

HOSPITABLE EVANGELISM

Bringing the Gospel Home

Fall Bible Study 2019



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

NEW FALL BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

"So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with your not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us."

~ 1 Thessalonians 2:8

On Sunday, September 8, we are kicking off our annual Fall Bible Study. This year's Bible study is entitled *Hospitable Evangelism: Bringing the Gospel Home*. Through this study, we will learn principles about sharing Jesus with our friends and neighbors through our hospitality. Hospitable evangelism is strategically opening our lives and homes to the stranger to welcome, love, serve, and share Jesus with them. By intentionally making ourselves and our homes available for others, we can effectively practice hospitable evangelism through personal and spiritual conversations.

We hope that you will make plans to join us and your small group for this four-week study. Not part of a small group? This is an excellent opportunity to plug into a group! Contact Pastor Wade Casey for more information on our groups, and how to join.

COLLEGE SMALL GROUP

Are you a college student looking for a small group to plug in to? We invite you to join our new College group on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm, beginning Sunday, September 8. This group will meet each week at the home of Tracy and Ashleigh Trivette. Please contact Tracy Trivette for more details.

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

September 8

*Open Hearts
& Open Homes*

September 15

Everyday Evangelists

September 22

*Intentional
Conversations*

September 29

Gospel Conversations

A LETTER FROM PASTOR TROY

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

The apostle Paul describes in clear terms our responsibility as Jesus' followers in this life. He says, "We are *ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.*" (2 Corinthians 5:20) We are to represent Christ in all our coming and going, in all of our relationships, and in all of our circles of influence. It is also amazing to me that God is "*making his appeal through us.*" Surely there could have been a more efficient and effective way of sharing the good news with the world, but instead God has chosen to involve us in the process of proclamation to the world.

When I consider this, it reminds me of the story I heard about the woman who was finishing up her first aid course. As the training was coming to an end, the students were asked to give examples of how they had already been able to use their first-aid training. One week the lady said, "I got to use my first-aid training this week. I heard a terrible crash in front of my house. A car ran into my yard, hit a tree, and the car doors flew open, and there were some injured people on my front lawn. Because I had taken this first-aid class, I immediately knew what to do. I sat down and put my head between my knees, so I wouldn't pass out."

It is sad, but this is often the response of many Christians. We have a tremendous opportunity to share the gospel with others, yet we hyperventilate at the thought of it! In our upcoming four-week church-wide Bible study we will all be challenged and equipped to develop our witness as ambassadors for Christ. Please make every effort to connect in a small group so these truths can be discussed together, and then lived out in our lives.

The definition for ambassador is, "*a diplomatic official of the highest rank, sent by one sovereign or state to another as its resident representative.*" This world is not our home, but we have been sent by our Sovereign to be a temporary resident here as His representative. Are you representing Him well?

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Troy

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

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| 9/2 | Labor Day (Church Office Closed) |
| 9/3 | WMU Meeting |
| 9/7 | Women's Ministry Event |
| 9/8 | Fall Bible Study Begins |
| 9/9 | New Prayer Group Begins |
| 9/10 | Senior Adult Cookout |
| 9/11 | Member's Meeting |
| | Youth Chip Night |
| 9/16 | Good News Club |
| 9/21 | Aubrey Reel Memorial Color Walk |
| 9/22 | Zimbabwe Fundraiser Lunch |
| 9/28 | New Member's Class |
| 9/29 | Youth Bowl Sunday |
| | Kingdom Kids Performance |
| | Kingdom Kids Volunteers Meeting |

OCTOBER

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| 10/1 | WMU Meeting |
| 10/8 | Senior Adult Meeting |
| 10/9 | NO Wednesday Activities (Fall Break) |
| 10/20 | Zimbabwe Fundraiser Lunch |
| | Youth Paintball Outing |
| 10/23 | Youth Bonfire |
| 10/30 | Trunk or Treat |



GOOD NEWS CLUB

Good News Club at Lookout Valley Elementary School begins on September 16, and we are in need of volunteers to donate boxes of Roaring Waters Capri Sun, and individually wrapped salty snacks. Please be sure all snacks are nut free!

If your child attends LVES and would like to participate in GNC, please pick up a form from the Front Office of the school, fill it out, and return it to the school secretary or Charlsie Jones.



SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

Join us on Sunday, September 29, at 10:45 am, as the Kingdom Kids sing during our worship service. If your child is performing, please have your child here no later than 10:15 am for our final practice. There is no special dress code. For more information, contact Tiffany Morrison.

ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT

Wednesday, October 30 | 6:00-8:00 PM

This year, we will once again host a Trunk or Treat for LVBC and our surrounding community. And in order to make our trunk or treat a success, we need help passing out candy! Please bring your vehicle with a decorated trunk and lots of candy to the parking lot in front of the Activities Building on Wednesday, October 30, at 5:15 pm.

Be sure to invite your family and friends to join us for an evening of fun for the whole family!

Contact Wade Casey or Tiffany Morrison for more details.



HOME RULES

9/15 SUBMIT is not a
four letter word
Ephesians 5:21

9/22 A Word to the Wives
Ephesians 5:21-24

9/29 MAN UP
Ephesians 5:25-30

10/6 A PROFOUND
MYSTERY
EPHESIANS 5:31-32

10/13 LOVE & Respect
Ephesians 5:33

10/20 OBEDIENCE
EXPECTED
EPHESIANS 6:1-3

10/27 RAISE 'EM RIGHT
Ephesians 6:4

11/3 Work Life
Ephesians 6:5-9



ZIMBABWE MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS

At the end of the year (Dec. 26-Jan. 10), LVBC will once again send a team to Zimbabwe to serve alongside Sarah & Casper. To help offset the costs of this trip, our mission team will be holding fundraisers over the next few months. We invite you to join us as we support our team in their call to serve!

Fundraiser Lunches (Immediately after Worship)
Sunday, September 22 & Sunday, October 20

Fundraiser Yard Sale: October

If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Tracy Trivette (tracy@lookoutvalley.org).

SENIOR ADULT MEETINGS

Join the Seniors of Lookout Valley as they meet the second Tuesday of every month, at 10:30 am, for a time of good food, fun, and fellowship! Contact Virginia Cavin for more details.

Upcoming Fall Meetings

September 10 Annual Fall Cookout
Cost: \$5.00 per person

*Please bring school supplies to donate to LVES.

October 8 LVBC Fellowship Hall

“HOME RULES” BEGINS SEPT. 15

We invite you to join us on Sunday, September 15, as we continue our walk through the book of Ephesians. *Home Rules*, a new 7-week series, will give us a deeper look into the instructions Paul lays out for the Christian household and their application in our lives and homes. You won't want to miss this impactful new series!

NEW PRAYER GROUP

On Monday, September 9, we will begin a weekly prayer gathering. We invite you to join us for this dedicated time of prayer every Monday, at 7:30 am, in Room 101. Contact Daryll Smiley for more information.

KINGDOM KIDS VOLUNTEERS MEETING

Attention ALL Kingdom Kids Volunteers! Immediately following our worship service on Sunday, September 29, there will be a lunch meeting for current volunteers. During this meeting, we will discuss important changes and information regarding our Kingdom Kids ministry, as well as go over our new Sunday curriculum. If you are a volunteer, please make plans to attend this meeting.

For more information, please contact our Children's Director, Tiffany Morrison.



NEW MEMBERS CLASS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 28

If you have recently become a member, or would you like to join LVBC, please make plans to attend our New Member's Class on Saturday, September 28, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. During this class, you will have the opportunity to 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 desire to join our church fellowship. If you would like to attend this quarter's class, please contact Pastor Wade Casey (wade@lookoutvalley.org) or call the church office (825-5335).

MEMBERS MEETING

On Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 pm, we will hold our bi-monthly Member's Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

Prior to our meeting, we invite you to join us as we gather together for a Fellowship Dinner. Dinner will be served at 5:45 pm. Following the Fellowship Dinner, our Member's Meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 pm, where we will welcome new members, discuss membership issues, and hear about what the Lord is doing in and around LVBC.

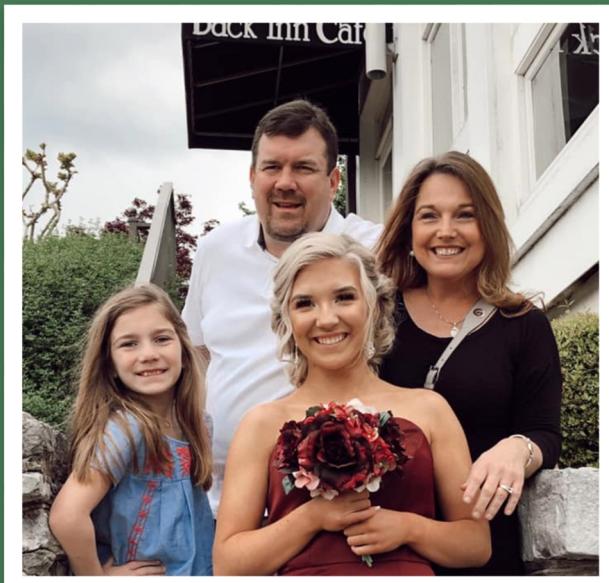
MENU: Sub Sandwiches, Chips & Dessert

COST: \$2.00 per person

**ALL IN THE
FAMILY**

WELCOME HOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

During our July Member's Meeting, our congregation voted to receive five new members into our church family! If you see one of our newest members, please take a few moments to introduce yourself and welcome them to LVBC!



Johnny, Bo, Abby & Cassie Cox



Alec & Grace Leffew

YOUTH EVENTS

CHIP NIGHT • September 11

Students! Join us for Chip Night, immediately following our service on Wednesday, September 11. Chips and fun will be provided. Please bring your favorite dip or 2 liter soft drink.

BOWL SUNDAY • September 29

Join us on Sunday, September 29, before our Small Group and D-Groups, for Bowl Sunday! Students, please bring your favorite breakfast cereal. Adult Leaders, we ask that you please bring milk. Bowls and Spoons will be provided.

BONFIRE & THE WORD • October 23

All students, grades 6-12, are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 23, for our annual Bonfire & The Word. We will meet at the church at 6:00 pm, and take the church van to the Ford's home for an evening of fellowship, fun, and the Word. And no bonfire would be complete without S'mores! Please bring a camping chair to sit in.



PAINTBALL • October 20

Calling all students! We invite you to join us for an afternoon of fun, as we compete in a friendly game of Paintball. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after worship for the Zimbabwe Fundraiser Lunch, and then take the church van to Insane Paintball. Cost is \$25, plus a donation for lunch. Please sign up by Sunday, October 6, to secure your spot. Parents will need to sign a waiver online for all participants.

To sign the wavier, visit the following link: www.vantora.com/paintball.ipa/wavier/mobile.asp

For more information and to sign up, contact Christina Wilson (christina@lookoutvalley.org).

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

MEMORIAL COLOR WALK FOR AUBREY REEL

Saturday, September 21 • 5:00 PM

On Saturday, September 21, there will be a Memorial Color Walk in memory of Aubrey Reel. We invite you to come out for a fun walk and time of fellowship at John A. Patton as we remember the life of Aubrey. Admission is \$10 per person. All proceeds will go to the Play Like Bob Foundation.

To register, please use the PayPal link below. Be sure to list the names of all participants that will be walking.

www.paypal.me/PlaylikeBob





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