

# Summer Camps & Mission Trips Abound!

The Summer has been busy with Centrikid and Upward Basketball Camps for children and our Youth experienced Mission Trips to Savannah, Georgia and Romania this summer. And, **we have more in August!** This month will include a Worship Music Camp and two more Mission Trips to Romania, a VBS Team and a Construction Team.

#### **ROCKIN' SUMMER WORSHIP MUSIC CAMP**

Calling all Middle School and High School musicians! Wednesday, August 15 – Friday August 17<sup>th</sup> LCC will be hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Catoctin School of Music Worship Music Summer Camp for aspiring worship leaders! Camp will begin at 9:00 AM each day and end at 3:00 PM. Graduation will be a concert for the public on Friday night at 7:00 PM! Please contact Doug Wall at dwall@leesburgcommunity church.org or Wayne Estes at Wayne@TheCatoctinSchoolofMusic.com for more information. Spots are limited so let's get it goin!

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEAM**

**July 25 - August 14**. This Team will be holding Vacation Bible Schools in three locations, including Peris, Gornesti and Apalina. The children love to meet the team members and greet them with smiles and "crowd around them" in a friendly way. The VBS Team includes Alyssa Brassard, Tom Dahlinger, Jeanne Porter, Anna Rich, Carson Rich, JoAnna Rich, Stacey Rineer, Alan Stanford, Elaine Stanford, Alyssa Stilley, Rachel Zoetis and Tracey Zoetis.

#### **CONSTRUCTION TEAM**

**August 17 - 25**. A team of six will be working with Romanian Christians and other helpers in Gornesti. The tasks at hand are to put up the rafters and finish the roof, run electrical wiring and paint walls. It is a great encouragement to these believers and a witness to the community that people come to provide this kind of practical help. The Construction Team includes: Bill Anderson, Kristi Glenn, Brian Holmes, Keith Lambert, Stacy Rineer and Lyn Sebesta.



Fall Kickoff 2012

Country Homecoming

Picnic

Sunday, September 9
5-7 PM

### Close Encounters with God A new sermon series beginning August 23

Jesus Christ offers us the Hope of Transformation. Jesus came proclaiming, "I came so that you might have life and have it more abundantly."

2 Cor. 5:17 says, "If any person is in Christ they are a brand new creation, old things have passed away, behold all things have become new." Is that true? Is it really possible to change and become a new person-- the person that God created you to be, the person you really want to be and have tried to be? Yes! God holds out to us the possibility of real transformation. Christ died on the cross to make that a possibility right now-not just someday in heaven.

Today evangelical Christianity emphasizes the forgiveness of sins. But a radical and miraculous transformation of character and life has little part in the redemptive message. We study the Bible for wisdom, and understanding and knowledge, but not for radical life change. But doesn't being a Christian mean becoming like Jesus Christ? And isn't that what the Bible really calls us to teach and preach as a real possibility? We can be changed fundamentally, radically and miraculously into the image of Jesus Christ beginning right now by the power of God. We can begin now to share in and experience the joy and the peace of the eternal life of God.

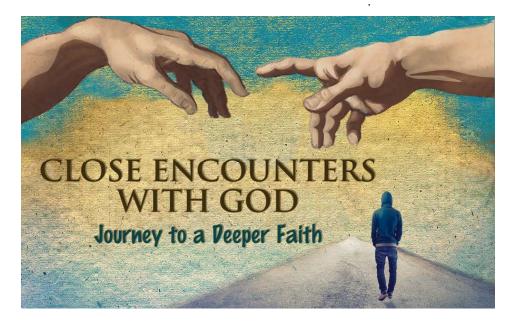
How are we changed? How do we allow God to permeate every area of our lives so that we begin to live the life we have always wanted and have longed to live? That is what we are going to be discovering in a new sermon series, Close Encounters With God.

Most of you know the story of Moses. Moses changed the world of his day because he allowed himself to be radically changed by God. How was Moses changed? Well he started the change process when his birth-mother began to instruct him about the one and only true God. He continued to be changed as he sensed God's will for his life and longed to see God's people set free. He correctly sensed God's will and God's plan, but not God's way and God's timing. He tried to bring about changing everything by his own power and the result was a dead Egyptian and untrusting Jews who weren't ready to follow Him to freedom.

Moses was changed when he fled from Egypt by years of solitude and silence alone only with God in the wilderness as he worked as a shepherd. But the moment of truth that fundamentally and radically changed Moses was the burning bush. Every thing hinged on Moses being will ing to turn aside-- to interrupt his daily routine to pay attention to the presence of God and to really begin to listen to God and communicate with God as a regularly part of every moment of every day and in every aspect of his life.

That is how we will be changed too. When we take the time to turn aside from business as usual and begin to experience the reality of God and carry that reality into every activity of every minute of every day. Plan now to learn how to do that as we look at God's word together on Sunday mornings and move toward a meaningful weekend retreat September 28-29<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Alan Stanford



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### Introducing John Fontanella



Join us in welcoming LCC's, Discipleship Pastor, John Fontanella. John grew up in Annapolis, MD and

graduated from The Salisbury State University in 2003 with a degree in political science. After college, he moved to Austin, Texas with some friends and worked for a certain non-pc computer company. While living in

Texas, John fell in love with live music, beach volleyball, and men's slow pitch softball. Attending local churches and being a part of several small groups, John felt a call into full-time ministry. He moved back to the east coast and enrolled at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary graduating with a Masters in Religion. He then moved to Northern Virginia to marry his wife, Shelley, and became the Youth Pastor at Gateway Community Church for almost 5 years before transitioning into the Discipleship Pastor at LCC. Currently John and

Shelley live in Aldie, VA with their 1 1/2 year old Charlotte. John enjoys card collecting, building computers,

and any kind of sport that that doesn't lead to physical injury.



### **Music Ministry**

# Catoctin Summer Rock Camp takes over LCC!

Ok, maybe the headline above is a bit of an exaggeration, but the halls of this place were rocking during the inaugural week long rock camp, put on by our friends at The Catoctin School of Music from June 18 – June 22. The goal was to create an outreach event that would not only reach those who know Christ but especially those who would not have stepped into our building without it. LCC members, Wayne and Jennene Estes own and operate the school. Their mission is to reach the community through their love of music and God.

One story I can share is that the camp would have an open mic coffeehouse at the end of the day. One day I was entering the Worship Center as the coffeehouse was about to begin. A mother had been called and was handing music sheets to her daughter who was going to play guitar and sing a solo for the camp. As she went up to the stage her mother said to me, I

would never have believed that she would do this. And do it she did. The tears and joy in her mother's eye was one of the top memories I took away from the week. And what a great week it was! I was so honored to be a part of it and can't wait for next year's Rock Camp to reach out into the community

and energize and motivate those who are able to experience it!

Pastor Doug Wall Don't miss the CSM / LCC Worship Music Camp August 15 - 17 here at LCC! Contact Doug Wall at 703-777-2209 ext. 12 for details.



### **SERVE/Missions Ministry**

# ABC's – Adopt & Bless a County School

Loudoun County schools and churches are connecting to assist "underresourced" children in various ways in all the schools. While LCC has participated over the last two years to provide materials for children at our nearby Elementary School, the vision enlarges for engagement in all the schools in areas where we live and/or where our children attend. At a recent meeting of school personnel and representatives of 10 churches, these are the needs where the schools are appreciative of assistance.

- **A.** School Supplies are needed to bring to the school. These are kept by the school's Parent Liaison, who can give out the supplies throughout the year as needed. Right now local stores have their school supplies and school lists ready to go.
- B. Back Packs of Food In our church area there are 3 schools that have 35% of the children receiving free or reduced fee lunches, which identifies them to the school administration that they are candidates for other kinds of assistance as well. Over the week-

end they may not have such plentiful food. Needed: Foods that are non-perishable, that are ready-to-eat such as cereal, crackers, microwaveable cartons of macaroni and cheese, fruit cups, granola bars, etc. packed in the largest sized zip-lock food storage bags. Bring the bags to the school on Wednesday. The school staff fills the backpacks and send them home with the students on Fridays, the students bring the backpack to the school on Monday.

**C.** One on One – Our schools are asking for volunteers to help students with reading, learning English, helping with homework. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in the life of a student.

ABC's is an E-Group Mission.

Please send an email of interest to lsebesta@leesburgcommunity church.org.

#### LCC BOOK DRIVE JULY 8 - 22

The members of the Wednesday Night Live Life Group led by Billy Hadder wish to thank everyone at Church who participated in the LCC Book Drive for making our Childrens' Book Drive such a big success. Because of your generous donations, we were able to collect 1,500 books for the Loudoun Literacy Council. All of the books have been delivered to their office and many of them have already been placed in the hands of children in our community to read and enjoy.

#### Proverbs 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not



### **UnderGround Student Ministries**



#### **FRIDAY NIGHT MADNESS**

Friday Night Madness will be starting up this fall. It will continue to be a fun night for junior high students to come, play games, and learn more about what God's will is for their lives. High school students may attend as volunteers to help with Bible studies and games. See website for dates.

#### **COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY**

The Underground Student Ministries will be partnering with Community Bible Study for a Sunday night Bible study. This study will be for high school students only, and will run the length of the school year. Each week will feature a lesson from a Bible passage. There will be a short lesson before group discussion on the passage. Adults are welcome and encouraged to help by leading one of these discussion groups. If you are interested in leading or attending, please contact Jason Baird.

#### **UNDERGROUND MISSIONS**

The Underground will be starting a Missions Group for junior high and high school students. This group will meet once a month. They will study a particular people group, pray for them, and discuss ways that we as a ministry can further the great commission Christ has given us. Contact Jason Baird for more information.

### Children & Family Ministry



Introducing MOMSnext, a ministry to mothers of school aged kids. It is an arm of MOPS International, and is an open, accepting place for all mothers of school aged kids (K-6th grade) to come experience authentic community, personal growth, practical help and spiritual growth. MOMSnext is a next step for many MOPS moms who have outgrown preschool topics, but desire to continue being encouraged, equipped and developed. MOMSnext will focus on specific and demanding needs and topics of school-age moms.

The meetings will take place at Leesburg Community Church every 1st and 3rd Friday's. We will meet after MOPS, from 11:45 until 2:00. Lunch will be provided by each group. Limited childcare will be available. For more information see the MOMSnext brochure on our Ministry Wall or visit the church website. Registration Day for MOMSnext will be September 7, 2012 in the Great Room. Please

come and be a part of the first year of many MOMSnext years to come!



Kidstuf Theatre returns in September but this year it will be on Wednesday nights following Chef Harold's delicious dinner. Mark you calendar! Kidstuf dates are September 12 following our first Wednesday night dinner, November 14 following our delicious Thanksgiving dinner,

and December 12 following our annual Christmas Buffet. Kidstuf is a place where kids bring their parents to learn about the character of God. This season we will be learning about Respect, Cooperation, Compassion, Peace, Honesty, Friendship, and Patience.

If you are interested in being a **Kidstuf Dancer**, there will be a meeting on Wed., August 29, at 6:30 PM

Children Kindergarten and older may be a Kidstuf dancer.

If you are interested in performing in Kidstuf as a singer or actor, you must be in Middle School or older. Please contact Joanna Rich at 703-777-2209, ext. 354 or email

48 people had a great time at **Centrikid Camp** on July 16-20 at Skycroft in Middletown, Maryland. A good time was had by all. The theme for the week was Game On and the Key Bible Verse was Romans 12:1,2. A special thanks to the adults and teens that helped: Shelley Kappauf, Lisa Moen, Pete Johnson, Mark Francis, Carol Francis, Michelle Fluet, Anna Rich, Kayli Rivera, Carson Rich, and Luke Rivera.





### LCC Happenings - for more info visit www.LeesburgCC.org

#### **Elsie Drake Circle**

August 7, 12:00 PM Missions group meets first Tuesday of each month.

#### First Steps

Sunday, August 26, 4:00 PM

#### **Promotion Sunday for Children**

August 26

A list of the rooms where your children will meet will appear on the church website, on the Ministry wall, and at the Children's Check-In stations. The rising 6th graders have already been promoted to the Underground Youth Ministry.



#### Country Homecoming Picnic—Fall Kickoff 2012

Sunday, September 9 5-7 PM

# Forever Young Luncheon

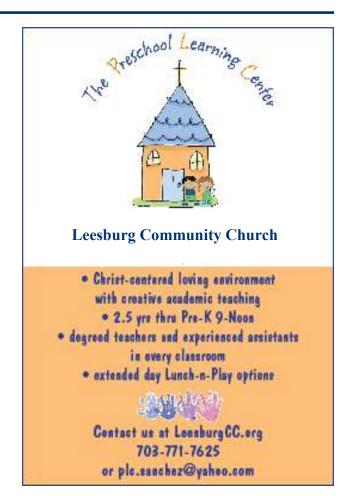
September 11 11:30 AM

# Wednesday Night Dinners Return!

September 12 5:30 PM

#### **Kidstuf Theatre**

September 12 7:00 PM



#### **Financial Update June 2012**

Tithes and Offerings are below budget for January—June with Operating Expenses below income. Your tithes and offerings can be given on Sunday, mailed to the church, or you may choose online giving at LeesburgCC.org or sign up for direct deposit online. Your faithful giving funds our ministries and outreach to the community and the world! **Thank you!** 

| ·                        | •  | YTD Actual      | YTD Budget      |           |
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|                          |    | JanJune<br>2012 | JanJune<br>2012 |           |
| Tithes and Offerings     | \$ | 615,022         | \$              | 658,283   |
| Other Income             | \$ | 385,216         | \$              | 385,544   |
| Total Income             | \$ | 1,000,238       | \$              | 1,043,827 |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ | 963,156         | \$              | 1,066,767 |
| Over/(Under)             | \$ | 37,082          | \$              | (22,940)  |
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## Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

Weekly Wednesday Night Dinners return September 12, from 5:30—6:45 PM. Join us for one of Chef Harold's delicious meals. Menus range from roast beef to fried chicken. An alternative is offered each week of a mixed greens salad with chicken tenders. Other options include a children's menu. Visit the website each week for menus. Tickets are \$7/adult, \$4/child (under 11), or \$25/family.