

# THE JOYFUL NOISE

## *Leon Springs Presbyterian Church*

### Words from Wayne

#### A Place of Grace



#### SEPTEMBER 2011

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Joy was abounding all over the Church grounds during the first week of August. Adults had smiles and their servant minded hearts were full of warmth. Teens were playful and excited to help. Children arrived and were welcomed with love. For five days, LSPC opened wide its heart and loved fifty children and their families with the Peace of Christ. It was beautiful to watch men, women, teens, and children **GROWING** in faith! Please never forget that GOD desires for all of his children to continue to **GROW** spiritually.

This October, LSPC will open its heart even further to help fulfill its Mission and I want to encourage you to be like one of those VBS children and commit to participating. On October 2nd at 9:00 a.m., LSPC will begin offering a 9:00 a.m. worship service for its members, visitors, and the community. The service will embrace the gift of contemporary music, while still bringing forward the elements of worship, which are tried and true. *Please note, we will continue to have our Traditional worship service at 11:00 p.m.* As the second service is launched you and your family will have a chance to **GROW** in your faith by participating in the new service or helping in a new way with the traditional service. Please take time to pray for GOD's blessing on both services of worship.

Another growth opportunity that will emerge for members and visitors of LSPC is the establishment of small groups. Currently we are aiming to start some groups that will meet once a month or once a week to share faith and grow as followers of Jesus Christ. There will be opportunities for prayer, scripture reading, laughter and even tears. We believe that in and through the small groups people can encounter Christ in others. We also believe people will **GROW** through those encounters. Groups will be offered for men, women, and couples. Please take time to pray for GOD's blessing on each small group and its leaders.

Needless to say, I am excited about what GOD is doing in the life of LSPC. Yes, with change comes fear and a certain level of challenge but beyond that, change also brings the opportunity for **GROWTH**. Are you ready and willing to **GROW**? Is LSPC ready and willing to **GROW**? I guess we will have to wait till October to find the answer to those two questions. In the meantime, I encourage you to remember the Mission of LSPC, "Living to Share the Peace of Christ, our Mission is to help make and **grow** disciples!"

To God be the glory!

Blessings,

Wayne

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Chairperson: Debbie Culver

**We are continuing to help the Ronald McDonald houses** out by simply collecting the tabs off of drink cans and place them in the large jar in the back of the church. This money will go to help support the Ronald McDonald Houses that families stay in when they have someone being treated in the hospital to help cut down on their cost. Thanks to all who have been helping to fill the jar with their tabs.

**Congregational Life** - We love to invite everyone to our meetings and to get involved with Living to Share the Peace of Christ. Our next meeting of Congregational Life Commission will be on Sunday, September 11th after church where we will be planning activities for the fall. We could really use your help by providing us with your ideas for the Congregational Life Commission.

## PROPERTY

Chairpersons: Bruce Gilliam

The Property Commission is responsible for maintaining our church buildings and grounds. We could use help with this work. If you would like to volunteer your talents in helping us take care of our facilities, please join us at our next Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 PM in Aue House.

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. We presently have one 6-foot white table and 4 folding chairs that need to find their way back to church. Please help them find their way home.

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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

### **September 4 - Naomi Smith Communion**

Hymn #370 Rejoice, the Lord Is King  
#563 Open My Eyes That I May See  
#571 Trust and Obey

### **September 11 - Naomi Smith**

Hymn #225 Come, Christians, Join to Sing  
#553 Nearer, My God, to Thee  
#143 This Is My Father's World

### **September 18 - Chris Pfeiffer**

### **September 25 - Barbara Watson**

Hymn #793 For the Beauty of the Earth  
#342 Rock of Ages  
#690 He Leadeth Me

**World Communion Sunday - October 2.** We ask that the congregation bring a loaf of bread representative of another country or a loaf of artisan bread. We will display an array of breads to celebrate this important Sunday.

We are excited to begin the first of our 9:00 A.M. services in addition to our 11:00 A.M. services on this Sunday.

We also welcome Michael Gould back from his vacation and the choir will again lead the hymns at the 11:00 A.M. service.

**Commitment Sunday - October 26.** This is a remembrance of our thanks and commitment to God and our church in our tithes and offerings.

**Worship Commission -** Will meet on Wednesday, September 7, 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, September 14, and Wednesday, September 28 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 Pillow Project fundraiser in September/October. More information will be handed out in church in the coming weeks. 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 27th.

**Old Greeting Cards** - We will also be setting up a box somewhere in the church to collect old greeting cards to mail to St. Jude's. Start saving your used greeting cards to bring when we get box in place.

**Old Coats and Sweaters** - We have been asked to collect 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 have a couple of weeks for collection 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, September 11. 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, September 20 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, October 26 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 July. 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

	<u>6-MONTHS PLAN</u>	<u>6-MONTHS ACTUAL</u>
Income:		
Pledged	\$62,100	\$72,100
Un-Pledged	\$21,000	\$21,200
Other	<u>\$1,400</u>	<u>\$1,300</u>
TOTAL	\$84,500	\$94,600
Expenses:	<u>\$106,000</u>	<u>\$102,600</u>
NET CASH FLOW:	(\$21,500)	(\$8,000)

## FROM AROUND THE CHURCH YARD...

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

No XYZ event on Friday, September 2 in order to allow everyone to enjoy the Labor Day weekend doing their favorite holiday things.

We will meet at 6:30 PM on September 16. Please join us for an evening of fellowship. We are planning to attend Boerne Community Theater for the production “Dearly Departed” on September 30. Please contact Victoria Beason if you plan to attend.

**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, September 21, 2011 at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS


John Douglas	3	Velma Love	8	Virginia Currey	18
Nathan Stangle	3	Tatiana Walker	8	Scott Grover	28
Susan Tope	4	JoAnn Gilliam	10	Polly Patton	28
Mary Lou Keiser	7	Katelyn Nunn	17		



If you enjoy computers and forms of technology, we need your help! Join the LSPC Tech Team! We're looking for people who want to spread the word about God's work at LSPC utilizing electronic media and the internet! We've got a whole list of projects -- there's certain to be one just right for you!

The next meeting will be 9/18/11 after church! Join Us!

If you want additional information or can't wait to get started, please contact the church office or Betty Cockrell at [eac8734@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eac8734@sbcglobal.net) or call 210-865-3953



Night at Old Forest Hills  
Saturday, October 1  
Forest Hills Presbyterian Church  
13200 Bandera Road, Helotes

5:30 pm – Silent Auction & Hors d'oeuvres  
6:30 pm – International Dinner & Program

Fundraiser to Benefit  
Presbyterian Pan American School

Come dine with us on food from four different countries, fellowship with other Northwest San Antonio Presbyterian Churches, and learn about our mission school in Kingsville, all while enjoying the musical gifts of the school's choir.

And, you might even find a treasure at the silent auction!

(Childcare will be provided at no charge.)

Please RSVP by Thursday, September 22 to  
**Angela Grover [AStarMoon1616@yahoo.com](mailto:AStarMoon1616@yahoo.com)**

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*Covenant Presbyterian Church  
Forest Hills Presbyterian Church  
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Oak Hills Presbyterian Church  
Pipe Creek Presbyterian Church  
St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Boerne*



Presbyterian Children's  
Homes & Services

# Campus Connection:

News and Notes from PCHAS San Antonio  
Back to School Edition 2011

## What's up on Whitby Road?

*An update from the campus.*

A welcome to our new houseparents, Dana and Kimberlea Emborsky. They spent 4 years at our Itasca campus and are now in San Antonio. Dana has been a classroom teacher and coach. Kimberlea has been a classroom music teacher and writes her own music. Both enjoy being outdoors, biking, hiking and camping.

Mari Molina is the group home supervisor. She is originally from Robstown and graduated from Our Lady of the Lake University. She is a licensed professional counselor who has been working with high risk youth since 1992. She loves her 3 dogs, running and reading.

### News from the Child & Family Program:

Jennifer Leos has had a busy summer working with several motivated families and continues to build a positive relationship with churches and other non-profits in the community. Please don't hesitate to contact her if you know a child/family that needs some help.

She can be reached at 210-832-9882.

A BIG THANK YOU to the following churches:

Leon Springs Presbyterian Church whose VBS collected \$100.00 in change for PCHAS. And to those church members who donated back to school supplies.

St. Mark Presbyterian Church whose VBS collected back to school supplies.

Oak Hills Presbyterian Church members for donating back to school supplies. All of our kids are now well equipped to start school!!!

We are grateful to all the churches who continue to make us a part of their mission budgets and who value our shared ministry.

All the youth had a good summer, enjoyed camps (Mo-ranch, John Knox and football ), swimming and Fiesta Texas. Kristen will start Navarro Jr. College in early September. If you are interested in sending her cards/care packages, let Signe know.

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### Upcoming Birthdays:

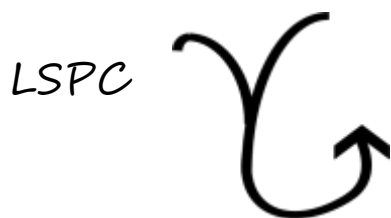
Jordan: 8/11    Jessica: 10/7

Kayla: 9/18    Raeanne: 10/23

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September 2011

Saturday, Sept. 3	Depart for One Mo Trip 1:00 meet at church
Sunday, Sept. 4	No YG
Monday, Sept. 5	Return from Mo Ranch 12:30*
Sunday, Sept. 11	YG 2-3:30 (Jr. in Aue House and Sr. High in Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, Sept. 18	YG 2-3:30
Sunday, Sept. 25	YG 2-3:30, Youth Sunday preparations begin!
Friday, Sept. 30	Pres. Pan Am School Reception @LSPC TBD
Saturday, Oct. 1	Youth Cluster Gathering with Pres. Pan Am School @ St. Mark Noon-4:30 (carpool available) Fundraiser Dinner @ Forest Hills 5:30pm

The fundraiser and youth cluster event with **Presbyterian Pan American School** is just around the corner! Being that there are several other Presbyterian churches in the area that are a part of this event, we have only been asked to host 4 students (2/home) and since I have signed up already that means we need **only one** more host family for Sept. 30 - Oct. 2. This is such an exciting opportunity and I encourage you to let me know immediately if you'd like to host two students in your home for this event. I would love to have a few backup families from LSPC...just in case. Here is the schedule for the weekend:

Friday, Sept. 30 - (time to be determined, but after 6pm) students arrive at LSPC, brief reception, leave with host family.

Saturday, Oct. 1 - Noon-4:30 students join youth from Presbyterian churches for cluster event at St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Boerne. They will be transported to Forest Hills in the school bus. 5:30 Fundraiser Dinner, students will leave dinner with host family

Sunday, Oct. 2 - Students will attend church with host family and give a "minute for mission" to congregation. Please provide a sack lunch for departure from LSPC after church (around 12:30)

**ALSO**, don't forget to let me know if you have something you'd like to give for the silent auction :)

Angela Grover, Director of Youth and Families

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## **CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**

Chairperson: Cindy Bormann

### On September 11

### 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.

On September 18 Adults meet in Pfeiffer Hall to begin a study of the church calendar

## **THE STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

There is a humorous story found on the internet, we want to share with you.

A family was coming out of church. The husband says to his wife, "That wasn't much of a sermon the minister gave." The wife then adds "yea and the choir sang off key." Meanwhile their small son had been listening to his parents' conversation. Finally he speaks up. "It seemed all right to me," he says, "especially considering it only cost us a dollar." That story made me think.

The idea of giving can seem a little scary. What will happen to me, what will happen to my family, if I set aside a good portion of my income for God? Then I remembered that Jesus taught his first disciples to be good stewards of all God had given them: their talent, the earth and their money. So, maybe I need to re-evaluate whether or not I am truly a good steward in Gods eyes. Do I, do you, give enough of ourselves? It is something to think about.

We, as a church, only exist to carry out Gods mission because of the support of all of you who contribute in large and small ways.

Your Administration Commission

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