

# La Cañada Press



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ONWARD SUNDAY—September 12

## Celebrate Pastor Gary's 20th Anniversary—Sunday, September 26

Bring the entire family and join in on the fun of the BIG TEXAN BBQ honoring Dr. Gary Dennis' 20th anniversary serving as our Pastor. This special gathering will be held outside on the grounds of our church and begins at 4:30 PM. There will be music, tributes, a light-hearted roast and lots of surprises.

Tickets are \$25 per adult and \$10 for children ten and under. The ticket price includes a country-style buffet with all "the trimmings" featuring barbecued ribs, chicken, tri-rips, hamburgers, hot dogs, beverage and dessert. Everyone will enjoy open seating and camaraderie. This is an event that will be a highlight of the year!

You can purchase tickets in the church office or between services outside on the patio during the month of September at the "BIG TEXAN BBQ" reservations table. Buy your tickets early as space is limited.

The photos below were taken on Sunday, June 27, as we surprised Gary by remembering his 20th Anniversary and announced the September event! ☪



Photos courtesy of George Lutes



## New Fall Preaching Series

Pastor Gary Dennis

Why do I follow Jesus? Between Onward Sunday, September 12, and the beginning of Advent, the pastors will answer that question eleven times. Having heard these different reasons for following Jesus, the hope is that you will identify one or two reasons that you follow him.

As we attempt weekly to be Christ's people in the world, we do it in a myriad of ways. We embrace the values of Jesus and the kingdom of God, so we can express those values between Sundays in both our actions and words. We want to do right. We want to encourage justice. We want to be difference-makers in Christ's name.

Yet, if we do those things on a consistent basis, sooner or later it will happen. Someone will ask why you do the things that you do. They will want to know why you are different. What would you say? Why do you follow Jesus?

It is an important question to be able to answer with both integrity and authenticity. You can't repeat someone else's answer. Your answer has to genuinely describe why you follow Jesus.

We hope that by the end of this preaching series, after you have heard eleven different reasons for following our Lord and Savior, you will be able to identify one or two of those reasons that resonate with you. "Yes! That's why I follow him." Then, we hope you will work and re-work that reason until it really reflects why you believe. We want you to make the answer your own.

Why do I follow Jesus? It is a crucial question for all of us to answer well. ☞

## "Rock 2" Giving Update

Total giving and pledges to Rock 2 increased to \$9,335,091 after \$7,999 was added in cash and/or new pledges during the second quarter of 2010, ending June 30th. Thanks to LCPC's members and friends for their faithful support to our final phase of development.

Original pledge commitments to Rock 2 mature on 12/31/12. Converting pledges to cash giving has continued to meet expectations during these difficult economic times. To God be the glory!

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## Rev. Dr. Peter Hintzoglou Retires



Dear LCPC Family and friends,  
First of all, let me take a moment to express my deepest appreciation to Pastor Gary, the pastoral team, and the Session for the privilege of serving in the area of visitation.

The last two years have included working in the area of congregational care with our faithful and dedicated Deacons and Stephen Ministers. Working

with these friends in our shared ministry has been and is a gift and a blessing.

My full-time ministry became possible in part through an unexpected and most generous gift given by the former nanny of our members David and Judy Denenholz, Ingrid James. Although she was not a church person, she visited with me for prayer before facing brain tumor surgery. The Spirit of God graciously filled her and her life was transformed. God used her in my life and through her gift in our lives also. Subsequently, the generosity of several other friends among us has made my full time ministry possible. For this I remain most grateful to the Lord, to our pastor, the pastoral team, the Session and these faithful friends in Christ.

The time has come now for me to retire from this phase of ministry at the end of February 2011. It is my hope that with good health I will continue to teach at Fuller where I have been teaching for the last 41 years.

These years together with you have been years that have deeply enriched Elaine's and my life. I will remain eternally grateful to the Lord and to you all for this gracious blessing!

In His love & grace, Peter A. Hintzoglou ☞

## Small Group Leader Training

SAT, SEPT 4, 9AM, DFCL

WED, SEPT 8, 7PM, DFCL

For all new and experienced leaders

NEW FALL SERIES Intro & Prep for

"Why I Follow Jesus"

RSVP to: gloria@lacanadapc.org



## Volunteer Expo Sunday, September 26

This is your opportunity to explore ways that God is

calling you to serve others in the church and in the world. Whatever your skills, passions, and gifting there is a place for you.

There are so many different ways that you can get involved. We encourage you to find at least one. The LCPC Volunteer Expo will be held on September 26, between 8:00 AM and 12:30 PM on the patio. There you will find out about different ways to **Be Christ's Hands at LCPC**. You may want to help with children, youth, or Sunday morning worship. Maybe you are interested in caring for our mission partners, leading a small group, or helping with administrative tasks.

You will receive information over the next month to help you prepare for this event. There will also be a volunteer booklet listing all the current opportunities along with a job description, time commitment, and the skills needed. You can take a look to see what piques your interest.

If you would like to **Be Christ's Hands at LCPC** but don't know where or how, we have Matching Coaches who can help you with your discernment. Once you have found ministries that interest you there will be many ways to respond – a brochure tear-off, a bulletin insert, sign ups on the patio at the Volunteer Expo, or contact the ministry leader listed. You may also contact Jim Milley at [jim@lacadapc.org](mailto:jim@lacadapc.org) for more information.

Plan now to join us at the Volunteer Expo and discover the great joy of serving others. ☞

### Win a Starbucks Card

To reward those of you who are willing to sign up to serve (even if you haven't figured out how), we are planning a raffle on the patio after each worship service. Simply turn in the response card you receive as you enter worship on September 26, and you will be entered to win. Hang out on the patio after the worship hour to find out if you have won. Must be present to win.

## Operation Shoebox Project

Now is the Time to Purchase Items for Operation Shoebox

SUN, OCT 24, is the kick-off date for our Operation Shoebox Project. Now is the time to buy school supplies as most stores have great back-to-school sales. Millions of hurting children's lives have been touched by this program of Christian relief and evangelism. God uses a simple shoebox filled with toys, stuffed animals, school supplies, hygiene items, books, hard candy, socks and other items to bring joy to those in war-torn and poverty-stricken countries. The final date for delivery is NOV 14. ☞

## Taking the Next Step

Dave Hale began attending LCPC in 1997. Despite having gone on several Men's Retreats and being in a Small Group, he had never taken the official step of joining the church community. This year he did. Since then, Dave says, he's met more people as a member in the past six months than he did in his first six years of "hanging out in the shadows." He now feels more connected to the church than he ever has in the past.

Carolyn Oliver first set foot in LCPC several months ago. She was immediately drawn to the pastors, the music, and the message of faith making a difference in everyday life. Joining LCPC and learning more about the church was a natural next step. She's already signed up to tutor with the Lake Avenue Foundation in the fall.

Whether you've been attending LCPC for years or are relatively new, consider participating in the next new member class, "Begin the Journey Here." You'll discover the four spiritual practices expected of membership. Participants learn about worship practices and daily devotionals, the importance of engaging regularly in Christian community, opportunities to serve, and the value of regular giving. Additionally, pastoral staff spend one-on-one time with the new members and hear about their individual spiritual journeys. There is no obligation to join once the class is completed.

Becoming a member is one important way to publicly proclaim your commitment to following Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It's a great place to either begin or continue your spiritual journey with God and with the church. Check out the next "Begin the Journey Here" class below. ☞

## Find Your Next Step on Your Spiritual Journey: "Begin the Journey Here"

This class is specifically designed to help you to identify where you are on the journey of following Jesus and discover a "next step." It describes the one requirement of being on the Christian journey and the four spiritual practices to help you along the way.

You will also meet each of our pastors and have an opportunity to ask any faith question that is on your heart and mind, from the silly to the serious. It's a good time. We hope that through this class you discover your next steps in worship, faith, ministry, and Christian fellowship. Just one step in any one of these areas of life may transform you forever.

Choose from two class formats: Our weekend format: Friday, September 24, (6:30-9:00 pm) and Sunday, September 26, (3:00-8:00 pm), or our Sunday format: October 10, 17, 24, 31, (11:00 am – 1:00 pm).

All meetings will take place in the Demarest Family Life Center, Room 309. Dinner will be served Friday and Sunday evening, and lunch will be served for the four-session, mid-day gatherings. Childcare is available by reservation only. The class is a requirement for membership at LCPC. Register today by contacting Barbara Pettit at (818) 790-6708, X215, or [bar-  
ara@lacadapc.org](mailto:bara@lacadapc.org). ☞

## Come and Join Us!

We are so thankful for all of the volunteers that served in Children's Ministry in the 2009-10 school year! We also do still need volunteers in both the elementary area (Testament Travelers) and the pre-school rooms (Story Seekers) for 2010-11.

For Testament Travelers we are in need of Shepherds that serve at least once a month, the same Sunday (1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th) each month. The Shepherd is responsible for walking the children to their specific classroom, collecting the offering, taking the attendance and assisting the teacher as needed.

In Story Seekers we have two roles in the classroom: teachers and helpers. The teacher is responsible for guiding the class through the morning's activities. Teachers receive the curriculum (which requires simple preparation) ahead of time. Helpers have no advance preparation and serve as the second adult in the room assisting the teacher in all activities. All volunteers sign up to serve at least once a month, the same Sunday (1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th) each month. ☪

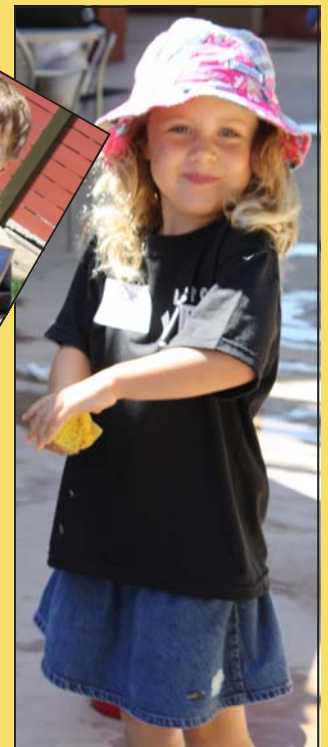


## Parent Ed Has a Class for You!

Classes begin September 21<sup>st</sup>; don't miss out on this enriching experience for your family. Parent Education offers a total of 14 different classes. We have classes for parents of babies, toddlers, 2-5 year-olds, pre-kindergarten, elementary, tween and teen children. There is space available in each age range. Registration can be done online at [www.lcpcparented.org/registration](http://www.lcpcparented.org/registration), or you can come into the office Mondays through Thursdays, 9AM-5PM or Fridays, 9AM-12PM and register with Sandy. The Parent Education Office is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Ministry Hub. Questions? Call (818) 790-6708, x 205. ☪

## Vacation Bible School

VBS this year was a blast- Baobab Blast to be specific! 165 kids joined in a week of high-action games, awesome music, wacky skits, meaningful Bible stories, fun science experiments and cool crafts! One highlight is that we collected over \$1,100 in offering money that will buy 110 mosquito nets for families in Africa. That is a big step toward our goal of joining in the effort to end malaria deaths by the year 2015. The whole week of VBS was only possible because of over 80 adult and youth volunteers. Thank you for volunteering, praying for us and donating supplies! If you missed out on all the fun this year, plan now to join us next year, July 18-22. ☪



## Rev. Kristin Leucht Returns from Sabbatical

I would like to thank everyone in the congregation for the gift of my sabbatical this Spring. It was a great time of learning, thinking about the future, spending time with family, and resting up for a busy summer of children's and youth activities.



The learning portion of my sabbatical actually began in January. I audited a Doctor of Ministry course on church leadership at Fuller Seminary in April. But in order to do that, I needed to read all of the required books before the course began. I enjoyed reading different perspectives on team building and ministry leadership. The class itself was also a great experience- I met pastors from across the country, as well as from Thailand.

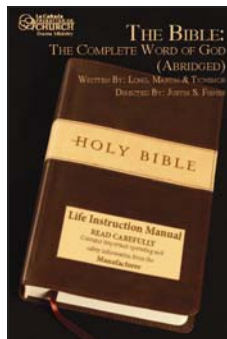
Later in April, my learning continued as all of the youth staff and I traveled to the Orange Conference in Atlanta. This is a yearly conference on innovative ways of coordinating church ministry across the lifespan. Heather Henry and I attended this conference last year. It was great to continue to think through how our ministry departments at LCPC can better collaborate as well as introduce the youth staff to these ideas.

An unexpected blessing of my sabbatical was that it made it much easier for me to spend a number of days with my 98-year-old grandmother, who became seriously ill in May and then died in mid-June. My grandmother became a successful business-woman at a time when that was still rather unusual. She has been a big influence on me in my own career, particularly through the integrity that she demonstrated on the job and her perseverance in the face of obstacles. I am very grateful that I got to spend so much time with her during the last weeks of her life, and also that I could participate in her care and give a little bit back to someone who had done so much for me. I miss her very much.

Finally, in late June, Chris and I took our children to Michigan to spend ten days with Chris' mom. We traveled to Mackinac Island and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, places that I had never been before. It was a restful time that helped me to recharge my batteries for Vacation Bible School, which began only one week after I returned to work. ☞

## Father & Child Camps

Forest Home has some great opportunities to have an adventure away from home and spend some quality time with your children. This fall there is a Father & Daughter (SEPT 10-12) weekend camp and a Father & Son (SEPT 17-19) weekend camp. Mother and child camps are coming in the spring. Check out [www.foresthome.org](http://www.foresthome.org) for more info and to sign up. ☞



## LCPC Drama Ministry Presents . . .

Have you ever read the Bible from cover to cover? Whether you have or not, the upcoming LCPC Drama Ministry production may cause you to give it another look.

In September, the LCPC Drama Ministry will be presenting "The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged)". In this fast-paced comedy, written by the creators of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)" and directed by Drama Ministry Director Justin S. Fisher (*Mark Twain's Diaries of Adam and Eve & Were You There*), you will get a wonderful, if not slightly slanted, view of the Greatest Story Ever Told!

Take this low-pressured opportunity to invite your friends and family into the LCPC community so that they may get to know our church and enjoy family-friendly entertainment while listening to God's word in a non-traditional setting. This show is sure to have everyone talking, singing, laughing and thinking by the end of the night!

"God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." ~ Genesis 21:6 ☞

## Welcome, Camille Tucker, LCPC's New Director of Communications



A student at Fuller Seminary, Camille Tucker will receive a Master of Arts in Theology in June 2011. Her concentration is theology and film and she is actively involved in the Brehm Center on campus. She received her BA from UCLA in English Literature/Creative Writing.

Professionally, Camille put her creative writing to use as a screen-writer. She has produced two award-winning short films and was blessed to have sold several screenplays to studios such as Disney, Universal, Sony, and Fox TV. Camille later worked at Hispanic TV network, Azteca America, where she served as Media Relations Manager and Senior Copywriter.

While writing copy for Azteca, God put a "detour" sign in Camille's life path (as He so aptly does), and that detour landed her at Fuller. She has enjoyed her journey at seminary for the deeper and varied ways it has challenged her to look at God's interaction with humankind. Her ministry passion is communicating the love of Christ through the arts. Last year, she was thrilled to teach filmmaking to the kids at the Harambee School through a grant from Fuller.

Camille is tremendously excited about getting to know all of the smiling faces she sees at La Cañada Presbyterian Church. She looks forward to working diligently to communicate a powerful message locally and globally about all of the great things we are doing here! P.S. If you ever want to bribe her, just bring Häagen-Dazs. ☞

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## LCPC Chancel Choir Resumes

New Members Welcome! We Resume Rehearsals on Thursday, September 2

Our Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals on Thursday, September 2, at 7:30 PM in the Burcham Rehearsal Hall. New members are welcome on all parts: soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Anyone with a tuneful voice is welcome to join. Prior choral experience is helpful, but is not necessary. An audition is not required. The sole prerequisite is a love of praising God through music ministry.

The Chancel Choir sings each Sunday morning at the 7:55 AM and 9:25 AM worship services. We understand and respect everyone's busy schedules and allow flexible attendance for both worship and rehearsals.

We have a diversified program of glorious and spirit-filled music planned for Sunday morning worship, plus the choir will present four dynamic and interesting concerts throughout the year, ranging from great masterworks to the annual Pops concert in June and Americana concert in July.

In addition to preparing music for worship and concert, the choir is also a fantastic fellowship group that enjoys just being together, supporting each other and furthering everyone's faith and spirit.

For more information, please contact Jack Lantz, Director of Music & Worship Arts at [jack@lacadapc.org](mailto:jack@lacadapc.org) or (626) 796-9090.

Please come and try us out. You'll be happy you did! ☞



Jack Lantz, Director of Music & Worship Arts, directing LCPC Choir and Orchestra

## LCPC Orchestra Resumes

New Members Welcome! We Resume Rehearsals Tuesday, October 5

Our Orchestra resumes rehearsals on Tuesday, October 5, at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary. New members are welcome in all sections: strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion. Prior orchestra or band experience, in high school, college or community settings, is necessary. An audition is not required. An additional prerequisite is a love of praising God through music ministry.

The Orchestra participates in worship monthly at the 7:55 AM and 9:25 AM worship services. In addition, we accompany the Chancel Choir in its concerts and play an orchestra solo concert each Spring. We understand and respect everyone's busy schedules and allow flexible attendance for both worship and rehearsals.

We have a diversified program of glorious and spirit-filled music planned for Sunday morning worship and the concerts. Our repertoire is rooted in the traditional orchestra classical tradition, plus hymn and praise song arrangements and contemporary favorites.

In addition to preparing music for worship and concert, the orchestra is also a fine fellowship group that enjoys being together, as well as playing together.

For more information, please contact Jack Lantz, Director of Music & Worship Arts, at [jack@lacadapc.org](mailto:jack@lacadapc.org) or (626) 796-9090.

Please come and try us out. You'll be glad you did! ☞

### Coming this fall . . .

<b>September</b>		<b>September (continued)</b>		<b>October (continued)</b>	
	24&26		"Begin the Journey Here" class	9	Companions Intro Day
5	Communion Sunday	25	Companions Intro Day	9-10	Parent Ed Retreat
	"The Welcome" Tour	26	Volunteer Expo Sunday	10	Stephen Ministry Sunday
6	Church offices closed for Labor Day		BIG TEXAN BBQ celebration of Pastor Gary's 20th Anniversary	17	Growing Families
8	Pastor's Bible Study resumes		<b>October</b>	10, 17, 24 & 31	"Begin the Journey Here" class
10,11,12	Ovations: "The Bible"	1-3	Lay Counseling Retreat	18	Session meeting
12	<b>ONWARD SUNDAY</b>	3	World/Family Communion Sunday	19	Companions begins
18	Saturday Session meeting		"The Welcome" Tour	29	"Continuing the Journey" class
19	Small Group Sunday	8	Friday Forums		

# OVATIONS 2010/2011

AT LA CAÑADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## A SEASON OF MUSIC, THEATRE AND ARTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**September 10 & 11, 2010**

Friday & Saturday-- 8:00 pm

**September 12, 2010**

Sunday -- 2:00 pm

**October 3, 2010**

Sunday-- 4:00 pm

**October 22, 2010**

Friday-- 8:00 pm

**November 6, 2010**

Saturday-- 4:00 pm

**November 13, 2010**

Saturday-- 4:00 pm

**December 5, 2010**

Sunday-- 4:00 pm

**January 23, 2011**

Sunday-- 4:00 pm

**February 13, 2011**

Sunday-- 4:00 pm

**February 18 & 19, 2010**

Friday & Saturday-- 8:00 pm

**February 20, 2010**

Sunday -- 2:00 pm

**March 11, 2011**

Friday-- 7:00 pm

**March 12, 2011**

Saturday-- 4:00 pm

**March 27, 2011**

Sunday-- 4:00 pm

**April 17, 2011**

Sunday-- 4:00 pm

**April 22, 2011**

Friday-- 7:30 pm

**May 13 & 14, 2010**

Friday & Saturday-- 8:00 pm

**May 15, 2010**

Sunday -- 2:00 pm

**June 10 & 11, 2011**

Friday & Saturday-- 4:00 pm

**July 3, 2011**

Sunday-- 7:30 pm

**The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged) - Comedy**

*Drama Ministry*

**Midnight Winds Concert (Woodwind Quintet)**

**"OLDIES but GOODIES" with Boggs, Brock & Pratt**

**Go for Baroque (Vivaldi, Handel & Bach)**

*Chancel Choir & Orchestra*



**Masterworks for Clarinet**

**Handel's Christmas "Messiah"**

*Chancel Choir & Orchestra*

**Three for Two Duo-Piano Concert**

*Kemp Smeal & Jack Lantz*



**Favorite Love Songs-A Valentine's Eve Treat**

*Jack Lantz Big Band*

**Last Five Years - Musical**

*Drama Ministry*



**The Fifty States-A Musical Journey**

*Children's Choir Musical*

**Great Hymns of Our Faith Concert & Recording**

*Chancel Choir & LCPC Orchestra*

*(Includes "Sing it Yourself" portion)*

**Palm Sunday Coronation Concert**

*Chancel Choir & LCPC Orchestra*

**"Were You There"-A Drama of the Crucifixion**

*Drama Ministry*

**The Screwtape Letters**

*Drama Ministry*

**POPS 2011: Last Train to Musicville**

*Chancel Choir, Dancers & JL Little Big Band*



**"Americana" Concert**

*LCPC Orchestra & Chancel Choir*

## Stewardship Update

Cary Moore

We have been focusing on the spiritual discipline of stewardship and God's call for each of us to share the gifts he has first given to us. As a congregation, there has been a strong response to the request for steady giving and at the end of June, receipts to the church's operating budget were up approximately 7% over the same prior year period –thank you for your generous and continued support of the ministries of LCPC.

So what is stewardship really all about? It is caring for one another. It is not just raising enough money to meet the budget of the church. It is not just a financial or spiritual discipline. Stewardship is a way of life. It is making the most of the gifts God has provided. It is sharing those gifts with a joyful and a thankful heart.

As we head toward fall and the end of 2010, we ask that you continue incorporating stewardship into your life and that you maintain or perhaps increase your giving. We are running slightly behind the budget for this year and are hopeful that we will be able to close this "gap" before the fourth quarter. As you know, our operating budget provides the foundation for so many of our church's programs and ministries.

There are many exciting things going on at LCPC. During the past year, three new facilities were completed that are home to the various programs and activities attended by the myriad of groups using the campus each week. The Children's Pavilion, the Administration Building and of course the Prayer Chapel, with its beautiful Prayer Garden behind it, are now completely functional and in use. The property purchase for a potential future parking lot was completed in June, allowing us to be sure that as our congregation expands and our parking alternatives narrow, we have another option to consider and explore.

This summer has included the largest registration yet for Vacation Bible School and mission trips to Tijuana, Uganda, Guatemala and Ethiopia. Our campus provides us a critical "home base" from which we can go out into the world and spread Christ's love and message. The ministries that take place here stretch around the world. Thank you for your steady support of LCPC – please continue to make stewardship a part of your life. ☞

## Shop at Ralphs and Help LCPC

**Register or Re-register for Ralphs Community Contribution Program on September 1**

Participant registration for the new term begins on September 1. There is no pre-registration! This means that you cannot register for the new term until September 1, 2010 or after. All LCPC members who are currently enrolled in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program will remain active until August 31, 2010. Participants will be required to register or re-register for the new term at [www.Ralphs.com](http://www.Ralphs.com) or by using the scanbar letter at the register starting **September 1, 2010**. Even if you registered as recently as June or July 2010, you will be required to register again, on or after **September 1, 2010**. ☞

## Stephen Ministry

Elisabeth Dettinger



Sharon Barker, Neil Mottinger and Elisabeth Dettinger are now the leaders of Stephen Ministry for the LCPC congregation. We look forward to serving the congregation and the community through this vital ministry.

Stephen Ministry provides Christian care giving for adults who may be experiencing difficult circumstances in life. Stephen Ministers are trained lay people who will provide one-to-one, confidential Christian care. We can pray for, listen to, and offer support to those who are going through a time of need. Our services are available free of charge not only to LCPC members, but also to the community. Not even donations are suggested.

For more information or referrals, please contact: Elisabeth Dettinger, (818) 624-1816 or [elisabethdettinger@msn.com](mailto:elisabethdettinger@msn.com). Alternates are Neil Mottinger, (818) 354-4638 or [Neil.Mottinger@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:Neil.Mottinger@jpl.nasa.gov), and Sharon Barker, (626) 695-8640 or [sharonkayeb@aol.com](mailto:sharonkayeb@aol.com).

Referrals can also be made through Rev. Dr. Chuck Osburn, (818) 790-6708, x229, [chuck@lacadapc.org](mailto:chuck@lacadapc.org), or Rev. Dr. Peter Hintzoglou (818) 790-6708, x218, [peter@lacadapc.org](mailto:peter@lacadapc.org). Feel free to contact any of us if you have any further questions regarding our ministry or how the referral process works. ☞

## womengathering Fall Bible Study

We begin Thursday, September 23, 6-7 AM in the Library.

Join us this fall to study Pastor Gary's sermon series: *Why I Follow Jesus*.

Co leaders: Andrea Rock and Melodie Kersten.

Bring your Bible and your Starbucks! ☞

## From Your LCPC Librarian

Marie Abajian

*Affirming words from moms and dads are like light switches. Speak a word of affirmation at the right moment in a child's life and it's like lighting up a whole roomful of possibilities.*

Gary Smalley

Did you know that there is more to parenting than just showing up? You have to guide your children into the adults you want them to be, you can't rely on nannies, teachers and others to teach your child right from wrong; nor can you just glide through the whole thing hoping they'll pick up all the good things they see you doing. You have to teach them, guide them, as well as love and respect them. Our church library has a large selection of parenting books of all types. Here is just a small sampling:

*Parenting by the Book: Biblical Wisdom for Raising Your Child* by John Rosemond

This common sense book is based on the Bible, God's Word. What can be better than that? What would be better than raising children that are respectful as well as responsible for their own actions? This book gives you the wisdom from the Bible as well as how to share that wisdom with your family.

*Christian Parenting* by Betsey Inskeep Smylie and John Sheridan Smylie

This book helps you explore ways in which Christian spirituality can bring light, hope, and healing to the life of a family. It includes workable solutions for you and your children.

*Making a Home for Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Your Children* by Elizabeth F. Caldwell

Talking to your children about faith can be a challenge for some. Do you need help with the right words? This book guides you on how to take an active role in your children's faith development.

*Your Family Time with God: A Weekly Plan for Family Devotions* by John Maxwell with Brad Lewis

This is a one-year devotional book that will bring the whole family together. It also includes short, meaningful discussion questions and other key foundational Christian values.

*Praying the Bible for Your Children* by David and Heather Kopp

As a parent, you want your prayers to have an impact on the lives of your children; not just the "now" type of issues, but the lifelong issues. This book provides you with lots of prayers to get you started on your journey.

*Parenting in the Pew: Guiding Your Children into the Joy of Worship* by Robbie Castleman

Children aren't at church for the same reason you are, but it's a privilege to be at church to worship God. This book will guide you on a journey to teaching your children to get the most out of weekly church attendance.

*How to Answer Tough Questions Kids Ask* by Doris Sanford

This book includes practical advice on talking to kids of all ages about God, death, prejudice, fears and worries, sexuality, as well as divorce and money. This book is a resource book for all parents.

Now that summer is over, and you are returning to the craziness that is the school year, the new church season and all it entails, it's time to clear off some of those dust-collectors you have around your house... remember we'd love to have a crack at your books, DVD's, CD's and books on CD that you no longer want or need. Perhaps your youngest child is now a teen, and you have some children's parenting books you no longer use? We have a "Wish List" binder as well as a desire to replace all VHS with DVD's, all cassettes with CD's, and increase our selections of music CD's, books on CD, and our fiction books. If you have anything you'd like to donate, just bring it to the church library anytime and leave it by the librarian's desk. If you'd like a confirmation for tax purposes, please leave your name and address as well. All items our church cannot use will be donated to another charity for their use. Thank you all for your great support of OUR church library. ☞

## Marie Abajian Retires as Church Librarian

For the past six years, Marie Abajian, has been co-leading LCPC's Library Ministry. Marie reports that she volunteered when she saw the bulletin blurb at a time that she was ready for a transition in her volunteer activities.

"I'd loved being a librarian before children, and now that my children were older it was time to be back to *my* books. When I arrived, the books were mostly computerized, but many hadn't been added to the computer; so I, along with many volunteers, weeded the library of many old volumes that were out of date. Once that was done I proceeded to update the computer system, getting all items into the computer. I also updated many areas of holdings to be more current...getting an amazing number of donations and finding bargain books to fit into our small budget. Once the library was remodeled (thanks to the Samuelson family), I thought it was time to update the computer system to something much more current, and have just about finished bar coding all books for the future usage of library cards or a similar method for checkout. With the help of dedicated volunteers we've brought the library up-to-date in holdings, displays and our computer system. We've moved from a card catalog system to a binder look-up system. I have truly enjoyed my time as church librarian, but feel it is time for a transition, and I hope to work in a genealogical library next. I just can't stay out of libraries!"

Marie is happy and more than willing to train her replacement (see below for more information). ☞

## Is This Your Area of Ministry?

### LCPC Librarian Needed

Contact: Marie Abajian, mjabajian@gmail.com

Turn your interest in books into your area of ministry. Are you comfortable with computers and learning new programs? Do you love books? Do you have good organizational skills? If so, please think about helping us to plan for the future of the LCPC library. Set your own schedule (minimum 3-5 hours/week). ☞

### LCPC Archivist Needed

Contact: Marie Abajian, mjabajian@gmail.com

Organized? Resourceful? Does this describe you? Perhaps your area of ministry is helping us with our archives. Member of a Mariner group is a plus. ☞

# Life

at La Cañada Presbyterian Church



Lori MacDonalda & Cindy Porcell

Director Jack Lentz with Cindy & Gaeppi Porcell



Rosie the Riveters  
Dawn Malcolm & Joanne Farmer



Mazeltov!



Rock & Roll gals:  
Janet Boggs,  
Cindy Porcell,  
Judy Brock



Soda can artist  
Cindy Porcell



Little Old Lady  
from Pasadena,  
Mae Douglas

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# Pops Concert June 11 & 12



"Hooray, for our Favorite Son!" Crowd pleaser!



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## Milestones

### Deaths:

Peggy Almquist (Carl Almquist's wife and longtime LCPC member)

Phyllis Benefiel (longtime member)

Debbie Beverlin's father

Patricia Burnett (Mike Burnett's mother)

Claire Gibson Carey (Patrice Gibson's daughter)

Charles Cresmer (Martin Cresmer's father)

Hildrade Day (LCPC member)

Albert Elmassian (Joe, Richard & George Elmassian's father)

Derrie Harris (John & Connie Rudy's niece)

Sue Lindstrom's father

Connie Landrum (John & Diane Landrum's grandchild)

Ed Moulton (Connie Moulton's husband & longtime LCPC member and LCPC choir director from 1949 to 1966)

Kathryn "Kacky" Palka (Judy Baker's mother)

Sally Shaw (Susan Meikle's mother)

Lillian van Muyden (Gillian van Muyden-Lundeen's mother).

Alice Wogan (Rev. Kristin Leucht's grandmother)

Norma Jean Zuelow's mother

### Births:

Peter Quinan Hobson, born June 2, to Stephanie & Joshua Hobson. Proud grandparents are Elaine & Rev. Dr. Peter Hintzoglou.

### Marriages:

Jennifer Smith & Gavin Greene

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