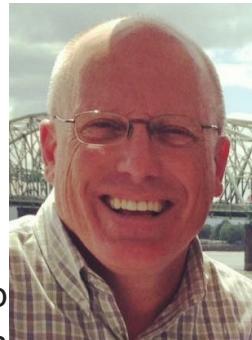


This Sunday...

"Loving God Naturally"
Psalm 19

When it comes to having a close and vital relationship with the Lord, there are some that find that connection out of doors. What is it about being outside that helps us see the handiwork of God, calm our anxious hearts, and draws us to deeper truths about Him? Join us this Sunday as we look at, "Loving God Naturally."



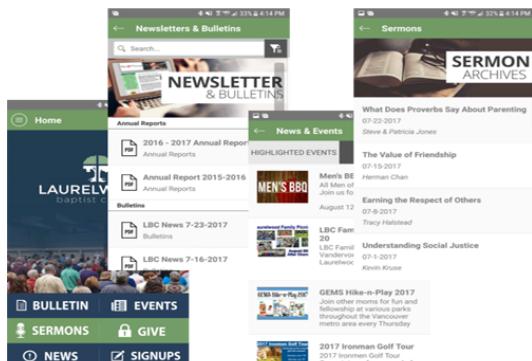
Ministry Focus

Operation Christmas Child

IT'S A PARTY!! November 18th, Sat. 10 am will be our all-church Operation Christmas Child shoe box packing party. All are invited to

help put together our shoe boxes. We hope to make each box more personal by having everyone enclose a note and picture. We encourage everyone to bring a family picture or school picture and note or letter to include in each box. This gives a face and personal touch to the child who receives the box that you packed. If you want to contribute to the \$9.00 per box shipping cost, that can be put into the offering marked for OCC. We want prayer for our packing party and prayer that the children getting our boxes will not only be blessed in their physical life but that they will be spiritually changed with the Gospel story. Check out our display in the foyer and get any questions answered about Operation Christmas Child. **WE
ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU TO BE PART OF THE MINISTRY OF
SHARING THE GOSPEL TO CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
AROUND THE WORLD.**

LBC News & Event | Registration



Laurelwood Baptist Church Mobile App

View the church calendar, upcoming events, sign up for classes & events, listen to the recent sermons, view bulletins, submit prayer requests and much more!

Online/App Giving is ACTIVE! Click on the "Give" button on the app or website and set up an



Volunteers Needed:

Everyone is welcome to come help us decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 2nd

account. [Give it a try!](#)

from 9am to noon. Hope to
see you there!



Kids Choir Begins November 19th!!

*Every Sunday after church in the Kidz Worship Room from
November 19th through December 10th*

Laurelwood is inviting any and all children to be involved in this year's Kids Choir. We will be performing at the Laurelwood Christmas Service on December 10th at 6:30PM.

Practices will be every Sunday immediately following the worship service in the Kidz Worship Room. The first practice will be on November 19th and practices will only last for approximately 15 minutes each Sunday. Additionally, there will be a Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 9th @ 6pm

The Kids Choir is open to all children 5 Years through 5th Grade. No auditions required; any child who likes to sing is welcome! So please join us on that first practice, November 19th (in the Kidz Worship Room). Contact Kevin Kruse with any questions. See you there!



Rehearsals Nov. 5 & 12 Directly After Service

Christmas Family Band Rehearsals: 11/5 & 11/12

***Do you play an instrument? Do you want to be a part of
Laurelwood's Christmas Program?***

This year for Christmas, we are having a Laurelwood Family Band! Anyone who plays any instrument and wants to join can do so! All you need to do is show up for the rehearsals.

Sunday, November 5th and 12th after church is over, meet by the stage with your instrument in hand. You'll get a packet of music and then we'll practice through the songs with everyone.

Come join the fun!



Boomers Plus Annual Christmas Luncheon

At Cascade Tech Center
12200 N. E. 28th Street | Vancouver, WA 98682

Thursday, December 7, 2017
12-2pm

Featuring...

Special Speaker Calvin Blom

Teacher at Multnomah & former pastor at
Battle Ground Baptist

Music Featuring Cindy Wood

Enjoy a gourmet buffet!

Cost: \$15.00/gratuity envelopes on tables

Sign-up at the ministry table
November 19 & 26th

For questions contact: Gloria Cline 360-597-5095

LBC Outreach

46 INDONESIA

55/100 HIGH PERSECUTION

Leader: President Joko Widodo **Government:** Republic
Population: 249.9 million(36 million Christians) **Source of Persecution:** Islamic extremism
Main Religion: Islam

Despite Moderate Islam, Believers Are Persecuted by Radicalists

Claims that Indonesia would be unaffected Islamic State (ISIS), due to its special brand of moderate and diverse Islam, were shattered when an attack against a café in Jakarta in January 2016 claimed seven lives. Radical Islamic groups continue to pose serious challenges, especially when connected to international movements. Most citizens are not interested in issues of religion or minorities (as was demonstrated by a poll published in May 2016), instead they are more concerned about quick economic improvements. The government is taking the fight against extremists seriously: In July 2016 it killed the leader of the East Indonesian Mujahedin (MIT), "Santoso", in Central Sulawesi.

Pray for Indonesia

+ There have been several churches attacked in this country. Pray for the safety of believers as they attend church.

VISIT ODUSA.ORG/INDONESIA FOR MORE



Praying for persecuted believers in Indonesia

Harun* (19), a new believer in Indonesia, is facing a difficult trial. After having turned to Christ in August 2017, his father has now found his Bible, burned it, and then locked Harun in their home to face questioning from his extended family about his new faith.

As usual, he was asked if he has become a Christian. Harun answered that he is still a Muslim. Later, he said to his mentor, "I had to reply to them that way to reduce my father's and the family's anger. But in my heart, I continue to believe in Christ." His father, however, continued to lock Harun at home and kept him from going to school. Pray for Harun as he learns how to remain faithful to Christ in these difficult circumstances. In certain places in Indonesia, leaving Islam and converting to Christianity can threaten one's life. Therefore, new believers sometimes declare that they are still Muslim, even though they believe in Jesus. They continue to wear the veil, maintain Islam on their identity card, and/or go to the mosque until they are spiritually strong enough to reveal their true beliefs.

*Not his real name.

Father, we do pray today for Harun as he struggles to know how to step through the difficulties of living for Christ in a world set against him, set against Christ. Wash away any shame that remains from claiming he was still a Muslim. Increase his faith and strengthen him to stand strong in these difficult times. Holy Spirit, we ask You give him words to speak as he talks to his father, words that will diffuse his father's anger without compromising his faith. We also pray for his mentor and for other Christians in the community who must keep a distance to help keep Harun safe. And we pray for Harun's father and family that they will come to see the presence of Christ in him and turn in faith to Jesus, who is enthroned in glory. It is in the name of Jesus whom we serve, Amen.

[What is Christian Persecution?](#)

[Interactive Study](#)

For more information on how to partner with the Persecuted church go to [OpenDoors](#) or [Voice of the Martyrs](#).

Download a [Persecuted Christians November Prayer Calendar](#) to pray for

the persecuted Church all of November OR pick one up

LBC Classes & Groups | Registration

Small Groups

It's not too late to join a small group! Laurelwood has a number of different small groups that meet all throughout the week. Contact [Pastor Kevin](#) to get connected with a small group of fellow believers to grow and share life with this year!

[Click here to register for classes!](#)

Deeper Life Series

God has a desire that you become stronger and spiritually more mature. The Deeper Life Series provides solid Bible exposition through various books of the Bible to move you deeper into the Lord and the LBC Discipleship Process.

These Classes are designed to provide increasing spiritual stability and strength in your life as an adult at LBC. Special attention is given to the verse by verse explanation of what God is teaching within each paragraph of every section of the Bible book. Then these truths are applied specifically and personally to your life situation. Subjects and topics are covered when they are raised by the order of the message found in the book being taught.

Sundays at 9:00 am

Revelation Study | Rm 204 (Great Room) | Sept 3-Dec 17
16 week class taught by John Wecks

The revelation of Jesus Christ shows His glorious power to judge all the evil in God's universe that makes life miserable for all of us today. Explore heaven's worship themes with us. Learn the extent of God's grace to protect His people from the devastating judgments God will pour out on those who shake their fist at God and His Son, Jesus

Christ. Gain a clearer understanding of the overall plan of God for our world, the earth, and the universe. Learn what our priorities should be as we live today in our broken world filled with hurting people. Strengthen your confident expectation in what the Lord will do to make everything right, so that you are encouraged to work harder for the King every single day of your life.

Nov 12: God will send His most extreme worldwide judgments and destruction on the earth as a final climax of His power. Because God is the One who brings revenge on evil, we can forgive people more easily, knowing that the Lord will make everything right. We need to learn the balance between taking care of the earth and the realization that the earth's future is decided by God, not people. It is not our job to "bring in the kingdom." That's God's job.

Nov 19: Heaven rejoices in the permanent destruction of the evil world system that deceives, captures, and destroys so many people. Christians today need to feel what God feels about a cultural engagement that entices believers to marry into subtle compromises and the lure of making money.

Nov 26: Hallelujah! We will accompany Jesus Christ when He comes to the earth as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We will enjoy the marriage supper of the Lamb. Jesus will defeat Antichrist, He will strike the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron.

Dec 3: As a result of the glorious return of Jesus Christ to the Mt. of Olives, He will set up His kingdom. One day we will reign with Christ over the nations and peoples of this world, and the true problem of evil in the world will be thoroughly exposed.

Dec 10: Our eternal heavenly home city will be magnificently beautiful because the builder and maker is God.

Dec 17: The words of the prophecy of this book of Revelation are to be greatly treasured by every Christian today. Jesus is coming quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

[Register for classes here](#)

Discovery Series

Our Discovery series classes are for you to meet our pastors and leaders, hear what we believe, know our vision for discipleship and discover along the way how God is prompting you to grow in your faith. Pastor Mike's Discovery class is an introduction to our church and what it looks like to be a disciple of Christ. The other classes will unpack each area of discipleship in greater depth. Each class not only shares our faith and vision, but also practical steps for spiritual growth. Classes are offered periodically at the 9am hour as announced in the e-bulletin. While you may not take all the classes at once or in any particular order, we encourage you to plan on eventually attending them all as a way to get to know your church but also to get a clear vision for your own discipleship journey.

Sundays at 9:00 am

Dec 10 - Dec 17 | Prayer Class | Rm 306 | Pastor Mike Wilde How do you talk to God? How do you know when He is speaking to you? Why are there times when you can't seem to connect? Pastor Mike shares the key ingredients to having a fresh and fruitful conversation with God with our eyes wide open.

Jan 7 - Jan 28 | Discovery Class | Rm 301 | Pastor Mike Wilde This is the story of Laurelwood; who we are as a church, what we believe in as a fellowship, and where we are going together. We take the time to get to know one another, share God's story, and talk about the key principles of what makes Laurelwood tick.

Feb 4 - Feb 18 | Fellowship Class | Rm 303 | Sundays 9am | Pastor Mike Wilde The church is the family of God, and our heavenly Father desires us to live in love and unity with each other, whether in celebration or conflict. Learn more about God's design for his family with Pastor Mike.

[Register for classes here](#)

Other Classes/Midweek & Sunday AM

Now - Dec 3 | Grief Class | Rm 303 | Sundays 9am | Pastor Mike Wilde Learn how to offer and receive comfort for those who are

grieving with the hope and promises that the scriptures bring. He invites you to be a part of this time as we seek to express our grief and bring some closure to the loss that we have experienced.

Watch for these classes:

Financial Peace University, Love & Respect (marriage enrichment), Parenting Classes, and Pastor Mike's classes on Depression and Grief are offered periodically. Watch the bulletin for dates of the next class or contact the office to be put on the invite list and we will notify you when the class is scheduled.

Links



Click here and listen to the current sermon series.



Daily Bible Reading Guide:

Nov 13:	Acts 1-3
Nov 14:	Acts 4-6
Nov 15:	Acts 7-8
Nov 16:	Acts 9-10
Nov 17:	Acts 11-13
Nov 18:	Acts 14-15
Nov 19:	Acts 16-17

Introducing our new LBC Family Directory
"Instant Church Directory" Available online and in Your app store!

The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for the "Instant Church Directory". At the top, there is a search bar and a small profile picture. Below the search bar, there is a list of names and email addresses, such as "Pastor Mike White" and "Pastor Kevin Kratz". In the center, there is a large image of a house with trees in the background. To the right of the image, there is text: "Log in to... Instant Church Directory" and "today with your email address to view what we have listed.". At the bottom, there is a section titled "Laurelwood Baptist Church" with a "Contact Us" button. The footer contains the text: "The LBC Family Directory includes a phone app and online access! Our directory updates in real time, a printed directory will be produced upon request." followed by the church's contact information: laurelwoodoffice@laurelwoodbc.com | 360-892-1060 | members.InstantChurchDirectory.com



Bible Apps:

YouVersion

Download this App from your Phone's/Tablet's App Store. You can now find Laurelwood Baptist Church under "Events" using it to follow along with Pastor Mike during his message. (Note... "Events" not supported on some tablets.)



LBC Budget

Budget To Date 271,389

Giving To Date 267,678

Expenses To Date 263,024

Weekly Budget 11,973

Offering Last Week 21,446

Capital Campaign Last Week 4,676

Capital Campaign To Date 612,634

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