

LONG BRANCH CHURCH

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AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

The Pastor's Pen

"And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings" Acts 17:26.

As we look across the landscape of our nation right now, it is sad to see so much division. It almost seems that people are looking for a reason to divide – whether it is political, racial, or a vast array of other reasons. One area of division that has been in the forefront recently is the racial divide. However, as we see from this verse of Scripture, God made “from one blood every nation of men.” This is a clear affirmation that the human race is one. We can trace our common ancestry all the way back to Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:20). Or, if we move on to Gen. 9:19, we see that all races and nationalities can be traced back to the sons of Noah. The point is, there aren’t multiple races. We are one race – the human race. There are different ethnicities and different hues of the color of our skin, but we are one race. So, as we are one race, no one has the right to look down on anyone else, regardless of the color of skin, or anything else that might divide us. We are one universal family.

However, the Apostle Peter points out a distinction that is worth noting. He said, “...God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean...In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. (Acts 10:28, 34, 35). So, although we are one race, there is one distinction that should cause concern: the distinction between the saved and the unsaved. My point isn’t that the saved should feel superior to the unsaved, but the saved should be more concerned about the eternal destiny of the unsaved. The writer of Hebrews reminds us, “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).

It is too easy to be so absorbed with our own lives that we neglect to remember that everyone has an eternal destiny. We will all spend eternity somewhere. Let’s not get so caught up in the shallow things that divide us. Let us love one another with the love God has for us all.

God bless,
Pastor Phil

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**"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb is a reward."**

PSALM 127:3

Baby Dedication Sunday, August 9



**Moses Ray Hayes
Born on May 1, 2020
Matthew and Rachel Hayes**

**John Christopher Amaro
August 30, 2019
Christopher & Jamie Amaro**



Grandparents: Hubert & Gail Yeatman

Upcoming Events

Women's Ministries Banquet - September 11

Red Cross Blood Drive - September 18

PFWB Serve Week - September 20-26

Crusader Youth Camp Weekends

Elementary - October 9-11

Middle School - October 23-25

High School - November 6-8



Do you have a testimony? We would love to hear about the goodness of God and miracles He is doing in your life!

Please share with us by sending an email to lbc1061@gmail.com.



Gavin Lockwood	8/01	Pam Lewis
Rhonda Page	8/04	McKinnon Bowen
Debbie Hobson	8/05	Juanita Chavis
Hubert Yeatman	8/05	President Trump
Traci Newton	8/09	Our country
Brandon Norris	8/10	Unsaved
Jaxton Smith	8/13	People suffering from the effects of COVID-19
Lynda Strickland	8/18	Teachers and Students
Adrienne Jennings	8/19	
Nikolas Secor	8/20	
Douglas Lee	8/23	Deborah McLamb & family in the passing of her father, R. L. Hamilton
Carter Godwin	8/25	
David Dukes	8/26	
Harlee Dukes	8/26	
Mariah Wright	8/26	
Melissa Hayden	8/29	Gail Yeatman & family in the passing of her brother Terry Tripp.
Patrick Lockwood	8/29	