

Opportunities for Worship and Service

Sun. Jan. 27	8:30am	Prayer Group
	9:45am	Bible Study
	10:45am	Morning Worship
	11:00am	Korean Worship
	4:00pm	Sunrise Worship Service
Mon. Jan. 28	9:00 am	Mary Adkins Quilters
	7:00pm	Med Prof AA [Women]
	8:00pm	Med Prof AA [Men]
Tues. Jan. 29	OPEN	Media Library
	9:30am	AlAnon Group
	1:00pm	Bible Study ~ Conference Room
	1:30pm	Sunrise Bible Study
	6:30pm	Bible Study Fellowship
Wed. Jan. 30	OPEN	Media Library
	5:30pm	Fellowship Dinner
	6:15pm	Prayer and Bible Study
	7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thur. Jan. 31	OPEN	Media Library
	2:00pm	Gentle Bible Study at Sunrise
	2:00pm	Time with the Lord ~ Sanctuary
Fri. Feb. 1	OPEN	Media Library
Sat. Feb. 2		



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**LABELING
CHRISTIANITY**



Jim's Jottings

Friday morning, as I was driving to the church building, I pulled up behind a Jeep® with an ICTHUS widow decal. Filling the space inside this ancient symbol of Christianity was the American flag. 

ICTHUS is a Greek word for fish, and the symbol was informally adopted by early Christians as a form of secret sign by which persons could identify themselves and fellow Christians. It is perhaps predates the cross as the earliest outward identifier of the Christian community.

My first thought was to label this window sticker as a blasphemy, i.e. it is a tragic abuse of this ancient Christian symbol by seeming to claim that there is an inherent connection between the United States and Christianity/the Kingdom of God. I got to wondering, however, if one could find the ICTHUS symbol filled with the flag of other nations, so when I got to the office I did a Google® search and found, among others, the following:

Ok, I thought, so Americans are not the only ones who blithely mix national and Christian symbols. So, maybe I am making too much out of a well-meaning attempt by the owner of the Jeep® to make some sort of statement about the connection of his faith and his national pride.

However, I could not let the idea go so easily. I got to thinking about the varied ways in which we so easily label our Christianity. We are American Christians, Baptist Christians, Conservative Christians, Progressive Christians, evangelical Christians, You get the picture. 

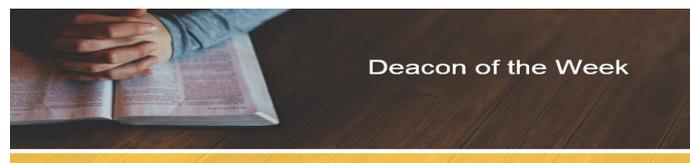


So, you might ask, 'what is wrong with that? What is wrong with using labels to describe our Christianity?' Let me offer two thoughts for our consideration. First, labeling can often lead to a sense of ownership. What we label very easily becomes ours. So we subtly (and then not so subtly) begin to think that we have the authentic Christianity. The modifier (label) becomes the thing itself. Second, the heart of the Gospel is that Jesus has come to create, on this earth a new human community that transcends race, gender, national borders, etc. to bear witness to the new creation God is seeking to bring about. None of can own or define that new community of God with a label.



LYNDON BAPTIST CHURCH
WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMMARY

	1-13-19	Y-T-D
General Offering	\$ 3,727.00	\$ 8,446.31
Budget	\$ 4,808.00	\$ 9,616.00
Variance	\$ (1,081.00)	\$ (1,169.69)
World Missions	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,321.00
		Still Needed
Scholarship Fund	\$ 40.00	\$ 115.00



JANUARY 27 TO FEBRUARY 2
TIM VANDERHOOF
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Sunday School Attendance
January 13, 2019

Preschool	2
Children	2
Youth	0
Adult	45
TOTAL	49



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Nursery **Lindsey Harris**
Greeter **Linda Wilke**
Scripture Reader **Vera Ruwe**
Prayer of Dedication **Gary Hicks**



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019
Meatloaf, Green Beans, Salad, Bread, Cake
Please make reservations by Tuesday (425-7150)

Taste of Lyndon is Scheduled

The Second Annual Taste of Lyndon has been set for Saturday, March 9th, from 6p.m- 8 p.m. in Goldsby Hall. We are looking to expand the number of participating restaurants for the event. The planning team is already working to recruit area restaurants and businesses to participate in this year's event. A few changes are being made in the event. First, each person attending the event will have the opportunity to vote for the Best Taste, Best Presentation, Most Creative, and Best Overall Experience, with the awards presented at the conclusion of the evening. Second, the silent auction will focus on themed gift baskets prepared by Bible Study classes and other persons from within the church, as well as baskets provided by area businesses.

Our hope is to have fourteen restaurants participating in the Tasting event this year, a significant increase from last year, and to increase participation from persons in the larger Lyndon community. The Taste of Lyndon is a part of raising our support for the Baptist Habitat for Humanity house project and an opportunity to engage with the community in meaningful ways.

As you consider your participation and support of this event the following ideas may be useful:

- ◆ Save the Date and plan to attend the event.
- ◆ Assist in the pre-sale of tickets, when they are available at the end of January.
- ◆ Volunteer time and energy in placing posters in area businesses, when they are available.
- ◆ Provide a gift basket for the silent auction, please contact Laurice Rogers or Addie Brownell to assist in our planning for display and layout of the area.
- ◆ Volunteer to support the event as a worker. Assignments to be made later.

You will be hearing more about the 2ND Annual Taste of Lyndon. Please contact me if you have questions.

Laurice



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| Feb. 1 | Mary Flemister | Feb. 2 | Odessa Benjamin |
| Feb. 10 | Kenneth Dorton | Feb. 11 | Connie Black |
| Feb. 16 | Peggy Hicks | Feb. 17 | Pat Bellinger |
| Feb. 23 | Sylvia Kim | Feb. 25 | Evelyn Borders |
| Feb. 28 | Mi Kyoung Do | | |

SPECIAL GUEST !

Scarlette Jasper of Olive Branch Ministries will be with us Wednesday evening to give us an update on her ministry in the Appalachian areas of Kentucky. We have supported the Shoebox for Appalachia project for the past two years and look forward to learning about ways we might continue to support the work of Olive Branch.

While she is here we want to take the opportunity to provide her with items she is in need of at this time. If you wish to bring items by the church before Wednesday a box will be placed outside of the church office. Anyone planning to attend the Wednesday evening presentation is welcome to bring items with them.

If you are not a regular participant in our Wednesday evening fellowship meal and prayer service, I hope you will consider being a part of our gathering this week. We do ask that you contact the church office to make a reservation for the meal.

Items Requested:

Adult sizes of underwear for both men and women

Non-perishable foods that do not require cooking. Ideas would include:

pop tarts, tuna and salmon, cereal bars, crackers & cheese, peanut butter . . .

WMU “Annual Tea” Event

Please join local WMU groups for lunch, fellowship, and worship on Saturday, February 23, at St. Mathews Baptist Church. It begins at 12 and a suggested donation of \$5.00 can be given then. Please contact Nancy Polhill by Feb. 8 if you wish to attend.



COMING SOON!

AARP Tax-Aide®



A Week from Wednesday (February 6th), AARP will once again set up shop at Lyndon Baptist for their annual tax assistance program. Everyone that comes is so thankful for your generous donations. **Please drop off anything tasty ~ a bag of munchies, snacks, chocolate, cookies a healthy treat (everyone loves halo’s and fruit)** and we will have them out for everyone to enjoy. You can bring them to the church office OR mark them AARP and put them in the kitchen. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**



We would love to have your picture in the Lyndon Baptist Church Directory !

Please come to the Gathering Room before or after church on Sunday, January 27th and smile for the camera ! Thank you

CHURCH AUTHORIZES COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE NEW OPTIONS FOR WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS



During our Congregational Meeting this past Wednesday, a recommendation from the Church Council was approved which would authorize the Hospitality and Food Services Committee to explore an idea presented by one of our members. The heart of the idea is that we would bring the planning and preparation for the Wednesday Fellowship Dinners in house. The idea called for the Committee to be expanded and given the role of planning menus, developing and monitoring a budget, keeping up with dietary needs and menu ideas from the congregation, etc. In addition, teams of 2-3 people would be recruited to do meal preparation on a revolving basis.

Members attending the Congregational Meeting authorized the Committee to do exploratory work on the feasibility of this idea, as well a plan for implementing it. Their report will be brought back to the Congregation either at the next regularly scheduled Congregational Meeting in March or at a called meeting. If you are interested in working with this Committee to explore this idea, or if you have ideas, please contact Sharon Woods and/or Linda Wilke either in person on through the church office

