



May 2016
NEWS



Happy Mother's Day!

From the Pastor:

Gospel Story Telling: Part 2
Clinging to the Perfect Christ and Embracing Your Perfection in Christ

Last month I used this article to begin writing about our desire to be a community of Gospel Storytellers. Throughout the month of April, I have been utilizing our weekly email newsletter to present a step by step process of developing your own Gospel Story. If you have not been reading these and are interested, you can find them on my blog at dennislugley.com.

I began last month by dissecting our definition of the Gospel: "Imperfect people, clinging to the perfect Christ, being made perfect through the Holy Spirit and helping other imperfect people".

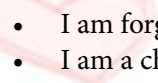
I wrote about "*Embracing The Imperfect Without Embracing the Imperfection.*" In this instalment I would like to address the issue of "*Clinging to the Perfect Christ and Embracing Your Perfection in Christ*".

If you are like me, you feel anything but perfect. It is easy for us to see nothing but the struggles, the hurts, the screw ups and the sin that envelops us as human beings. I often can feel that there is very little good in me and so much that is broken or wrong. Well, that might just very well be true, as this seems to be the definition of being human.

The amazing story of grace that we have available to us has the power to change that reality, at least from God's perspective. When we embrace God's gift of grace, and allow his cleansing blood to wash over our sin and shame, we become as beautiful and pure to our heavenly Father as He sees His own Son Jesus.

For those of us who are on the inside looking out, that is very hard to believe, but from God's vantage point it is abundantly clear. I believe that when we begin to see ourselves as God sees us, we begin the process of becoming the person that God knows us to be.

A dear ministry mentor of mine by the name of Dann Spader once walked a group of us through some writing by theologian and Bible scholar Lewis Sperry Chafer, where Chafer lists 33 works of God that comprise the salvation of the soul. I have often gone back to this teaching, especially when I am feeling very weak and human. This to me comprises the reality of "clinging to the perfect Christ" as it is through his perfection that these gifts are ours. Please let me list these 33 things for you.

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- I am forgiven
 - I am a child of God
 - I have access to God
 - I am reconciled
 - I am justified
 - I have a place in Christ
 - I am acceptable to God
 - I have a heavenly citizenship
 - I am a part of the family of God
 - I have a heavenly association

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- I am within the “much more” care of God
- I am glorified
- I am in the fellowship of the saints
- I have a part in the eternal plan of God
- I am redeemed
- I have a living relationship with God
- I am free from the law
- I am an adopted child of God
- I am brought near to God
- I am delivered from the power of darkness
- I have entrance into a new kingdom
- I am a gift from God the Father to Christ
- I am circumcised in Christ
- I am a member of a holy royal priesthood

- I am a part of a chosen generation
- I have God’s inheritance
- I have the inheritance of the saints
- I live in the light of the Lord
- I am united to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
- I am blessed with the firstfruits of the Holy Spirit
- I am Complete in Christ
- I possess every spiritual blessing

I hope you can begin to embrace the truth of these 33 gifts from God!
In Him,

Pastor Dennis

young adults...

Leduc Fellowship Church Young Adults Group

This is an open and inviting space for young adults (18 - 35) to worship God and share life together. Join us for any of the following:

BASICseries Bible Study
Every **Tuesday from 7-9pm** in the youth room (runs until May 24th)

Community Nights:
Friday, May 13th, 7-9pm @ the Leduc Rec Centre, Field House Court C
Join us for an evening of dodgeball, soccer, volleyball, and other various sportsing!
Childcare available upon request. *Please request by Wednesday, May 11th*

Friday, May 27th, 7-9pm @ the church, Fellowship Hall
Board game night! Bring your favourite board games, snacks, and friends.
Childcare available upon request. *Please request by Wednesday, May 25th*



SISTERlife (Women’s Ministry) announcements:

Please note that our Mother, Daughter & Friends event has been postponed until the Fall. We are excited for what is coming....but are keeping it in our back pocket right now. Stay Tuned!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sisterlife would like to invite you to our “**Women at the Well**” gathering on **Friday, June 3rd at 7p.m.** Come and join us around the “Brownie Sundaes” bar.

All women - Sr. high school and up are invited to come and be encouraged in a time fellowship and testimony of all generations. Let’s have some fun....looking forward to seeing you all there!

To keep up to date on all that is happening in Sisterlife, visit our Facebook page, or contact Glenda 780-986-3356 or email: sisterlife@leducfellowship.ca

SISTERlife...



LFC Kids Newsletter:

Summer is coming!! And we still have our usual programs going full force! Here are the opportunities for your children ages birth to Grade 6 along with contact information that you might need.

DURING THE WEEK:

Moms & Tots: Meets Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am.

Contact Adrienne Braithwaite - litldods@shaw.ca

Jujubes (Gr. 5-6): Meets every other Wednesday, 6:45-8:15pm.

We only have 2 nights left of Jujubes for this school year! Be sure to come May 4 for a great night of learning and May 18 for the Chuck E Cheese finale!! See you there!

Contact Darrell Ohlmann - darrellohlmann@yahoo.ca
or text/call: 780.970.8245

LFC KIDS: SUNDAY MORNINGS, 10:15am-12:00pm

Nursery for ages birth to 18 months **and Toddler Room** for ages 18-36 months. Contact Heather Feldbusch - feldbusch@shaw.ca
or text/call: 780.906.3516

3-K class and Grades 1-4 class.

Contact Joanne Gulley - joanne@leducfellowship.ca
or text/call: 780.441.1671

COMING THIS SUMMER!

CAVE QUEST VBS! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It’s not too early to sign up to volunteer for VBS - we need people from Grade 5 through age 95! More information will be available this month showing you just the right fit for YOU to help out with this amazing ministry!

What is VBS? This is a fun way to teach our LFC kids and surrounding community about Jesus! It’s coming **August 22-26!** VBS will be available for kids going into Kindergarten through Grade 5. Our theme is *Following Jesus - The Light of the World!* We will again be offering nursery and a program for Preschoolers for the children of VBS workers. Don’t miss out!

Any questions concerning LFC Kids Ministries can be directed to Joanne Gulley at joanne@leducfellowship.ca or text/call: 780.441.1671.

Monday Morning Prayer time

If you have a passion to pray for LFC & specific needs that arise, you are welcome to come to the church Monday mornings from 10:30 - 11:45am.

If you would like more details, please speak with Diane Ohlmann.

Youth

Come hang out with us every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm.
For the most current news and info, join our Facebook group LFC Youth, and follow us on twitter @LFCYouth

Wednesday, May 11
1:00-4:00pm

We meet every month to do some White Cross work cutting and rolling bandages to send to missions. Everyone is welcome!

LFC Senior’s Lunch
Thursday, May 19 at noon

Cost: \$6

Ketih Froese from Calmar Community Church will be sharing. You will receive a call from the planning committee. If you are newer to the church and haven’t been called in the past, please call the office : 780.986.9299.

Jubileer’s at Taylor Seminary
May 27, 11:00am

Crystal Cowper-Smith of “Palm Ministries” will share about her work with immigrants at a centre for newcomers in Edmonton.

May 29 ~ Hymn Sing

6p.m. at Rabbit Hill Baptist Church, South Edm.
For more info call Gladys at 780.986.8920.

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ministry updates...

Re-Imagine Update

Greetings from the Building committee.

April has been a busy and great month for the building addition. Let me give you in simple point form, the things that have been done over the last month or so:

- Drywall mudding and taping has been completed for the new addition.
- Painting the walls has begun and will soon be completed.
- Re-roofing the existing south side building is complete.
- Electrical connections and finishing for the north addition is underway.
- Sprinkler contractor has completed rough-in on the north side and in the sanctuary.
- The new mothers room is being built and there will be a new stair and entry to the mechanical room. This will allow us to remove the existing exterior stairway so stucco can be done.
- The stucco work has begun on the north addition. There will be many phases so you will be able to see the different stages as work progresses.

We hope to be moving the offices by the end of May. The construction crew will be starting ground work for the South addition soon as well.

From time to time, when there is a need for help, Penny or I will send out an email requesting certain services that we will need for the building. I have been very pleased with the responses we have had in the past, and it is appreciated. Do not feel obligated to respond if you cannot help, this is just a great way to allow people to volunteer if able to. We usually send out emails to the whole church so that is why you will see the emails for help even though it may not apply to you.

Thank you for your prayers and giving. Keep it up!

Warren Bender On behalf of the Building Expansion Committee



Renderings of what the East exterior of the building will look like with the new stucco.



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Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am - 12:00pm.

Thursdays & Holidays the office is closed.

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