

Latrobe Alliance Church

May 2013

Listing of Ministries

SUNDAY

Intercessory Prayer 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am

Adult Discovery Group 6:00 pm
Kids Club 6:00 pm
Wired/Grounded (Youth Groups) 6:00 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Nursery (through age 3)
Pre-K to grade 2
Grade 3-5
Youth, Grades 6-12
Young Adult
Adult

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm

Our Mission:

*To bring honor to God by helping people everywhere.

*To learn to trust and obey Jesus.

Our Priorities

- *Exalting God's Name
- *Exploring God's Word
- *Encouraging God's People
- *Exhibiting God's Character
- *Expanding God's Kingdom



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Monotheistic – Really??

Maybe you heard this comment floating around the church recently: there are some people (not in our church) who are claiming that Hinduism is monotheistic. To the best of my knowledge, the latest count for Hindu gods was somewhere in the neighborhood of 330,000,000. Even if we take the symbolic number of *33 Vedic gods* (those named in the sacred writings of the Vedas), that's still a whole lot more than one. Perhaps they were referring to *Brahman*, the impersonal and pantheistic form of God, or even *Brahma*, the personal creator god. If that is the case, then why does *the way of devotion* focus on devotion to one's own god within the pantheon of the 330 million deities available?

Contrast the above with the Trinity of the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We don't choose which one to worship because we worship God as Three in One. In the Nicene Creed, Jesus is described as "begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father." The Holy Ghost "proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified." In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), Jesus commissioned His disciples to "baptize them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Therein lies true monotheism: one God in three persons.

Does that comment sound familiar, this attempt to confuse the truth and make all religions look the same? We in the United States used to be pretty insulated from that influence, but it has seeped into all areas of our society. That's why Peter admonished us to "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have." That's why the Elders and I are committed to preach from the Word of God each and every Sunday. We all need to be equipped and prepared to explain the hope we have and to gently guide others into the truth of the one true God.

The information on Hinduism was taken from *Neighboring Faiths* by Winfried Corduan. Another good book to read is *Jesus Among Other Gods: the Absolute Claims of the Christian Message* by Ravi Zacharias. I have both in my library for you to borrow.

Well, keep listening. You never know what you might hear.

And "Be Prepared."

Pastor Tim



June 16th Father's Day

Aug. 18th Block Party

Worship Assistants

	A-V Tech /Computer	A-V Tech / Sound	Ushers
5/5	Angie P.	Dave G.	Bob L./Matt L./Ben H.
5/12	Luke S.	Doug Mc.	Hans S./Josh C./Lee S.
5/19	Matt L.	Kevin R.	George O./Ben S./Isaac P.
5/26	Sean R.	Dave G.	Mike B./Sean A./Joe L.

Safe Place

	Safe Place/SS	Safe Place/MW
5/5	The Youngs	Pat H.
5/12	The Grumbines	The Halls
5/19	Darlene H.	The McCrackens
5/26	The Onuskos	Judy M.



Nursery Attendants



	Nursery/SS	Nursery/MW	Food Fellowship
5/5	Wendy R.	Christy H./Abby M.	McCrackens
5/12	Donna Mc.	Julie L./Angie P.	Poole
5/19	Cheri Y.	Cherry L./Luke S.	Semelsberger
5/26	Pat H.	Lisa P./Abby P.	Kantoriks



An Opportunity to Bless & Be Blessed

The LIFE Conference is quickly approaching. It is scheduled for **July 9th -13th**. While at the conference, we would like to give the youth notes of prayer and encouragement from their church family. On the table at the back of the church you will find a box to put your words of encouragement, verses and/or prayers. These notes will then be given to the youth after we arrive in St. Louis.

We also ask that you be in prayer beginning now for the LIFE Conference, and for the youth of our church that will be attending. On the table you will find a refrigerator magnet with a list of those going on the trip and also the “themes” of the days while we are there.

Thank you... Donna & Wendy

NewsLetter DEADLINE

for the next edition is

May 19th

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- 2 – Ryan LeBlanc
- 3 – Tricia S. Houpt
- 5 - Vincent Steffey
- 10 – Jodi Henry
- 10 – John Miller
- 12 – Karen and Hans Semelsberger
- 13 – Joey Keffer
- 14 – Sarah and David Grumbine
- 15 – Lisa and Bret Pohland
- 16 – Melissa Collins
- 18 – Mary LeBlanc



If you are reading this on paper and want to receive it in your e-mail inbox, **EMAIL ME!**

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Governing Board

After a time of prayer, March and April's business was reviewed. Other business discussed was:

*New Telephone/Internet We now have internet here at the church.

* Chiz Rider possible concert Dec 18th Board approved.



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Church Humor

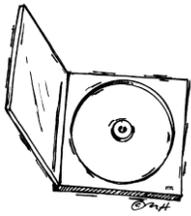
The pastor of a church stood before his congregation and announced, "I have bad news, I have good news and I have bad news. The bad news is, the church needs a new roof!" The congregation groaned. "The good news is, we have enough money for the roof." A cheer went up from the congregation. "The bad news is, it's still in your pockets."



Memorial Day May 27th



To put a request on the Latrobe Alliance Prayer Chain, please call Bret or Lisa Pohland at (724) 532-2210



CD's Now Available

Latrobe Alliance Church is now offering CD recordings of our services. You can order individual CD's of services you have missed or you can subscribe to weekly CD's. There is no charge for this service. For further information, see Eric McCracken.



"It's hard to stumble when you're down on your knees."



Dave Grumbine, Webmaster

God's Helpers

God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The teardrops from each baby's face,
And so He thought of mother.

He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown;
Without providing for His own,
The outstretched arms of mother.

God could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray,
Or kiss our little aches away;
And so He sent us mother.

And when our childhood days began,
He simply could not take command.
That's why He placed our tiny hand
Securely into mother's.

The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh
To love us still, was mother.

And when life's span of years shall end,
I know that God will gladly send,
To welcome home her child again,
That ever-faithful mother.

--George W. Wiseman



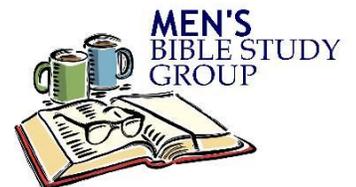
Sunday, May 12th



Keep Them in Our Prayers

Greater Latrobe & Derry High School's Proms are Friday, **May 10th**. Please pray for the safety and wise choices for the youth in attendance.

SAT's are scheduled for Saturday, **May 4th**. Please pray for our students planning to take these exams, and also the AP course exams some of the students will be taking also in early May.



What issues are on the minds of today's Christian men? Tom Milford wants to know. And better yet he wants to find a time when he can get together with a group of you and continue the Men's Fraternity. Please contact him with your ideas and preferences as to a meeting time.



Church Family News



Rock 'em Sock 'em Robots

Remember them? Robots have come a long way since then! GLSHS students design and build high tech robots, called BotsIQ, using their knowledge of math, science and engineering as well as public speaking. Eric McCracken works on the "Sonic, the Wedgehog" BotsIQ team.

Students battle their robots in a gladiator style competition at the annual Southwestern Pennsylvania BotsIQ Competition. This final round of competition took place at California University of Pennsylvania April 19th and 20th. There were 54 competing bots coming from 40 Western PA schools and Eric's team finished in 4th place. Way to go, Eric!



Frogs and Snails and Puppy Dog Tails

Congratulations to Julie, Bob and Matt Lukon on the birth of their grandson/nephew Wesley Quicquaro on **April 18th**! Baby Wes weighed in at 7lbs, 11 oz. Proud parents are Rochelle and Jon Quicquaro and big sister, Maci.

We don't know baby Wes' middle name, but a few suggestions are Barnes or Noble!



Congratulations to Eric McCracken who was recently inducted into the Greater Latrobe Chapter of the National Honor Society. This honor is presented to students that display characteristics of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

CLASS OF



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ATTENTION SENIORS!!

Please write a little about what you'll be doing after graduation. For instance, if you're going to college, what college, what you're studying, what field you hope to be in after college, etc. If you're not going to college, what type of work you'll be doing, going in to the military, etc? Please email or put in my mailbox **before May 19th**. My email is:

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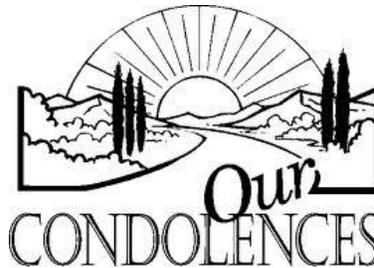
PARENTS, I may need your help seeing that this gets carried out! Thanks!! ☺



Being a Good Steward

The Roving Reporter from the *Tribune Review* caught Judy Miller the other day with the question, "Do you plan on saving or spending your income tax refund?" Of course, always the good steward of her money, Judy answered that she would save it to pay bills. Nice job, Judy!

Her picture was in the *Trib* on April 10th.



Our condolences are extended to Dave Grumbine (and his family), who recently lost his grandmother.