



# The Newsletter

October 2011

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

### Our Pastor

*This pastor appreciation poem reminds us of the importance of pastors in our lives and of how we should respond.*

Have you ever walked  
in our Pastor's shoes,  
And gone where his feet  
have trod?

Have you ever thought  
of what he  
means to us,  
And on your knees,  
given thanks to God?

Have you ever told him  
thank you,  
For being there, when  
times are tough,  
For comforting words  
and fervent prayers  
When trials come and  
the storms of life are

rough?

He answers our calls in  
the middle of the night  
And tells us not to  
worry, for he will be  
there.

He gives up his comfort  
of quiet rest  
And comes with prayers  
of comfort  
to share.

Have you ever thought  
to say thank you Pastor,  
For preaching God's  
word to help us  
understand,

For all the times he has  
asked for things  
That will lend us a  
helping hand?

When you pray, put him  
at the top of the list  
And ask the Lord to

surround him with loving  
care,

To give him strength  
and walk with him,  
To help him with the  
burdens that he  
must bear.

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A Pastor Appreciation  
Poem by Judy Crowe

***Thank you Pastor and  
Amber for everything  
you do and all of the  
sacrifices you make  
for our church!***

## Ways to Bless Your Pastor

In honor of Pastor  
Appreciation Month—  
here are some ways you  
can bless your pastor:

1. Take your  
relationship with God  
seriously. What  
encourages your pastor  
the most is when they  
see you living out the

gospel and putting into  
practice Godly precepts.

2. Tell your pastor when  
you find the sermon  
encouraging, insightful or  
challenging.

3. Look for ways to  
honor and thank them  
publicly. (Individuals will

also pick up that this is  
not a negative gossiping  
church.)

4. Tell their spouse,  
colleague in ministry or  
close friend that you  
appreciate their gifts  
and ministry. The  
positive feedback will  
reach them indirectly.

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### Special points of interest:

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- Harvest Party

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## Pastor's Corner

### 40 DAYS OF FAITH

God says faith is important. And, God wants to develop faith in your life. Between Wednesday, Oct 12 and Sunday, November 20, we are going to look at how God wants to develop faith in our lives. **40 Days of Faith.**

And we are going to talk about the five types of faith that God wants to develop in us. Join us as we grow our faith through an emphasis on Monday night prayer, Bible Studies and Sunday worship services. Share your faith by inviting someone.

#### **Sunday Service Schedule:**

Oct 16

Kick Off Sunday: Expecting The Best

Oct 23

Future Faith: Growing My Faith By Taking Risks

Oct 30

Active Faith: Growing My Faith By Giving It Away

Nov 6

Testing Faith: Growing My Faith Through Friendship With God

Nov 13

Hopeful Faith: Growing My Faith By Not Giving Up

Nov 20

Hopeful Faith: Growing My Faith By Not Giving Up

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### October

1 - Lauren Cooney  
 1 - Madelyn Cox  
 2 - Jim Rhine  
 4 - Robert Harris  
 7 - Cathy Cameron  
 8 - Lamont Ortiz Jr.  
 12 -Christy Kelly  
 15 - Chastity King  
 21 – Deschaun McWhorter  
 21 -Emily Weimert  
 22 - Mike Kaczmarek

25 - Stephanie Boyd  
 27 - Nia McWhorter  
 28 - Amaya McWhorter  
 31 - Donald MacLaren



12 Richard and Lula Davis  
 25 Omar and Nancy Fernandez  
 30 Stephen and Lauren Diggs

# Harvest Party!

Fun, games and lots of candy!!

Monday, October 31st 6pm—8pm

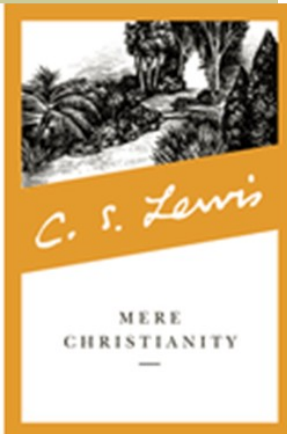


Volunteers are needed now! If you would like to run a game or decorate your car for the Trunk or Treat, please contact John Ince in the church office.



Decorate your trunk with a theme and fill it with candy, then come and park in our trunk-or-treat line so the kids can walk trunk to trunk for their goodies!

## October's Book of the Month



### **Mere Christianity**

Arguably the 20th century's most influential Christian writer, C.S. Lewis sought to explain and defend the beliefs that nearly all Christians at all times hold in common. Mere Christianity is the most popular of C. S. Lewis' works of nonfiction, with several million copies sold worldwide. Heard

first as radio addresses and then published as three separate books, The Case for Christianity, Christian Behavior, and Beyond Personality this book brings together Lewis's legendary broadcast talks of the war years; talks in which he set out simply to explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians throughout history.

## Youth Yard Sale and Bake Sale

LCCOG Youth will be having a yard sale & bake sale fundraiser on Saturday, October 15!  
Come out and support our youth!



If you would like to donate baked goods or items for the yard sale—please see one of the following youth leaders: Jeff Weimert, Isaac Gonzalez, Eli Sanchez or Bob Cooney  
Monetary donations are always welcome!



## 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!!*

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**Ways to Bless Your Pastor (continued)**

5. Realize that your Pastor doesn't have every ministry gift. As a part of the body of Christ share your gifts for the building up of the congregation.

6. Get excited about their vision for your church.

7. Respect your Pastor's Sabbath day of rest.

8. Look for ways to bless his family.

9. Offer a cottage, boat, or motor home for your pastor to enjoy.

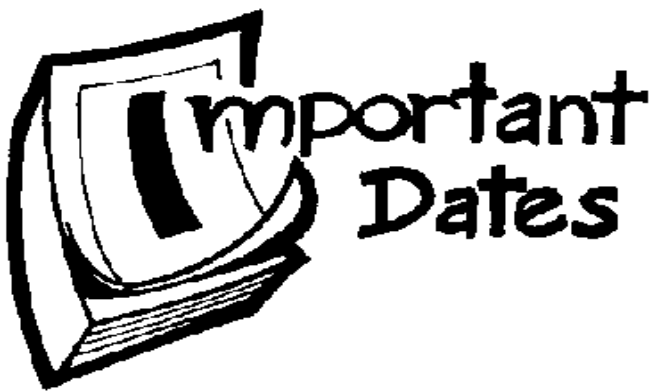
10. On social occasions avoid discussing difficult church issues with your pastor.

11. If you hear someone criticizing the pastor ask them if they have spoken to them directly. (See Tim 5:19, Matt. 5:23-24, Matt. 18:15ff)

12. Ask your pastor what jobs they find most challenging and time consuming. Offer to help out in some way.

13. If you are aware of something that is being overlooked at church consider that God may be asking you to be part of the solution.

**Upcoming Events**



Oct 9  
Pastor Appreciation Sunday!

Oct 15  
Youth Yard Sale & Bake Sale fundraiser

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Kick Off Sunday: Expecting The Best

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Future Faith: Growing My Faith By Taking Risks

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Harvest Party! 6-8 pm

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

Nov 6  
Fall back! (Daylight Savings Time Ends)

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

Nov 20  
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Nov 24  
Thanksgiving

## 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)

**Life Community Church of God—Serving God by Serving Others**



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