

• MARCH 25-29 •

A Heart for the Harvest

GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION



MARCH-MAY NEWSLETTER 2023

Global Impact Celebration Starts Sunday, March 25

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

John 12:24

One of our goals and purposes at LVBC is to make disciples of all nations. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we seek to proclaim the message of the Gospel to every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Our annual *Global Impact Celebration: A Heart for the Harvest*, will kick off on Saturday, March 25, at 10:00 am, with a Prayer Walk Training led by Kimberly Creasman. This year's conference is designed to inspire and motivate you to become a part of God's mission to make disciples of people around the globe.

During this year's conference, March 25-29, missionaries who serve all over the globe will join us for a week of renewed focus on global missions. There will be events for adults, students, and children to interact with and hear from these workers, as they share their lives and ministry with us. We will also hear motivating sermons from two dynamic guest speakers, Dr. Paul Chitwood, *President of the IMB* and Mark Zhou, *Director of Missions - Asia, Maclellan Foundation*.

We invite you and your family to join us as we gather together for an unique opportunity to fellowship with those who serve locally in Chattanooga and at the ends of the earth. You won't want to miss this extraordinary week in the life of our church, as we develop and strengthen our desire to share God's love and His precious gift of salvation to those who are lost in the world.

See pages 2-3 for more details on this year's mission conference events!

Conference Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

10:00 AM Prayer Walk Training

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

9:30 AM Small Groups (On Campus) with World Partners

10:45 AM Celebration Service
(Speaker: Dr. Paul Chitwood, President, IMB)

6:00 PM Small Groups (Off Campus) with World Partners

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

10:30 AM The Wise & Wonderful
Lunch with World Partners

6:30 PM Missions Fair

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

5:30 PM Fellowship Dinner

6:30 PM Commitment Service
(Speaker: Mark Zhou, Director of Missions - Asia, Maclellan Foundation)

A Letter from Pastor Troy

A Heart For The Harvest

As we move toward Spring, there are several in our church family who are preparing to plant their gardens. Multiple tasks must be accomplished for the garden to be as fruitful as possible. There is the work of tilling, planting, fertilizing, and tending that must be done, all in anticipation of a harvest to come. No matter what you're attempting to grow in your garden – whether a literal vegetable garden, the garden of your family, a garden of relationships, or the garden of your heart – the ultimate goal is to reap a harvest. 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.

These laws of the harvest are true in agriculture, but 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.

This month we have the great privilege of hosting our annual Global Impact Celebration. More information about this conference is available in this newsletter. Would you join me in praying that we would develop an ever-increasing heart for the harvest? Pray that we would do the work of tilling, planting, fertilizing, and tending to see a bountiful harvest come to fruition!

Pastor Troy

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GLOBAL IMPACT CELEBRATION

Learning to

*Prayer
Walk*

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Learning to Prayer Walk

Saturday, March 25 | 10:00 AM– 2:00 PM

In conjunction with our Mission Conference, we are hosting a training on how to Prayer Walk. Kimberly Creasman will lead this training and help you pray for your neighborhood, school, city, and church. Join us at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall for inspiration and instruction on incorporating this spiritual discipline into your life. Lunch will be provided, and afterward, we will go on a prayer walk around our community to pray for our neighbors and the nations. Scan the QR Code to register for this impactful training session.

Contact Pastor Wade Casey or Kimberly Creasman for more details.



Missions Fair

Make plans to join us on Tuesday, March 28, at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall for our Missions Fair. This is a great chance for you to mingle with our mission partners, who serve both locally and internationally, and learn more about their ministries. Snacks will be provided.

Fellowship Dinner

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, March 29, at 5:30 pm, as we gather together for a delicious Fellowship Dinner will be catered by Wally's. Cost of the dinner is \$5.00 per person and reservations are required. Please use the QR Code to make your reservations. Deadline to register is Sunday, March 26.



Pray for Our Conference

As our Mission Conference approaches, we ask that you join us in covering the week in prayer. Please pray for our Global partners, as they prepare, travel, and share with us. Also pray that the week will better teach us to reach and serve not only our local community, but the world through missions and evangelism.

Upcoming Events

MARCH

- 8 Member's Meeting
- 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 18 Children's Ministry Sewing Class
- 19 Student Ministry Bowling & Dinner
- 25 **Global Impact Celebration**
Prayer Walk Training
- 26 **Global Impact Celebration**
Celebration Service
Small Groups with World Partners
- 28 **Global Impact Celebration**
Wise & Wonderful Lunch
Missions Fair
- 29 **Global Impact Celebration**
Fellowship Dinner
Commitment Service

APRIL

- 5 No Activities (Spring Break)
- 7 **Good Friday** (Church Office Closed)
Service
- 9 **Easter Sunday** (No Small Groups)
- 11 Wise & Wonderful Meeting
- 23 New Student Small Groups Begin
- 30 Family Worship Sunday
VBS Volunteer Training Meeting

MAY

- 7 Student Ministry Fundraiser Lunch
- 9 Wise & Wonderful Meeting
- 10 Member's Meeting
- 14 Mother's Day
- 21 Graduate Recognition
Food Truck Fellowship
- 24 Children's Ministry End of School Bash
- 29 **Memorial Day** (Church Office Closed)

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US

Good Friday Service

April 7 @ 6:30 PM

On Friday, April 7, at 6:30 pm, we will join together for a special Good Friday Service. During the service we will consider what's so good about Good Friday, and how Jesus endured betrayal, denial, aloneness, accusation, suffering, crucifixion, and death in order that He might bring us to God. We will read Scripture and sing songs related to the work of Jesus on that first Good Friday, and conclude the service by observing Communion together.

Easter Sunday Service

April 9 @ 10:45 AM

As we approach Easter Sunday, it's an important time for us to remember the true story of Easter isn't about a bunny, flowers, eggs, or candy. The true story is about Jesus' death on the cross, his burial, and ultimately his miraculous resurrection.

This Easter at LVBC, we are celebrating the sacrifice Jesus made for each of us, choosing death on a cross, so that we can have eternal life. We invite you and your family to join us on Sunday, April 9, at 10:45 am, as we discover that the true meaning of Easter and how each of us can have eternal life through the death and resurrection of our Savior!

Children's Events

We invite your children to join us on Sunday, April 9, for the Children's Ministry Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt!

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| 10:15 AM | Preschool Egg Hunt (Ages Birth-5 yrs old) |
| 10:45 AM | Children's Event in the Fellowship Hall |
| 12:15 PM | Elementary Egg Hunt (Grades K-5) |



We invite your children to join us on Saturday, March 18, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, for a Sewing Class! Children will learn how to make either a fabric pencil case or an apron. All supplies will be provided unless you have fabric you would like to bring. You may also bring your sewing machine if you have one. Breakfast snacks and juice will also be provided. This class is open to all ages and no sewing experience is required. Please register by scanning the QR Code or through the Realm app.

We are in need of a few volunteers to help. If you are willing to come help or lend us your sewing machine, please let us know by completing the registration form using the QR Code or contact Chantelle Bedrin.



**END OF SCHOOL
WATER PARTY**

End of School Water Party

Join us on Wednesday, May 18, from 6:00-7:30 pm, as we celebrate the end of the school year with a water party! Parents, please be sure your child wears clothes they can get wet and that they bring a towel. Hot Dogs, chips and dessert will be provided. For more information, contact Chantelle Bedrin (chantelle@lookoutvalley.org).

Vacation Bible School

Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! This year's VBS, *Twists & Turns*, is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to strategy games to video games and more, mark your calendars and make plans for your kids to join us, July 9-13, as we play our way through VBS! But more importantly, they'll see Jesus through the eyes of one of His closest friends and discover that trusting Jesus as Savior and following Him changes the game entirely. Be on the lookout for registration details in the coming weeks!



We have a lot of exciting opportunities for you get involved in our Children's Ministry!

If you would like more information about how you can help serve and minister to children here at LVBC, please contact our Children's Director, Chantelle Bedrin (chantelle@lookoutvalley.org).



Food Truck Fellowship

Sunday, May 21 @ 12:00 PM

We are excited to announce that our Food Truck Fellowship will return on Sunday, May 21, immediately following our worship service. We will have a variety of food trucks for you to enjoy lunch from, plus inflatables for the kids. Be on the lookout for more details, including vendor menus in the coming weeks.

Member's Meeting

Wednesday, March 8 @ 6:30 PM

On Wednesday, March 8, 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 (cost is \$2 per person). 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, hear a proposal from our Elders & Deacons about updates to our church campus, and learn what the Lord is doing in and around LVBC.

Dinner Menu: Smoked Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Slaw, Chips & Dessert

Our next scheduled Member's Meeting will be Wednesday, May 10.

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Sunday, April 30 @ 12:00 PM

One of the biggest outreach events in the life of our church is quickly approaching—Vacation Bible School! We WANT and NEED your help to make this year's VBS a success. If you have already signed up to serve or are interested in serving during this year's VBS, please make plans to attend our VBS Training on Sunday, April 30, immediately following worship. Lunch and childcare (nursery ages only) will be provided. Contact Chantelle Bedrin for more details.



Welcome Home

During our January Member's Meeting, our congregation voted to accept 8 new members into our church family! If you see one of our newest church members, please take a few moments to introduce yourself and welcome them to LVBC!



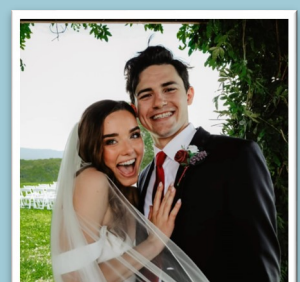
Daniel & Laura Bradley



Samuel & Caelen McIntyre



Chris & Donna Schumann



Cameron & Shayna Webb

Upcoming Student Ministry Events

BOWLING & DINNER

Sunday, March 19 @ 2:30 PM

Students, join us on Sunday, March 19, for bowling and dinner! We will meet at the church, at 2:30 pm before heading to SpareTime Entertainment to bowl. Afterwards, we will grab dinner at Cookout before returning to LVBC at 6:00 pm. The cost of bowling will be covered by the church. Students will only need to bring enough money for dinner. Register by Wednesday, March 15, using the Realm App or by scanning the QR Code. Contact Brice Green for more information.



CAMP FUNDRAISER LUNCH

Sunday, May 7 @ 12:00 PM

On Sunday, May 7, immediately following our worship service, our Student Ministry will hold a Camp Fundraiser Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Cost of lunch will be by donation only, and all proceeds will assist our students with the cost of camp. If you are a student or parent, please contact Brice Green regarding how you can assist with this important fundraiser!

Summer Camp will June 12-25 be at Shocco Springs. Be on the lookout for registration details coming soon!

MONTHLY SMALL GROUPS

Begins Sunday, April 23

On Sunday, April 23, we will begin new monthly small group meetings. These new small group will be divided into guys and girls and will meet from 5:00-7:00 pm. The Girl's small group will be led by Abby Green and will meet at Brice & Abby Green's home (27 Lilac Ave.) The Guy's small group will be led by Brice Green and will meet in the Student Building. Dinner will be provided.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 21 @ 10:45 AM

Graduation is fast approaching and so is LVBC's Graduate Recognition Sunday! On Sunday, May 21, we will recognize our graduating seniors during the 10:45 am Worship Service. If you or your child will be graduating, we would love to add you to our list of honorees! Please contact our Minister to Students, Brice Green (brice@lookoutvalley.org) for more details.

Upcoming Wise & Wonderful Meetings

If you are 55 or older, we invite you to join the Wise & Wonderful group as they meet at 10:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall, for a time of good food and fellowship.

If you have a friend or family member looking to join a group of Christians that love to celebrate life and our Lord Jesus Christ, please invite them to join one of our upcoming meetings listed to the right.

For more information or service opportunities, please contact Jennifer Smiley (931-224-6392).



MARCH 28

Global Impact Celebration Lunch with World Partners
Lunch will be Fried Chicken, Rolls & Dessert.
Please bring a Veggie, Side Dish or Dessert to share.

APRIL 11

Come celebrate our risen Lord with a time of praise and worship led by Paul & Charlsie Jones.
Baked Ham, Rolls & Drinks will be provided.
Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

MAY 9

Join us for a Total Potluck lunch with special guest, Student & Worship Arts Minister Brice Green. Please bring a meat, side dish and/or dessert.



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