



Annual Report 2018

LIBERTY CHURCH, PCA

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SENIOR PASTOR

Dear Liberty Church,

As you read this Annual Report, my hope and prayer is that you are struck by the tremendous faithfulness of our God, no matter your circumstances. For many of you, 2018 was perhaps a wonderful year, one to celebrate - families grew, friendships were deepened, work was fulfilling, and your walk with Christ was strengthened. It is important to remember these blessings, to commemorate them, just as the saints of old did, by setting up a memorial to our God. I encourage you, if you have not already done so, to get away for a night and recount and record God's faithfulness to you in 2018. Store up the goodness He has given you in the form of words on paper. This practice is one that is sure to bring much thankfulness, as well as give you a running start to face the challenges of the next year!

For others, 2018 was perhaps a very difficult year, one to mourn - loss of a loved one, strained relationships, struggles at work, and spiritual dryness. What should be done if this was the kind of year you had? Should you still commemorate? Yes, by all means! Take up your cause before your God; do not be silent! He hears your cries and captures your tears. Mark the pain of your yesteryear, for when the night dissipates, you will have yet another example of the Lord faithfully carrying you through.

The Psalmist knew this undulation of tragedy and triumph well. He writes, "Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning... You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever" (Psalm 30).

As we record our year and seek to encapsulate it in this Annual Report, we give God thanks for what He has done, and we look forward to 2019. It is in this year that we are once again reminded of God's faithfulness to our church, not just for one year, or 10 years, but for 50 years! He who has provided abundant blessing in the past will surely do so again. We must just wait and see, and trust that our God is always for us.

Liberty Church, do not be silent. Let your life be a memorial to commemorate the faithfulness of your God!

- Nathan Moretto

SHEPHERDING PASTOR

When I think back over the past year, I believe Lamentations 3:22-23 is an apt verse to encapsulate it: “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.”

2018 has been a year of transition and waiting on the Lord and He has shown Himself to be faithful in supplying all of our needs. Despite challenges, we have been able to maintain our multi-faceted ministries - and even develop some new ones which you can learn about in the reports.

The Lord has shown His faithfulness through the faithfulness of His people. He has worked through your faithful service and sacrifice - in the giving of your time, your tithes and your talents to support the ministries at Liberty. Through your dedicated service Bible studies have been led, beautiful music has been offered up, visitors have been welcomed, children have been cared for, Sunday school classes have been taught, meals have been given, and the building and grounds have been maintained - all due to the faithfulness of His people! And I could go on giving more examples; this is just a partial list of the ways the flock has ministered to one another to reach out to the community.

I am thankful to be a part of a faithful community. I am also thankful for my brothers on the Session who have co-labored with me during this past year – who have assisted me in visiting, leading worship services and prayer meetings, and in counseling the flock. We are blessed to have faithful elders who sacrifice their time and energy to oversee the ministries at Liberty.

I am also grateful for our Deacons for their faithful stewardship of our finances, our building and ensuring that the needy are cared for.

As we enter into a new year, we are also thankful that the Lord has led Pastor Nathan to Liberty. And looking ahead, we look forward to seeing what our faithful Lord will do through His faithful flock in this new chapter in Liberty's history.

Romans 8:28 “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

-Barry Cureton

SESSION

We as a church have much to be thankful for this year as we welcomed our new Senior Pastor Nathan Moretto, and his family to Liberty Church. We as a Session, and certainly the whole Church, prayed earnestly for God's leading, and on September 30th we elected Pastor Nathan to be our new senior pastor. This is an exciting time for our church as we look forward to new blessings from our Lord as Nathan takes on his new role at Liberty Church. Let us be just as earnest in our prayers that God would bless Pastor Nathan, and this new phase in our Church's life. And thank you to Pastor Barry for his continued faithful service as we all look forward to see God's faithfulness to us.

We continue to thank God for Phill and Kelly Thomas who are serving as Youth Directors, and we also praise Him for their recent news that Kelly is with child! Mike Tucker completed his first year as treasurer, and completed a successful first year of service to our church – thank you Mike! God is indeed trustworthy and dependable. He has led us as a church for over 49 years and yes, we anticipate our 50th year celebration in 2019.

The Session would like to express its gratitude to all of our church staff and the congregation for all the hard work and all that was accomplished in 2018. We are thankful for a caring congregation, which is very evident in the various ministry reports.

As you read through this annual report of Liberty Church, think about the various people you know in your small group, or your circle of contacts, or even those you sit near on Sunday morning. God has brought you in contact with them to support them in times of joy and hardship. Our ministries seek to build one another up, be it through knowledge in Sunday school, sharing a meal with those in need, or fellowship and sharing the gospel at social events. As you read through the annual reports ask yourself if God is calling you to reach out and participate in a new way.

During the past year the Session held 14 business meetings, which included quarterly meetings with the Deacons. Each of these meetings began with a season of prayer for various members of the congregation and we welcome any request for which you would like us to pray. We would likewise covet your prayers as we seek to be faithful to God's flock here at Liberty Church.

In 2018 we received one new member, and three were transferred to other PCA or Reformed churches. Five of our members went to be with the Lord, and there were two infant baptisms. The Lord's Supper was celebrated 12 times.

Steve Bird

Clerk of the Session

DEACONS

Mercy Needs

The past year was one of patience, faith and prayer by our entire congregation and the efforts of our pastor search committee. God, in His providence, called Nathan Moretto to answer the call and become our new Senior Pastor. Pastor Barry worked tirelessly (well, sometimes he looked a little tired) as both Senior and Shepherding Pastor during this interim time, diligently overseeing all Liberty activities. One of those was the Mercy Needs Committee. We are grateful for his input, including a book By Timothy Keller, “Ministries of Mercy – The Call of the Jericho Road,” written to help deepen our mission and to aid us in the service of our church and community.

The Mercy Needs Committee functions solely through the generous tithing and gifts of our Liberty congregation, for which we are truly grateful. In addition to the many needs of our congregation and community, we are able to designate offerings to outside ministries as well, including the PCA Compassion Fund, the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund (for retired pastors and widows of pastors) and the Mission to North America (MNA), for Florence and Michael hurricane victims, and Mission to the World (MTW), an international disaster relief organization.

In 2018 we continued our congregational outreach ministries, including sending 26 flower arrangements, mailing 95 cards and making 61 phone calls to people facing illnesses, hospital stays, or grieving the loss of loved ones. Also, 26 letters were sent out to those in need of support and encouragement. At Christmas, gifts were provided to members struggling with physical, spiritual or financial challenges. The Merry Martha Ministry, consisting of 41 members, was thankful to provide 27 meals for those in the congregation who have limitations due to illness, injury, surgery, birth of a baby, job loss, loss of a loved one, etc. Functioning as 6 teams, each responsible for 2 months, they ask you to please contact the church office or Debbie Stetson, if you are aware of anyone in need.

Other services within the local community included helping single mothers needing assistance with rent and groceries, and prisoners needing help with clothing, stamps, toiletries and other items. Within our Liberty family we helped members whose health needs affected their ability to work. Financial support and counseling was provided to those suffering from various challenges.

Our Food Pantry provides groceries to folks outside the body, while also providing Information on local supportive agencies and church brochures. The pantry is also available to members and regular attendees in need. Sally Preece and Denise Madden are the members to contact if you are aware of anyone who would be in need of this service.

The Open Hearts Ministry, managed by Erin Tracht, provides clothing and shoes for all ages, with a closet in the old sanctuary. The program is advertised at Liberty Christian School and on social media. Along with the Food Pantry, it provides an opportunity for both church and school to work together and bring glory to God. Together we are more steadfast in our obedience and witness.

The Friends Of Liberty list of widows, widowers, single parents, and others in special circumstances, and a listing of our unemployed and under employed members were prayerfully reviewed, updated and lifted up each month. Most importantly, prayers were offered at each meeting with thanksgiving, worship and requests to God for each person reached out to by our committee.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Jeff Jordan, as he left the committee at the end of the year, having also served as a Deacon and a choir member. Newly married and relocating to the Silver Spring area, his presence and spirit will be missed. On an upbeat note, we gained Erin Tracht as a vibrant and energized newcomer! We also acquired John Kitchen, a Deacon and longtime Liberty member.

We encourage the congregation to bring to the attention of any committee member (Mary Ellen Gannon, Sandy Sunderland, Michael Anderson, Linda Anderson, Erin Tracht, and John Kitchen) any opportunity within the body that our committee may address. It is our earnest wish that the Mercy Needs Ministry will bring Glory to our Lord and further His Kingdom. We covet your prayers and support knowing that we are insufficient and He is all sufficient.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Fuhrer

Financial Management Committee

As of this writing the final numbers for the church are still in process. Final reports will be given sometime in mid-January when the final reconciliation of all accounts is completed. In general, 2018 proved to be a year where expenses that were budgeted for the year, such as the Senior Pastor and Youth Pastor, did not occur. In addition, giving was down significantly, thus the reduction in expenses along with the decrease in giving led to an offset between income and expense, although we may see a slight income when the financial reports are completed for the year.

This was Mike Tucker's first year as treasurer and we so appreciate his hard work on behalf of the church. We also instituted a new web-based church organizational software called Planning Center and we plan to only institute the basic elements of the program for 2019.

As always we as a committee ask for your prayers and input as we seek to use those

funds given by God's people for the building up of His kingdom. As committee chairmen I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their diligence and commitment. I would also like to thank the office staff, the counting teams and those who deal with the financial business of the church on a weekly and sometimes daily basis.

In His Service

The Financial Management Committee

Brian Moran Chairman

Property Management Committee

Looking back at the year 2018, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Liberty Church and those who bring a servant's heart to the Property Management Committee. For your continual support and encouragement, I am thankful. No number of pages could express my deep thankfulness in my heart for your support along this year's journey. Through your countless hours of prayer before the throne of God's Grace we have accomplished many projects such as, cleaning up the grounds from the loggers and tree removal services, along with water damaged drywall and painting projects. Many hands make the work load easy. This was a transitional year for the Labor Day picnic, moving it to a new location and a thankful donation of building a new BBQ pit was such a blessing. Let's don't forget our new choir loft for our Praise Team.

"Let us search and try our ways and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts with our hands unto God in the heavens." Lamentations 3:40-41

In His service,

Property Management Committee: Kurt Reiblich, Chris Reiblich, Micah Crone, Christ Byrd, Luke Weinreich, James Hoff, Ben Weinreich, Jim Helm and Tom Crone.

12/17/18

Labor Day Picnic Photos





MEN'S MINISTRY



Here is a remarkable statistic: every month for nearly the last 35 years – with just a few exceptions – Liberty men have led worship services at the Rescue Mission on Central Avenue in downtown Baltimore. The Baltimore Rescue Mission houses up to 200 men every night for supper, shelter and a safe place to sleep. Its purpose is “to proclaim the unsearchable riches of the Lord Jesus Christ; to seek the salvation of the lost; and foster, promote and encourage all phases of general rescue mission work.”

Over the last three decades this ministry has had a tremendous impact on the lives of these men. After the services it is not unusual for men to come up requesting prayer or describing how what was said helped them. Those of us who participate also are blessed as we strengthen relationships with each other while going about the Lord’s business. To everyone in the body who has given of their time, talents and prayers these many years supporting this ministry: thank you all very much.

As Liberty prepares for 2019 this ministry is no longer a multi-team outreach consisting of a dozen men. We are asking Liberty's men -- teenaged, young, middle and AARP aged -- to prayerfully consider whether this labor of love can still be one of the means God uses to connect us with each other while also meeting the very real spiritual needs of the men at the Baltimore Rescue Mission.

We need your help to keep this ministry going. Monthly commitments are not necessary – simply whenever your 3rd Saturday schedule allows. No one is ever required to speak...unless he wants to. Transportation from the church can always be provided. For more information, please contact Jeff Watkins at 410.549.4507 or jefferydeanwatkins@gmail.com

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

FILL MY CUP WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Women's Ministry enjoyed some wonderful activities this past year. We shared many laughs over Game Nights and soaked in stories and wisdom during Craft Nights. At Craft Nights, some of us have been working on crocheted mats to give to the homeless. A craft I hope we will be able to continue. Two special events this year included a beautiful Garden Walk at Brookside Gardens while sharing garden devotions by Charles H. Spurgeon. Our other special event was a creative Paint Nite taught by our very own Karin Johnsson. Each of the ladies in attendance put their own unique flair into their beautiful blue daisy. Our hope is to have another Paint Night very soon.

This New Year we hope to continue supporting all ministries of the Church involving women, from Sunday School and Bible Study to social events and activities. We strive to reach out to all women of the church; those well involved to those just starting to meet others...we all need to be connected and growing in our faith.

This year we will be in the process of rebuilding our Women's Ministry. Our Leadership team dropped from 5 members to 1 due to different life changes. A few wonderful ladies were able to step up to assist and encourage in the planning of many of the activities. Our vision and hope for 2019 is to expand our Leadership Team and continue pursuing our main goal in supporting all women of Liberty Church.

Our Goal

That every woman in the sphere of influence of Liberty Church, PCA would walk in a manner worthy of her calling in Christ. This goal has two parts: First, that each woman would above all else maintain

a vital love relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Second, that she would exercise her unique role within the Body of Christ and thus have an effective personal ministry that would benefit the body of Liberty Church, PCA and help to carry out its purpose.



MISSIONS

The committee meets monthly to pray for our missionaries as well as carry out any business relating to missions such as planning for quarterly speakers for Sunday School, respond to the needs of the missionaries we support, and disperse available funds for those needing additional gifts throughout the year. We currently support 18 foreign missionaries as well as 22 national and local organizations.

The Mission House

We have been blessed with a house on our property that we use for our missionaries who are on home assignment. In May, Chris and Victoria Cox and their family arrived from Cambodia and will be staying for a year or more.

Mission Budget

The mission's budget saw a slight increase in 2018 and we were able to help with support for several of our members who were doing short term missions projects throughout the year.

Visiting Missionaries

The following missionaries were able to be with us this year and share how the Lord is working in their lives as well as update us on happenings in their ministries:

- Chuck and Barbara serving in Asia
- Steve and Berenice Rarig with Mission to the World (MTW) serving in Australia
- Chuck and Debby Garriott with Ministry to State in Washington D.C. Serving with Mission to North America (MNA)
- Brad & Margarita Wallace with Serge, planning short term mission trips at various spots around the world.

Baby Bottle Campaign

To help support the Alpha Pregnancy Center we distributed baby bottles to the congregation to fill with loose change. They were collected on Father's Day. Alpha was appreciative of the gifts.

Focus on Missions

In September we began featuring one of Liberty's missionaries in each week's bulletin along with several of their current prayer requests. We hope you have found this helpful in getting to know our missionaries and what their current prayer needs are.

Committee Members

We thank the following members for serving so faithfully on the committee: Barb Hunzeker, Joyce Klein, Chuck Klein, Nancy Helm, Elaine Cullen, Catherine Scheuch, Geof Smith, Barbara McKay, Ben Weinreich and Mary Jordan.

We praise God for His provisions and thank the congregation for their support of the missions program at Liberty. Please continue to pray for our Missionaries and the Missions program at Liberty.

Submitted by: Barbara Hunzeker, Missions Committee chairperson

OPEN HEARTS MINISTRY

In response to the charge of James 1:27, the Open Hearts ministry of Liberty Church aims to reach children and vulnerable families with the love of God through meeting needs and providing resources. Whether by taking a meal, equipping children for school, or sharing our time at a group home, the ultimate goal is to point to the Cross.

A “**Blessings Closet**” has been established to provide clothing to needy children from varied backgrounds. It may include assisting newly placed foster children in families, families in our church, and at-risk families through Safe Families. We have plans to coordinate with other churches in the area, in order to combine our service and resources.

Open Hearts is supporting the foster families in Carroll County Department of Social Services by **providing meals** to families who are welcoming newly placed foster children into their homes.

Open Hearts provides ministry to **The Children’s Home (TCH)** which is both a residential and diagnostic program for adolescent males and females. Several members go to TCH make presentations to the Diagnostic Unit about career and independent living skills (baking bread, learning to read music, learning sign language, and learning to sew). Every other Monday, women from Liberty host a Bible study. Additional gifts are provided to TCH through the **Christmas Giving program**, where congregation members sponsored a child with fulfilling a Christmas wish list.

Through the members of Liberty Church, Open Hearts ministry has also held a “**Pack A Backpack**” drive for families at risk, as we work with Safe Families.

We look forward to serving in 2019!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

For the Women's Adult SS class, Joyce Klein taught this past Spring and Summer using Susan Hunt's book, *Prayers of the Bible, Equipping Women to Call on God In Truth*, as the main text. Since then for the rest of the year there was no Women's Adult SS class.

For the Mixed Adult SS class, Charlie Cate finished up teaching on Colossians in February and then he and RE Steve Madden taught a seven week class on various Psalms. Charles Runkles then took on the same class just after Easter and taught on Genesis 1 through 11 which went into the fall. And in the winter Charlie Cate then took

up the class and has been teaching on Hebrews. Howard Hill taught The Life of Elijah in the Fall of 2018.

For the Leadership Class, Pastor Barry continuing teaching on the WCF throughout the year.

For the Youth/Adult SS class, Phill and Kelly Thomas taught on the Book of Acts.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School Committee has the responsibility to oversee the morning Sunday School classes for Noah's Ark through 6th Grade. The committee meets, as needed, to conduct business and to pray for the children, teachers, and helpers. We praise God for HIS provision of this program and the children who are receiving instruction through it.

The purpose of Liberty Church's Sunday School program continues to be to provide children the opportunity to participate in classes where all glory is given to God and the Bible is held forth as His inerrant and divine revelation. Each child is provided age appropriate instruction designed to increase their understanding of God. The curriculum is obtained through Great Commission Publications, and each teacher is able to augment lessons, with catechism, scripture memorization, and the like. The Sunday School Committee is committed to encouraging all children to attend weekly, and guests are always welcome.

In 2018, enrollment in the pre-school classes (Noah's Ark, 3-year-olds, and 4-year-olds/Kindergarten) was approximately 17 students. Enrollment in the elementary classes (1st/2nd grade, 3rd/4th grade, and 5th/6th grade) was approximately 20 students. The program is supported by 11 full time teachers/assistants and maintains an active roster of approximately 10 substitutes. The Lord graciously provided for some summer session teachers to allow a break, while some continued serving throughout the school year. This robust cadre of teachers and assistants have given generously of their time to instruct and pray for the children in their care.

The Children's Sunday School curriculum provided by Great Commissions Press offers a reformed approach to learning the great truths of the Bible, using NIV (older version) and ESV editions. Children are always encouraged to memorize scripture, learn from the Westminster Shorter Catechism, and to make application of God's truth to their lives. Teachers take time to pray with the children in their classes, and to teach them to be in prayer on a regular basis. The curriculum is supplemented with activities and devotions that are sent home with the children that they can review with their parents as a means of encouraging continued in-depth study.

This year Sunday School offerings have been specific to the classes, as the committee is considering options to change the sponsorship objective and asks for prayer and guidance that God would bring us to a clear understanding of His will in this matter. For the fall the children of one class decided to forego the typical Christmas celebration, and the funds were used to donate a bike to the Christian Community Center in Baltimore, that serves families in need. Other giving has included donations toward animals and equipment for impoverished families overseas. The committee is continuing to consider options for a central focus of giving, and seeks encouragement and prayer in that regard.

We thank God for the teachers, assistants, and substitutes that support this program throughout the year. The need for instructors and helpers will not diminish so long as we are blessed with covenant children to instruct. We pray that God continues to meet us in this need, raising up men and women who have a calling from God to teach His word with love for our children.

As a corporate body, we look forward in faith to God's continued work in the instruction of our children. The Sunday School Committee asks that members of the congregation prayerfully consider ways that God might be calling them to assist with this endeavor.

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

This report is submitted to Liberty Church on behalf of the Sunday School Committee, consisting of:

Barry Cureton	Pastoral Representative
Peggy Walker	Pre-School Coordinator
Debbie Stetson	Curriculum and Roster Coordinator
Shawn Huey	Sunday School Director



Three Year Old Sunday School class

CHRISTIAN SERVICE BRIGADE

Christian Service Brigade (CSB) at Liberty Church, PCA continued into its twenty second year. CSB is an organization for boys designed to instill Christian teaching and discipline through achievement, Bible-teaching, physical activities, and service activities. CSB is made up of three age groups: Tadpoles/Tree Climbers, ages 4 through 7; Stockade, boys in grades 3 through 6, and Battalion, grades 7 through 12.

Stockade – Please see Chris Byrd’s Annual Report following this report segment. The Stockaders look forward to crafting their rockets and shape and race cars and competing in our church and regional competitions. We are very thankful that so many boys and their Dads are participating in Stockade this year.

The Battalion unit has been meeting this year with the Chapelgate unit because we have not found a captain to lead our boys. We do have two active young men participating along with two adult leaders at the Chapelgate battalion. Among other skills, they have learned about woodworking, orienteering, Small Engine repair, and are presently building a canoe from scratch. Activities have included a bike trip along the C&O Canal, a service trip at Christian Missionary Technical Services, and rappelling at Black Rock. Weekly, they are taught leadership skills. This past summer, three boys graduated from the intensive, three week Servant and Leadership Training (SALT) at Camp Hemlock, the CSB camp in West Virginia - Chimwemwe Chinkuyu, Aiden Hathaway and Ben Lawrence. Please contact Jim Helm or Geof Smith if you are interested in helping these and other boys grow into godly men.

God instructs believing men to train and build up their sons in the Lord through many different means. CSB is a means towards that end. The boys, young men and leaders of CSB are thankful for your support.

In His Service,

James Helm, Chairman

Stockade

Fall leadership for Stockade was Chris Byrd, with parental assistance from Chris Cox, Todd Weitzel, and Joe Rouland. The father-son team is critical to the success of the Stockade program. The fall unit was focused on Witnessing, incorporating the tools and lessons associated with fishing into our weekly meetings. The boys, Wyatt, Deacon, Josiah, Laird, and Malachi, learned lessons on Following the Rules, Being Prepared, Demonstrating Love, and Bringing the Good News. First, we learned examples of the laws regulating fishing and the necessity of the rules and importance of Following those

Rules. Next, we studied Preparedness and all that needed to be done prior to embarking on our fishing trip, including making our own fishing lures, to Big Run State Park in mid-November. The campers braved the wind and snow to wet their lines in the Savage River Reservoir. We didn't catch anything, but a good time was had by all. At the end of November, we practiced Demonstrating Love by inviting the boys at the Christian Community Center in Baltimore City to join us at a campfire meal at Liberty and play some kickball. During our time together, Chris Cox explained what Bringing the Good News looks like through first hand missionary witnessing. Throughout the fall, the boys learned what it means to be "Fishers of Men" as well as fishers of fish through a well-organized guide from the Christian Service Brigade, while spending time with their fathers. Fishing lessons were tied-in with Scripture and the boys were taught what the Lord commands his followers to practice - to be in the Word constantly and to be prepared to show the never-failing love of God so we can be a witness to all the earth. We covet your prayers for these young men, and fathers, and ask that you continue to bless us with them.

In His Service,

Chris Byrd

PIONEER GIRLS

The theme of Pioneer Girls is "Christ in Every Aspect of Life." Through club meetings girls learn how the Bible applies to all that we do. During Bible lessons members also memorize scripture verses. Our activities teach a variety of skills such as sewing, cooking, drama, and arts and crafts just to name a few. Pioneer Girls meets in the fellowship hall at LRPC from 6:30 to 8:00pm on Wednesdays during the school year. This year we are blessed to have several new teachers, volunteers and club members!

The Scooters group (Pre-K through K) is led by Sarah Smith and assisted by Ashley Tucker. The four club members that attend have had a fun time learning about God's creation including themselves, singing and exploring their artistic abilities.

The Voyagers group (Grades 1 through 3) is led by Erin Weitzel and assisted by Amanda Driesse. The five club members that attend have had a productive time learning about God and themselves, and exploring cooking, puzzles, helping others and art.

The Trailblazers group (Grades 4 through 6) is led by Maxine Saylor and assisted by Lavender Bouwens of our sister church, Grace Reformed Presbyterian. The three club members have had a fruitful time exploring the parts of the Bible and how to study it

and have had a fun time learning self-defense with the help of Steve Vega, playing games and exploring nature.

We had the opportunity to be blessed at Thanksgiving by delivering fruit gift bags to the widows, widowers and shut-ins of the church. We have received many notes expressing gratefulness from those that we visited.

Another aspect of our club is summer camp. Many girls and ladies of LRPC have enjoyed their experiences at Cedarbrook Camp in PA, CCPA. If you would like more information about CCPA you can check out their website at <http://www.cedarbrookcamppa.org/> . This upcoming summer's camp dates are scheduled as July 14-20 for girls only and July 21 – 27 for Coed. Cedarbrook Camp in PA is a great way for girls to meet new friends, try new skills and deepen their faith in the Lord. The camp experience doesn't stop as a camper. Many campers complete the Camper In Leadership Training (CILT) program and return as counselors. Being a counselor isn't only for the youthful; the camp also has many counselors that are young at heart. Contact Rachel Dugan for more information on Cedarbrook Camp.

Please keep Pioneer Girls in prayer as we continue to strive to keep “Christ in Every Aspect of Life” and build Christian relationships with each other. If you would like to become involved in Pioneer Girls by sharing and teaching your special talent with the girls, even if for only one night, please contact Maxine Saylor. We are always looking for experts from the church who are willing to share what they have learned with the girls.

In His Service, Maxine Saylor

Pioneer Girls Photos





YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group enjoyed an intimate year starting with Sunday School lessons on The Acts of the Apostles, Fellowship In Student Homes (F.I.S.H) at the Wheatleys and Saylor's, and bi weekly Youth Group. We shared an eventful Spring Charge at LCS to kick off the Spring. We fellowshiped with events like Laser tag and a trip to a trampoline park. In the Summer we moved to a weekly Sunday Meetings studying Origin, Meaning, Morality, and Destiny with a RZIM's "Ask?" Series. We enjoyed a visit to Bethany Beach to close out the summer. In the Fall we headed to Good Hope Church for Autumn Blaze with kids from Mt. Airy PCA, Wallace, and Bowie as well as held the Annual Fall Harvest Festival. We transitioned to The Bible Project series on "How to Read the Bible". Youth groups closed out the year by joining New Covenant Pres at the Christian Community Center for a White Elephant Christmas party. God is performing a mighty work with the youth of Liberty and it is only the beginning.

-Submitted by Phill Thomas

LIBERTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

God continues to show His grace and provision at Liberty Christian School. This has been a year full of change both at the school and at the church and God has been faithful in bringing us through these changes. It is exciting to us, as it is for you, to welcome Pastor Nathan to our community. He has jumped right in and come to several events at the school and has agreed to serve as an ex-officio member of the School Board. We are so thankful for his time and commitment to the mission of our school.

As many of you know, I will be stepping down as Head of School at the end of this school year. God has called me to be home for a period of time to care for my family and their growing needs. I feel blessed to have this opportunity but will miss my Liberty family and the kids who have become a part of my life. Please be in prayer as we seek God's will for the next Head of School.

God's hand has been evident in providing wonderful people to join our team. This year we have added Mrs. Joy Daughtry to Fourth Grade. Mrs. Daughtry has a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction and has taught at both Forcey Christian School and Chapelgate Christian Academy before joining our team. Miss Tessa McNamara (2014) is helping out as a part-time aide in Third Grade as well as an extra aide for cafeteria and recess duty. Mrs. Pamela Hawkins moved from the In-House Substitute position to teaching math part-time. She has been a blessing to me especially as she has taken over the Algebra 2 class that I had been teaching. Mrs. Allean Summerville joined our kitchen team and has quickly grown to love our students and they her. Mrs. Rose Allen, Mrs. Theo Purnell, Ms. Ashley Brockington and Ms. Jessica Fieldings are our new Extended Care providers. They are managed by Mrs. Sarah (Hancock, 2006) Crowe who is our new Extended Care Director and Summer Camp Director. These women do a stellar job caring for our students early in the morning (6:45 am) and until late in the evening (6:30 pm). They are a true blessing to those parents who have to get to work before school starts or who work late.

We have also received God's blessing in the area of our facility. Under the very capable direction of our facility manager, Mr. John Kitchen, our media center and our front office were renovated this summer. With the renovation came an addition to our security system. Now when visitors come into our building, they will stop at a window in the vestibule. Each visitor will provide a photo ID that will be scanned into our Raptor Visitor Management System. The Raptor system checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. Once the entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit. The safety of our students is our highest priority and the

Raptor Visitor Management System has been a great addition to our overall security. If you haven't stopped by in a while, come see all the renovations. They are beautiful!

Enrollment has been stable over the last few years. Again, God continues to show His grace as we hear about the closings of so many Christian schools. Our current parents are still our greatest marketing tool as they keep sharing with friends and family about our school. With a stable enrollment comes financial stability. This financial stability along with the generosity of our families, the friends of Liberty Christian School, and members of Liberty Church allows us to create and maintain a safe, comfortable, loving, and welcoming environment in which to "provide our students with a quality, Christ-centered education." (LCS Mission Statement)

Please continue to remember us in prayer and financial support. Pray that God would allow us to walk beside families as they raise their children. Recent studies show that 70% of Christian youth walk away from Christ in college. It is so important that we, as a Christian school, and you, as a church, work together to protect our youth and our future. We are grateful for your prayers and support.

In Christ,

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