

# THE JOYFUL NOISE

## *Leon Springs Presbyterian Church*

### Words from Wayne

#### A Place of Grace



#### OCTOBER 2011

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How does GOD want us to deal with anxiety that comes our way? When things in our families grow chaotic how should one respond? When jobs or finances are in question what is a Christian to do? When our health is fading, how are we to maintain hope? When things are changing everywhere you look, how can one stay calm and collective? Truth be told, the world and the life we live in it will give us many reasons to be anxious. Yet, GOD gives us DIVINE REASONS to believe we shall overcome. The Psalmist found such truth when he wrote,

*“Unless the LORD had given me help, I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death. When I said, “My foot is slipping,” your love, O LORD, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul”* (Psalm 94:17-19).

With this scripture passage in mind, I believe the answer to every question posed in the opening paragraph is, “**With GOD.**” Scripture reveals that no matter what “**our GOD**” will be with us. He was with CHRIST on the CROSS and beyond it. He will be with us as we face this life and by grace HE will be with us as we face the gift that waits beyond it.

In closing, I encourage you to **BELIEVE the GOOD NEWS** and I also encourage you to **SHARE the GOOD NEWS!**

Blessings,

Wayne

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Chairperson: Debbie Culver

We love to invite everyone to join and work with congregational life, especially if you like to cook or bake. October is a busy month for us! We will be hosting the International Fellowship between 10:10 and 10:50 in Pfeiffer Hall. If you would like to bring some fresh goodies please do.

On Oct. 23rd we are hosting the LSPC Open House. Each commission will be set up in the fellowship hall with information and have sign-up sheet available. We encourage you to join one of the many opportunities for growth at LSPC.

On October 27th we will be working along side of Witness with getting bake goods, and vegetables to go to the wounded warrior luncheon.

October 30th we will have the drink toss booth at “Holyween” if anyone would like to help with the booth.

Please come join in on the fun with Congregational Life if you would like to contact me my email is [dcculver@gvtc.com](mailto:dcculver@gvtc.com) or my cell is 210-867-7107.

## PROPERTY

Chairperson: Bruce Gilliam

The Property Commission is responsible for maintaining our church buildings and grounds. We could use your help with this work at our “All-Church Workday on Saturday, October 29. Please bring your garden tools, carpenter tools, brooms and cleaning materials to help us take a morning to clean up the church, inside and out, as well as sprucing up the yards around our buildings. We will have the coffee ready for you by 8:00 AM, and with your help we should finish before noon.

From time to time, our folks “borrow” items from the church to use for a short time. We ask that you please contact the church office prior to the time you plan to use them.



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## FLOWERS

We have a few open dates on our Flower Calendar in the Sanctuary. If you would like to give the flowers in memory or honor of someone special to you, please choose a date on the calendar and complete the information requested there. The cost is \$20. When you do provide flowers, please remember to take them home with you after church.

## WORSHIP

Chairperson: Victoria Beason

Welcome back Michael Gould!

Welcome back choir!

A heartfelt thank you to Naomi Smith, Chris Pfeiffer and Barbara Watson for your musical service to LSPC during the summer months.

**October 2** - We begin our 9:00 A.M. service, which will be a more contemporary service. We will, of course, continue with our 11:00 A.M. traditional service. We feel by offering both styles of service we will better serve our congregation and, hopefully, reach out to the community as well. As an additional blessing, it is also Communion Sunday as well as World Communion Sunday when we will be uniting through Christ in communion worldwide.

After the 9:00 A.M. service and before the 11:00 A.M. service, throughout the month of October, there will be a time for fellowship in lieu of adult Sunday School. On **October 23** each commission and group are asked to have a table with information to enlighten and inform the congregation. We hope each of you find a way to use and share your talents within LSPC.

**Youth Sunday** - October 30. The young people will be leading worship at both the 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. services.

**Commitment Sunday** - November 6. This is a remembrance of our thanks and commitment to God and our church through our tithes and offerings as well as our talents and time. Please be generous in remembering all the blessings that come to us from God, our father in heaven.

**Totenfest and Christ the King Sunday** - November 20. The congregation is asked to submit requests to honor and celebrate the lives of friends and relatives who passed away during the year (from November 2010 - November 2011).

**Worship Commission** - Will meet on Wednesday, October 5, at 7:00 P.M. If you are interested in joining the group responsible for our Worship Services, please meet with us in Aue House. We gladly welcome new faces with innovative ideas!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Will meet on Wednesday, October 12, and Wednesday, October 26 at 6:00 P.M. in Aue House. Anyone interested in joining us, please come. We will be glad to help with needlework instruction. If you have questions, call Victoria Beason at 830-755-8220.

We now have a basket with prayer shawls and afghans for use during Worship Service. It is located in the Narthex.

## **WITNESS**

Chairperson: JoAnn Gilliam

**Kendall County Battered Women's Shelter** - The Witness Commission will be supporting the Shelter with their **time** this year. They hope the shelter will be up and running by January, when we might be able to do some hands on work. We will be supporting them with their **SAFE PILLOW** fund raising project through the end of October. Pick up your Safe Pillow box in the Narthex and follow the instructions found inside the box. Please join us in prayer for the work that this organization will be doing in our community.

**Wounded Warrior** – LSPC will again be providing lunch for the Wounded Warriors and their families at Fisher House on October 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be asking for dessert donations for us to take with the rest of the meal we will be preparing to deliver at lunch on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Greeting Cards** - We are also collecting old greeting cards that we will send to St. Jude's. Please bring your used greeting cards and place them in the specially marked box located in the Narthex.

**Old Coats and Sweaters** - We will be collecting slightly used winter coats and sweaters for "In His Service". As the weather changes and you start thinking about fall, please launder and bring to church any cold weather outer garments you do not want. We will collect them on Sundays November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, and then deliver them to "INS" in San Antonio.

**Bearer of the Word** – Anyone or family wishing to serve as “Bearer of the Word” (walking the Bible into and out worship service), please contact Marilyn Wells to volunteer for a particular Sunday. Please call Marilyn at 830-249-8744 or 210-275-7920.

**Witness Commission** – Thanks to all the members of this Commission for their continuous help! Our next Commission meeting will be after church at noon on Sunday, October 23. If you are interesting in helping with any of these projects please give me a call at 830-755-9966 or come to our next meeting.



**Infinity Christian Academy** combines the best features of a traditional classroom education with the strengths of parent-led schooling in the home, for the goal of academic excellence within the framework of Christian discipleship. This concept of schooling gives parents the gift of time and the ability to take a more hands-on role in their children’s education. Essential core subjects and PE are taught on Tuesday/Thursday. Classes meet at Leon Springs Presbyterian Church located at 23943 IH-10 West, San Antonio, Texas. For more information, call **210-792-2373** or visit our website at [www.InfinityChristianAcademy.com](http://www.InfinityChristianAcademy.com)

## **ADMINISTRATION**

Chairperson: Kevin MacKinnon

The Administration Commission will meet on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18 at 7:00 PM in Aue House to continue our financial planning for 2012. Please join us, as we value your input to our planning process.

You can also help us by considering your pledge for 2012. We will be sending out letters in October seeking your commitment of time, talents and funds for the coming year. We will ask that you return your pledge on Commitment Sunday, NOVEMBER 6 so that we can finalize plans for 2012.

Below is a table comparing our 2011 financial plan to our actual income and expenses through the end of August. Historically, our income is lower over the summer months due to reduced church attendance with our members enjoying their vacations. However, our monthly expenses continue each month regardless of church attendance.

For all who have kept their pledges current, we thank you for your stewardship. We would encourage all who may have slipped behind with their pledge to consider the church’s financial needs during the summer and help us meet those needs by bringing their pledges up to date.

### LEON SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 2011 FINANCIAL PLAN

	8-MONTHS <u>PLAN</u>	8-MONTHS <u>ACTUAL</u>
Income:		
Pledged	\$70,900	\$76,000
Un-Pledged	\$24,100	\$24,100
Other	<u>\$1,600</u>	<u>\$1,600</u>
TOTAL	\$96,600	\$101,700
Expenses:	<u>\$121,100</u>	<u>\$117,700</u>
NET CASH FLOW:	(\$24,500)	(\$16,000)

## FROM AROUND THE CHURCH YARD...

### **X (Extra) Y (Years) Z (Zest)**

During October, the XYZ group (our over 50 crowd) will meet on Fridays, October 7 and October 21. Chris Preston will be leading the group in games and fellowship beginning at 6:30 P.M. in Pfeiffer Hall with finger food appetizers.

**COME JOIN THE FUN!!**



### **LPC Session Members**

#### 2009 – 2010 - 2011

Betty Cockrell  
Kevin MacKinnon  
Sharon MacKinnon

#### 2010 - 2011 - 2012

Stevie Apple  
Victoria Beason  
Cindy Bormann  
Roger Cockrell  
Michael Walker

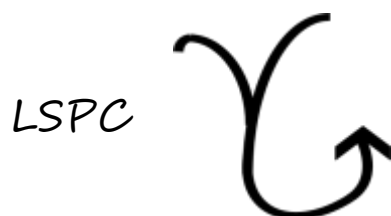
#### 2011 – 2012 – 2013

Jack Anderson  
Debbie Culver  
Bruce Gilliam  
JoAnn Gilliam  
Becky Lucci

The Session will meet on Wednesday, OCTOBER 19, 2011 at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Amanda Cockrell	2	Betty Hoestra	14	Betty Aue	27
Dan Wells	2	Hunter Stangle	19	Stephanie Apple	29
Irasema Thiele	11	Georgia Barnett	24	Clarisa Bacchetta	30



October 2011

- Saturday, Oct. 1      **Fundraiser Dinner @ Forest Hills 5:30pm**  
\*Volunteers please arrive by 5:15
- Sunday, Oct. 2      **Contemporary Worship at 9am**  
**Youth Cluster Event at St. Mark Pres. Church in Boerne**  
12:30-3:30, Carpool available upon request
- Sunday, Oct. 9      Fellowship 10:15 - 10:45am  
YG Meeting 2-3:30 \*Practice for Youth Sunday\*
- Sunday, Oct. 16      Fellowship 10:15 - 10:45am  
YG Meeting 2-3:30 \*Practice
- Sunday, Oct. 23      Fellowship 10:15 - 10:45am  
YG Meeting 2-3:30 \*Practice
- Saturday, Oct. 29      Youth Sunday Rehearsal noon-2 Holy-Ween Setup 2-6pm
- Sunday, Oct. 30      **Youth Sunday! Service at 9am and 11am**  
**Holy-Ween 5-7pm \*arrive at 4pm and stay to clean up\***

## **CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**

Chairperson: Cindy Bormann

### **Come Join Us in Sunday School at 10:00 AM.**

Pre-School aged children (babies through age 4) meet in the Nursery.

Kindergartens through 2nd Grade students meet in Room 3.

Grades 3 thru 5 meet in the White Hall.

## **THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER**



One of the truths of Christian Stewardship is:

**God desires equal commitment, not equal contribution.**

God is not impressed by the size of our gifts but by the cost to the giver:

**It's our commitment to Him that counts.**

Sharing our treasure isn't simply about writing a check. It's about living fully as a Christian steward in making a commitment to live, as Christ wants us too. It's about sharing gifts God has given us, and it's about our spiritual need to thank Him for all we have.

It truly is a privilege to make commitments to the Lord of our time, talents and monies.

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY** will be **NOVEMBER 6**. Please take time to pray about how you may help our commitment to Christ. Please fill out those cards for time, talent and pledges and return them on Commitment Sunday. You will be truly blessed for doing so.

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