

Prayer list



Bob Belden is scheduled for a heart cath tomorrow. He will also be having an endoscopy to check up on a pre-cancerous condition seen in tests a couple of years ago.
Gay Naslund was hospitalized a couple of times over the holidays for heart tests. She had a couple of stents placed.
Carol Glenn returned to Atlanta yesterday to care for her father, **A. W. Padgett**. She has been consulting with hospice about his situation.
Jan Johnson's therapy after rotator cuff surgery is going very well.
Don Roark (Lee Ann Brown's step-father) has been undergoing tests and treatment.
Diane Kaulen (LCP teacher) has begun chemo. Pray her body remains strong enough for the five rounds of chemo and subsequent radiation.
Mark Buehrer is continuing his search for employment.
Note Mitchell continues to await additional surgery.
Ted Crigler (from McKnight) is a student at Crowley's Ridge College.
Terry Pulley, John Collett, Deb Leahy, and Barbara McKeel continue cancer treatment. *Be sure to check out Deb's caring bridge page: Debra Jo Leahy.*
Laura Glatthaar continues the long road to recovery.
Andrea Malcolm and Kristian Gumminger are preparing for marriage.

Assisted living and homebound

Delmar on the Green: Calvin Uhls 338 and Velma Barfield (Pat Beach's mother) 228;
Fountains: Weda Walden 355; **Gambrill Gardens:** Fern Orme, 312E; **Home:** Judy Cooper.

International missions

Burkina Faso: Pray for success of three new women's groups making soap in the village.
Cambodia: Pray for God to guide missionaries Dan and Ravy Wilson as they embark on new ways to reach more people effectively for Christ.
Honduras: Pray for our teens as they prepare for their trip to Honduras.
Mexico: Rochelle Aston is teaching at Lincoln Christian in Guadalajara.

College students

Azusa Pacific: Jared Pudiwitr; **Chamberlain College of Nursing:** Anna Crawford; **Crowley's Ridge:** Donovan Tritschler; **Harding:** Samuel Anderson, Eli Andrews, Maleah Brown, Michalie Brown, Blake Buehrer, Grant Buehrer, Peyton Buehrer, Emma deSambourg, Nathan Enix, Emma Fields, Austin Gray, Brendon Noyes, Jordan Noyes, Dylan Roper, Jeffrey Simmons, Caleb Uebelein, Luke Uebelein, Rachel Uebelein; **Jefferson College:** Danielle Simmons; **Lipscomb:** Karl Aston, Kendall Malcolm; **Maryville:** Laci Johnson, Lynda Oppong; **Missouri:** Ryan Shepherd; **Missouri St:** Emily Shepherd; **St. Louis CC:** Tyler Pudiwitr, Jordan Roland, Trent Ruckman; **Truman:** Brendan Wren; **UMSL:** Troy Ruckman, Emma Schwada, Ben Smith **Wash U:** Bailey Hall; **Wildwood Community College:** Makenzie Gray.

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Gatherings
Sunday mornings
 9:00am Worship Gathering
 10:30am Bible Classes
Wednesday evenings
 7:00pm Bible Classes and teenEPIC

Shepherds
 Les Keim Greg Malcom
 Jackie Roland Dan Roper
 Jim Zeller

Stats, December 18/25, 2016
 Worship 93/181
 Offering \$5,132/12,008
 Weekly goal \$8,300.00
 2016 avg. weekly offering \$8,499.13
 2016 YTD variation vs goal \$10,354.75
 Ghana missions for Dec \$536.00

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Worship Gathering · January 8, 2017

Singing..... Alan Shepherd
 When we sing from our hearts and minds we praise God and encourage each other.

Come, Thou Almighty King #19

We Have Come Into His House #296

Shepherd's welcome Les Keim
 We welcome and accept one another as Jesus welcomes and accepts each of us.

*Forever**

Boundless Love #325

Communion Luke Uebelein
 All followers of Jesus are invited to participate as we remember and proclaim Jesus in the Lord's Supper. The bread is the body of Christ. The juice is the blood of Christ.
 Gluten free bread is available in the kitchen.

There Is A Redeemer #287

Offering Luke Uebelein
 We worship God by giving God the first fruits of our income to express both thanks and trust. We seek to honor God as we give joyfully, generously, sacrificially, and dependably.

He Is Exalted #60

Thy Word #449

Reading of Matthew 3:13-17 Paul Stone
 We invite God to shape us as we listen attentively to God's Word.

Sermon: *The Heavens Opened* Bob Clark
 Preaching is a time of worship: God is revealed and we respond with our hearts and lives.

Prayer opportunity Les and Carol Keim
 If you would like to pray, exit the back of the worship center, turn left, and you will find the prayer room on the right just past the kitchen.

*What The Lord Has Done In Me**

Wonderful Grace of Jesus #112

Child care Karen Andrews and Mariana Andrews
 To drop off children (up to their third birthday), exit the back of the worship center into the foyer, turn left, and you will find the nursery at the end of the hall. Children are to be picked up immediately after the gathering.

*#Songs of Faith and Praise Songbook; *Song sheets - available at the Welcome Center*

Welcome to Lafayette



Whether you are a first-time guest or have been gathering with us for some time, we are glad you are with us today. We are a family of Jesus-followers who gather each week to worship God and scatter each week to reflect God. Thanks so much for worshipping with us. Please join us in reflecting God throughout the week.

Please complete a blue guest card from the back of the worship center seats and place it in the offering tray as it passes you. We would love to be able to contact you to say hello. If you would like to know more about being a Jesus-follower, being baptized, or becoming a part of Lafayette, you are invited to meet with those in the prayer room just after the sermon. *Turn left as you exit the back of the worship center; the prayer room is on the right just past the kitchen.*

3 Things to Know This Week

1 Congratulations

At Lafayette we love to rejoice with those who are rejoicing. Three of our women have recently graduated from college. **Renee Aston** graduated from Harding University with a BSN in nursing. She plans to move to Nashville in early March and begin serving God through her career in nursing. **Lizzy Smith** graduated from Lipscomb University with a BA in theology and ministry. She plans to begin graduate studies in theology to prepare for a career in ministry. **Erin Williams** graduated from UMSL with a BS in psychology. She is job hunting and planning to begin a graduate program in social work at UMSL. Please pray for these women as they begin serving God in a new way in the days to come.

2 Neighborhood Interaction

Lafayette began partnering with Bread Co. back in August through their Day-End Dough-Nation program, which works with local churches and non-profits 1) to help the less fortunate and 2) to encourage those who serve our community. This has resulted in Lafayette picking up the donated goods on Sunday nights and bringing them to Selvidge Middle School and West County Care Center on Monday mornings to help those in need of both food and encouragement. If you are interested in hearing more details of this ongoing ministry or how you can participate, please see or e-mail Kyle Johnson.

3 Shower

As followers of Jesus we follow the one who taught us, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). On Sunday, January 29 at 1:00pm we will have an opportunity to give blessings to Lindsey Keim Hedrick at a baby shower in the fellowship hall. Save the date!



Word of Encouragement

God is love. God loved us so much that God gave us Jesus. God loved us while we were sinners. Let that sink in for a minute. Love. Deep love. Sacrificial love. Unconditional love. Remember these truths the next time you begin to believe the lies of the adversary, the accuser. Whatever your situation or circumstances, remember this core truth: you are loved deeply by God. — Bob Clark

Angel Tree Report

The Angel Tree gift-giving to "adopted families" was a huge success this year! One family wrote to us and said, "You are appreciated more than you will ever know." Another family said, "We can't thank you enough for what you have done for us this year."

The Angel Tree project is part of the Neighborhood Interaction at Lafayette Church of Christ. The project involved working with three local schools: Selvidge Middle School, Woerther Elementary School, and Ballwin Elementary School. We "adopted" two needy families who were identified by the social worker and counselors at Selvidge Middle School. Gift requests from these families were written on paper angels and hung on the church Christmas tree. Church members then selected items they wanted to purchase for the families. Many angels also requested gift cards to be purchased, and these were given to needy families at the two elementary schools.

We had a total of 48 paper angels on the Christmas tree, and all of these gifts were purchased and returned to Lafayette. We then took the items to the schools for distribution. Many thanks to all who participated in creating the paper angels and buying the gifts. Lafayette Church of Christ made a big difference for several families this year, and we interacted well with our neighborhood schools!

— Sally Blackburn

Lafayette Calendar



Jan 8 Bible classes resume

Jan 8 LTC practice 11:30am-3:00pm

Jan 9 AWARE Tutoring, 6:30-8:00pm

Jan 10 Bible study for women begins a study of Jeremiah, 10:00-11:30am

Jan 15 LTC practice 11:30am-3:00pm

Jan 20 Superset Soup Luncheon

Jan 22 LTC practice 11:30am-3:00pm

Jan 23 AWARE Tutoring, 6:30-8:00pm

Jan 26 Tutoring at North City, 5:30-7:30pm

Jan 28 teenEPIC to WinterJam

Jan 29 LTC practice 11:30am-3:00pm

Jan 29 Baby shower for Lindsey Keim Hedrick, 1:00pm in the fellowship hall

Jan 30 AWARE Tutoring, 6:30-8:00pm

Feb 2 Tutoring at North City, 5:30-7:30pm

Feb 3 LCM Movie Night, 7:30pm

Feb 4 Superset Birthday Breakfast

Feb 5 LTC practice 11:30am-3:00pm

Feb 6 AWARE Tutoring, 6:30-8:00pm

Feb 9 Tutoring at North City, 5:30-7:30pm

Feb 11 LCM Superset Tea 9:00-11:00am at the church building

Feb 12 LTC practice 11:30am-3:00pm

Feb 13 AWARE Tutoring, 6:30-8:00pm

Feb 16 Tutoring at North City, 5:30-7:30pm

Feb 17 Superset Valentine Luncheon at Carol Glenn's house

Feb 17-19 teenEPIC to Winterfest

Feb 19 LTC practice 11:30am-3:00pm

Feb 23 Tutoring at North City, 5:30-7:30pm

Feb 24-25 Retreat for Lafayette Women at Toddhall Retreat Center in Columbia, IL

Area Events Calendar



Jan 15 CFS distributes Timothy Cans

Jan 17 North City New Volunteer Orientation, 5:30pm

Feb Marriage Month for CFS

Feb 23-25 National Urban Ministry Conference in Raleigh, NC

Feb 26 ACTS celebrates 20 years with A. J. Bennett, 2:00pm at McKnight