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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

As they approach middle age, many Christians find themselves reflecting deeply about their lives. They realize that their spiritual life has become stale. They wonder if there isn't something more to life than the hurried routine they've fallen into. They experience a restless yearning for work that's more satisfying.

I'm not talking about a midlife crisis. That's what happens when a person — usually a man — realizes he isn't young anymore and he tries to deal with that reality by trying to re-live high school. I'm talking about what happens when your definition of success morphs and alters and you suddenly realize you need to make up for lost time.

Thankfully, many wise people have gone before us. Some of the best advice they offer us can be summarized in a few simple principles:

- Listen to that voice inside you that's telling you it's time to make a change.
- Think carefully about what you've learned about yourself over the past few decades.
- Watch closely for new opportunities that will allow you to grow in your faith and in your service to God.
- Recognize that your harvest time has arrived, and start to apply your skills and passions to work that will last forever.

To have a better second half we have to work hard and take risks just as we did in the first half of our lives. If we stay in the same place, even if it's a place that's comfortable for us today, we'll eventually stagnate there. Our lives can be fruitful and satisfying even in our final decade of life, but we have to keep moving ahead and working toward goals that point beyond where we've already been.

But the second half of life isn't just about hard work and sacrifice. It's also about slowing down so we can savor the time God has given us. We can't continue to live at the hyperactive pace we maintained during the first half of our lives. Our bodies won't allow it, but even if they did it would be foolish for us to stay in the fast lane. We would miss too much.

For Christians, the goal in the second half of life is to become more intimate with Christ and to dedicate ourselves more seriously to the thing he's calling us to do. To do that we have to simplify our life by cutting out the stuff that doesn't help us to grow or to grow fruit. We have to make worship, directed reading, and prayer a daily priority. We may also find it necessary to get rid of a good portion of the stuff we've accumulated.

What can younger people do to get ready for life's second half? Again, it makes sense to listen to those who have gone before us. They urge people in their 20s, 30s and early 40s to ask questions like these:

- "Where will I be 10 . . . 20 . . . 30 years from now if I stay where I am now?"
- "How will I feel about myself?"
- "What will I have accomplished for God?"

Life moves hard and fast when you're young, but it's important to take a long-term perspective. Figure out what you're good at and where your passions lie. Set your sights on achievements that really matter, that will make a real difference for others. Keep your eyes on goals that are far enough ahead to make the journey demanding but worthwhile. Keep the Lord Jesus at the very center of your life, and set your course by the compass of His Word.

The fourth chapter of Proverbs celebrates the person whose path "is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day." The Lord's vision for our lives as we journey with Him is that we would become that person.

May it be so for you and for every member of our beloved church family.

Love and good cheer,
Andy Wilson

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CFC FAITH UPDATE

We are wrapping up our Chapel series on Friendship this month. I have really enjoyed talking to the kids about what a good friend looks like and checking out scripture to see how Jesus is the perfect example of a friend. Over the summer we will talk about forgiveness and how it is a gift we receive from Jesus and a gift we can give to others.

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Coming on July 3: A special Independence Day Bistro following the CFC Red, White and Blue parade!



Hooray, it's officially **Summer** this month! The kids are out of school in a matter of days, so it's time to break out the bathing suits, beach towels

and sunscreen!

Andy and Mary are doing last minute preparations for the 17th annual **Project Dominicana mission trip**. They have another enthusiastic group of adults and high schoolers ready for a productive 10 days of serving the Haitian immigrants in La Romana.

If you'd like to support the trip in an important way, there is a **vitamin and glasses drive** going on for the Dominican health clinics until Monday, June 10. Items needed are adult, children's, prenatal and liquid infant multivitamins (no gummies, please!), over-the-counter pain medications, Selsun Blue, Tums, cough medicine, and used reading glasses in good condition (no prescription glasses). Items can be dropped off in the Narthex or the church office.

Thank you to the 60 ladies who attended the **Project Dominicana Tea Party and Silent Auction** in April at the T Room in Montrose. Around \$5,200 was raised for supplies for the trip. Thank you to the hard work of **Mary Wilson, Debbie Thompson, Carleigh Fernandez, Kerry Milbrodt** and **Kelly Ralston** and all the high school girls who did a fabulous job keeping everyone's teacups full and plates cleared.

Greg and Mandy Cary will be hosting the **Senior Banquet** at their home again this year for all our graduating high school seniors. It's a wonderful night of dinner, fun memories, and prayers for the next big chapter in their lives. If you'd like to attend, RSVP to the Cary's at: gm-cary@sbcglobal.net.

Abide will be having their always popular **Breakaway Summer Kick-Off** on Wednesday, June 12. All incoming junior highers and current junior high and high schoolers won't want to miss this epic night of food, games, and non-stop fun! Encourage your kids to bring a friend!

CFC is gearing up for their **Summer Day Camp** program. Parents can sign up for the week or just a couple days with their flexible scheduling options. Each day there will be engaging activities and weekly field trips such as the zoo, beach, parks, museums, amusement parks, hikes, pools, movies, performances or sporting events. Check out www.center4children.com for all the details.

LCPC Dodger Night is Tuesday, July 2, at 7:10 PM. The Dodgers will be conquering the Arizona Diamondbacks that night and you won't

want to miss it! Tickets are \$31. **Craig Carlson** will be selling them between services or you can email him at: carlspart@aol.com.

Spread the word about our fabulous VBS **"In the Wild – Amazing Encounters with Jesus"**, July 8-12! It will surely be the wildest week of the year! The cost is only \$40 for the week, 9:00 AM – Noon, for all kids ages 4 years through 6th grade. Register online at: bit.ly/lcpcVBS. **Ashley and Kristy** need about 60 volunteers, so contact them if you can help!

We sure are happy to have **Ashley's** smiling face back at LCPC and thrilled we have gotten to meet adorable **Baby Carter!** He's been a real trooper going all over LCPC nestled in the front pack with his mommy. He is getting bigger and stronger every day!

Our InterVarsity missionaries in Boston **Daniel and Marie Adams** have an especially exciting summer coming up! Daniel graduated with his M.Div. and Master of Biblical Languages and Marie finished up her theology degree. They graduated together on May 11. They are also expecting their first baby at the end of September. Triple congratulations to them!

Around 20 of our LCPC men had a constructive trip to Rosarito, Mexico last month to continue work on the **Casa de Los Angeles Orphanage**. **Jim Sedgwick** and some of his fellow La Jolla Presbyterian Church members as well as men from Baja Christian Ministries joined them. They have mostly completed the foundation and will soon be starting to frame the first floor. They have also built a storage bunker that will have training areas for the kids to learn skills and trades. It's so exciting to see Andy's pictures of all the progress!

We will sure miss **Betty Musacco** as she recently moved to Escondido to be closer to her children. If you would like to send her a card or contact her, **Nancy** in the church office has her new address and Betty would love to hear from you!

We have a young hero in our midst! **Ailani Yanez**, an 8th grader who comes to Abide saved a young toddler from being hit by an SUV in the Ralphs shopping center parking lot by a distracted driver. The little girl ran out in front of the car and Ailani quickly reacted by grabbing her and they both fell backwards just in the nick of time. We are so proud of your quick instincts and bravery Ailani!

Mary Wilson hosted a fabulous end of the year party for the **Kids Hope** kids and their families last month. They celebrated the end of another great school year with games, awards and ice cream sundaes. One Kids Hope boy who attended PEAK a few times told Mary he wanted to come back to PEAK. He asked her, "Who's that guy you're always talking about there?" Guessing he might be referring to Jesus?

May your June have less gloom and more sunshine! See you next month!

LEE'S LATEST

What do we do when the world seems out of control? How do we respond when it seems that God has failed to keep his promises? Daniel and his friends were part of the first exile from Judah to Babylon. They were the brightest boys, taken from their homes, given new (pagan) names, and (re)educated to serve the very government that would destroy everything they loved. How could they understand God's promises? How could they live faithfully in a culture that was trying to make them conform to its own standards? This is what the book of Daniel is all about.



But Daniel is more than just a manual for personal piety and sacrifice; it provides us a way to see how God can work in the darkest situations. God seems to be using pagan kings to bring about his own plan that involves redeeming the whole world. We get a God's-eye-view of the rise and fall of kings and kingdoms and the true Kingdom that would replace them all.

If you're trying to make sense of this crazy world, Daniel is a great place to start. Check out my Podcast: "Digging Deeper with Lee Cook" to get a head start on the sermon series. You can also look on the church's website, Facebook page, or you can just Google it.



WE'RE BACK! SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN THE GARDEN

Conversations is back from our hiatus! It will be good to get the group together again and we always welcome new faces to discuss God's word and in this case, Lee's Sunday morning sermon. Come and join us!

This month we'll meet on **June 9 and 23**. Arrive at 4:30 PM, and we'll be finished by 6:00 PM. For more information, please call Nancy at (626) 755-1880.



AT CASA DE LOS ANGELES IN MEXICO

HERE'S OUR FULL SUMMER CALENDAR!

- June 9:** Senior Banquet
- June 11:** Last day of GUSD
- June 12:** Breakaway Summer Kick-Off
- June 15-24:** Project Dominicana
- June 26:** Abide Summer Night
- June 27:** Beach Day

- July 2:** Movie Night
- July 3:** Abide Summer Night
- July 8-12:** VBS
- July 10:** Abide Summer Night
- July 18-22:** Jr. High Summer Camp
- July 24:** Abide Summer Night
- July 26:** Christmas in July
- July 28-August 3:** High School Summer Camp

- August 7:** Abide Summer Night
- August 13:** Animal Excursion
- August 14:** Abide Summer Night
- August 19:** Abide Summer Night After Dark



children's Ministries

by Ashley Pollock

June is a bittersweet month for Children's Ministries. On the one hand, we have two really fun events planned. The excitement surrounding VBS is growing. We get to celebrate the 6th graders that are part of the ministry. That is all the sweet stuff. But at the same time, 22 wonderful, hilarious, creative, sweet 6th grade students are preparing to leave the nest of FISH and SPARKS and fly off into ABIDE.

Yes, they will only be a courtyard length and a stairwell away. Yes, they are moving into a great Student Ministries program with Josh, Becca, and Austin. Yes, they are ready, but we (their Wednesday and Sunday leaders) will miss them! Please join me in praying for these kids who are transitioning to new schools and new chapters in their lives.

Before we bid the 6th graders adieu, we will have our annual SPARKS in the DARK event on Friday, June 7, from 7:00- 9:00 PM. All current 4th-6th graders are invited to come enjoy silly gags, wacky night games and delicious snacks. We will also have an 6th Grade Send-Off /Pentecost Pancake Celebration on Sunday, June 9, during FISH at both services.

After Pentecost Sunday, it feels like the summer will truly begin. It looks like it will be a summer of Disney at the movies with Aladdin, Toy Story 4, and The Lion King all coming out. Children's Ministries will be taking a group of kids to see Toy Story 4 on Monday, June 24, hopefully at the El Capitan. The theater has not yet begun selling tickets so please stay tuned for more details on that fun outing!

Don't forget to sign up your child and their friends and their friends' friends for our two biggest

events of the summer: Summer Camp at Forest Home and Vacation Bible School. Summer Camp is open to all incoming 4th-6th graders and will run from July 21-26 at Forest Home's "The Village." Camp costs \$350 for the week and scholarships are available. Space is limited so please register your child soon at: bit.ly/lcpcSummer2019. And do not hesitate to email or call me if you would like to learn more!

Last but not least, registration is open for Vacation Bible School at bit.ly/lcpcVBS! That's



right, this year we have online registration. Hard copies of the registration form are also available in the church office. VBS will take place July 8-12 from 9:00 AM to Noon and costs \$40. Scholarships are available. This year's theme is "In the Wild – Amazing Encounters with Jesus." Kristy and I are enjoying the preparation process and are so excited to share songs, skits, games, crafts and, most importantly, scripture with the children of LCPC, CFC and our community.

If you are reading this and thinking, "Wow, that sounds fun! I wish adults could participate in

VBS," it's not too late to volunteer! We would love more craft helpers, snack organizers, storytellers, preschool leaders, and more. All volunteers do need to attend a training session and be background checked. So if you have any interest or want to ask questions about VBS, please contact me at: Ashley@lcpc.net.

I am looking forward to sharing the summer with all of you – from the bittersweet moments to the wacky, loud, joy-filled ones!

Kids Say The Darndest Things

During CFC Classroom Visits, I asked the CFC preschoolers the following question: "Jesus shows us that we should take the time to be kind. What does the word 'kind' mean?"

4-Year-Old: "Kind is when you are going fishing with your friend but he has to go change into his fishing clothes and it takes a long time but you still wait for him."

3-Year-Old (*while working on an art project with his classmates*): "Share the paints! That's how you be kind!"

CHOIR BLOG

June 16 will mark the final Cathedral Choir service for this season. A special anthem will be prepared for that service and then the choir will begin a well-deserved hiatus through the summer months. To provide music in the Choir's absence, a variety of participants for the "Second Service Summer Music" (SSSM) series has been scheduled to provide the Preludes, Offertory Anthems, and Postludes throughout the summer Sundays.

To kick off these programs, on June 23 we will be privileged to hear the virtuosity of violinist Nancy Smith, accompanied by the very talented Elzbieta Nawrocka on the piano. Then on June 30, Noel Collins will lead a brass quintet performing well-known patriotic songs in preparation for Independence Day. Of special interest will be a beautiful rendition of Amazing Grace with a bagpiper joining the brass.

Stay tuned to the "Choir Blog" in the monthly *Messenger* for the July and August SSSM series schedule.

In Christ,
Kerry Milbrodt

In Christ,
Noel



Dear Friends,
How can it be June already?

Summer is beckoning with promises of no school, family vacations, beach time, longer days, and warm nights. Somehow, summer just seems to be more relaxed and free of obligations. Of course, there are always the usual daily duties but they feel easier in many ways.

There are still plenty of activities at LCPC and our regular services and fellowship opportunities continue so we can worship together as usual

while enjoying special music at both services. We can still seek out ways to help each other and grow in faith. Our God never goes on vacation; He is always available to guide and love us. When we need Him, He is always there.

Enjoy your summer, continue in worship, love the Lord, and love each other.



CFC Heartbeat



Director's Corner

La Crescenta Presbyterian Church is working on a strategic plan called *Vision 2020*. It's an exciting time of freshening up our facilities, programs, and commitment. Soon you will begin to see some of those changes around our campus. The church will be offering some wonderful events that we want your family to feel welcome to attend. In June there will be a "Bring Your Own Dinner" picnic in the park. July will see a Family Dodger Night in August a catered picnic.

These activities, plus Vacation Bible School and Sunday morning worship which offers two different styles – Contemporary with Praise Band at 9:00 AM and Classic with our Cathedral Choir or other musical ensembles at 11:00 AM – allow your family to deepen their faith journey. During both services, a thoughtful Sunday School program for elementary age children is planned and at the 9:00 AM service a program for Jr. and Sr. High students.

There are away camps this summer for children entering 4th-outgoing 12th graders that challenge both mind and body. All of this makes for an exciting summer on the LCPC campus. I encourage you to look over this entire newsletter and see if there is something you would like your child or your whole family to participate in over the summer.

I started to attend La Crescenta Presbyterian Church when I was 3 years old. I have countless memories of growing up in a loving community of people that supported my family. I am so old that the chapel I attended VBS in no longer exists! Next month I will be going to a reunion of my Jr. High fellowship group. When Bob and I had children, we renewed our commitment to making church a part of our lives. My children made deep friendships that not only got them through high school, but are also some of their most important friendships to this day. They have a faith that gives them a foundation for the life ahead of them.

The entire LCPC family says, "Welcome to our come as you are church."

Pat

If You Love Us...

...tell someone! Don't forget that if you refer another family to us and they enroll, you will receive a \$100 credit on your tuition. Spread the good word about CFC! This includes day camp as well. We had one family that received about \$500 in referral credit!

Red, White and Blue Parade

We will have our annual parade on Wednesday, July 3, followed by our BBQ lunch for the whole family. We will be closed Thursday and Friday, July 4-5, for the holiday weekend.

Neon Day: June 24

What a bright and beautiful way to start our summer. Wear the brightest clothes you own for this fun day of color. There will be special activities throughout the day.

Tuition Rates and Paper Work

The new rates begin the week of June 17, the first week of our new year. Be sure to adjust any Auto pay that you may have set up. We hope you are enjoying the new Curacubby Program. You all should have received your 2019/2020 paperwork via Curacubby. We must keep information up to date not only to ensure we can reach you if needed but because our regulatory agency requires that all paperwork be updated each year. Please help us by getting the papers returned to us ASAP! Thanks

Eye Screening

On June 7, The Elks club is once again offering free eye screening for children in Rooms 104,105, and 108. Look for paperwork to fill out to authorize a screening. This has been a valuable tools for parents and teachers alike.

Staff Development Day

We will be closed Friday, June 14, for staff development time. In the morning the staff will be working with a trainer to improve communication between the staff and parents. In the afternoon staff will be able to work on their classrooms to make sure they are ready for the summer program to begin on Monday, June 17. Please make alternative child care plans now

Summer Day Camp

If your child is joining us for summer day camp, the last day to sign up for the week of June 17 is Tuesday, June 11. You must sign up a week ahead by Tuesday to be included in the next week's day camp. We need to be sure we have the right amount of staff, tickets for activities, and seats on the van etc. You must pay when you sign up. Check out the Summer Day camp overview on our web page: www.Center4Children.com.



Fridays are Music with Max

This month we will increase our use of scarves. We will continue with "Up to the Ceiling" which has several different movements within a short song. This includes alternate movements between left and right arm – not an easy direction for young children. The children hold a scarf in each hand throughout the activity. For 4- and 5-year-olds we began learning the activity "Friend Oh Friend." The children find a partner to face, they smile at each other, then hold hands, and then gently turn. The activity really strengthens listening skills as they must listen to the lyrics in order to know what happens next.

Family Outing Idea: Touch-A-Truck

When: June 15 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Where: Thousand Oaks Community Park, 2424 N. Moorpark Road

This popular event allows kids to have fun kicking the tires, honking the horns and climbing onto the seat of their favorite truck and construction vehicles such as a garbage truck, an Army truck, a limousine, a tractor, a dump truck, a fire engine, and more. There will also be fun actives, kids' construction zone, and train rides. Stay for the water balloons that get dropped from a cherry picker and beach balls from a dump truck. There is even a helicopter landing! Admission is free for all ages. Email: toc@crpd.org for more information.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

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

Kick off Summer with a new sermon series. For the next five weeks we'll be reading through the book of Daniel. We will learn what it means to live faithfully in a culture that encourages compromise. We'll also be reminded that God is in control even when it seems that all

hope is lost. This will be a wonderful opportunity to think prayerfully about our priorities and commitments and ask if we are truly surrendered to God's kingdom.

JUNE 2 COMMUNION SUNDAY

Message by Lee Cook
"Daniel Versus the Unclean Cafeteria"
For Personal Study: Daniel 1

JUNE 9

Message by Lee Cook
"Daniel Versus the Mysterious Dream"
For Personal Study: Daniel 2

JUNE 16

Message by Lee Cook
"The Boys Versus the Furnace"
For Personal Study: Daniel 3

JUNE 23

Message by Lee Cook
"God Versus the Pridelful King"
For Personal Study: Daniel 4

JUNE 30

Message by Lee Cook
"Daniel Versus the Lions"
For Personal Study: Daniel 6



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