

**LAKESIDE COMMUNITY  
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Sola Scriptura – Sola Fide – Solo Gratia -

Solo Christo – Soli Deo Gloria

(Scripture Alone - Faith Alone - Grace Alone -  
Christ Alone - To the Glory of God Alone)

“A Confessing Presbyterian Church”



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**Presbyterian Missions (shared)**  
**Sudanese Church of San Diego**  
**Daniel Nunez, Kingdom Builders**  
When you finish reading this newsletter,  
please share it with family and neighbors.

### **Matthew 19:14**

**“But Jesus said, ‘Let the children alone,  
and do not hinder them from coming to  
Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs  
to such as these.’”**



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## **LCPC CONNECTIONS**

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### **A WORD FROM PASTOR TIM**

### **Practicing The Way**

*“And I pray that you, being rooted and established  
in love, may have power, together with all the  
Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long  
and high and deep is the love of Christ”*  
Ephesians 3:17 & 18

Growing deeper in our love for Christ is a part of  
being a disciple of Christ. It is a life-long process  
where we are becoming more and more like Jesus.

So, at the start of this year, I asked the question on  
“How can we as a church and as individuals make  
disciples?” I have been praying about that very  
question throughout the year and wondered what  
God might have us do? On a practical level, I have  
been wondering what can we as a church do to help  
each other grow our “roots deeper” in our love for  
Christ?

Well, it was while I was on my trip to Armenia back  
in June that I read the book Practicing the Way, by  
John Mark Comer, and his writing prompted me to  
think that if we as a church followed what Comer  
was suggesting, our lives would change and the  
world around us would change. We would be  
growing as disciples of Jesus and we would  
encourage others to be Jesus’ disciple.

Comer’s main point is that being more  
like Jesus is possible “if we are willing to  
arrange our lives around the practices,  
rhythms, and truths that Jesus himself did,  
which will open our lives to God’s power  
to change.” We can be transformed as we  
are more like Jesus.

In September we are going to look more  
deeply at the book Practicing the Way  
(you will hear more about that next  
month) but for now, let me encourage you  
to get the book (you can find it on  
Amazon) and start reading it and I know  
that it will have a profound effect upon  
your life as a disciple of Jesus.

Have a great rest of the summer and I look  
forward to seeing you at LCPC.

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Acts 4:19

*“But Peter and John replied,  
‘Which is right in God’s eyes: to  
listen to you, or to Him? You be  
the judges! As for us, we cannot  
help speaking about what we have  
seen and heard.’”*

**VBS**  
**RUNNING THE RACE FOR JESUS**



Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church  
& Children's Center  
619/443-1021  
9908 Channel Road

Register NOW!  
online or in  
person.

**SAT. AUGUST 10**  
**AGES 4-11**

VBS 9:30 AM to Noon - AWARDS & BBQ FOLLOWING

[www.lakesidepc.org](http://www.lakesidepc.org)



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**"RUNNING THE RACE FOR JESUS"**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10,**  
**9:30AM - NOON, Ages 4-11,**  
**Cost: FREE!**  
**REGISTER TODAY ONLINE:**  
[www.lakesidepc.org](http://www.lakesidepc.org)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- Registration: Have someone at the table with "floater" to help.
- Welcome/opening
- Opening/Closing- announcements/Skit
- Story Time
- Snack
- Games/Activities
- Crafts
- Music
- Decorations
- Helpers are responsible for taking the VBS kids to the different stations.
- Split groups as needed based on numbers and ages of participants.
- Memory Verse Training Camp
- Awards Ceremony
- BBQ lunch – hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies

**SUPPORT NEEDED**

You can make a difference this summer! Volunteers for VBS are needed. Please consider signing up on the patio to volunteer for our one-day Saturday, August 10th from 9:30 to Noon. You are sure to have fun and your support is vital. If you are unable to volunteer, please keep this community outreach to share the Gospel in your prayers. We need YOU! Each year VBS is made possible by generous time, talents, and **donations\*** from the congregation. If you are interested in making a contribution, here are some items we could use:

**Snacks & BBQ (estimate 15 -20 children)**

- ✓ Nilla Wafers
- ✓ Goldfish
- ✓ Carrot sticks or baby carrots
- ✓ Juice boxes, or Capri Sun
- ✓ Ice Tea
- ✓ Bottle water
- ✓ Plastic cups (5 oz and 7 oz variety)
- ✓ Plates (small and larger sized)
- ✓ Napkins
- ✓ Individual mustard or ketchup
- ✓ Hot dogs & buns
- ✓ Chips (individual serving size packages)
- ✓ Apple wedges
- ✓ Cookies for BBQ dessert

**Crafts:**

Glue, Decorative material: jewels, puffy paint, googly eyes, pens, etc., stickers, yarn or shoelaces, Large cardboard or silly sunglasses (oriental trading?)

**Awards:** Medals, and Certificates

**\*Donations:** Please call the church office at 619-443-1021, to find out which donations are still needed, as we have some folks who are planning on purchasing some of the items on the list.

*Best Wishes to you!*



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Ed Vacin
- 3 - Nancy Britt
- 8 - Kristin Riggs
- 9 - Dave Riggs
- 12- Ski Zenski
- 15 - Jolene Rich
- 19 - David Zamora, Jr.
- 25 - Frank Morrin
- 28 - Jennifer Riggs
- 29 - Jeffrey Hultman
- 30 - Norma Sibbet

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- 12 - Kevin & Sheila King
- 15 - Mark & Shelly Noble
- 23 - John & Linda Sunkel
- 30 - Richard & Carmen Bunch

**CAN YOU HELP?**

**PEOPLE WANT TO ATTEND  
CHURCH, BUT NEED A RIDE.  
If you can help, please call the  
Church Office, 619-443-1021.**

Lakeside Presbyterian Children's Center



Contact us : [www.lakesidepc.org](http://www.lakesidepc.org)

*Our preschool has been serving our  
community and nurturing children  
since 1953!*



**WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
UPCOMING EVENT**

Our Women's Ministry has a year of outings and events planned. Flyers with events are located on our church website calendar, and in the narthex/foyer information wall.

**SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY, AUGUST 26  
BALBOA PARK SILENT MOVIE NIGHT,  
7:30PM**

This is an all-church event invitation to attend Balboa Park's summer movie. Plan on arriving early at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion, in Balboa Park, and bring a brown sack lunch/dinner. More details in next Sunday's bulletin. Come and participate!



BALBOA PARK



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS ON HIATUS THIS SUMMER

A new study on the book of Ruth will start on August 12. Let's learn God's Word together, Mondays, at 3:00pm, in the Fireside Room. See you then!

## WOMEN'S BUNCO NIGHT ON SUMMER BREAK

We will resume our very popular game night, after a short break, and welcome all women to participate in the fun and laughter. Watch future bulletins for the next date.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Men's Bible Study group is going through the three books of John 1, 2 & 3. All men are invited on the first and third Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Fireside Room.

## SUMMER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LOOKING FOR GOD IN EVERYDAY LIFE

You are invited to join us for an exciting, thought-provoking discussion as we look for God in everyday life. We are sharing how God reveals Himself: in Christian activities and in the world we live in. Come and share with us! We meet in Classrooms 1 & 2, at 11:00am.

## HOSPITAL STAY & PRAYER

If you or someone you know has a stay in the hospital, please contact the church office, so that our prayer partners will be in prayer for you or for them. It is our desire, as a body of Christ, to look to the wellbeing of our church family. We would like to extend prayer and care in whatever way that we can. Unless we are made aware of a hospital stay, we will not know of the need. We would rather get the same notification several times, than none at all.

## BOX TOP\$ NEWS – KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

The beauty of this easy program is to simply turn in your receipts to the church within 14 days of purchase. The church will submit your receipt and if any item you purchased was identified with a Box Top\$, the preschool earns money. If you download the Box Top\$ APP, you can submit digital receipts too. Remember there are over 80 brands and 350 participating products that have the Box Top\$ logo. *Thank you for your continued support.*



Acts 16:30-31

“He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

## LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN HELPS CENTER NEWS

### Lakeside Christian Helps Center Back to School Donations Needed

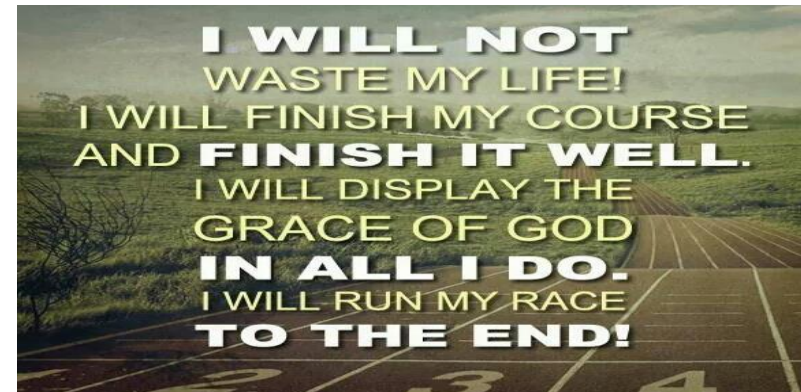
The Center is collecting school supply donations, now through Thursday, Aug. 8, for **distribution on Friday, Aug. 9**, at the Lakeside Community Rec Center. Please drop off donations at the Helps Center during regular hours: Mon-Thurs from 10am-12pm, or at the church office, or Sundays in the foyer/narthex. Thank you for helping the students in our community!

The Center needs easy pop-top canned food: tuna, pasta, chili, and pork & beans, and fruit/vegetables, as well as breakfast & granola bars; blankets, sheets, pillows, and towels; 16oz, or smaller, bottles of water.

The Center is open Monday through Thursday, from 10:00am to 12:00pm, and the fourth Saturday of the month, with the same hours. If you know of someone who may need a little extra help, the Center may be reached at (619) 561-3488.

### HOPE 4 THE HOMELESS LAKESIDE (H4HL) & THE THINK DIGNITY SHOWER MOBILE

Both of these organizations are in need of men and women's clothes and shoes (**special request for shoe size 10 and up**), hygiene supplies, underwear (new), snacks, bike patch kits, batteries, tents, tarps, backpacks, and large trash bags for cleaning up the river area. Donations may be dropped off on Sunday, in the foyer, or at the church office during regular hours.



**Sunday August 25**  
12:15 pm

**Games Door Prizes Live Music**

**Eat & Greet**

**Free Community Lunch**  
Build your own Sandwich  
Chips & Salad

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Eat & Greet Fellowship, Food, Fun, and Great Live Music – Don't miss our monthly community luncheon! Invite family, friends, and neighbors to come have a time of good fun and cheer – All Free!

**“THE CHOSEN” – Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00PM**

Join us for Season 3, on Wednesdays. Bring your own dinner and we will provide water to drink. We will watch the show at 6:00pm, in the Fireside Room, followed by a short discussion. Come and be part of it.



**SCRIP GIFT CARDS**

**PLEASE CONSIDER PURCHASING SCRIP GIFT CARDS: YOUR SUPPORT HELPS SOME OF YOUR CHURCH & SCHOOL'S PROGRAMS & SMALL PROJECTS**

- ✓ You pay face value, and the church gets a percentage of the purchase back.
- ✓ We have order forms available, and a list of hundreds of cards available.
- ✓ Ask Jan Warren, Nancy Adams, or Suzy Smith for more information.
- ✓ Orders are usually placed on the last Sunday of the month, and are available to be picked up the following Sunday. However, there may be changes in the date order.

**Our next order will be Sunday, August 25, and cards may be picked up Sept. 1.**

**ONLINE GIVING MADE EASIER THAN EVER!**

Our online giving now accepts Apple Pay, PayPal, Google Pay in addition to Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, and your bank auto-payment. Every time you give online, you will receive a thank you acknowledging your payment. Let the office know if you would like to receive via email a monthly, quarterly or semi-annual statement in addition to your end of year statement. Online Give is a secure site. It's easy, safe and you control when, the amount, and how often you wish to give.

Never miss your giving opportunity when you are on vacation or forgot to bring cash or ran out of checks. Simply visit our website: [www.lakesidepc.org](http://www.lakesidepc.org) and press the GIVE button located at the bottom of our home page, or go to the Contacts page on our website and look for the GIVE drop down.

*"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce."* Proverbs 3:9

Your generosity of gifts is extremely important to us to keep our ministry running, where we continue to see God transforming lives for the purpose of spreading the Gospel.

## PROPERTY UPDATE

Earlier in the year, LCPC published an article comparing the similarities of Nehemiah rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem and the condition of our church. The mighty fortress lay in ruins, but God influenced the King of Persia's heart to allow Nehemiah and a small group to begin the rebuild. When the wall was rebuilt, it represented a recommitment to God, to the lives of the people, and to the community.

By the time this article is published, the painting of the church campus will be complete. I know you all must be growing weary of the construction disruption as it feels like LCPC has undergone its own small Nehemiah moment. Since March LCPC has removed outdated gas lines from the roof, replacing all rotted and termite damaged eaves, fascia and roofing plywood, rebuilding the cover walkway, installed new roofs, major stucco repair, new landscape, concrete repair and poured new concrete for improved handicap access, and most recently the painting of the church campus. The painting required sanding large sections of the cinder block and brick walls due to it crumbling. It is expected that by applying Sure Loc, additional stucco repair, two coats of primer and two coats of paint, the buildings will be protected for a number of years.

Unfortunately, there is still more to do. The planned Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall ADA restroom access continues through the maze of the County approval process. A grant proposal has been submitted to help defray some of the costs, so please keep this in prayer that LCPC will be awarded the \$2500 grant.

We have two large glulam beams and supporting posts in the sanctuary garden that require replacement. The company who created the sanctuary beam repair in 2001 was contacted and will provide LCPC with an updated repair scheme quote. The original repair will no longer pass current building code, so a new scheme is necessary. We will need permits and a contractor to perform the repair. The sanctuary front doors are disintegrating and need to be replaced. Funds are needed to complete the projects, so please consider giving to the building fund. It is our hope that the repairs and improvements made demonstrate LCPC commitment to God, our church family, and to the community.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

Approximately 16 people attended what may be LCPC's first Prayer Breakfast. We had a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast with fresh fruit, and together as one body prayed for our community, church, requests submitted to the church, our church family, friends, those who serve in harm's way, and the missionaries the church supports. We closed with everyone receiving a prayer jar containing 77 scriptures and making a prayer keychain with color beads to remind us of the Lord's Prayer.

We will hold another prayer breakfast and a prayer vigil later this year. If you haven't participated, you are encouraged to join us at our next event.

## WOMEN'S MINSITRY, GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER (G.I.F.T.)

All women are invited and encouraged to come and participate in the women's group, G.I.F.T. The purpose is to have fun, laugh, get to know each other, pray for each other, encourage one another and support each other. Whenever there is an event outside of the church we carpool, so no excuses not to participate. This past year we went to a one day women's retreat in Pine Valley, watched a matinee in Mission Valley, played Bunco, attended a craft fair at Summer's Past Farm, had breakfast in the Fireside Room while making sunshine bags to be distributed to other women who need an extra dose of prayer and joy.

The remaining balance of the year we have plans to go to Balboa Park to watch a Silent Movie at the Organ Pavilion (all church event), go to Poway's Farmer's Market, have pizza and watch a movie, more Bunco, another breakfast, and finally we will close the year by enjoying the Christmas decorations in Balboa Park on a Tuesday so we can also visit the museums for free.

## PRAYER QUILT NEWS

The Prayer Quilt group has now administered 774 Prayer Quilt dedications. The responses we receive from Prayer Quilt recipients are very touching and assures us how worthwhile this ministry is.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup> we gathered at the home of Sioux Swart for a pot-luck luncheon. These periodic luncheons give us an opportunity to socialize and bond as friends.

We are now beginning to prepare for our annual sale which will be on Sunday, October 21, in Rooms 1 and 2, like last year. As usual we will have many handcrafted items: sewn, knitted, and crocheted, and some home baked goodies! In addition, we will have the "Make an Offer" table.

Are you aware that on the back of each of our Prayer Quilts there is a cross? Also, on the back of each quilt there is a personalized label for the recipient which includes their name, date of dedication and an appropriate Bible verse. We want to extend our thanks to the members of the congregation for their time to say a prayer for each quilt recipient as they tie a square knot. We have received many expressions of gratitude for the quilts and frequent validation of the power of the prayers tied into the quilt.

The Prayer Quilt group is dedicated to our mission and has become a close-knit group of friends. We welcome any new members and look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming sale!

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