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**PEAK**  
**SCHEDULE CHANGES**

By Andy Wilson

**PEAK – Praise and Education for Adults and Kids** – kicks off September 11! We hope you're planning to make PEAK a regular part of your week. But please take note, the Wednesday evening schedule will change.

Instead of starting dinner at 5:30 PM, we will start at 5:45 PM. Programs will still begin at 6:30 PM, but instead of ending at 8:00 PM, they will end at 7:30 PM. The Cathedral Choir will still rehearse from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

All the aspects of PEAK that so many people cherish will continue. We'll start with an excellent, nutritious, inexpensive meal in Koopmans Hall (again, at 5:45 PM). Then we'll enjoy fellowship groups and inspiring seminars for everyone in the family. That includes four different gatherings for children (all ending at 7:30 PM) as well as Abide Junior High. Abide will still end at 8:00 PM.

Why have these changes been made? Many LCPC leaders, our entire staff included, have been hearing from some PEAK participants that the evening feels long for them when it ends at 8:00 PM. That is especially true for many parents of young children, and one primary goal for PEAK is to help families with small children to feel welcomed and supported on Wednesday evenings. Those who lead PEAK events have expressed confidence that they can offer quality fellowship, teaching and prayer time within the one-hour format.

Adults will have two opportunities to grow as disciples. Andy Wilson will lead "Journey with Jesus" and Lee Cook will offer an in-depth study of the Letter to the Ephesians. Both groups will begin at 6:30 and end at 7:30 PM.

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**KICK-OFF SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 8 9:00 AM**

The whole church family will be worshipping together at this single service, featuring both our Praise Band AND Cathedral Choir, that will kick off our fall PEAK and Vision 20/20 seasons! Afterward, we'll continue the fellowship in Koopmans Hall over a delicious, free breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, and fruit. Great Sunday to invite a friend!



# PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

For many months now we've been talking about LCPC's *Vision 2020* plan. In this exciting season, our overriding goal – our passion and desire as a church

family – is to produce an abundant harvest for the Lord. The Holy Spirit is challenging us to reach to new heights as we seek to grow God's kingdom.

Vision-casting is important and we've done a lot of that lately. We'll be talking more about the *Vision 2020* plan on September 8, Kick-Off Sunday, when we'll all worship together at 9:00 AM with our Praise Band and Cathedral Choir, celebrate Communion, and afterward enjoy a wonderful brunch provided free by Fellowship Ministry.

But the most important thing at this stage of our two-year journey (January 2019 through December 2020) is to put the right individuals and

teams to work doing the right tasks.

We already have a small army of faithful servants hard at work. They're well trained and highly motivated, but they need help. The Kingdom needs the help of every member of Christ's body! That's why we're launching a new effort this month to mobilize and train new workers. Our goal for the next two months will be to inspire and activate people who sense the Spirit's call to service but who aren't being fully utilized. Or who maybe aren't doing the work that God created and called them to do.

How will we accomplish that goal? The LCPC leadership team is has organized a series of nine Mobilization Meetings between September 16 and October 5. The schedule and brief descriptions of those meetings are summarized below. I want to encourage everyone in the church family to prayerfully consider attending one or two of these gatherings.

What will happen at these meetings? The key

leaders from specific ministry areas will explain to attendees exactly how they can help. I will participate in each meeting. In some cases, other staff will also participate. Together we will outline the specific details of carefully-defined volunteer positions. We will also talk about the resources that will be available – including, in some cases, special training – that will help new recruits to be effective and successful.

Most of the positions we'll discuss will require only short-to-medium-term time commitments. Some involve tasks that can be accomplished in an afternoon or evening. Our goal will be to fill all of the positions so that every ministry area will have an abundance of workers.

The Lord told his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few" (Matthew 9:37). Jesus is still calling and sending all who love him. He's still using small, committed bands of workers to reap the harvest and change the world. We're not a mega-church, but we do have the capacity to influence many thousands of people. If each of us will embrace our calling to be Kingdom-builders, we'll greatly magnify our impact on our fractured and Spirit-starved community.

So... would you please plan to attend one or two of the meetings outlined below? Listen to our ministry leaders as they describe the challenges and opportunities that are right in front of us. Ask the Spirit to show you how you can put to work the gifts he has blessed you with. Embrace your calling as a Kingdom-builder and resolve to do your very best in the work the Lord has for you.

May the Lord grant us His joy and peace as we serve.

In Christ's love,  
Andy Wilson

## VISION 2020 MOBILIZATION MEETINGS

All LCPC family members (high school age or older) are encouraged to attend one or two of these meetings. Key leaders will explain how you can help to implement the church's two-year strategic plan and grow God's kingdom. Volunteer positions as well as training opportunities will be described in detail. Some will require a one-time-only commitment; others will require a short or medium-term involvement.

Meetings will be led by key leaders from each ministry area. Andy Wilson and other staff will also participate. Unless otherwise indicated, they will take place in the Fireside Room (adjacent to the Courtyard, ground level, east side).

### **Monday, September 16, 7:00-8:15 PM WORSHIP SUPPORT/TECH CREW**

Assist with various aspects of worship. Not all tasks involve the use of sound, video or lighting technology! Serve weekly, monthly or for special events. Tasks are well-defined and excellent training is available.

### **Tuesday, September 17, 7:00-8:15 PM COMMUNICATIONS/SOCIAL MEDIA**

Support new efforts to reach people through digital technology as we rebuild our website and expand LCPC's online presence (Instagram, Google, YouTube, Facebook, podcasts, streaming, etc.). Entertainment people and other innovators, we need you!

### **Thursday, September 19, 7:00-8:15 PM RENOVATIONS/TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES**

Take on a particular role on a task force that will interface with various contractors. Projects include: economy-level technology and décor upgrades to Fireside Room, the Chapel, Koopmans Hall and the Sanctuary; refurbishing stained glass windows in the Sanctuary, and renovating/making better use of the campus in the street side and breezeway areas.

### **Saturday, September 21, 9:00-10:15 AM PRAYER MINISTRY**

Serve on a rotating team offering prayer after Sunday worship services or for Center for Children parents when they pick up their children. Lead or participate in other special prayer circles.

### **Tuesday, September 24, 7:00-8:15 PM STUDENT MINISTRY**

Opportunities abound! SM needs small group leaders, trip chaperones, fellowship advisors, party hosts, fund-raising task force members, and more.

### **Thursday, September 26, 7:00-8:15 PM CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

Yes, we need Sunday School and PEAK teachers and teaching assistants on rotating  
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## MESSENGER

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# LEE'S LATEST

It's tempting to romanticize the lives of the first followers of Jesus. The Holy Spirit moved with power, heroes like Peter and Paul walked the streets, and the Church was growing by leaps and bounds. And while all of that is certainly true, the early believers were surrounded by competing religious and political groups. They faced real persecution – political, social, and financial. The Church was a tiny, insignificant movement made up of all the wrong

kinds of people. Instead of the rich and powerful, they were mostly women and slaves, certainly not the kind of people that could change the world.

One of these small communities resided in Ephesus, a wealthy hub of commerce and political power. The dominant religion was devotion to Artemis, and her temple towered over the city. Here these early believers were trying to learn what it meant to be faithful to God – to live and work alongside people who were suspicious of their beliefs and practices.

Paul wants to Ephesian Christians to know

who they are in Christ. He wants to reshape their identity, not as the world defines them but based on the work of Jesus. This new identity leads to a whole new way of life.

Join me on September 11 as we begin a new class on Ephesians at PEAK. Bring your Bible and an open heart.



Dear Friends,  
Summer weather is in full swing, even though school has started for our students. We wish them all the best in the new school year. I remember when I started working full time. The thought of no more summer vacation was devastating. Sometimes, it still feels that way!



Your Deacons have continued to work behind the scenes all summer, standing ready to provide care and comfort to our community. Did you know that we have an emergency food cupboard for those needing food for a day or two? The bags are ready to go with non-perishable items for easy to prepare meals. Just ask Nancy Thomas in the church office or Jeanette Woodward, who maintains the cupboard.

We also have the Deacons Fund with the purpose of helping people in our local community in crisis situations like a loss of a job or illness caus-

ing temporary loss of income, an unexpected expense, or similar. The Fund is not intended as a regular source of assistance, but help in time of need.

If you or someone you know could use some assistance, please reach out to any Deacon and we will share your request with our committee and lend a hand.

Being a Deacon has been a rewarding time of service for me and I have grown in many ways by being a member of this wonderful group of people. If you might be interested in becoming a Deacon, the Nominating Committee is even now meeting to nominate the next class of Deacons and Elders. You may reach out to Jon Weingarten, the moderator of the Nominating Committee, or if they call on you, prayerfully consider this call to serve our Lord.

God bless you all and happy fall!

Kerry Milbrodt



The Choir returns from our summer break for the Kickoff Sunday service at 9:00 AM on September 8 with a powerful offertory anthem by one of our very favorite new composers, Dan Forrest, entitled, "We Believe."

Did you sing in your high school or college choir, or maybe at your former church? Do you miss singing? Would you like to join a fellowship of friends dedicated to lifting our voices in worship? Then we are looking for you! Please contact Gary Woodward after worship or Nancy in the office.

## VISION 2020 MOBILIZATION MEETINGS

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schedules and excellent training is available. But you can support children and families in many other ways, some of them requiring a one-time-only commitment.

### Tuesday, October 1, 7:00-8:15 PM FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

The fun begins here! You don't have to come to monthly meetings to serve. Sign up to assist with one or more of the many annual events sponsored by FM.

### Thursday, October 3, 7:00-8:15 PM OUTREACH/SMALL GROUPS

We're recruiting and training leaders who can launch new small groups at Wednesday evening PEAK in the Winter/Spring or graciously share their

faith in our immediate neighborhood. Or you can help to oversee a fund that provides seed money for outreach innovators.

### Saturday, October 5, 9:00-10:15 AM CASA DE LOS ANGELES ORPHANAGE (CDLA) Rosarito, Mexico

Assist with the oversight and construction of this orphanage for 38 children in the hills above Rosarito, Mexico (just south of Tijuana). We've made huge progress over the past two years. Special projects include establishing nonprofit status in the USA (already secured in Mexico), recruiting partner churches and interfacing with DIF in Mexico to establish CDLA as a government-approved children's home.

Watch for news and updates about our Mobilization Meetings through emails, bulletin notes and the LCPC website.

## CFC FAITH UPDATE

Hey CFC Families! I would like to use my little space in the Messenger this month to invite you to our Wednesday night PEAK program, starting September 11. At PEAK, we serve an optional dinner from 5:30-6:30 PM that costs \$3 for adults and \$2 for kids. Then from 6:30-7:30 PM, the classes are free.

While we would love to have you adults join a class, you do not have to join one in order for your kids to come! And you do not have to come every single week (although that would be great!) Children should be signed in inside Koopmans Hall 6:30 PM each week and then picked up at 7:30 PM. During those 60 minutes, we play games (this year, we will be doing multiple mystery scavenger hunts) and incorporate art, science, and music that all connects to the weekly Bible story. Please come check it out!



have a month to figure out a costume from your favorite decade, and while you're at it, we'd love a picture of you from that decade for a photo board at the event! You can register through the link on [lpc.net](http://lpc.net) or the weekly email.

Speaking of **Mount Hermon**, four of our youth made a first-time commitment to Jesus that week! The kids all had a fabulous time and had some of the best possible counselors, since eight of our own LCPC young adults worked the entire summer up there.

Here's your **Global Leadership Summit** Fact for the Day - People of faith live an average of 76 years longer than those without faith. Who knew? Fourteen people attended the Global Leadership Summit a few weeks ago and some say it was the best summit so far! A few people have already signed up for next year's summit! Mark your calendars for August 6 and 7, 2020.

**Ashley, Kristy** and the kids had a wet and wild end of summer bash, **Waterpalooza!** You couldn't pack much more water play into this event, complete with water games, a water slide, water balloons, and watermelon! Guessing all those kids were shriveled up like little raisins by the end of the afternoon, but boy did they have fun.



**Josh** will soon have a new spiffy office upstairs in the Library near the other staff offices. **Duane** and **Darrell Fernandez, Geoff Bryan, and Josh Kauffman** have been working hard to get it done quickly. Pop your head in and say hi to him next time you're zipping past the Library.

**Mary Wilson** is looking for new mentors for the **Kids Hope USA** Program offered to students at La Crescenta Elementary School right down the street. You don't know the "new math" or you don't feel smart enough? No problem — no one does! Mentoring is about building a friendship, having fun, and giving a child special attention. If you have about one hour, once a week for one child,

## BISTRO 50+ FUN FOOD, FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday,  
September 24  
12 Noon  
in Koopmans  
Only \$5!

contact Mary at: [mhw1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhw1@sbcglobal.net).

Need a little more prayer time in your life? Look for the **Pray Big group** on Sundays between services in the pews. Everyone is invited. Pray what's on your heart, pray a scripture, or ask for prayer.

Twenty-one people attended the recent **New Member Classes** and about half have already committed to officially joining. We couldn't be happier to welcome you to our family!

It was wonderful to hear an update from **Holly Wilson** on the exciting things she has been doing with **YWAM** in Kona and around the world. It was so hopeful to hear her speak of a Joshua generation of young people rising up to harvest the fields that are ripe.

The **Summer Music for Second Service** has sure been spectacular! Recently **Tim Milbrodt** and **Sharon Valdez** performed a beautiful ballad, "The Prayer." **Noel Collins** conducted a talented ensemble of singers and musicians including his granddaughter **Lexie Collins, Talin, Lana, Jeff** and **Ronan Emmerson, Geoff Bryan** and **Elzbieta Nawrocka** in medleys from the musical *Godspell*. The musical gifts in this congregation are a blessing to all of us!

Congratulations to **Megan Doeding** and **Austyn Harrah** on their marriage in a gorgeous outdoor wedding in Mammoth. Wishing them much love and happiness!

**CFC** has been a little bit like the Animal Kingdom lately. First, they discovered a bee hive in the parking lot. A second hive was found a day later. **The Bee Guys** from Pasadena came out and relocated the bees to Temecula. A few days later, **Pat** and **Julie** captured a bat on campus and animal control came and picked him up. Never a dull moment at the CFC! Hope no one calls pest control for a little church mouse sneaking around! Talk to you next month.

And in the blink of an eye, summer is over and fall is here! Lucky for us, it will feel like summer for a while longer because we've got a **church picnic** to attend! Last year's May picnic was almost rained out, so Fellowship Ministry shifted it to the end of summer this year. Join us on Wednesday, September 4, at Dunsmore Park at 5:30 PM for **Pizza in the Park!** Dinner will be \$3 for adults, \$2 for Kids 12 and under. Bring a dessert to share if you'd like. There will be games for the whole family too!

The following Sunday, September 8, will be our **Vision 20/20 Kick Off Sunday** with a **single service at 9:00 AM** and a delicious free breakfast right afterwards down in Koopmans. Fellowship will be cooking up pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and fresh fruit. It's a great Sunday to invite a friend!



**PEAK** will resume after its summer hiatus on Wednesday, September 11. Everyone's favorite dinner in town will start at 5:30 PM. **John Arangio**, we have missed you and your scrumptious meals! Classes for kids and adults will begin at 6:30 PM and end at 7:30 PM. There is something for the whole family here on Wednesday nights!

It's not too late to register for the **All In — All Church Retreat**, coming up October 11-13 at Pine Summit Christian Camp in Big Bear. It's going to be an amazing weekend of building our faith and making deeper connections with each other. Our dynamic speaker will be **Doug Schaupp**, Associate Director of Evangelism with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. The youth speaker will be **Kelsey Paterson**, the youth director from Mount Hermon. AND, there's going to be an epic dance party on Saturday night — **Dancing Thru the Decades — 1940s and up**. You

# COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE LCPC CHOIR'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!



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SEPTEMBER 21  
9-11:00 AM**

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ADULTS \$10  
FAMILIES \$20**

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## CONVERSATIONS IN THE GARDEN

Join the Conversations! We meet once or twice a month on Sunday afternoons at the home of Nancy Coler to discuss the week's sermon in a peaceful and relaxed atmosphere. Our group is small but mighty. Both services are represented and new friendships are being formed. All are welcome!

This month we'll meet on **September 15 and 22**. Arrive at 4:30 PM, and we'll be finished by 6:00 PM. For more information, please call Nancy Coler at (626) 755-1880.



This on-going PEAK ("Praise and Education for Adults and Kids!") class, led by Andy Wilson, will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM, September through November, in the Sanctuary.

Our goal for this lively, discussion-based seminar is "...to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness" (Ephesians 4:24). Each week we'll shine a light on a different aspect of the Christian life. Andy Wilson (and occasionally, co-leader Doug Given) will offer teaching from the Bible and various theologians. Then we'll discuss the challenges and blessings of following Jesus in our daily lives. Regular participation is encouraged, but not required.

During PEAK, we also offer four different groups for children so you don't have to worry about childcare. Also, you can join us between 5:45 and 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall for an excellent, inexpensive dinner. For more information, or if you

have any questions, email Andy Wilson at [andy@lcpc.net](mailto:andy@lcpc.net), or Nancy Thomas at [nancy@lcpc.net](mailto:nancy@lcpc.net), or by phone at (818) 249 – 6137.

Topics for Fall 2019 include:

- September 11** Why Do We Call God Father?
- September 18** Paul's Teachings about New Life in Christ
- September 25** Paul's Teachings about the Church
- October 2** Paul's Missionary Strategy
- October 9** What Does it Mean to be Called and Sent?
- October 16** Praying in the Spirit
- October 23** Intimacy with God
- October 30** Jesus in Matthew
- November 6** Jesus in Mark
- November 13** Jesus in Luke
- November 20** Jesus in John

# children's Ministries

by Ashley Pollock

Fall is coming! Fall is coming! Sure, it's still 90 degrees outside right now but can't you just catch a whiff of that pumpkin spice? Long ago, during my New York days, fall made me think of classes, Washington Square Park, catch up sessions with friends after a summer apart, and maple and pumpkin scones. Over the past few years, when fall starts to roll around, my mind goes to two things: PEAK and the SPARKS Backwards Dinner!

Both are on the horizon, but my already sleep-deprived brain now has two more things to focus on: 1) The All Church Picnic and 2) The All Church Retreat. Yep – we are trying to have more All Church events so that we can grow together as a family and better equip each other to share God's truth and love. It is exciting to me that we are focusing on unity in Christ when there is so much divisiveness in the world and even in the church. So please, take time to read about these two great events and try to fit them in your busy schedules!

The All Church Picnic takes place on Wednesday, September 4, at Dunsmore Park from 5:30-8:30 PM. There will be delicious pizza, a dessert potluck, and plenty of games for adults and kids alike. The cost of dinner is \$3 per person or \$2 if you're under twelve years old.

The All Church Retreat is not until October 11-13, but the last day to register is September 10. The retreat will be held at Pine Summit up in Big Bear. You can expect great guest speakers, worship music, outdoor games, beautiful surroundings, s'mores, and more. You can learn more and register at: [lcpcretreat.com](http://lcpcretreat.com). Kristy and I are excited about the activities we are planning for the kids. It will be great to have such a beautiful backdrop for some outdoor games!

Whew – now that we have gone through those two new, exciting events, my mind can narrow back down to PEAK and the SPARKS Backwards Dinner.

PEAK – Our midweek program starts back up again on Wednesday, September 11, and all are invited! Parents please know that while we would love for you to bring your children and then stay for a class. You do NOT have to stay on campus as long as you leave a phone number that you will be able to answer. We are fine with you dropping your children off at 6:30 PM in their age group's classroom and picking up at 7:30 PM.

This year, Kristy and I are really hoping to grow our PEAK program. We love the kids that we got to spend time with last year and sincerely hope they will invite friends for this semester. Our

goal is to make PEAK a fun place where kids can decompress after a school day, while building relationships – most importantly with Jesus, but also with each other.

Children's Ministries is calling this semester of PEAK "Mystery Maps – Adventures with Jesus." Each week, kids will play detective and search for the missing **Mystery Object** that connects to the Bible story they will learn about. And each story will take place in a different city that kids will locate on our **Mystery Map**. We will be incorporating science experiments (Mountain Dew rocket anyone? Rubber band boat?), crafts and, as always, outdoor play. Again, the fun begins September 11, so please join us!

On Sunday mornings in September, kids will be learning about Ruth and Boaz and the prophet Samuel. We will be working to bring these true stories to life by having kids participate in sensory experiences. Another fun Sunday morning project; we will be making baked goods for the local fire station on Sunday, September 15, so don't miss the chance to give back to some brave community servants and, of course, the chance to sneak a taste or two of some delicious brownies.

Last but not least, September always holds one of my favorite events of the year – the SPARKS Backwards Dinner! All 4th-6th graders are invited to wear their wackiest clothes totally backwards on Friday, September 27, from 6:00 -9:00 PM, as we

have dessert first and play some crazy backwards games at three different locations. We will begin on the church basketball court and end the evening at the Wilson's house at 2352 Jayma Lane. Prizes for best backwards ensemble will be awarded. RSVP for this event by emailing me at: [ashley@lpc.net](mailto:ashley@lpc.net) by September 17.

I don't know about you, but August felt to me like we all sensed the summer was ending, but we were still sort of processing that – slowly and reluctantly. So, I pray that this month, children will not only start diving into their academics but also into our Sunday morning and Wednesday night programs here and growing not just smarter but more faithful and more secure in the love of Christ.

## Kids Say The Darndest Things

**Ashley:** "Today we are learning about the fruit of patience. Jesus is so patient with us – even when we mess up."

**3-Year-Old:** "Well, I'm patient when my mommy fixes my snack."

**4-Year-Old's Random Query:** "When babies get bigger, can they burp themselves?"

## ALL-CHURCH PICNIC: "PIZZA IN THE PARK"

We hope the whole family can join us on Wednesday, September 4, from 5:30 – 8:00 PM at Dunsmore Park for our annual All Church Picnic. We're serving pizza, salad, and cold

drinks. You're welcome to bring a dessert to share if you'd like! Adults \$3, kids 12 and under \$2. There will be games for the whole family! RSVP to Michele Fernandez at: [fern7@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fern7@sbcglobal.net).



# CELEBRATING THE JOY OF MENTORING WITH KIDS HOPE USA

By Dr. Rose Woo, LCPC Kids Hope Mentor

Kids Hope lasts a little more than an hour a week from September to May, and after doing it this year, I believe it is a unique opportunity to make a difference.

I spent the year with Angel, an 8-year-old boy who was referred because he was so shy he was falling behind. The first few months, Angel would sit next to me, eat his snack and watch the other kids play a wild game of tag with their mentors, Mary, Michelle and Andrew. It took several months before

he joined in – running, laughing, and having fun. After playing outside, we would all go in for one-on-one time.

Gradually, I saw Angel change. He figured out what he liked to do and did it. We got into a routine of playing a favorite game or educational activity, going to the library for a book to read, and in the last 15 minutes, doing homework. His shy smile turned into a mischievous grin as he consistently beat me in every game, and tricked me into reading the pages in the book that had more words on it. He was a very hard worker and finishing

his homework meant he could go home and play with his parents and little sister. The whole family came to LCPC for Kids Hope parties, and meeting them brought home to me what a privilege I had been given. Together with Mary and my prayer partner, Pat Beggs, I realized we had shared Jesus even though we couldn't mention His name.



A few pics from summer camp!



# CFC Heartbeat



## Director's Corner

My daughter Riley was working with a 4-year-old when the little girl suddenly stopped eating lunch and said, "Riley, I need to get something straight! Are fairies, unicorns and pirates real?" Riley answered her as honestly as she could at her level of understanding. She got a bit confused at Riley's answers because in her mind they all fit in the same category. But only one of these things is real.

This story reminds me of how confusing childhood can be for your kids. "Are my dreams real, is my imagination real, and are there things that go bump in the night?" Your kids are so exposed to images on many different screens and they all look real. Just look at the new Lion King movie. Can the animals really talk? So if this is confusing, let's think about some of the other things we ask children to understand or accept at an early age.

- "I've been home with you but now I need to go to this place called work and I need you to stay here and be happy!"
- "Your Mom and I who used to be happy living together have now decided to live away from each other."
- "You used to be our one and only, but now you'll have a baby sister, won't that be great?"
- "Grandpa who came and took you to the park every Sunday isn't going to be able to do that anymore."

This isn't a guilt trip soliloquy, but rather a call to be tolerant with our little ones. Life happens and as adults we get to make the decisions about our families. If the change is a choice, you most likely thought about that change for a long time before you acted on it. If the change was not by your choice, then you most likely still had "your

## School Age

Please be sure to call us if your child does not need a pick up and do not email changes in pick up times, absences, or change of schedule. An email may go to someone who isn't in that day. Our voice mail is ready to take your call at anytime day or night. Our vans leave around noon to start picking up, so please call before noon with changes. If your child wants to participate in after school activities at their elementary school, please remember to fill out our late pick-up form so we can arrange a pick-up. We can not pick up any later than 4:00 PM. We hope your school year has gotten off to a great start.

people" to help you process that change. Children need time to process changes as well because most changes in their lives are not their choices, nor should they be.

So we prepare them as well as possible, we let them ask questions, and we give them the gift of time to be unhappy instead of happy on command. We understand that one day they may be okay with the change and the next day not so much. Read their body language not just verbal cues. Be in dialogue with them by using open-ended questions so they feel safe to tell you what is going on with them.

While all this takes time and patience, I have rarely meet a teenager who felt comfortable coming to a parent if they didn't get to practice that as a child.

"When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting and less scary." (Fred Rodgers)

Here's to a great dinner conversation tonight!  
Pat

## An Invitation

On October 11-13, La Crescenta Presbyterian Church will be coming together for a mountain retreat at Big Bear. There will be family accommodations, speakers, kids' activities, and meals. Pat and Ashley will be there and we hope you will consider joining us. For more information, log onto the LCPC webpage, LCPC.net.

## Dates to Keep in Mind

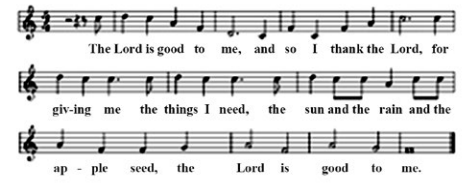
- Monday, September 2:** Labor Day, CFC Closed
- Saturday, October 5:** "Mommy and Me Day" for Preschool classes
- Thursday, October 17:** Staff Development Day, CFC Closed

## Enrichment Classes

We try to offer classes here at school for special interests of our students. This fall we will be offering Karate, Young Engineers, Dance, and Amazing Athletes. Information is in the office for each class. Some families sign up for one or two and some sign up for none of them. This is totally up to you.

## Johnny Appleseed Day

On Thursday, September 25, we will be celebrating the story of Johnny Appleseed. Do you know the story? It's a great thing to look into as a family. We often sing the Johnny Appleseed prayer before meals, and now we will help the kids understand its meaning. Look for lots of apples on our menu that day.



## School Photos

Once again, we will be offering school photos for our children from the infant room to Pre-Kindergarten. We will also offer class photos for children in Kindergarten-6th grade. Pictures will be taken on September 25 and 26. These photos will be pre-paid. You will receive an envelope and a flyer about our schedule and fees. Class photos are only taken on the day the class is scheduled. If your child does not come to school on the day their class is assigned, their picture may be taken the other day.

## PEAK

Praise and Education for Adults and Kids resumes Wednesday, September 11. There will be classes for children from preschool through Jr. High and adults. There is a dinner offered before classes at 5:45 PM and classes start at 6:30 PM. When my kids were little, I must say I dropped them off for classes and then Bob and I would enjoy an evening of relaxation or getting caught up on things together. Ashley would love to see your kids 6th grade and under and Josh will welcome middle school students. If you stay on campus for an adult class, there is child care for children 0-3 years of age.





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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

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

This fall we'll begin a new sermon series as we prepare for our all church retreat. The first followers of Jesus were "ALL IN" for the Kingdom of God, and we want to catch their vision and learn from their example recorded in the book of Acts. Our goal is not to try to turn back the clock to the "good old days" of the first century, but to learn how to be faithful in our own time – in our own context. We'll strive to let the Spirit have His way in us and show us the power of

the Gospel in our lives and the life of our community. Join us as we seek to be "ALL IN" for Jesus.

On September 8, we'll kick off our fall festivities with ONE SERVICE at 9:00 AM. We'll welcome our new members, share communion, and end with a wonderful brunch. Don't just invite your friends – bring them!

### SEPTEMBER 1

Enjoy fabulous music courtesy of Rod Davis  
Message by Lee Cook  
Psalm 119: "The ABC's of Faith"  
*For Personal Study: Psalm 119*

### SEPTEMBER 8 ONE SERVICE AT 9:00 AM THE LORD'S SUPPER

Message by Andy Wilson  
"ALL IN: You Are My Witnesses"  
*For Personal Study: Acts 1:8*

### SEPTEMBER 15

Message by Lee Cook  
"ALL IN: The Birth of the Church"  
*For Personal Study: Acts 2*

### SEPTEMBER 22

Message by Lee Cook  
"ALL IN: Warning Signs"  
*For Personal Study: Acts 5*

### SEPTEMBER 29

Message by Lee Cook  
"ALL IN: One Act of Obedience"  
*For Personal Study: Acts 7:54-8:8*

