

holidays at LOOKOUT VALLEY

LOOKOUT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER
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Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 19 at 6:00 PM

"Give thanks to Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." Psalm 136:1

As the season of thanksgiving is upon us, we invite you to join us on Sunday, November 19, at 6:00 pm for our church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner. This will be an exciting evening, full of great food, good fellowship, and special music from LVBC's very own quintet!

Dressing, rolls, and drinks will be provided by the church. We ask that you please bring a meat, side dish, and/or dessert to share.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Houts or Wade Casey.

Member's Meeting

On Wednesday, November 8, we will hold our bi-monthly Member's Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to join us at 5:45 pm, as we gather together for a Fellowship Chili Dinner (cost is \$2.00 per person). Following dinner, our Member's Meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm, where we will discuss membership issues, vote on the 2018 budget, and hear what the Lord is doing in and around LVBC.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

THANKSGIVING

November 22
No Evening Activities

November 23-24
Church Office Closed

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

December 24
No Small Groups

December 25
Church Office Closed

December 27
No Evening Activities

December 31
No Small Groups

Church Events

NOVEMBER

- 1 Youth Bonfire
- 7 WMU Meeting
- 8 Member's Meeting
- Operation Christmas Child
- Shoebox Packing Party
(Kingdom Kids)
- 14 LV Senior's Meeting
- 15 Thanksgiving Celebration
(Kingdom Kids)
- 19 Thanksgiving Dinner
- 22 No Evening Activities
- 23 Thanksgiving Day
- 23 Church Office Closed
- 24 Church Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 1 Ladies Christmas Tea
- 5 WMU Meeting
- 6 Youth Christmas Party
- 12 LV Senior's Meeting
- 16 Women's Cookie Swap
- 20 Chili & Caroling
- 22 Church Office Closed
- 24 No Small Groups
- 25 Christmas Day
(Church Office Closed)
- 27 No Evening Services
- 31 No Small Groups



LVBC Women's Ministry's Annual Christmas Tea

Friday, December 1 at 6:30 pm

Each year, the Women's Ministry of LVBC hosts a Christmas Tea, and this year is no exception. Ladies, you and your friends are invited to join us on Friday, December 1, as our Annual Ladies Christmas Tea makes its return! Table viewing will begin at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by an engaging and evangelistic program titled, *Dirty Laundry*. Tickets are \$12 and are available for purchase following the Sunday Worship Service, starting November 12.

There are several openings still available for anyone interested in hosting their own table. Host tables can be open to any attender or specifically reserved for your invited guests. If you are interested in hosting a table, please contact Kathy Allison or the Church Office for more information.

**Childcare will be provided for table hostesses only.*

A Letter From Pastor Troy

Dear Church Family,

As the weather has cooled and the leaves have begun to change, it's obvious we are in the season of fall. Another annually recurring event during the fall for farmers is harvest time. As the work of tilling, planting, fertilizing, and tending has been done, it is now time to reap the rewards of their labor.

There are four irreducible Laws of the Harvest:

1. You reap the same *kind* as you sow.
2. You reap in a different *season* than when you sow.
3. You reap *more* than you sow.
4. You reap in *proportion* to what you sow.

While these Laws of the Harvest are true in agriculture, they are also true in every other aspect of our lives. Do you want to have children who are godly, who make good choices, who live lives of influence for the glory of God? What are you *sowing* into their lives to *reap* that harvest? Do you want to have victory over nagging temptation, experience a vital prayer life, and become strong in the Word of God? It all has to do with sowing and reaping.

As we seek to become an ever-increasing evangelistic and missional church (both locally and globally), we would do well to remember these Laws of the Harvest. If we want to see a harvest of genuine converts who surrender to the Lordship of Christ, we must be faithful to preach, teach, and share an unadjusted, Biblical gospel – that's Law #1. If we become impatient because we don't experience immediate results, we can be confident that our labor will not be in vain – that's Law #2. As we sow gospel seeds in our daily conversations and interactions with others, weaving them like threads into the quilt of our relationships, we can expect exponential multiplication of Kingdom growth – that's Law #3. The more we are faithful to share the gospel with others the more we will see people give their lives to Jesus, and the greater our reward in eternity – that's Law #4.

May we be faithful to the task of sowing, so that we can experience the joys of reaping the harvest!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Troy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. It is positioned in the lower-left area of the page, above the Christmas ornaments.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Packing Party

On Wednesday, November 8, from 6:30-7:30 pm is our Kingdom Kids' annual Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Packing Party. Children are asked to bring gender and age specific items to help fill our shoe boxes. Monetary donations are also welcomed and our Children's Director, Tiffany Morrison, will match all money raised up to \$50! Please be sure to place any monies in the black buckets upstairs in the Kingdom Kids Large Group Room.

Contact Tiffany Morrison for more details.

Shoe Box Age Groups: 2-4 yrs., 5-9 yrs., 10-14 yrs.

Suggested Shoe Box Items: *(New Items Only)*

- **Toys & Activities:** doll, stuffed animal, small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder), coloring books, craft kits (no liquid glue), building blocks, etc.
- **Personal Care Items:** comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, washcloth, non-liquid lip balm, bar soap, adhesive bandages, compact mirror
- **Other Items:** plastic cup or bowl, a new outfit, blanket, school supplies
- **A Personal Note:** a note to the child and a photo of yourself/family with a return address

***“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
- Isaiah 9:6***

A Note From Olivier

Dear Church Family,

Megan and I want to express our deepest gratitude to our new church family, as you all have made us feel so welcome as we settle into life here at Lookout Valley. We are so glad to be here! It is a blessing, an excitement, and a privilege to serve not only you, but to have the opportunity to serve alongside a great pastoral team and staff. There is no other blessing more refreshing than to watch as we come together as a congregation to worship the triune God as one voice.

I also want to extend an invitation to those God has gifted musically (vocally, instrumentally, or audio/visual) to join our music ministry family. We are thrilled with what the Lord is doing here at LVBC and we invite you to be a part of it! Please contact me (olivier@lookoutvalley.org) for more information about how you can serve within the music ministry.

Let the heart of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Olivier Halizimana

Minister of Worship Arts & Missions

Upcoming Events

SENIOR ADULT MEETING

Join the Seniors of Lookout Valley as they meet on the second Tuesday of every month for a time of good fellowship and good food.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for:

- **Thanksgiving Meal—Tuesday, November 14**
Pastors Troy and Olivier will be our special entertainment! Be sure to bring canned food for the needy and \$5.00 to reserve your spot for the Christmas Meal at the December Meeting.
- **Christmas Meal—Tuesday, December 12**
Annual Christmas Dinner with location TBD.

KINGDOM KIDS THANKSGIVING PARTY

On Wednesday, November 15, at 6:30 pm, the Kingdom Kids will have their annual Thanksgiving Celebration. All children, grades K-5, are invited to join in the festivities! Contact Tiffany Morrison for more information.

LADIES COOKIE SWAP

On Saturday, December 16, at 11:00 am, the Women's Ministry will host their annual Ladies Cookie Swap in the Fellowship Hall! Any lady wishing to participate is asked to bring two dozen of your favorite cookies, along with recipe cards, and a story about your cookies. For questions, please contact Wendy Yates.

CHILI & CAROLING

Join us on Wednesday, December 20, for our annual night of Chili and Caroling. Bring your favorite pot of chili or soup to share before we load up and go out caroling to our fellow church members. We will then return for dessert, coffee, and hot chocolate. Dinner will start at 6:00 pm and caroling will follow shortly thereafter. Contact Wade Casey for more details

Youth Events

Wednesday, November 1

Calling all Youth!! Join us on Wednesday, November 1, as we head to the Ford's home for a bonfire, complete with s'mores and a time of worshipping, studying God's word, and fellowshiping together. If you would like to ride the church bus, please meet at the church at 6:00 pm. Contact Christina Wilson for more details.

Wednesday, December 6

Christmas is fast approaching and that can only mean one thing! It's time for the LVBC Youth's Tacky Christmas Party! All youth are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00 pm for a fun filled evening. Please be sure to wear your tacky Christmas sweater and to bring a white elephant gift. See Christina Wilson for more information.





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