

I got an email from Randy Pim last week, assuring me that the Pim's still read our newsletter, and sharing a message that a delegate from Africa presented at the recent Methodist conference on homosexuality and same-sex marriage.

In his address he said, "We welcome all people to our churches; we long to be in fellowship with them, to pray with them, to weep with them, and to experience the joy of transformation with them. Friends, please hear me, we Africans are not afraid of our sisters and brothers who identify as...(LGBTQ). We love them and we hope the best for them. But we know of no compelling arguments for forsaking our church's understanding of Scripture and the teachings of the church universal. And then please hear me when I say as graciously as I can: we Africans are not children in need of western enlightenment when it comes to the church's sexual ethics. We do not need to hear a progressive U.S. bishop lecture us about our need to 'grow up.'"

The good news, and yet the sad news, is that by the relatively close vote of 438 to 384 the delegates managed to keep in place the church rule that said the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching.

I read something in *Touchstone* last week that bears repeating here.

"Jesus doesn't urge Peter to 'go ahead, betray me, I understand.' Jesus doesn't tell the woman taken in adultery, 'go back to your lover, because your situation is complex.' Jesus doesn't tell Zacchaeus the tax collector, 'actually, keep the money you may have unjustly taken because you need it to support your family.' Jesus dines with sinners, hangs out with prostitutes and publicans, he evangelizes the much-married Samaritan woman, he welcomes thieves into eternity. But he never confirms them in their sins, or makes nuanced allowances for their state of life; that sort of rhetoric is alien to the gospels..."

This is not some complicated esoteric reading of the New Testament; it is the boringly literal and obvious one, which is why it takes a professional theologian to dispute it." God Bless, Rick



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SHINE LSCA SUMMER CAMP 2019

Age / Grade *	Session	Date	Fees**
TRADITIONAL OVERNIGHT CAMPS			
2nd & 3rd	First Chance	July 5-6	\$85 + Canteen
3rd & 4th	Trailblazers	July 14-17	\$195 + Canteen
4th & 5th	Explorers	June 30—July 3	\$195 + Canteen
5th & 6th	Junior Camp	July 7-11	\$250 + Canteen
7th & 8th	Junior High	July 21-26	\$295 + Canteen
9th Grade	Niners	June 16-21	\$295 + Canteen
10th—Just Grad.	High School	June 9-14	\$295 + Canteen
20 +	Grown Ups	6/28-6/29	\$80 + Canteen
ADVENTURE CAMPS			
5th & 6th	Adventure 5-6	June 12-14	\$145
6th—8th (boys)	Fishing Camp	June 20-21	\$85 + Canteen
7th & 8th	Adventure 7-8	June 9-12	\$170
7th & 8th (girls)	Land and Sea	June 23-25	\$145 + Canteen
9th—JG	HS Wilderness	June 23-28	\$375
18-23 yrs	BWCA Wilderness	June 16-22	\$385
DISCOVERY CAMPS (DAY TIME ONLY—NO OVERNIGHT)			
2nd—4th	Discovery Camp 1	June 10-14	\$155
2nd—4th	Discovery Camp 2	June 17-21	\$155
2nd—4th	Discovery Camp 3	June 24-28	\$155
2nd—4th	Discovery Camp 4	July 8-12	\$155
2nd—4th	Discovery Camp 5	July 15-19	\$155
2nd—4th	Discovery Camp 6	July 22-26	\$155
SKILL BASED CAMPS (DAY TIME ONLY—NO OVERNIGHT)			
4th—6th	Activity Camp	June 24-26	\$105 + Canteen
6th—8th	Archery Camp	July 15-19	\$175 + Canteen
INTRODUCTORY CAMPS (DAY TIME ONLY—NO OVERNIGHT)			
2—3 yrs	Hello Camp 1***	July 19 (am)	\$15
4—5 yrs	Hello Camp 2***	July 19 (pm)	\$15
1st grade	Day Camp	July 18	\$45

*Grades are based on Fall 2019 **\$10 Early Bird Discount if registered before May 1

***Hello Campers are to be accompanied by one of their adults

Registration @ www.lscacamp.org

STATISTICS

Worship 116
Offering \$8,295.29

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-3/17/19

Greeters Will & Sara Bartels
Visitors' Stand Gary & Lori Gredzieleski
Communion Meditation Chris Luzio
Otto Huber
Ushers Will Bartels
Rick Polley
Bob Williamson
Duane Carrell
Chuck McLaughlin
Chad Formea
WORSHIP NURSERY
Toddlers Kristin Polley
Reagan Formea
Infants Dixie Williamson
Jeni & Kate Sperry
Sunday School
Toddlers Rhonda Luzio
Infants Julie Divjak
Rebecca Smith

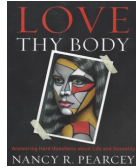
The Hidden Word

II SAMUEL 22:1-2

"And David spoke the words of this song to the Lord in the day that the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. And he said, 'The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer';"



--Lee Zimmerman back home after hospital stay due to bladder infection.
--Kevin Hendricks recovering from a severe bout of cellulitis.
--Jack Stucki's mom recovering from brain aneurysm and for her to be open to Christ.
--Families of two Glenwood grads who passed away last week.



Transgender, Transreality

"God Should Have Made Me a Girl"

"Young people today live in a society that prompts them to question their psychosexual identity as never before. Laws are being passed that treat sexual attraction and gender identity as a protected category (like race and religion) in public schools, businesses, housing, health care, prisons, and even churches. These are called SOGI—Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity—laws, and when we analyze their language we find that they assume the same two-story divided worldview we diagnosed in earlier chapters. SOGI laws are based on the assumption that a person can be born in the wrong body. Thus they set up an opposition between the body and an inner sense of being male or female, between physiological facts and subjective feelings. Christians must respond by offering a positive biblical worldview that affirms the value of the body and the unity of the human being. At the same time, Christians should be the first in line to nurture and support kids who don't 'fit in' by affirming the diversity of gifts and temperaments in the body of Christ."

Join us this Sunday evening at 6:30 as we begin chapter 6 of *Love Thy Body*, and explore the issue of transgenderism.



The community food pantry has asked us to help stock their shelves with cold cereals, chili, mayo, vegetable oil, and salt. Items can be left in the bin in the hallway.



High School Students

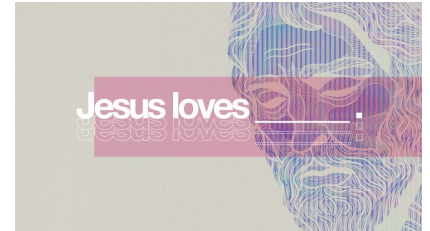
As you know, we have decided to attend the MOVE conference in Anderson, Indiana this summer. The dates are June 16th-20th. Please let me know by the end of March if you will be going this year.

The cost for these conferences continue to rise with most everything else. This year, the early bird registration special is \$309 which covers our food and lodging at the conference. Other than that, kids will need some additional money for our travel days and afternoon off in Indianapolis. So, if you are interested earning some bonus bucks to put toward this registration fee, just let me know. There are a couple things I have in mind and I promise I won't make it too painful!



This Sunday, Kerma will be here to introduce the theme for the summer camping season at LSAC. We have already received confirmation of numerous registrations from our church. That is great! Remember, we have committed to paying 1/2 of the tuition for one session of camp per child. Please see me if you need the code to enter during the registration process.

Also, consider donating some of your time this Saturday for work that needs completed before the camping season begins. Many hands make light work! We will gather at 8:30 for cinnamon rolls before we start on the projects.



Jr. High and High School

We are starting a new series for FUSE on Sunday nights! Our goal as believers is to get to know Jesus as much as humanly possible and become like Him. Our actions speak louder than words. So, leading up to Easter, we will be looking at how Jesus loves with the goal of being transformed as well.

To kick off the series, we will be playing a game providing you the opportunity to win a McDonalds gift card worth \$500. You know I am kidding, but there will be enough on there for you to treat someone to ice cream someday. This is a perfect time to invite a few of your friends to our new Spring series and then to our Spring/Summer events!



Junior High Girls

After juggling through some Spring Break commitments, a new date has been identified for the annual Jr. High Beauty Pageant at the church. The pageant will be held the evening of Monday, March 25th. Pizza will be delivered to the church at 6:00pm for you to munch on before the festivities begin. After the pageant, there will be an overnighter either at the church or at the Huber house depending on the number of girls attending. Pick up will be at 11:00 am the next morning.