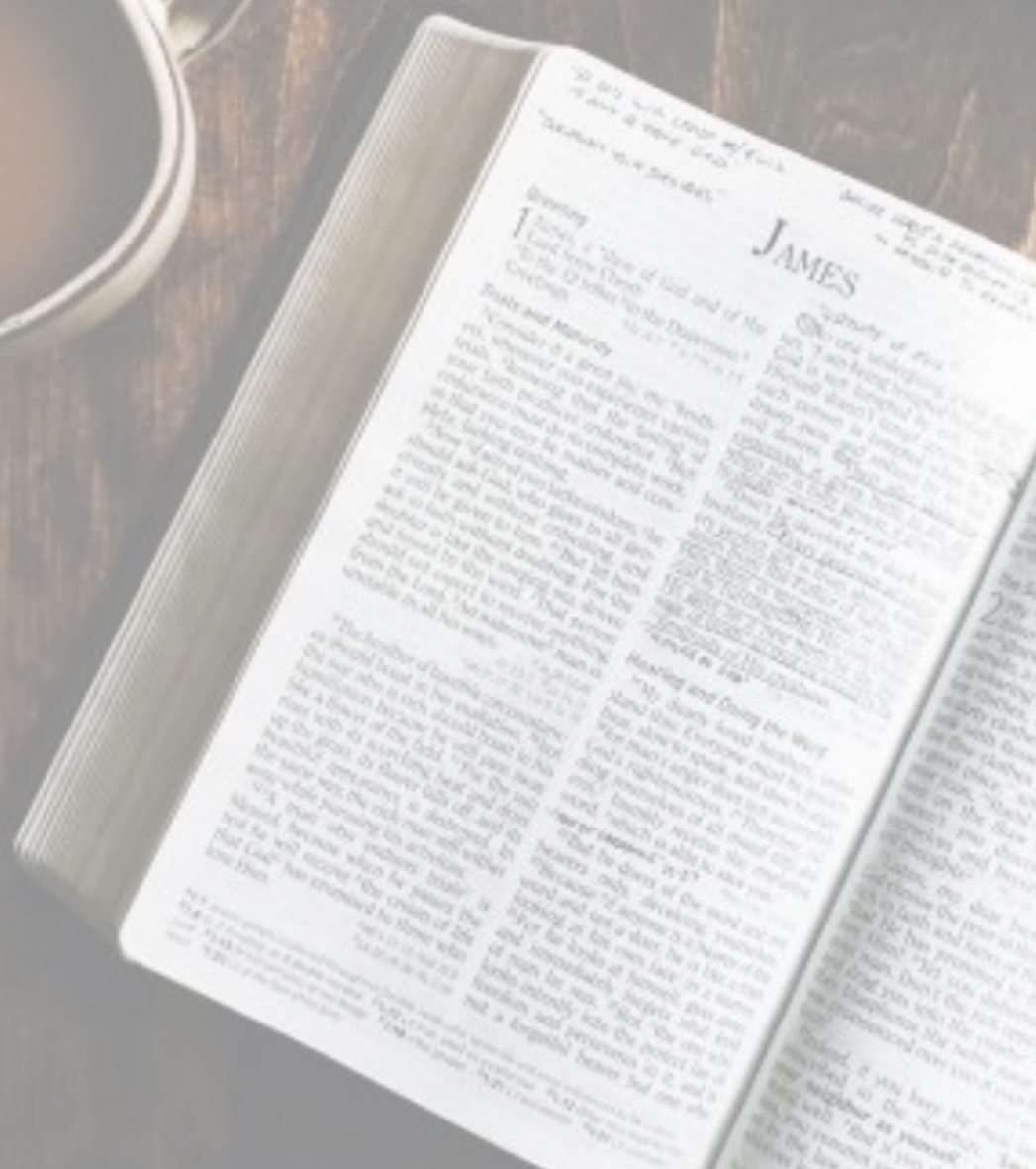


CONNECTIONS

Winter 2018-19
Dec - Jan - Feb





Ministers District Meeting



Ladies NSA Trip



New Member Sunday



HOPE Food Distribution



Barefoot Sunday



Photo Scavenger Hunt



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Pastor's Corner

Dear Church Family,

First and foremost, I want to say how deeply grateful I am for the generous gifts you gave in support of our mission, for your cards and kind words, and for being the people of God as you continue to bless one another with your love, care and support. We are all so blessed to be a part of each others lives. I pray in 2019 we will not take each other or this church family for granted. May we lift each other and the church, as a whole, in prayer everyday. I love this time of year despite the cold temperatures that force us to the interiors of our homes. It reminds me of those times we need to go inward with God.

During this season, my hands hurt in the cold. Yet, I love winter for its cold contradictions of life itself. It forces me to go inward, to wrestle with the “angel” of isolation, to explore the inherent loneliness of being human, and to measure the distance of separation between myself and others. Who am I when alone in the cold solitude?

Home takes on a different personality during the winter—the world is shut out, while family and friends are drawn closer. Fires are lit against the cold and dark. Books are pressed open, pens lifted to write various cards and letters. It's a time for “interiority”; for exploring the longings for depth, in God's Word, poetry, faith, deep thoughts, and for stillness, longings that go unsatisfied in the busyness of summer days.

I find myself staring out windows with wonder at the bare trees and all that is revealed in their nakedness—crooked limbs, rough bark, and the dead parts of branches waiting to break off. In these trees I find lessons for my own life. My crooked ways, the rough places that need smoothing, and the dead things that need to go. Despite their winter appearance, I notice how they, like me, were created to stretch toward the heavens.

The trees remind me as well, that there are seasons to life, seasons of deep joy, and seasons of deep sorrow. Those seasons when the rain seems endless, remind me that showers from heaven replenish the underground aquifers where faith resides. But winter too, reminds me of my vulnerability, and of the necessity to stop hiding myself behind “business” and to open myself to God and others.

Outside, the air feels like snow. The ground is frozen beneath my feet. I have to watch where I step to avoid the ice that causes me to slip and fall. Winter reminds me to walk out this life purposely and carefully.

A house has to be lived in, otherwise it will fall apart. So I thank God for winter, forced to live fully in this human house, while I invite God in to do repairs and to remodel, that I might reflect God's image a little more, even in the darkest days of the year.

I thank God for all of you and for winter's opportunity to slow down and draw closer,

Pastor Brian Shepard

Invite your family &
friends and join us for
one of our many special
events throughout the
month of

December



eat lunch.
support our youth.
help us reach our goal!

Sunday, Dec 9th



Ladies Christmas Sock Exchange Party
Wednesday, December 12th @ 6:30pm

Wednesday, Dec 12th



**Men's
Christmas
Wing Night**

Wednesday,
Dec 12th
@ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Dec 12th



Friday, Dec 14th



The Christmas Story

Christ is the same
yesterday, today,
and forever.



Sunday,
December 16th
@ 10:00 am

Sunday, Dec 16th



UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY

DECEMBER 16, 2018 AT 6:30 PM

BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND WEAR YOUR
UGLIEST CHRISTMAS SWEATER!

Sunday, Dec 16th



SPECIAL *Christmas Eve* CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Monday, Dec 24th

Happy New Year!
Join us as we start off
our new year with a few
events.

January

Ladies
New
Year's
Breakfast



Saturday, Jan 12th



Mens
New
Year's
Breakfast

Date TBD



Martin Luther King Jr Day

2nd Annual Arts Contest

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Sunday, Jan 20th

We are excited about these
events and hope you
will join us

February



Fri - Sun, Feb 1 - 3

40 DAYS
OF
PRAYER AND FASTING

Begins Sat, Feb 1

Valentine's
Barquet



Date TBD

Take a moment to find out

Who we are!

Every issue we will be highlighting 4 different Life Community Church members so you can get to know your family better.

-- Brian Shepard, Lead Pastor --



Favorite Scripture? Eph 2:4-10

If you could travel to any place in the world, where would it be? A fishing lake in Canada

What did you want to be growing up? Pro Baseball Player **Did it happen?** No

Any hobbies? Boating, Fishing and RV'ing

Favorite thing about Christmas? Having fun with family and friends

-- Tyrone Fenwick, Elder --

Favorit Scripture? Proverbs 3:5-6 AMP

What are you looking forward to the most in the next 10 years? Watching my son come into who he is meant to be.

Who inspires you to do better? My best friend and my family

If you could have any job, what would it be? Men's Counselor

Favorite Holiday? Christmas





-- Karen Herbert,
Nursery Coordinator --

Favorite Scripture? 2 Timothy 1:7

Favorite Color? Blue

Any hobbies? Lots of crafting!

If you could travel to anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Disneyworld!

What are you looking forward to the most in the next 10 years?

Besides retirement, enjoying grandkids, whenever that happens

What did you want to be growing up? Did it happen? Well, I thought whatever I did, it would be with children and behold, 30 years of teaching.

Who inspires you to do better? I am motivated by others and by surrounding myself with people who truly care, but definitely with my husband, he hates to see me down or crying.

-- Tristan Richards, LifeKids --



Favorite color? Red and blue

Any pets? Names? a dog (Artemis), a cat (Harley), 2 cows (Gloria & Ferdinand), 2 goats (Totes & Chief), 8 chickens (too many to name!)

Favorite place to eat? Popeye's. Love that chicken from Popeye's!

Favorite Bible Story? David & Goliath because no matter what age you are God can use you to do anything

What do you want to be when you grow up? a Baseball Player

If you could travel to any place in the world, where would it be?

New York to see Yankee Stadium

Get Connected

Children's Ministry:

*Teachers, Assistants, Classroom Prep

Sunday school:

*Superintendent, Teachers

Worship Team:

*Singers, Instrumentalists, Audio/Video Tech Team

Ushers & Greeters

Youth Ministry:

*Youth Leaders & Volunteers

Young Adults

Men & Women's Bible Studies

Church Cleaning Crew, Grounds, & Facility Maintenance

Ignite Drama Team

Future Life Groups

If you are interested in joining any of these teams or ministries, or would like more information, please contact one of our staff members or email us at churchoffice@lifecommunitychurchonline.com



Have you checked out
our new
website
and our updated
mobile app?

www.lifecommunitychurchonline.com

Keep up to date with all of our events
by subscribing to the calendar on our
website and by downloading our
mobile app.

Spring events to look forward to:

Church Family Dinner

Men's & Women's Events

Easter Service & Easter Egg Hunt

and more

To sponsor a student,
please contact Pastor Josh



Please support our
Soup Lunch Fundraiser
in December &
Envelope Fundraiser in January

PREMIER

WINTERFEST



— BRIAN BULLOCK —



— JIM RALEY —



— KAYLEE + ERICA —



— INFLUENCERS
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

December

1st Tristan Richards
16th Olive Kelsey
17th Diana Stone
21st Adrian Torres
21st Felicia Wagner
22nd Alexis Tilley
26th Lynn Payne
26th Robert Wong
31st Molly Copen

January

11th Joshua Gangl
11th Kevin Tilley
12th Richard Davis
12th Bob Kelly
13th Charleen Laigle
13th Bailee Richards
18th Joseph Herbert
18th Brian Shepard
23rd Jade Russell
24th Legin McCloud
29th Lilley Smythers
29th Randel Walker

February

2nd Ken Harmon
7th Emma Richards
12th Rich Tefft
16th Zoe Newman
25th Rowena Tilley
26th Marquess Smith
28th Danielle McWhorter

Anniversaries

December

3rd Craig & Geneva Melvin

February

8th Emmanuel & Bridgett Merhan
13th Kenny & Rachael Russell
23rd Bob & Christy Kelly



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