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A NOTE FROM DAN...

Many of you have a friend or loved one who lives in a care facility in Lexington. Here at LBC, we have 20 members who are living in 10 different assisted living centers. After a year of isolation, family and friends have been able to go and visit these dear people. It's like a prison sentence has been lifted! I am so thankful for the way these elderly saints have survived a long and very tough situation. They endured many lonely days when they had to remain in their rooms, not mingling with other residents. As I have walked into the rooms of these friends, I have been greeted by pure joy on each face. Thank you again to all who have tried to write or call people who have been in isolation. But it sure makes a difference to be in the same room, face to face, and to just place a hand on a shoulder or shake a hand.

You may know Wes Buffington, one of our wonderful VIP's, who has been at National Health Care for several years following a stroke. He is 87 years old. He is representational of so many who continue to be so joyful and content even in their circumstances. The caregivers at NHC consider him a real blessing to their lives. He never complains about anything and is just thankful for all the care he receives.

He reminded me that 2 people can have identical circumstances in life and yet each can react very differently. I have known people on opposite ends of the spectrum of coping abilities. This does not at all mean there are good people and bad people. You might say there are just some who are weak and some who are strong. To the strong I say, "Praise God, you are the kind of person God can use to help the weak!" To the weak I say, "Praise God, you are the kind of person in whom God's strength is made most evident, and you provide opportunity for God's love to be shown!"

Joyfully Yours,



DAN WILLIAMS
Associate Pastor

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Bob Long | 15 Joshua Duncan | 26 Susan Teeter |
| 2 Jo Ann Sanford | 15 Chloe Deane Bradford | 26 Vickie Lefler |
| 3 Ethel Ayers | 16 Jean Jones | 26 Kenny Hammond |
| 4 Allen Austin | 16 Glenda Minehardt | 27 Sylvia Cartin |
| 5 Bascom Lynn | 17 Tom Williams | 27 B.J. Stephens |
| 5 Josephine Pearson | 17 Alice Waddell Baker | 29 Wray Freeman |
| 5 Betty Fraser | 17 Becky Nichols | 29 Mac Moore |
| 5 Brenda Muckenfuss | 17 Elizabeth Susan Frost | 29 Ron Airgood |
| 7 Doug Kinder | 18 John Reeley | 29 Deborah Harmon |
| 7 Donna Chapman | 19 Janice Shull | 29 Guy Smith |
| 8 Vie Sandifer | 20 Patsy Gunter | 30 Linda Rabon |
| 9 Elaine Hughes | 20 Kay Mitchell | 30 Grace Patti Scurry |
| 9 Gwen Altman | 20 Lee Tumey | 30 Tim Orr |
| 9 Vickie White | 21 Tommy Lybrand | 30 Wade Howard |
| 10 Janice West | 21 David Hare | |
| 10 Jim Sears | 21 Jane Brown | |
| 11 Ralph Filson | 21 Pam Turner | |
| 12 Dan Breazeale | 22 Frank Sox | |
| 12 Sheryl Heape | 22 Don Layden | |
| 13 John Lockhart | 24 Carolyn Holaday | |
| 13 Mike Keeney | 24 Ona Cates | |
| 13 Perry Goodwin | 24 Carla Kneece | |
| 14 Christy Anne Buff | 25 Jerry Moore | |

If you do not wish for your birthday to appear in "The Encourager," please notify the Senior Adult Ministry Office at 803.996.8843 or dsmith@lexingtonbaptist.org.

Connie Maxwell Picnic Saturday, May 1



We need volunteers to go with us to Connie Maxwell and help serve a picnic lunch for the children who live there! We will take the church bus and leave the parking lot at 8:45 and go directly to Hardee's in Lexington. The Picnic will be served at 1:00 PM. We should arrive home by 4:30 PM. Call to sign up! 996-8843



RIVER DISTRICT CHURCH WEST COLUMBIA: AUGUST 2-8

Family Trip – This trip will be at our church replant in West Columbia.
We will lead Backyard Bible type clubs at multiple locations in West Columbia. We will host a family night at the church and do community projects. All will lead to a Sunday morning community worship celebration. Cost is \$25 per person due with application.

I hope that we Sr. Adults can jump in on this local opportunity to help with these Backyard Bible Clubs in West Columbia. Let Mark Hathcox's Office know that you are interested in helping!!!!

VERY FUNNY!

LOCAL MAN SHOT 200 TIMES BY UPHOLSTERY GUN.
Doctors say he is now fully recovered.

John: Just bought a new hearing aid, \$2000, state of the art!
Bob: What kind is it?
John: It's 12:30.

Waiter: "How do you like your steak, sir?"
Sir: "Like winning an argument with my wife."
Waiter: "Rare it is!"

TRIBUTE TO MOM

By Russ D. Rhodes

Mom, you are a special blessing from the Lord
To help us grow up right
Learning right from wrong
Learning to choose the right
Learning all life long
Learning to fight for right
Learning a joyful song
To help us grow up righteous
Leading by your Godly example
Leading by your principled living
Leading by your powerful loving
Leading by your practical giving
Leading by your persistent praying

Thanks MOM. You are VERY special!!

Verse OF THE Month

For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12



**Cornerstone
Thursday, May 6 at 11:00am**

Eat an early breakfast because we are going to serve lunch at 11:10 this time because we are going to show the Christian movie, *The War Room*.

As Believers fighting the spiritual battles we face in this world, as greatest weapon is PRAYER. Come watch this movie with us and be inspired to take your prayer life to new heights!

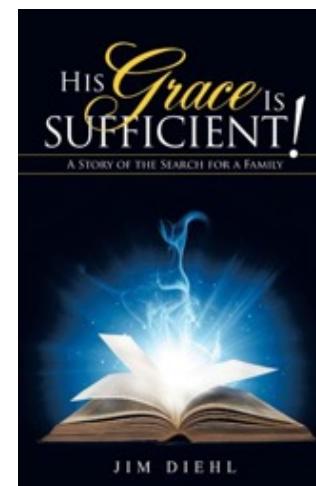
This is full-length movie of 2.5 hours, so feel free to bring a more comfortable beach chair if you would like. We will start the movie at 11:30 so you can finish eating while the movie starts. The movie will end at 2:00pm.

Menu: Hotdogs, Chili, Coleslaw, Chips, Cookies



April Cornerstone was a blast! We had a fun time with Gospel Illusionist Jim Diehl! In this picture he made Dee Dee's ring disappear and re-appear inside a kiwi fruit!

Jim recently published his biography called "His Grace is Sufficient." Jim was encouraged to write this book because his start in life was painful as he and his brother were abandoned as infants. This book is a beautiful love story of God demonstrating His enduring love, perfect timing, and deep, abiding intimacy through the life of one man. This creative expression is not just Jim's story - it is yours.



The book is \$11.99 and can be ordered online at Walmart.com. Just type in the title. Or just get \$10 to Dan and he will get you a copy directly from Jim!

Hospital Prayer Line

For daily updates on LBC member hospital information call:
803-785-2133.