



# The Newsletter

November 2011

## Special points of interest:

- Missions Appreciation Month
- Veterans Day
- Winterfest Deposit Due date

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## WARM NIGHTS

November is the month when the LCCOG Newsletter and recognition focuses on missions, and this month we are focusing on a home mission project that is vitally important in St. Mary's County. WARM is a sheltering program of the faith community that operates in our county. Its purpose is to provide a warm, dry and safe place for men, women and children to sleep during the cold weather months of November through March.

**Life Community Church of God is thrilled to be a host church this season! We will be hosting WARM the first week of December 2011 (from Sunday evening December 4th through Sunday morning, December 11th). Will you step up this winter and serve someone who is in need? If you can fill one of the volunteer opportunities listed below, please contact**

**the church office at 301-862-3831.**

Volunteer Positions needed for WARM Host Week

**Site Monitors** (2 per shift, one male and one female; 28 total shifts available).  
Two Shifts:  
5:30pm-10:30pm  
10:30pm-7:00am

Site Monitors arrive by 5:30 p.m., check in guests at designated area, hand out badges and show guests to their cot and ensure WARM Daily Events and Schedule is followed.

**Meal Coordinator.** This person will be responsible for coordinating breakfast, dinner, dessert, beverages and snacks, and overseeing both Kitchen Crews.

**Dinner Kitchen Crew** arrives by 5:00 p.m. Person cooking meal arrives when necessary to prepare the meal—dinner time is approximately 6:00 p.m. This is a fellowship meal – everyone eats together



and guests will help clear their tables. The Kitchen Crew also prepares the snack for later in the evening and cleans up the kitchen.

**Breakfast Kitchen Crew** arrives by 5:30 a.m. Coffee should be available when guests wake-up. Prepare breakfast and serve from 6:30 – 6:50 a.m., clean up kitchen.

**Laundry Coordinator. (Laundry/Linens and Cots)** Clean linens should be made available for each new guest. Whenever linens become soiled they should be removed and cleaned. At the end of the week, all linens must be washed and packed.

**Complete details and a daily schedule are available from John Ince. Please call the church office if you would like to volunteer (301) 862-3831.**

## Pastor's Corner

Matt 16:18-19b

"And on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

### Special Miracle Offering Sunday, November the 13th!

God has been preparing us for great things and now is the time to take action in one of the many areas He has called us to succeed. Now is the time to begin raising funds for our Building Program. The vision is almost ready to roll out. The process of finding land on which to build will begin early next year. The time to raise these funds is now and not at the last minute. Will you join Amber and me as we walk in faith? Take a risk on God and see what He can do with your gifts.

Here is how our church family can achieve God's vision for the new facility:

1. Tithe or give intentionally and consistently to the general fund. Excess general funds are used to build our ministry and help build the new facility.
2. Give a small amount to missions consistently. God will not bless an inward looking church. We must spread the Gospel around the world!
3. Designate an offering each week or month. If we all give something the combined effort will bring the future closer, sooner.
4. Give a sacrificial offering on Sunday, November the 13th. God will not bless our effort if we are not willing to sacrifice. Without sacrifice, we would become spoiled children. He desires us to be

co-laborers.

We will be able to build smartly and in stages if we all try to follow these steps in order. Just changing the name of your gift from tithe to building fund accomplishes nothing. But, accepting the challenge of these 4 steps will unleash miracle blessings that will provide for the building program those things we cannot do for ourselves. God took the first step by calling and equipping us. The next step is ours. Let's use what God has provided to build this new facility.

Currently, we are finishing the Master plan. This will help us purchase the right piece of property. After this is finished, we will look for land and design the first building to be built on the property. This building must allow us to continue our current ministry while providing additional space. This additional space will allow us to have one Sunday morning worship service and it will enable us to have adult Bible study, Awana Kids' club, and our Youth meeting all on the same night. This will allow your whole family to attend on one night freeing up more time to spend with your family and developing relationships with your neighbors in the community. This is just the beginning of what this first phase will mean to our ability to answer God's calling for this church.

Please, do all you can, no matter how small, to move this vision forward.

Together we are more than conquerors,  
Pastor Brian and Amber Shepard

## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 - Pearl Fleming  
1 - Larisa Grensted  
5 - Lauren Allen  
5 - Abigail Weimert  
6 - Holton Hilliard  
8 - Micah Diggs  
9 - John Harward



16 - C.J. Grensted  
19 - Stephen Diggs  
20 - Bob Cooney  
20 - Luke Evans  
20 - Albert Simon  
26 - Shenia Allen  
30 - Craig Melvin



3 - Mike and Jean Duke  
3 - Jeffrey & Emily Weimert  
6 - James and Netty Ford

## Missionaries Supported by LCCOG



**Neil and Jennifer Lawrence** are missionary educators/evangelists in Kenya, East Africa,

Kenya. In addition to teaching, the Lawrences are involved in Evangelism and Worship.

Neil and Jennifer want to share the love of God with the people they meet and obey Christ's command to go and make disciples.

many doctors for treatment. Yet there was no relief. Then a missionary shared the Gospel with him and gave him some tracts. As he began to read, He found that Jesus was able to heal him, and he accepted Jesus as his Savior. As he matured in faith, God called him into ministry. Gulaabsingh is married to Sitabai. He is affiliated with Gospel for Asia (GFA).



**Gulabsingh Dhurvey** was born into a nominal Christian family in India. Due to a financial crisis, he discontinued his studies to help his father. At one point he became very ill and weak, and went to

where they have been serving since 1993.

Neil's primary ministry is to teach at

Discipleship University, a 17-acre campus located in Eldoret,



## Ministry to the Military

The Ministry to the Military Department of the Church of God has been created to "take the church to those who have been taken from the church."

This year on November 18th and 19th there is a Ministry to the Military retreat designed specifically for current military, veterans, retired military, those

working in the local church with Ministry to the Military and their spouses. Those in attendance will experience friendship, common testimonies and understanding as



they are ministered to in the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

## Corrections/Opt In/Opt Out

*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Do we have your information wrong? Do you want to receive a copy of this newsletter in your email inbox?*

*Please let us know!!*

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in the newsletter and you would like it to be, please fill out a Database Information Sheet. The information sheets are located in the Church foyer

or you can send your information to: [newsletter@lccog.com](mailto:newsletter@lccog.com)

**Opt In** - If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail, please send a request to [newsletter@lccog.com](mailto:newsletter@lccog.com). Or send a note to the church office at P. O. Box 670 California, MD 20619 to receive a copy by mail.

**Opt Out** - If you have received this newsletter by mistake and would like to be removed, please send an e-mail or card to the addresses listed above.

**ARE WE MISSING YOUR INFORMATION?**



**PLEASE LET US KNOW!!**

# WINTERFEST

## TWENTY - TWELVE

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### 30TH ANNIVERSARY

**The Winterfest deposit for students is due  
November 17th, and is \$50.**

Train up a child in the way he should go,  
Even when he is old he will not depart from it - Proverbs 22:6

## VETERANS DAY PARADE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011 @ 10:00 AM

On the Town Square in Historic  
Leonardtown, Maryland

### **A TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S VETERANS!**

A Memorial Ceremony with placing of wreaths  
to honor our Veterans will be held  
in the Town Square following the parade  
*Sponsored by the St. Mary's County Commissioners  
and the Commissioners of Leonardtown,  
in cooperation with VFW Post 2632  
For information call 301-475-9791*

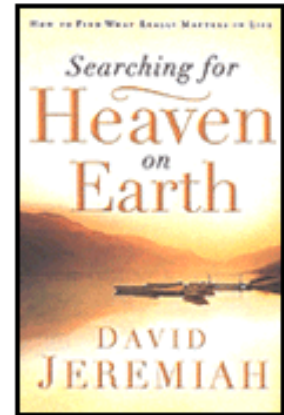
## November's Book of the Month

### Searching for Heaven on Earth by David Jeremiah

This is a 31 day study on the wisdom of Solomon from Ecclesiastes. God's Plan is Good, God's Purpose is Clear, but God's Program is Mysterious. True! Or

so we believe. Don't you deserve a little happiness? Or to put it another way, "Where can I find a little heaven on earth?" History's most successful man, Solomon, wondered just that. As David Jeremiah shows you, he was a man who tested life's

haunting questions head-on. Looking through the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes you'll see where Solomon's questions lead and where he ended up.



Nov 6  
Testing Faith: Growing My Faith Through Friendship With God

Nov 6  
Fall back! (Daylight Savings Time Ends)

Nov 11  
Veterans' Day Parade on the Town Square in Leonardtown

Nov 13  
Hopeful Faith: Growing My Faith By Not Giving Up

Nov 18—19  
Ministry to the Military Retreat in Ellicott City, MD 21043

Nov 20  
Hopeful Faith: Growing My Faith By Not Giving Up

Nov 24  
Thanksgiving

December 4—11  
WARM Nights



## Weekly Happenings

### Sunday Schedule:

Worship: 8:30 A.M.  
Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.  
Worship Service at  
Esperanza Campus: 10:00 A.M.  
Worship & Children's  
Church: 11:00 A.M.  
  
A.W.A.N.A.: 4:30 P.M.  
(Kids Bible Club)

### Monday:

Individual Prayer: 6:30 P.M.  
Corporate Prayer: 7:00 P.M.  
LCCOG 101: 7:00 P.M.

### Tuesday:

Praise & Worship  
Practice 7:00 P.M.

### Wednesday:

Ladies Bible  
Study: 9:30 A.M.  
Adult Bible  
Study: 7:00 P.M.  
Bible Trek Kids  
Bible Study: 7:00 P.M.

### Thursday:

EPIC (Youth): 6:00 P.M.  
Praise & Worship  
Practice 7:00 P.M.

### Friday:

College and Career  
Group 7:00 P.M.  
Men's Ministry  
Fellowship: 7:00 P.M.  
(Every 2nd & 4th Friday  
At the Mission)

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