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From Where I Sit...

Michael D. Greene

Yesterday was a very good day here at Lehman. Attendance was excellent with 373 present for worship and 301 staying for Bible class. The contribution was good, too. Last night, our young men led the service. They did a super job. Dillon Gilbert, Austin Cole and Corbin Cowles led singing. Isaac Absher, Corbin and Ethan Cowen led prayers. Ethan and Austin also read scripture, and Corbin and Clint Raymer presented two fine lessons for us.

Thanks to Roger Watt who helped these young men to get this organized and for his encouragement of them. Thanks also to the parents of these young men, and to the parents of all our young folks for the encouragement they get at home to be serving and living for God. I don't know about you, but I think the future is very bright here at Lehman!

Several years ago I was asked to speak at a Youth Rally at a sister congregation. I shared what I called Mike's Five Rules for Life. One of them was: "learn to give something back." Children start life out totally dependant on others. This continues for several years. But as one grows older, there comes a time when they need to move from being dependant on others to helping others, from being a taker to being a giver. I framed that in terms of learning to give back. This you do in various ways. You pass on what you have learned and what others have given you as you grow up. You learn to share what you have with others, especially your faith. That is what makes good teachers, mentors and leaders. That is what makes just plain old good folks.

These young men and others in our congregation are learning that lesson. They have received from their teachers, mentors, leaders and parents and they are learning to give back. I pray that these young folks will understand they are passing on a great heritage to yet another generation as those even younger see them and want to emulate their example. Let us continue to encourage these young men and all our young folks to grow and to continue to give back by using their talents for the Lord.

Gaines Explains

Daniel Gaines

Are you or a loved one getting ready to start a new semester at Western Kentucky University? The college years are a crucial time in the spiritual life of a young person. This is the time when Mom and Dad's faith is no longer enough to propel a young man or woman to faithful attendance and participation at church. This is the time when a person has to "own" their faith, themselves.

This faith is attacked from several angles. New-found freedom promises the opportunity to be involved in a wilder lifestyle than was possible back home. Scholarly professors with impressive credentials will ridicule the idea of God while teaching that we are the product of chance mutations. All in all, it is a time of life when the faith of many will falter. However, studies have shown that one of the key factors in remaining faithful through this time period is active involvement in a local church.

That's where we come in. At Lehman Avenue Church of Christ we want to help you to stay strong and continue to develop a faith that will serve you well for a lifetime. We want to be your spiritual home away from home. Here you will find a biblically sound church that strives not to veer either to the right or to the left. We desire to neither bind what the Bible has not bound, nor loose what the Bible has not loosed.

Under the care of dedicated elders and deacons, our college programs continue to develop and evolve to better meet the needs of our college students. We respect that a college students funds are often limited so each Wednesday we'll come pick you up and feed you supper before Bible class. We are also planning monthly activities for fun and fellowship. There are several other exciting ideas in the works, so keep an eye out more information on things to come.

The bottom line is that we are here for you. We want to help you in whatever ways we can. So, come visit with us and see what we're all about. See you when school starts!

Heading to College!

Awesome!

Every generation by way of usage, often to the chagrin of earlier generations, makes changes in the way certain words and phrases are used. Phrases meaningful to my generation such as “far out,” “bummer,” “he’s so square,” may have completely different meanings to previous or current generations. Some words, well known to the younger generations of today may be completely alien and therefore challenging to earlier generations. For example: “joystick,” “ezine,” “eye candy,” “muffin top,” or “he is way cool.”

The temptation in such situations is to reference some authority, say the dictionary, to ascertain the correct meaning and usage of a word. That may or may not be helpful, because as we know, words change meanings with usage, not because the dictionary dictates a change.

One concept or word that I have heard used in many contexts by many younger folks today is “awesome.” Everything is awesome. Made a good grade on a test? That’s awesome. The girl you asked for a date said yes. That’s awesome. Had a good time on vacation? That’s awesome. Got a new job? That’s awesome. Your team won the big game? That’s awesome. And on it goes.

I recognize I am not going to change a whole generation’s usage of a word with this little article. But I would like to think about some things that really are awesome.

First, let’s define that word. My little electronic dictionary says it means “expressive of awe, inspiring awe...terrific or extra ordinary.” Awe is defined as: “an emotion variously combining dread, veneration, and wonder that is inspired by authority or by the sacred or sublime.”

That which is awesome is that which is inspired by authority or by the sacred or sublime. I am not sure that getting a yes from a potential date, winning a ball game, or passing a test fall into such a category. But I know some things that do.

That we can know of God’s creative power as we observe the wonders of His creation is awesome. Anyone who has stood at the base of Niagara Falls, or the on the rim of the Grand Canyon, or on a sandy beach and looked out over the ocean, or looked up into a starry sky on a moonless night knows what awesome means.

The shepherd boy who became king of Israel understood that: “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and

the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor” (Psalms 8:3-5).

When we take the Bible in our hands, open it, read it and by doing so come to know the very mind of God we understand and experience something that is awesome. “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law” (Deuteronomy 29:29).

When we come to understand that Jesus, the very Son of God left heaven and came to this world to suffer and die that we might be redeemed from sin we have understood something that is awesome. “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift !” (2 Corinthians 9:15).

On a more day to day level, when we observe life being created anew through childbirth, we have observed something that is awesome. That process never ceases to amaze me. Life is created. A new being is created. To look into the eyes of a child of any age and to see in their eyes the innocence, love, acceptance, curiosity, is to see something that is awesome. Perhaps that is one reason Jesus said we must become like little children in order to enter the kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 18:1-3).

To see a new spiritual creation as the seed of the word of God is sown in a good and honest heart and brings forth fruit is awesome. To see a repentant sinner who has through faith in Jesus confessed his sin be baptized and then come up out of that water a new creature, forgiven, and pure and clean of sin as the driven snow is to see something that is awesome. No wonder after such we are told in the scriptures that folks went on their way rejoicing.

Yes there are many things that we can encounter as we pass through life that really are awesome. But the common every day happenings are not among them.

—Michael D. Greene

News and Notes

LIFE GROUPS

Life Group One will meet Sunday after Bible class for assignments.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Eat Out (men too) at
Chaney's Dairy Barn at 6:00 p.m. August 16
Young at Heart at 6:30 p.m. August 17
Elders/Deacons Meeting at 4:30 p.m. August 21
Rosewood Devotional at 2:15 p.m. August 28

SUMMER SERIES

The speaker Wednesday night, August 10 will be Rusty Hills from the Portland church of Christ in Portland, TN. His topic is *What is Heaven Like?*

HOT RODS GAME

Thursday, August 18th. Sign up sheet on MPR bulletin Board or see Hugh Runner for details

ICE CREAM SUPPER

Make up a freezer of home made ice cream, or bring your favorite store bought ice cream, some cookies, brownies and the like and enjoy an ice cream supper and some good fellowship after services Sunday evening.

WKU BAGS

Last year we saw an increase in our college students attending Lehman Avenue. We are preparing 30 WKU Bags to welcome our students back. If you could donate 1-2 items on the list, we would appreciate your help. Suggestions: index cards, post-its, highlighters, small notebooks, mini candy bars, granola bars, peanut butter/cracker packs, gum, hand sanitizer, folders, glue sticks, pens, kleenex, etc. Please place these in the WKU baskets by Aug. 28.

LADS TO LEADERS

Any girl 6th grade or above who is interested in the Lads to Leaders and Leaderettes GIFTS class needs to see Peggy Runner or Joyce Johnson by this Sunday, August 7.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

In The Medical Center:

Jerry Jones, brother of Maxie and Danny has requested prayers

David Furlong, is now at home.

Casey Cooper, son-in-law of Jerry Carmichael, is making improvement. Jerry thanks us for our prayers and asks that we continue to pray for Casey.

LADIES' DAY

Our ladies' day is scheduled this year for November 12th. All ladies interested in helping with our Ladies' Day, please meet in the MPR at 5:15 this Sunday, August 7th.

YOUTH SUMMER SERIES

Monday, August 8th at the Franklin church of Christ from 7 until 8:30 p.m. The speaker will be Hoby Grace and his topic is *"For the Lord's Sake," 1 Peter 2:13-17.*

THANK YOU NOTE

August 2, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ At Lehman Avenue,

I just wanted to write you and let you know how much we here at Foundation Christian Academy appreciate all of the wonderful school supplies you collected for us. Brother Mike brought them by yesterday and I have already had teachers carrying them to their rooms like little pack-rats. Let me assure you that all of these supplies will be used to the benefit the wonderful boys and girls who will be coming through our doors next Tuesday.

With faithful friends such as those at Lehman Avenue, FCA is able to achieve tremendous success. You play a major role in helping to provide *a strong Christian foundation for students and to prepare them for spiritual, intellectual, and social growth while in a Christian setting.*

Please come by FCA and allow us to take you on a tour of our building. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you.

Yours in Him,
J. Howard White, Principal
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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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**August 7, A.M. Worship
 Assignments**

Announcements..... Braden Wilson
 Song Leader.....Phil Hartnady
 Sermon.....Mike Greene
 First Prayer..... Pete Thomas
 Lord's Supper Prayer..... Roger Johnson

SERVE AT TABLE

Leroy Johnson..... Carley Dickerson
 Ray Jones.....Jim Jones
 David Duncan.....Corbin Cowles
 Russell Simpson.....Alt.....Ethan Keown

Closing prayer.....Dillon Gilbert
 Bus Driver.....Russell Simpson

6 P.M. WORSHIP

Announcements/Prayer.....Wesley Peden
 Song Leader.....Jerry Proctor
 Closing Prayer.....Eddie Hughes

August 10, P. M. WEDNESDAY

Announcements.....Kevin Eubanks
 Song Leader.....Wesley Peden

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; Marcile
 Brandon; Ruby Wilson

In Nursing Care

Christian Health Center

Lois Devore 203B

Rosewood Manor

Flossie Haynes 114A

Morningside

Rolena Greathouse 133

Medco Center, Franklin

Willie Dunning 205B