

The LCF Connection

January 2014

A Pictorial Reflection of 2013 at LCF



January
We kicked off the New Year with a night of games and praise and worship.

LCFers spent many hours painting, wiring, doing carpentry, etc. at the new church.



February
We rented RBC's gym and enjoyed a good time of fun and food.
Rob and Reuben (along with their wives) enjoyed the warm temperatures when they attended CMC's annual Pastor's Conference in Phoenix, AZ.



March
We had a big workday to clean the new building and move items over from the old building, in preparation for... our first service in the new church which was held on March 17!
We were very thankful for the great job the expansion team did!

We enjoyed a fun afternoon of bowling on March 10th.



April
The Leadership Team had a retreat.
The Dedication Service for our new church was held on April 14, and on April 27 we had our first wedding.



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May
The ladies of LCF enjoyed being treated by the men and boys with a delicious Mother's Day Potluck.

We celebrated physical births at the Baby Dedication and a spiritual birth at Kelly Ward's baptism.



June
LCF youth went to City Challenge in Columbus and to Bethel Camp.
We had another potluck and a fun afternoon at Lake Choctaw.



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Getting to Know

Reginald and Jennifer Cooper

Where are you both from?

Jennifer: I am from Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Reginald: I am from Manning, South Carolina

How did you end up in Ohio?

Jennifer: We ended up in Ohio mainly because of employment. Reginald worked with the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton during his doctoral studies in electrical and computer engineering at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. He spent several summers working at the base, and planned to take a position with AFRL upon completion of his PhD in January 2013. I completed my PhD in epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh in the spring of 2012, and up to that time I had been looking for a position in the field of clinical research in the Dayton, Columbus, and Cincinnati areas. I was blessed to find a great opportunity as a research scientist at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus.

Reginald: Hence London, We looked at the map and saw that London was the best location for us geographically.



How did you guys meet? Can we have a short recap of your romance?

Jennifer: We met at Carnegie Mellon University during the spring of my senior year of undergraduate studies and Reginald's first year of graduate school. On our first date, we found that we had much in common: a love of music, science, math, and engineering, a strong desire to help others, and a love for Jesus Christ.

Reginald: We continued to spend time together during the few weeks leading up to Jennifer's graduation from Carnegie Mellon, and we began to realize that we had something that was worth holding onto despite our impending geographical separation (Jennifer was to begin a Masters degree program in Boston and I would be staying in Pittsburgh).

Jennifer: During the following year, we traveled to see each other about once a month.

Reginald: Well I did most of the traveling. Over this time we found our love growing stronger, and eventually Jennifer decided to return to Pittsburgh. Yes!!!

Jennifer: I returned to Pittsburgh for my doctoral studies, and our relationship grew even stronger. We became engaged in April 2009, and got married in July 2010.

Can you tell us more about what you do for a living and what you like best about your jobs?

Reginald: My job title at AFRL is a Research Electronics Engineer. As Jennifer mentioned I have my PhD in electrical and computer engineering. During school and now at AFRL I work with radio frequency signals that come out of wireless devices like wireless internet devices, your phones, TV station antennas, and so forth. What do I like about my job? So many things, but most importantly I feel that this is the place that God wants me to be. Ultimately, I want to eventually go into academia and this job is an important stepping stone for this goal.

Jennifer: I am a research scientist at Nationwide Children's Hospital. I am a biostatistician and epidemiologist by training. I assist with study design and perform data management and statistical analyses of data for clinical research studies in the field of pediatric surgery. What I like most about my job, is being able to use my skills in research study design and analysis to answer important clinical questions that can improve the outcomes of pediatric patients.

Are you outgoing or are you more reserved?

Jennifer: We are both pretty outgoing. We love to meet people.

Reginald: Sometimes Jennifer needs a push. I would say I TRY to be very outgoing; I am from the South, so I do believe in southern hospitality...

What would be your ideal way to spend a Saturday?

Reginald: Our ideal Saturday would start with a hearty homemade breakfast.

Jennifer: After which, we would spend some time enjoying the outdoors on a walk or hike with our dogs, Molly and Bella.

Reginald: Or, on a drive to site see and explore new places and things, of course with Moly and Bella if they will behave.

Jennifer: Recently we have been ending our Saturdays with watching a movie in our basement "movie theater", which is Reggie's last completed project.

Tell us more about your dogs...

Jennifer: Molly is a Morkie (Maltese/Yorkie) and Bella is a Maltipoo (Maltese/Poodle). They are extremely adorable and the best of friends to each other. Molly knows a few tricks, but we are working on Bella. Bella realizes that she does not have to do tricks to get treats. She prefers to just take them from Molly.

Jennifer, you've played violin for the worship team. Can you tell us more about your interest in music?

Jennifer: I have played the violin since age 10. I played in my high school orchestra as well as in the Lancaster County Youth Symphony. I also minored in music performance at Carnegie Mellon. I have always enjoyed playing all kinds of music, from worship music to chamber music to orchestral music, and I am really enjoying serving on the worship team.

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What is something people may not know about you?

Jennifer: I have completed six marathons, and recently completed the 2013 Columbus half-marathon.

What is something you have never done, but would like to someday?

Jennifer: We would love to travel to Kenya together, where my father is from. Reginald has never been there, and it would be awesome to go so that he could meet all of my extended family.

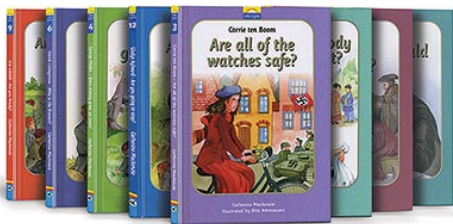
Thanks, Jennifer and Reginald!

Library Link

by Linda Schlabach

Be inspired to walk closely with God as you read about people who were on fire for the Lord, such as Amy Carmichael, Corrie ten Boom, David Livingstone and many others. In addition to our current selection of motivating biographies, keep an eye out for more to come in 2014!

Open this world of Christian discovery to your children as you read through the delightfully illustrated, hardcover Little Lights series written by Catherine MacKenzie. (Found in the Child's Section). MacKenzie draws us into the lives of others as they were young, grew into God's call upon them, and then as they obeyed God. Children are introduced not only to the lives of other Christians, but also to the Gospel.



We invite you to browse through the LCF library (located on the south side of the foyer) and the children's library (located in room 104, on the north side of the Fellowship Hall) and find materials to strengthen you as you persevere through your New Year Resolutions.

Leadership Team Notes New members! Elders! Youth!

by Vicki Sairs

The Leadership Team met on December 4 (in a cozy little Sunday School room – ahem!) and discussed some happy developments:

Happy development one: Fifteen people attended Rob's LCF 101 class on November 23, and most of them have expressed a desire to become members. Rob and Reuben will be talking with them, and the congregation will welcome them into membership on January 12 at the morning service. The Membership Celebration will continue with a potluck meal after church.

Happy development two: We're sad that our interim youth leaders, Andrea and Aaron Biscup, are stepping down on December 31, but we're delighted that Reggie Cooper is willing to step into a leadership position. He's been working with the youth for some time now, doing a great job.

Happy development three: The new Outreach Team is set up and planning to meet.

Interesting development: All four of the top elder nominations have declined to accept the position. We decided to ask the congregation to submit additional names. We also noted that perhaps we could discuss the role of elders at LCF and whether we should divide the leadership team into two roles: elders and a church council.

Right: Marcus's term as Elder ended on December 31. On December 16 the Leadership Team expressed appreciation to the Freeds for their service by taking them out to eat.



Ready for Conflict

by Pam Shay

Quick question...what was the last conflict you personally experienced?

- Kid's playing video games instead of doing homework?
- Co-worker taking credit for your idea?
- Arguing with family members as you drive to church?

We all have conflict.

Keith Scheffel recently lead the Peacemaker Ministries' "Resolving Everyday Conflict" Bible study. The study focused on the nuances of conflict, the Bible's perspective on conflict and relationships, and many useful ideas on how to work through conflict of any type.

Some of the take-aways from this session include:

- Conflict does not completely depend on me
- Forgiveness is frequent and necessary
- If you put God first then conflict will take a backseat
- Keep doing what is right



For me personally, whether my conflict is at work or home, it is vital to keep in mind that I must communicate directly with the person(s) involved in the conflict.



Pictorial Reflection...continued

July

Ryan Freed's last day as associate pastor at LCF was June 30; on July 7 we had an appreciation potluck for him and Kris.

About 15 people from LCF attended the Xenos Summer Institute and got their feet wet in apologetics.

August

Katie Gillespie and Danny Ndungu were baptized.

We showed God's love to our community as we participated in London's Be The Church event.

We had beautiful weather and a wonderful time together at our annual camp-out.

September

Eight LCFer's volunteered to work at the Farm Science Review and earned money to purchase two pub tables for the foyer. We had our 1st Night of Worship and Prayer.

October

The warm fellowship, chili soup, hot drinks, and campfire felt wonderful at the cold and windy harvest party at Dale and Sharon's farm.

November

We had a spring and a fall "LCF 101" class and are so excited about all the new people that God has brought to LCF this past year!

December

We launched our new website and enjoyed many activities that helped us to focus our hearts on the celebration of Christ's birth:

- Caroling at London's Old Fashioned Christmas
- LCF's Jungle Jam story of "Three Wise Men and a Baby"
- Christmas cookie outreach
- LCF Family Christmas
- New Year's Eve celebration and night of worship and prayer



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