GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION MARCH 4-7, 2018



A HEART FOR THE HARVEST

JANUARY-MARCH 2018

GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 4

"When he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it." Luke 19:41

Our annual Mission Conference, Global Impact Celebration: A Heart for the Harvest, is coming March 4-8! Missionaries who serve all over the globe will join us for a week of renewed focus on global missions. We will have two dynamic speakers, including Walker Moore from Awe Star Ministries who was with us last year. We will gather together for a unique opportunity to fellowship with those who serve in Chattanooga and at the ends of the earth. We hope you will

hope you will make plans to join us for this extraordinary week in the life of our church, as we develop and strengthen our hearts for the nations.



2018 MISSIONS

As we enter the new year, we ask you to join us in prayer as we continue to prepare for the missions conference and work towards our 2018 mission goals. We also ask you to pray specifically for the Lord's guidance as we seek to expand our Missions Ministry by building new mission partnerships around the world.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

9:30 AM On-Campus Small Groups Kingdom Kids Event

10:45 AM Morning Worship Celebration

12:30 PM Small Group Lunch with World Partners (off-campus)

6:00 PM In-Home World Briefings

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

10:30 AM Senior Adult Luncheon

6:30 PM Mission Fair (for all ages)

Wednesday, March 7

5:30 PM Church Family Supper

6:30 PM Commitment Service

MSRE

2018 VISION MESSAGESUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Be sure to join us at 10:45 am on Sunday, January 7, for our regular worship gathering as Pastor Troy preaches the vision message for 2018. We anticipate God will do MORE in us and through us this year!



2018 LEADER TRAINIGSUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Attention Small Group Leaders! Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend our 2018 Leader Training.

Training will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following our regular worship service on Sunday, January 28. Lunch is provided.

For more information, please contact Pastor Wade Casey (wade@lookoutvalley.org).

A LETTER FROM PASTOR TROY

So Walk In Him

People in the fitness industry love January. Memberships double. Gyms and fitness centers are packed the first few weeks of January with those attempting to make good on their New Year's resolutions to "lose weight" or "get in shape." We look in the mirror and say, "Where did that come from?" and then we try to do something about it. I'm sure the "regulars" get frustrated with the crowds, but if history is any indicator, they know that come February it will start to thin out.

Many times that's the way it is with people and their spiritual lives. They will make a conscious decision, "I need to get back in church." That can happen as a New Year's resolution, but most often it happens when crisis comes into their lives — when they look in the spiritual mirror and say, "Where did that come from?" And so they make a commitment to come to church, they attend for a while, but then you don't see them again until another crisis comes along.

So what's the answer to the roller coaster spiritual life? This is where the analogy breaks down. Most people who consistently work out and stay in shape are what I could call "highly disciplined" people. These are the people that get up when the alarm clock goes off the first time and don't hit the snooze button! They can watch what they eat and work out consistently. The problem is, that doesn't work in the spiritual life. Spiritual growth does not happen by your own power, strength, will, determination, or self-discipline. Spiritual growth is a work of the Spirit where you must first admit, "I can't do it."

So where does the strength come from? Paul told Timothy these words in 2 Timothy 2:1, "You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus." Spiritual strength comes from grace. It comes from the gospel. What does that mean exactly? My strength to follow Christ comes from the fact that all of my failures, shortcomings, and sins were paid in full by Jesus Christ on the cross. That's the "grace" that Paul is talking about. My past, my present, and even the sins I have yet to commit are all paid for in the cross of Christ. But that's only one piece. The second piece is that, in the cross of Christ, through the Holy Spirit, I have been given all that I need today to be all that God has asked me to be today. God has not asked more of me today than what He's empowered me to walk in. So He hasn't commanded me to love my wife in certain ways, to love my children in certain ways, to handle my money in certain ways, to walk with men in certain ways, and then says, "Good luck with that." He empowers and never asks more of me than what I can sustain by His grace. That's why Paul also said in Colossians 2:6, "Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk with Him."

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Foster and Adoption Conference

Sunday

1:30-6:30 at Lookout Valley Baptist Church

FREE Childcare will be provided

Session Schedule

1:30 PM - Keynote Speaker 2:00 PM - Fostering

4:30 PM - Adoption

Rick Morton

VP of Engagement at Lifeline Children's Services, Author: KnowOrphans

Connie Brown

Team Leader TN DCS

Andrew Robinson

Foster Care Case Manager for Tennessee Baptist Children's Home

Michelle Barrett

Tennessee State Director Lifeline Children's Services

Mike Jennings

Chattanooga Adoption Attorney

Victoria Hales Mouw

Safe Families for Children Coord **Bethany Christian Services**

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Executive Director Bethany Christian Services

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Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world - James 1:27



WORK AS WORSHIP RETREAT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

God has a purpose for us on this earth. That calling is to be on mission for God where He has placed us. And since many people spend the majority of their working hours on the job, we have to stop compartmentalizing life into "spiritual activities." How are we living examples of the gospel while we work?

You're invited to the 2018 Work as Worship Retreat, where eleven influential business leaders and pastors will discuss what it looks like to connect faith and work. Taking place as a 1-Day Local Church Retreat, the live event in Dallas will be webstreamed to over 2,000 churches around the world.

Join Patrick Lencioni (Author, *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*), Joel Manby (CEO, SeaWorld), Phil Vischer (Creator, *VeggieTales* and Jellyfish Labs), Wendy Davidson (President, US Specialty Channels Kellogg Company), Matt Chandler (Lead Pastor, The Village Church), and others in a day filled with real-life stories, biblical teaching, and practical wisdom that will equip believers in the marketplace to see their work as an opportunity to care for their families, fulfill their calling, and bring glory to God.

To learn more and/or register, visit www.workasworshipretreat.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
 Church Office Closed
- 2 WMU Meeting
- 3 NO Wednesday Activities
- 10 Member's Meeting
- 17 Youth Pizza & Ping Pong
- 21 Give Love Conference
- 28 Small Group Leader Training

FEBRURAY

- 2-4 Youth Winter Retreat
- 6 WMU Meeting
- 10 New Member's Class
- 14 Children's Ministry
 Valentine's Day Party
- 13 LV Senior's Meeting
- 23 Work As Worship Retreat

MARCH

- 4-7 Global Impact Celebration
- 6 LV Senior's Meeting
- 14 Member's Meeting
- 21 Youth Taco Night

2018 WINTER MEMBER'S MEETINGS

On the second Wednesday of every other month, LVBC hosts a Fellowship Dinner, followed by a Member's Meeting. During this time, our members gather together not only for an evening of good food and fellowship, but also for a time of discussion of membership issues, voting on church matters, and hearing about what the Lord is doing in and around LVBC.

Please make plans to join us for both the Fellowship Dinner and Member's Meeting. Dinner is served in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45 pm. The Member's Meeting will promptly follow at 6:30 pm. Be sure to check the bulletin for meeting details and the dinner menus.

For more information, please contact Pastor Wade Casey (wade@lookoutvalley.org).

Dinner Cost: \$2.00

JANUARY 10 6:30 PM

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NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

If you have recently joined, or would you like to join LVBC, please make plans to attend our New Member's Class on Saturday, February 10, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. During this class, you will hear from our staff and elders about our church's theological foundations, why church membership matters, and how we live life together here at LVBC.

This class is required for all new members who would like to join our church fellowship. If you would like to attend this quarter's class, please call the church office (825-5335) or contact Pastor Wade Casey (wade@lookoutvalley.org).





LVBC MUSIC MINISTRY

Can you sing? Do you play an instrument? If the answer is yes, then we invite you to join the LVBC Music Minsitry!

Anyone high school age and older is invited to participate. For more information on how you can become a part of the music ministry family here at LVBC, please contact our Director of Worship Arts, Olivier Hakizimana (olivier@lookoutvalley.org).

GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION KINGDOM KIDS SPECIAL EVENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 @ 10:45 AM

On Sunday, March 4, the Kingdom Kids will join our Global Impact Celebration with their own special event. Taking place during our 10:45 am Worship Service, the children will begin in the sanctuary with their parents for our Mission Conference's parade of world flags, before being dismissed to the Kingdom Kids area. There, the children will learn what it means to be on mission, what the job of a missionary entails, and why sharing the Gospel to the world is so important. They will also have the opportunity to meet a real-life missionary!

We encourage you to make plans for your little one to join the Kingdom Kids for this special event. If you would like more information, please contact our Children's Director, Tiffany Morrison (tiffany@lookoutvalley.org).



The Kingdom Kids will have a special performance during our Worship Service on Sunday, January 21. If your child is preforming, please have them here and in line no later than 10:30 AM.

There is no special outfit or dress code required.

GOOD NEWS CLUB

As we enter the second half of the 2017-18 school year, we ask for your continued support of the Good News Club by donating Capri Sun drink pouches and individually wrapped, nut free snacks. We are so thankful for our wonderful church family and your support of the Good News Club!

For more information, please contact Tiffany Morrison or Diana Schubert.





Children's Ministry Valentine's Day Party

WEDNEDAY, FEBRAURY 14

On Wednesday, February 14, all children are invited to join LVBC's Children's Ministry for their Valentine's Day celebration! During this time we will be celebrating the love Jesus has for his children in the nursery and Kingdom Kids, so all children are involved in making crafts, eating treats, and learning about Jesus' love for them. The party will begin at 6:30 pm and children are to go to their designated classrooms.

Please contact our Children's Director, Tiffany Morrison (tiffany@lookoutvalley.org) for more details.

YOUTH EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2-4

Winter Retreat

Calling all Youth! You are invited to join us on our 2018 Winter Retreat, featuring special guest speaker, Dusty Tuders! Cost is \$85 and there are several spots still available. If you are interested in attending this year's retreat, please contact Christina Wilson (christina@lookoutvalley.org).

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

You Got Served - GIC Style

On Sunday, March 4, the youth will join the Global Impact Celebration through a service project. The youth will gather together immediately following worship for lunch, before heading out to serve the Lookout Valley community and share the Gospel with our LVBC neighbors. For more information, please contact Christina Wilson.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Pizza & Ping Pong Party

Join us before the start of our youth service on Wednesday, January 17, for a ping pong tournament and pizza party. The party will begin at 6:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

Taco Night

All youth are invited to join us before the start of our youth service on Wednesday, March 21, for a delicious taco dinner! Dinner starts at 6:00 PM.

SENIOR ADULT MEETINGS

Join the Seniors of Lookout Valley as they meet at 10:30 am on the second Tuesday of every month for a time of good fellowship and good food. Upcoming meetings are listed below.

FEBRUARY I3 - Meeting will take place in the Activities Building.

MARCH 6 — Global Impact Celebration Lunch with World Partners



