against Your word and the United States Constitution, resulting in attacks on religious freedom. Turn us back to Your word so that we can truly be set free by the Truth.

Prayer for our World: Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit, please strengthen the faith of those around the world who suffer for Your name. Give Your Church an awareness of those who are persecuted, and hearts that are bound in love with our brothers and sisters in places where there is hatred for followers of Christ. This month we especially pray for the Tig-ray people in Ethiopia who are suffering horrible atrocities as a result of civil war. Christians throughout Ethiopia are particularly vulnerable to attacks from Islamic family and community members as well as government forces. Please give them courage, hope and peace.

Praying for our family

Wayne Cole

Mike Eaton

Rob Macdonald

Doris Moranski

Frank Gerber

Maureen O'Connor

Judy Cavanaugh

Carolina Jackson

Colleen Ludeking

Joyce Klaasesz

Ron Stasiowski

Judy Martin

Don Flaig

Home Members

Nancy Patterson

Bob Foley

Don Metzger

Jackie Harbold

Judy Kish

LPC's Military

Personnel:

Laurel Foss

Dan Pulley

David Boncore

LPC Prayer Ministry:

If you have a prayer request or would like to be part of the prayer email list please contact the church office by email (office@l-p-c.org) or call Marie in the church office at 684-2277.



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Purpose:

**For God's glory
we are committed
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
in all we say and all we do
to make and equip disciples
in our families, our community, and the world.**

Core Values:

**We believe in the authority of Scripture
and we affirm
the historic teachings
of Reformed Christianity.**

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**Worship with us
this Summer
Sundays @ 9:30am
June 11 - September 3**

**Traditional & Contemporary service styles
vary each week.
Child care is provided.**

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