



Thank you sweet church family for your continued prayers and support of our youth. We appreciate so much that many of you contribute monetarily to our youth and also hosting us in your homes. We continue to meet each Wednesday night from 6:45-7:45 for fellowship and Bible study and on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for Sunday School. On the second and fourth Sundays we load up the church van and fellowship/pray at Bojangles. We welcome any youth from 12-18 years of age to join us for fellowship.

#### Some upcoming events:

**Friday, June 29**, Palace Pointe from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for bowling, pizza and the arcade.

**Saturday, July 14**, Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, July 15**, Youth Sunday - Our youth will lead in morning worship as leader and through song.

**Monday, July 30 - August 3**, Youth Mission Trip to Morehead City/Atlantic Beach, NC: Our youth will travel to Atlantic Beach early Monday morning, July 30 and arrive to work at the HOPE MISSION in Morehead City, NC. Hope Mission is a soup kitchen/thrift store and recovery center. The youth worked in this mission last year and enjoyed the experience. We will work at the mission on Tuesday as well. While we are there, we will fellowship on the beach and have Bible study including daily devotions lead by the youth. Pastor Jon and Charis plan to chaperone the trip as well and we are so happy that they are giving of their time to get to know us and work with us. We will also take an island tour one day while we are there and visit another attraction. We appreciate again your generous support that allows us to take this trip. We hope to make it an annual event.

If you would like to host the youth one Friday or Saturday night in the coming months, please contact Tina Kennedy at 336-583-9862.

Please continue to pray for the youth. They are such a wonderful blessing to me and to this church. The time and resources we invest in them will always return great dividends.

**We love and appreciate you!!**  
**Tina and the Youth of LMBC**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your Calendar so you can join us for the coolest day of the summer, Saturday, July 14! We are going to have a (Snow) Ball of a time at Polar Blast!!

Helpers needed!! So if you are willing to brave the Cold! Please contact Jennifer Lunsford @ 336-598-2277



## Sunday School



"Relying on God has to begin all over again everyday as if nothing had yet been done."

.....CS Lewis

### Guess Who?

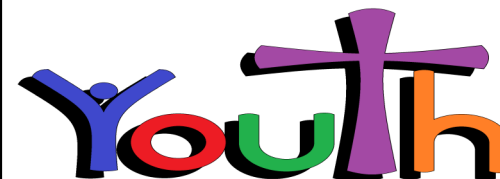
Grows a garden every year, see them sometimes at the farmers market, enjoys bojangles food, Need a favor they are the ones to call. Always in SS and church with a smile.

Hope to see you in Sunday School!!!



## LAMBERTH WANTS YOU TO JOIN OUR FELLOWSHIP!!

We meet each Wednesday Night for a meal at 6:00 p.m. and at 6:45 p.m. for Youth Class, Children's Class, and Adult Bible Study, 7:45 p.m. for Choir Practice.



Join our youth every Wednesday  
At 6:45 p.m.

## Lookin' in the Library



Two weeks ago I was browsing the library, looking for a good book to read and found a 94 page gold colored hardback book written in 1966. The pages have turned yellow with age and the name of the book is **Not Me God** written by Sherwood Eliot Wirt. He said he worked on these pages over ten years at odd moments and the content is neither revelation nor inspiration. The thread of the story is fictitious language and the intent is to set forth the language of the heart. This little book is a dialog between man and God. It begins with the man getting ready for work one morning. (a job he is not happy with) He calls out to his wife for clean towels, no soap in dish, a razor blade that is pulling. He says "**Oh God, how can I stand another day like this?**" He hears an answer to that question and more as he was shaving, to the point he thinks he is hallucinating. The dialog begins and it takes some time for the man to realize it is his Heavenly Father talking to him. After some time and much dialog, the man asks Jesus into his heart and received grace and was preparing to be a servant but became discouraged and didn't feel like he was growing spiritual. The Father tells him: "Before I want your service I want you. If you let my Spirit fill you, He will put words in your mouth. You prepare; He will declare."

After much work on the man's self-pride and self-will he became a speaker of the gospel. One night after his talk two men came up to him and one hinted that he was a liar and the other seemed convinced that he was a psychotic. The man was not able to change either opinion much but he did

realize that there are many hungry hearts desiring to have in their lives what Jesus has to offer.

Six months into the dialog between man and God, God said to the man, "I have called you for a purpose. From now on, every hour of your life is to count toward it. I want your obedience. I want your reality. To live in My Spirit is to walk in My Spirit. Nothing is as satanic as spiritual pride. By now the man is desiring to be the man God wants him to be and remarked, "Father, I am so glad you spoke to me that day I was shaving. I see now that this is the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. I want to share it with all people. Maybe my gifts are limited, but the need is there. God said, "My son, you are one of my common children, and you are about to become even more. That is what it means to be chosen.

This man could not believe that he was material that God could use and as I read I wondered how many people are missing out on the best life just by thinking "Not Me, God". Small but interesting book and it's in our library.

*Lorene Eggleston*



## Lamberth on Mission Focus:



### And the Snacks and Prayers Continue!

On the first Tuesday of each month, Lamberth shares snacks with those in the Person Memorial Hospital surgical waiting room—along with our prayers.

**Delivering this Month:** Tricia Davis



## THE LAMBERTH LANTERN

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### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS MATTER

*From the Pastor*

If there is one thing we can be certain of, it is that Christendom is a call from God to be a scattered people. In Zechariah we read, "*I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries.*" (Zech. 10:9) But have we become too complacent and comfortable with our faith and our Christian walk?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a twentieth century theologian, spent a substantial amount of time alone in a prison cell before his execution for his involvement in a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler. If there was an individual who understood the importance of community it was Bonhoeffer. In his book *Life Together*, Bonhoeffer shares the significance of Christian community, writing:

The believer lauds the Creator, the Redeemer, God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the bodily presence of a brother. The prisoner, the sick person, the Christian in exile sees in the companionship of a fellow Christian a physical sign of the gracious presence of the triune God.

We long to be together! We need each other on this journey for we cannot do it alone. Sunday's are significant—but are they enough? In the first century church we see examples of Christians meeting as often as possible to study, worship, and dine together. Shouldn't we, who are gifted with the freedom of Christian community, gather as often as we can?

We are about a month into our first Wednesday night study together about the Spiritual Disciplines by Richard J. Foster. Being intentional with our faith can be incredibly difficult, we are seeing that first hand! But it's absolutely necessary. You will not grow if you are not intentional. You will not make time for these disciplines if you are not intentional.

Many in the Church are arguing that Wednesday nights are a thing of the past. Our schedules are packed now and it's much harder to get everyone together. Maybe so. But let's try to be intentional with our time. If you can, we'd love to have you join us. And if you can't, well find a group of fellow believers you can meet with regularly and share in study, prayer, and fellowship. But whatever you do be intentional about your relationship with God.

God has called us into community and we are incredibly blessed to have it here at LMBC. You don't have to be perfect to come you just have to be present and invested. It is not our gathering that makes us holy, but instead the Holy that calls us to gather.

Grace & Peace,  
Pastor Jon