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From Where I Sit...

Michael D. Greene

Mary and I want to thank the Lehman Avenue family for the generous gift we received at the get together this past Sunday. We will put it in our vacation account and it will make our summer vacation a good deal better. We love and appreciate each and every member of this good church and count ourselves very blessed to be a part of this very loving and generous congregation of God's people.



Due to the holidays and the shortened work weeks, this will be the last bulletin for the year of 2011. The bulletin will resume the first week in January of 2012.



At the holiday get together, John Gott shared a few of the things this congregation has accomplished and been involved in over the past twelve months. When you are in the middle of something, it is sometimes hard to see the forest for the trees. There is a lot happening at Lehman. It is true that no one can be involved in every activity and every ministry that is ongoing here at Lehman. But as one of our members was quoted as saying to a prospective member who was asking about opportunities to be involved, "You can be as involved as you want to be."

As we bring one year to a close, it does give one a position of perspective to do a little looking backward as well as anticipating what is coming in the new year. Have you given an appropriate amount of time to the work of the Lord in 2011? What are the prospects for 2012? If 2011 was not what it should have been what will change for 2012? Remember that unless something changes, it will remain the same!

Let us all do a little healthy, critical and honest self evaluation and make a pledge to make 2012 the best year yet here at Lehman.

Gaines Explains...

Daniel Gaines

Last Sunday evening we enjoyed a wonderful holiday meal with the

congregation. It was our first since we arrived at Lehman, and we were very pleasantly surprised by your generous gift. On behalf of my family, I want to thank you for brightening our holiday season in this way. Our family has taken quite a journey over the past year, and we are very glad that the journey has led us to Lehman Avenue. You are a wonderful group of Christians and it is a pleasure to serve the Lord along side you.



A Note To You

I have created you. I've called you by name. You are mine. You are precious in my sight, and I love you. I rejoice over you with gladness. In fact, I called you into fellowship with my son, Jesus. I taught you how to walk in my ways, though you may not have realized it. So seek me day by day, and delight to know my ways. Press on to know me, and I will respond to you as surely as the coming of the dawn or the rain of early spring. Come and behold my beauty. Pour out your heart to me like water, and know the refreshment that comes from my presence.

*Love always,
Your Heavenly Father*

(The text of this letter is paraphrased directly from God's Word. Here's where you can find the verses, in the order they appeared above. Isaiah 43:1; Isaiah 43:4; Zephaniah 3:17; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Hosea 11:3; Isaiah 58:2; Hosea 6:3; Psalm 27:4; Lamentations 2:19; Acts 3:19)

Christmas Traditions

This year something happens on Christmas Day that happens every seven years. Christmas will fall on Sunday, the Lord's Day. The day we assemble together as the church of our Lord. What will we do? Do we change the hour of our services? Do we do something different because it is Christmas Day? The same questions arise a week later because the next Sunday is New Year's Day.

Rusty Hills, minister of the Portland church in Portland, Tennessee had the following in their bulletin.

Christmas Traditions

As I was growing up, Christmas was a very important and special family holiday. Traditions ran deep and routines were firmly established. It was a favorite time for all of us, especially my grandparents who reveled in having the entire family in their home for the annual festivities. I have so many wonderful and special memories of those times.

In the same way, Andrea and I have worked hard to establish traditions that will be special to our children throughout their lives. We want to fill their minds with fond memories and make Christmas a special family holiday for them as well. In order to do that, we, too, have established routines and traditions that our children look forward to and anticipate each year. It is a special time for us.

But this year, we will alter our traditions. We will do things a little differently. Not because we don't like the way we were doing it or because we feel like a permanent change is needed. This year, we will change our routine because there is a much more important appointment on our calendar. This year, Christmas Day is also the Lord's Day, and, as special and enjoyable as our Christmas traditions are, they pale in comparison to the importance of our standing appointment with the Lord and His church. The opportunity to gather with the church and worship God is special and one of the most important routines that we can instill in our children. And so, we will alter our schedule and put God first and explain to our children why it is so important, and we will have a special family Christmas holiday.

What about you? I hope that your family will be here on that Sunday morning for worship. As important as your Christmas traditions are, I hope that you will not let them come before God and the opportunity to worship Him together with the church. I'll see you here!

I hope you have a wonderful day!

Did you catch that one phrase "there is a much more important appointment on our calendar"? If not go back and reread the third paragraph of Rusty's article. If we make changes in the things we do on the Lord's Day that happens to also be Christmas Day, what are we communicating to our children and those around us? While there is no one who is a greater believer in the value of family traditions than me, our family, as will Rusty's, will alter our traditions to keep the more important appointments with the Lord.

I am also appreciative of the fact that the elders here at Lehman see the importance of doing nothing different on Sunday, December 25th and January 1st than we do on any other Sunday. As Rusty said in his article: I hope that your family will be here on that Sunday morning for worship... I'll see you here!

--Michael D. Greene

News and Notes

LIFE GROUPS

Life Group #3 will meet Sunday after Bible class for assignments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deliver fruit baskets and nursing home gifts Dec. 17
Puppet Teams practice at 4:30 p.m. December 18
Bible Bowl Practice at 5:20 p.m. December 18
Elders & Deacons meet at 4:30 p.m. December 18
Young at Heart meet at 6:30 p.m. December 21
Rosewood Manor Devotional for December 25 is CANCELED.

CYC - Please sign the sheet on MPR bulletin board
If you wish to attend. February 24 - 26

HOLIDAY MEETING TIMES

Holiday meeting times for Sunday (morning and evening) church service for December 25, 2011 and January 1, 2012 will be as per our normal schedule.

POCKET DIRECTORY UPDATE

It's time again to update the pocket directory. Please stop by the table in the MPR and check your listing and make corrections or additions if applicable. When you are finished updating your entry, please place a **check mark** beside your name. The last day to update your entry will be Sunday, **December 18**. If you fail to update your entry then it will be printed as is.

SOUTHERN KENTUCKY BIBLE INSTITUTE

SKY second term classes will resume on Tuesday, January 10 and will run through April 3, 2012. There are three classes offered:

- 6:30 - 7:20 Acts of the Apostles 2, Michael D. Greene, MAR instructor (no pre-requisite required)
- 7:30 - 9:20 Exodus, Phil Hartnady, MA, instructor
- 7:30 - 9:20 Gospel of John, Daniel Gaines, M. Min., instructor

To register, call Lehman Ave. church office at 270-843-8435 or contact Michael Greene at: mgreene@lehmancoc.org, or be present the first night of classes.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Gail Lewis is in Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington, and will be there about three weeks. She had surgery last week for an infection in her foot. If you would like to send her a card, her address is as follows:
Good Samaritan Hospital, Room 308
310 South Limestone Street,
Lexington, KY 40508
- Katina Cole has requested our prayers as she is experiencing some health problems.
Please continue to pray for: Mildred James, Harvey and Mary Stiles, Bonnie Woosley, Martha Mason, Rodger Pruitt, and Charles Cook.

FRUIT BASKET & GIFT DELIVERY

We will be meeting at the church building **this Saturday**, December 17, at 8:00 a.m. to deliver fruit baskets to our widows and widowers, and gifts to our nursing home residents. If you can help with this, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the MPR. For questions, see Larry Cole.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

- Summer Bible camp will be held June 3 - 8, 2012. This should help with planning your summer vacation and other activities.
- The first camp STAFF meeting will be held on January 14, at 8:30 a.m. at Lehman Avenue.

BIBLE SCHOOL SURVEY

Please remember to fill out a *Family Needs Assessment Survey* to aid us in fine tuning our Bible School program. You may pick up a survey located near each exit and drop it in the box provided. Sunday, December 25, will be the last day to turn in forms.

**ELDERS AND DEACONS MEETING
4:30 P.M. THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18.**

EVANGELIZE KENTUCKY
Sunday December 11, 2011

GRANT COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Attendance: 42 Contribution: \$745.00

OWENTON CHURCH OF CHRIST
Attendance: 11 Contribution: \$260.00

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Worship.....9:30 A.M.
 Bible Class.....10:40 A.M.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
 Wednesday Mid-week Service.....7:00 P.M.

Minister

Michael D. Greene

Associate Minister

Daniel Gaines

Elders

Darrell Dubree
 Bobby Gilbert
 John K. Gott
 Warren Vaughan

Deacons

Don Cole	Dan Grise	Hugh Runner
Larry Cole	Eddie Hughes	Russell Simpson
Gil Ray Cowles	Derek Johnson	Jim Tabor
Rick Emerson	Danny Jones	Roger Watt
Kevin Eubanks	Riley Keown	Rick Wheat
Butch Gilbert	Mike McGuire	Ronnie Wilson

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**December 18, A.M. Worship
 Assignments**

Announcements.....Barrett Hammer
 Song Leader.....Phil Hartnady
 Sermon.....Mike Greene
 First Prayer.....Chuck Raymer
 Lord's Supper Prayer.....Dan Grise

SERVE AT TABLE

Russell Simpson.....Justin Lohden
 Ray Jones.....Jim Jones
 Isaac Absher.....Corbin Cowles
 Jeff Coles.....Alt.....Rick Wheat

USHERS

Rick Wheat....Chuck Raymer...Rick Emerson
 Closing prayer.....William Gott
 Bus Driver.....Rick Wheat

6 P.M. WORSHIP

Announcements/Prayer.....Andy Wright
 Song Leader.....Jared McGuire
 Closing Prayer.....Justin McGuire

December 21, P. M. WEDNESDAY

Announcements.....Derek Depp
 Song Leader.....Nick Dubree

Shut In At Home

Fred Adams; Dorothy Herrington;
 Lucyrene Price; Joyce Siddens (Atlanta);
 Eugenia Smith; Geraldine Garrison; Charles
 Cook; Doug Bean; Jessie Thomas; Nellie Brown;
 Hazel Sensing; Pauline Nowicki; Ruby Wilson;
 Harvey & Mary Stiles; Hazel Sensing

In Nursing Care

Christian Health Center
 Lois Devore 203B

Morningside
 Rolena Greathouse 133