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The Church were you can't possibly "NOT" fit in!

Thanksgiving

By: Neil Seow

Most families have their Thanksgiving traditions and we have ours, and over the years our extended family has just become a little bigger. If you've ever spent any time with our family, you know food is going to be involved. As long as I can remember the most important things during our family get-togethers were God and food (not always in that order). So it just seemed like a natural fit when the opportunity presented itself for us to assist the church with its annual Thanksgiving dinner.

2003 was the first time SLCC hosted this event. Our family showed up around 9:00 and before you knew it, we had unintentionally run everyone out of the kitchen and just took over from there. That was the first time that we had ever served together as a family and I think we all knew from that point on that it would need to be a more important part of our lives. We approached the church in 2005 with the idea of our family becoming the unofficial host of the Thanksgiving dinner, and they agreed.

We are now heading into our 15th year being a part of this event and it hasn't been without its ups and downs. Mistakes have been made, the weather hasn't always been cooperative and things haven't gone exactly how we have always hoped. With that being said, it has always been a great joy and we feel so blessed that God has continued to use us in this way. Just as important as it is that our family participates is the fact that we get to do this alongside our church family. These dinners would not be possible without the prayers and efforts made by the wonderful people here at SLCC. It has become something I believe that we all look forward to every year and it is always a joy to work together to serve and show love in Jesus' name.

I am amazed every year of all the wonderful people who come, not only to serve but to be served. We are all called to use our gifts and for our family it is a privilege and an honor to serve in this manner. God continues to pour out His wonderful blessings on us here at South Louisville and I pray that we are always humble enough to allow Him to use us for His Glory.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 says, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."



Family Ministry Report

We are truly blessed with talented youth, and here is an example, a poem from one of our teen youth.

“Wisdom comes after understanding.

Understanding is after thought.

Thought is after observation.

Christ Followers,

Take up your cross.

My generation is coming forward.

When we grow older,

We will either use the wisdom

You did or did not give us.

Please think about what you do,

And about what you say.

We are watching.

And it all starts with an observation.”

We have had a great summer and we are now headed into our winter events and I am looking forward to spending some time with our families. We will have overnights, and one-night events coming up, so please be on the lookout for times and dates. In addition, this year our older youth will be performing a Christmas play for both our church family and our Wednesday night guests on December 20th.

Parents we need your help with several areas-

-Nursery Help

-Update your Kid Check information

-Wednesday Night support

Please pray that God will bring us volunteers.

Thank You Ron Matthews



Joey's Jottings

I don't think many of you will remember but years ago I used to write a weekly article for the SLCC newsletter. I called my article Joey's Jottings. So that's why I'm using that heading. My topic for this article is Louisville Bible College (LBC).

LBC is once again providing quality Christian training and education for those living and working in the Louisville area. The Louisville Bible College website states the mission of LBC is to “Educate preachers and other Christian leaders for Christ’s church.” The credit hours are very affordable with quality professors once again led by Dr. Tom Mobley as president and Dr. Jason Anderson as registrar.

LBC offers three kinds of enrollment.

- 1) Audit Classes: affordable and stress free Biblical training as you attend and study alongside the degree candidates.
- 2) Undergraduate classes can be applied to Christian degree programs of one, two and four years. Earned hours for each of these degrees can be applied to the next length program until you achieve your Bachelor’s degree in your chosen field of Christian education.
- 3) The LBC Graduate Degree Program allows you to achieve a Master of Sacred Literature degree with concentration in either Bible or Practical Ministries.

The current semester at LBC offers weekly study in the traditional class room, in weekend modules or in outreach classes. Current classes include Old Testament Survey, Orientation to Christian Service, Paul's Letters to Corinth and Rome, Letters from Peter, Christian Doctrine, Christian Evidences, World Religions, Methods of Teaching, Counseling Substance Abusers and Counseling Principles in Jesus' Ministry. These classes are just the beginning of the list. Next semester's class schedule is not out yet. Check it out at www.louisvillebible.net or call (502) 231-5221.

Here are some graduates of LBC you may know: Theo Dues, Charles Smith, Peggy Smith, Melvin White, Denny Dillman, Joey Davidson, Charlie Burgin, Jim Myers

Greetings South Louisville Christians!

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This church was my first professional ministry. When I came here, I had no previous experience as a Sr. Minister. So I immediately sought out mentors. I wanted to find men who had the experience I needed, and were willing to share that experience with me. My greatest mentor has been Bob Russell. From my first months here, he has helped guide me through ministry and church leadership. I trust Bob's counsel. I learn from his lessons. So when Bob Russell recently wrote a book called, "After 50 Years of Ministry: 7 Things I'd Do Differently and 7 Things I'd Do The Same" – I made sure I read that book.

One of the things that Bob said he would do differently is that he would have invested much more in the young people of the church; he would have done more to guide young people toward careers in ministry. I decided to learn from my mentor's lesson, and do whatever I can to inspire young people to enter the ministry.

That brings us to the 115th anniversary celebration of South Louisville Christian Church. We celebrated that anniversary earlier this month, and if you were here then you already know that the entire service was led by our youth. Children led us in praise and worship. Children led us in our time of Communion and Offering. And children preached the Word of God. I could fill up the next two pages with words of praise for those children. They did an amazing job. Whether or not you had children up on the stage that day, you should be very proud of the children of this church.

There were two reasons we turned our anniversary celebration over to our children: The first is because of the lesson Bob Russell learned – that one of the most important functions of the church is to help guide young men and women into professional ministry. I firmly believe that in the coming years there will be men and women who are passionate about the ministry, and they will always remember that SLCC was the place where their passion was born. Can I get an "Amen?"

The second reason we turned our anniversary celebration over to our children is because our anniversary is a way of looking back and celebrating the long and powerful history of this church, but it is also a very important time for us to look forward. When you are driving your car, it's important to occasionally glance in the rearview mirror to see what's behind you, but it is far more important to keep your eyes fixed on what is ahead of you. The same truth applies to the church. What's behind us is important – but it is more important to keep your eyes fixed on what is ahead of us. Those children that you saw leading our worship service – those children that were singing – those children that were playing instruments – those children that gave the Communion and Offering meditations – those children that handed you the Communion cup and bread – those children that boldly preached the Word of God – those children are what's ahead of us. Many of you have loved and labored and sacrificed for this church for a long time; and you want to know that this church will continue to be loved when you are gone. Our 115th anniversary service proved that it would be.

I am grateful to every one of the beautiful children who helped lead that service. I am grateful to every one of the parents who bring their children here (I know that it's not always easy.) I am grateful to our staff, and particularly to our Family Minister, Ron Matthews, who has invested so much in the children of this church. I am grateful to the Women's Ministry for the wonderful fellowship meal that followed our service. I am grateful to each one of you who has supported SLCC. Our 115th anniversary is only possible because of your support. And I am so grateful to our God, who, in 115 years has never taken His hand from us, and who still reminds us – **"I know the plans I have for you; plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future."**

God's very best to you,
Pastor Theo



YOUR Metro Christian Legal Aid Clinic

By Pat Davidson

Do you suppose people think “if it SOUNDS too good to be true, it’s PROBABLY NOT true”??

When Metro Christian Legal Aid (MCLA) opened its office in South Louisville Christian Church and started the every-Wednesday-clinic, it seemed like a “*sure thing.*” Surely the surrounding neighborhoods have unmet legal needs and unanswered legal questions. Surely SLCC members, families, friends, acquaintances, and everyone in the stores, businesses and homes nearby would be thrilled to come to this FREE WEEKLY CLINIC offering legal counsel and the love of God to all who come.

So far, the clinic has the capacity to serve lots more people.

Please tell everyone: it is TRUE!

Not only are legal questions answered but each client receives prayers and spiritual encouragement from both Attorneys and Client Advocates.

Please tell everyone: it is REAL!

MCLA Clinic is open EVERY Wednesday, 4 to 6 pm. No appointments, just walk-in. (NOTE: The clinic will be closed the day before Thanksgiving and the last two weeks of December.)

AND, by the way, if you can spare a couple of hours once a week, once a month, or even every once in a while, would you like to volunteer?

VOLUNTEER NEEDS: Typists, Prayer Warriors, Hospitality folks, Attorneys, folks with Lovely Handwriting, or people able to help with occasional tasks like Envelope Stuffing.

Mark Your Calendars

- Food Distribution
Nov. 4 & 18, Dec. 2 & 16
- Women’s Ministry Mtg.
Nov. 13, Dec. 11
- “Armor of God”
Nov. 6, 20, & 27
- Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov. 23 – 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- Miracle Dancers
December 9 - 10:30 AM
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
December 15 & 16 – 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

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