QUARTERLY

Fall **25**

A Note from David

Senior Pastor

Dear LCBC Family and Friends,

We are so thankful to the Lord Jesus that He is at work in our lives as a church family. One evidence of that fact is that He is providing what is needed for LCBC to continue to serve Him. As we started a special fundraising opportunity to complete our building renovations, we did it to be a part of what He has already done. He is

the reason that we are debt free, after all the construction and renovations that have been completed. We, as a church family, have been a part of that process through giving beyond our tithes. Our tithing is giving back to God a tenth of what He has entrusted to us as stewards of His kingdom. Our offerings above those tithes are like special sacrifices to show our appreciation to God for all the sacrifices He has made on our behalf. Room For God's Children has been to mechanism God has used to carry us through the process. Though we cannot give equal amounts, we can make equal sacrifices for His glory. We are always, reminded that God is not really about building buildings. The purpose of the buildings is to give us a platform to do what He has given us to do Make Disciples that Make Disciples. We can, and will, engage with people in these same kinds of works in our homes. As Hebrews 10:25 reminds us, there is something about meeting corporately to worship Him and to learn and apply His word.

Regenesis has given us a reason to slow down and consider if our first love for Him is real and still growing. We are also watching to see what He left us in this world to be and to do. All His faithfulness reminds us that we are here to Impact our community with the truth of Jesus! We hope to see more people join us in serving Jesus as a result of a LCBC ministry fair and an open house in 2026.

A NOTE FROM BRIAN

Associate, Youth and Young Adults Pastor

Youth

I, and many others behind this event, are very excited for our very first Purpose Weekend Youth Retreat this November! It is our prayer that this weekend will provide a meaningful time of worship, fellowship, and encouragement for our students and leaders as we seek Christ together.

What is Purpose Weekend? Imagine if you will a Disciple Now (DNOW) weekend on a larger scale. It is a collaborative event between many student ministries within the GTBN (Golden Triangle Baptist Network) in which LCBC is a member of. The dates for this event are November 22-23 and will be held at the East Texas Baptist Encampment in Newton (the same place that summer camp is held). The cost for this event is \$60 per student. Please join me in prayer for this event, the students, the leaders, and all involved in putting together this amazing opportunity.

If you are interested in signing up your teen (7th -12th grade) for this event or for more information please reach out to me, check our Facebook, check the church website, or go to https://www.purposeweek.com/weekendretreat.

Hot Hearts '26 is also just around the corner: Saturday January 24th. There is a great line-up of speakers and musical artist for this event. The speakers are Shane Pruitt who serves as the National Next Gen Director for the North American Mission Board (NAMB) and Greg Stier who is a champion for unleashing this generation with the gospel and founder of the Dare 2 Share Ministries. Worship will be led by Breakaway Worship which is a collective of worship leaders, musicians, and songwriters dedicated to lifting high the name of Jesus on the campus of Texas A&M and wherever they go. Jervis Campbell will be the concert artist for this event. He is a Christian Nashville-based artist from North Carolina, and you can find him on platforms such as Spotify to check him out

There are still some open spots to sign up your teen for Hot Hearts and the cost for this event is \$45 for each student. Please see me or visit https://www.hothearts.org/ for more information.

During Wednesday night youth group, we are continuing our journey through *Not My Jesus: Reclaiming the Truth, Rejecting the Idols* study by Shane Pruitt. In this study, the students get to know the real Jesus, seeing Him through the Bible. Jesus doesn't change based on our feelings or opinions; He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It is only this Jesus who can save and transform our lives. We are identifying ways that many misunderstand Jesus by comparing the Jesus of Scripture to counterfeit versions shaped by preferences, opinions, and culture.

On Sunday nights at 5pm Kelley is leading the youth girls through Cindy Bultema's book *Live Full, Walk Free: A Journey through 1 Corinthians* learning to live set apart in a sin-soaked world. If you would like more information about this time of discipleship, please reach out to her.

One last note: The mission for Cypress Students is for our students to **Impact their Generation with the Truth of Jesus**. Three things to help us in this missional goal is for the students to **Know Truth, Live**

Truth, **and Share Truth**. All the events that we offer and all the times of study that we offer, help guide and grow our students to live a life secure in Christ and to make that **IMPACT!**

Young Adult,

We are finishing out the year with a celebration at 5Under with the completion of *Gentle and Lowly*. We will begin a new book series in January with *Dear Judas*. There will also be a Christmas Party at Kelley and my house for the Young Adults.

A NOTE FROM KYLER

MUSIC & CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Hello church family!

We had a full summer with camps and VBS for our Cypress Kids. Thank you all for your hard work and help! As we go into the fall semester, our Children's and Nursery ministries have started a new curriculum that teaches our children how to give an answer for their faith in today's world. Please join me in praying for our Children's and Nursery teachers as they encourage our children in their faith. Also, the month of October is very exciting for us as we have a spot in the Shangri-La Scarecrow Festival! Please come out and take a walk to see what our Cypress Kids have put together! Lastly, our annual Trunk-or-Treat is happening on October 31st so be on the lookout for details coming soon.

For our music, Christmas is coming and with it, our Christmas special! Our choir is currently practicing for a Christmas performance to be done in December. If you have been wanting to join the choir, there is no better time than right now! Also, we have some other Christmas surprises in store including in-house caroling. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, feel free to come to our practices on Wednesday nights starting at 7pm.

A NOTE FROM KELLEY & SARAH

Women Ministry

As we draw near to the end of the year, let's prepare our hearts for the last couple of months ahead. This month, we have our fellowship gathering, and afterward, we'll get the special opportunity to help our sister in Christ, Rebekah Gerstenberg, set up for her baby shower and celebrate the beautiful blessing of her little one.

As is our tradition, we'll be taking a break in November to rest and recharge. Then in December, we'll wrap up the year with our much-anticipated annual Cookie Swap at Amanda Fry's house — I know we're all looking forward to that sweet time together!

Looking ahead to next year, we're hoping to shift our focus a bit - less on business and more on the Truth of Jesus and deepening our community as women of Faith. Some ideas we're currently discussing include a retreat at the lake, a mission project, and gathering more often outside the walls of the church.

We're also open to any suggestions you may have! If you feel led to share an idea or vision, we'd love to hear from you.

Let's finish this year strong, together in Faith and Fellowship.

Bible Study opportunities for Ladies:

Sunday Morning

Women's Sunday School Class led by Liz Turner

Sunday Night Bible Studies

- Sarah and the ladies are studying Daniel
- Kelley is leading 1 Corinthians with the Youth Girls and Young Adult women

Wednesday Stud

• Answers in Genesis led by Amanda Fry starting at 6pm

OUTREACH

Reaching out to our community with the Truth about Jesus is what we are commanded to do in The Great Commission (Matt 28:16-20). Outreach is not meant to be done once a week at 6 PM on Mondays, it is meant to be a way of life. Monday Night Outreach is a time that our Church Family has set aside to come together and disciple one another through encouragement, prayer, fellowship, and instruction as we reach out. It is also an opportunity to approach our community in a systematic way with gospel tools, gifts and to pair up with others who can encourage you or be encouraged by you. We don't always get the privilege of presenting the Gospel to those we meet on Monday nights, but it is a certainty that we will not have that privilege if we don't go.

Please don't rob yourself of that privilege – come and go with us on as many Monday nights as you can at 6 PM. Also consider participating in two upcoming Church Family opportunities – the Fall Festival Trunk or Treat on October 31st and the Grill and Gospel Mission on November 1st.

Yours In Christ,

David Turner Pastor

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

November 1, at LCMHS Outreach opportunity called Grill and Gospel Mission (more info to come)

