

You're awesome! THANK YOU!

Our first ever spring flower sale was a SUCCESS! We raised close to \$3900 for our playground revitalization! We have already started work on both playgrounds, putting in fancy new edging. And a shout out to Remy W. in our Pre-K class. She sold \$720 in flowers - WOW! (I believe she also caused her father an allergic reaction! Oooooops!)



Teacher Appreciation #ThankATeacher

May 3rd - 7th is Teacher Appreciation Week. Take this opportunity to let them know you appreciate all they do! Special thanks to all of you who are providing fun things for the staff each day this week. We really do have the #BestParentsInTown!!!



Yearbook Orders

Yearbooks will be available to order in late June or early July! Everything will be done online and an email link to the storefront will sent to all parents when they are ready.

Summer Info

Our last day of school for the spring semester is **Wednesday, May 26th**. LBP will be closed on **Thursday, May 27th** through **Monday, May 31st** for summer preparations. The summer session begins on **Tuesday, June 1st** and runs through **Friday, July 30th**.



Pre-K Graduation

The time has come once again to say farewell to another Pre-Kindergarten class. To mark their success, we will have Pre-K Graduation on **Tuesday, May 25th at 10:00 am** in the sanctuary of our church here at LBC. There will be no schoolwide performances. Only the Pre-K class will share a short program. Our Worship and Missions Pastor, Aaron Smith, will speak and then we will honor our graduates with a diploma ceremony. This is a very special occasion for our children and we are so excited to be able to provide a ceremony this year! Ms. McKala will be in contact about what children should wear, if anything special is required.

There will be no limit on the amount of guests that our graduates can invite to our graduation. However, every other pew in our sanctuary will be marked off as "Reserved" to encourage social distancing. These markers cannot be moved. Masks are optional and not required. Everything will take place in our sanctuary and foyer, and possibly outdoors if the weather permits. Families will not enter the Pre-K classroom or any other classrooms of the school. The only doors for entry will be the foyer doors, found at the front of our church that faces Jefferson Pike, and under the pick-up portico.

If your Pre-K graduate does not attend school on Tuesdays, please have them at LBP on the 25th no later than 9:30 am.

Please also note that on this day, any students scheduled to come to school **MUST BE DROPPED OFF BY 9:30 am.** We will incredibly busy with graduation preparation and will not have anyone available to help you after 9:30 am.

Lascassas Baptist Preschool Monthly Devotion

“What are we waiting for?”

Most of us jump at the chance to celebrate an exciting event in a loved one's life. Having a birthday party? We're there. It's your wedding day? We're on the front row. Graduating? We are cheering from the stands.

We also tend to come through in the hard times. Facing a devastating diagnosis? We pray for healing. Struggling with finances? We do what we can to help with the load. Lost a job? We help search for other opportunities.

So, the question is, why do we wait for exciting events, or hard times, to encourage our loved ones? After all, these are our people - the ones we lean on, the ones we walk with on this journey called life. These are the people we trust with our darkest secrets and wildest dreams. So, why not reach out and love on them, remind them of how much God truly treasures them right where they are in their day-to-day lives. During a time when gathering together isn't possible, let's use this time to encourage our people from right where we are.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:11, it says to “*encourage one another and build one another up.*” Then in Hebrews 10:24, it says “*let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.*” And Hebrews 3:13 tells us to “*encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception.*”

Scripture clearly calls us to lift each other up - and it calls us to do it on a daily, continual basis. God wants us to join arms, encourage each other and confront each other in love. He smiles when He sees us leaning on each other, sharing our hopes, struggles, joys, good days, bad days and everything in between. Are you relying on your Christian brothers and sisters to speak His loving Words to you? Are you speaking His love into those around you? Or, have you been keeping your relationship with your Loving Father to yourself? If so, spend some quiet time with Jesus and ask Him who you might need to encourage. Ask Him to open the doors each day - not just on eventful days - to show you who might need to hear what words of encouragement. And, then simply follow His lead.

Maybe it's time to check in on that new mom, start making plans for that lunch date you've been meaning to schedule and the small group dinner you want to host when things go back to normal, or simply call a friend to let them know you care. You may even find that your friends need a little more encouragement on an average weekday than they do on their birthdays.

Adapted from: www.dayspring.com/articles/what-are-you-waiting-for

Healthy Recipe of the Month

Whipped Ricotta Fruit Platter with Poached Peaches

Poached Peaches

4 ripe but firm peaches or nectarines quartered and peeled
3 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Whipped Ricotta

1 pint part-skim ricotta
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 tablespoon pure maple syrup

Fruit Platter

1/2 honeydew melon, halved and cut into thick slices
1/2 pineapple, halved, cored, and cut into thick slices
1/2 baby watermelon, cut into thick slices
1 bunch green or muscat grapes
3 kiwifruits, peeled and sliced
8 fresh figs, halved
2 cups mixed berries, such as blackberries, raspberries, and blueberries

Directions: Combine peaches, sugar, lemon juice, and 2 tablespoons water in a small saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a simmer, then reduce heat to low, cover, and cook, gently stirring occasionally, until fruit is just tender, 5 to 10 minutes, depending on ripeness. Transfer peaches to a heatproof container with a slotted spoon; strain syrup over top. Let cool completely. Peaches in syrup can be refrigerated, covered, up to 1 week. (Makes about 2 cups.) Puree ricotta, vanilla, and maple syrup in a food processor or blender until creamy. Mixture can be refrigerated, covered, up to 5 days. (Makes 2 cups.) Arrange all fresh fruits on a platter. Serve with poached peaches and whipped ricotta.

Adapted from: www.marthastewart.com/1530239/fruit-platter-whipped-ricotta