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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear La Crescenta Pres. Family,
As I begin as your Interim Pastor, I'm very grateful to have this opportunity to share life and ministry with you during this important time of transition! Here are the things I'm most excited about as I get started:

1) Listening to what's on your hearts so I can get in the flow of all that's happened and all that's needed to help LCPC have the future God desires. If you'd like to meet with me, please email me at mharbert@sfpresby.org or call or text me at (831) 915-4413.

2) Preaching each Sunday in the Book of Ephesians, which gives us a very clear picture of what's needed for LCPC to experience the ministry health and vitality God desires.

3) Leading all LCPC adults through the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality course during your Wednesday night PEAK program starting September 7. To get info on this amazingly helpful program, go to emotionallyhealthy.org, click on "course," and scroll down to "discipleship course" for a video description. There will be sign-ups and course materials available on the breezeway after worship starting Sunday, August 21. We'll also have an intro to this course at our SNEAK PEAK on Wednesday, August 31. REALLY HOPE you'll check it out share in this very important 8-week journey of learning and

growing!

4) I hope you were able to attend the Town Hall meetings after worship in Koopmans Hall when I explained my purpose as your Interim Pastor and your Session Elders answer your questions about all that's been happening at LCPC.

As I begin, please pray that God will guide me as I seek to listen well – to you and to God – so I can help you listen well to what God is inviting you into as you prepare for the very good future God longs to give you – individually and as a church family!

With gratitude and great hope in Jesus,
Pastor Mike



NOT GOODBYE, BUT FAREWELL



There are many significant milestones in the life of a church, but perhaps none so poignant than celebrating the "retirement" of a long-time senior pastor. Especially in a room filled with church family who want to offer their heart-felt expressions of gratitude and good wishes for the future. And that's exactly what we had this past Sunday when we celebrated 22-plus years of Andy and Mary Wilson's service to LCPC.

On Sunday, July 31, in a packed Koopmans Hall, as the microphone was passed around, people tried to encapsulate how much the two leaders meant to them. Some did a pretty good job, holding it together, thanking them both for their humility, wisdom, service, and grace, while others

found it difficult to express their gratitude and tell their stories through their tears. In fact, one person could only express the depth and breadth of his emotion by playing a particularly beautiful and complex piece of flute music by Bach.

For the most part, person after person attempted to describe to the Wilsons' (who were characteristically uncomfortable with all this attention) how much they contributed to their personal spiritual walk, as well as what they meant to the spiritual lives of their other family members.

After hearing many of the stories, expressions of love, and heartfelt wishes about the Wilsons'

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SESSION REPORT

The Session held a joint meeting and dinner with the Board of Deacons on August 1, the first time we've been able to meet together since 2019. We were served a wonderful dinner prepared by Linda Winfield and the Fellowship Committee. Thank you Linda! We met old and new friends, including our new Interim Pastor, Rev. Mike Harbert. Following dinner we had a time of open discussion, sharing our concerns, joys, and hopes for LCPC in this time of transition.

Following the joint meeting with the Deacons, the Session held a Stated Meeting at which the following items were discussed and/or approved:

- Discussed the formation of a Service Security Task Force to address safety issues during worship services. More information to follow in the next few months.
- Approved Chuck Andrew as Moderator of the Outreach Committee. The previous Moderator, Ed Carlson, has moved to Ohio permanently. Session is grateful to Ed for his years of dedication to both the Outreach and Biblical Reconciliation committees. We will miss you, Ed!
- Dissolved the Operations Committee. The committee was created to facilitate execution

of key initiatives and ensure connectivity of ministries and committees, as needed, during the leadership transition. Now that we have an Interim Pastor, there is no need for such a committee.

- Received various reports from committees. Some highlights are:

Biblical Reconciliation - Habitat for Humanity build day (June 25) was a huge success, with more than a dozen LCPC members on hand for each of the morning and afternoon sessions, with a huge contingent showing up for the overlapping mid-day meal.

Children's Ministries - Jesiah is meeting with CFC children once a week. 116 kids attended VBS, very positive interactions with kids and good reports from parents, raised \$1,260 for support to Ukraine.

Communications - updating website and social media sites.

Fellowship - will hold a "Sneak Peek of PEAK" on August 31.

Missions - Approved financial support for an Afghan refugee family introduced to us by World Relief (\$200 per month, 50% funded by a member of the congregation, initial six

month commitment to be re-visited in January). Approved a proposal to support Home Again LA (formerly "Family Promise") by providing dinners, likely at a facility in Burbank, as needed, up to a maximum of 7 seven days per quarter for an initial period of 12 months from the time that this program restarts.

Property - Trees in parking lot have been trimmed. HVAC installation for CE offices has been completed! Painting and carpeting are planned for vacated offices.

Transitions can be tough, but rest assured your Session is here to serve you, pray for you, and listen to you. Don't ever hesitate to contact one of our Elders or committee Moderators if you have a question, concern, or just want to chat!

Blessings,
Sheri Gray
Clerk of Session



Dear Church Family,
Wow, a lot has been happening in our lives at LCPC!

We said goodbye to Lee Cook and his family in early July and, just a few weeks later, to Andy and Mary Wilson. After so many years of teaching, preaching and fellowship with these beloved leaders, it is a huge adjustment to be without them. I feel blessed to have Rev. Mike Harbert as our short-term interim pastor and am thankful for his steady leadership during this time of change. I am also excited for what God has planned for LCPC. In Jeremiah 29:11, we read, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." We are blessed to know that our God keeps his promises.

Through all of the changes in our church family, we Deacons are steadfast in caring for our members. We walk with you, share a meal or a prayer with you. We lift up those who are suffering and joyful. We check in with those who cannot be

with us in person, give rides to those who cannot drive themselves, pray with each other on your behalf. We organize blood drives to help save lives (the next one is on Sunday, September 25), raise funds to help our children with college expenses, prepare meals and serve Communion. We stock a small food pantry and provide grocery gift cards and emergency financial assistance and so much more.

Each of these services is a gift to us and to you, our beloved congregation. We are blessed to be doing God's work. Being a Deacon has been one of the most fulfilling roles for me at LCPC and I am thankful to be among such loving and dedicated folks.

If someone on the Nominating Committee approaches you to serve, please consider prayerfully this honor and privilege to be the hands, feet and voice of our Lord. You will never regret it!

Blessings and love to you all,
Kerry Milbrodt

BISTRO 50+

Tuesday,
September 13
12 Noon in
Koopmans

Join us for a delicious lunch and delightful fellowship. Only \$5! Bring a friend.

MESSENGER

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Well that's a wrap on an incredible summer!

This year our students were able to embark on trips to Santa Barbara, Big Sur, Zion, Mount Hermon, and Catalina! Each trip possessed a different personality and in so many ways God's Spirit moved mightily in the lives and hearts of the students who attended. Thank you for your continual prayers for safety and your support for our youth here at LCPC!

Switching gears, I have some exciting news for this fall! We are back at it with all of our usual programming and events starting now! Each event will be listed below with a small bio, time, and a place. If you are a student, have a student, or know a student in the 7th-12th grade window, we would love to have you at anything we offer. You have a place at Abide!

Tasty Tuesday

What: A relaxing coffee shop vibe right at LCPC! Students are invited to come right after school and enjoy a delicious beverage while they work on schoolwork, play games, or hang out with friends! Tasty Tuesday is a blast!

Who: 7th-12th
Where: LCPC Student Center
When: Tuesday, 2:00-6:00 PM

Abide Junior High

What: An exciting space for Middle School students to come and learn about themselves, others, and Jesus! Each night is full of games, worship, and a short devotional time focused on Jesus and the life that He has in store for us!

Who: 7th-8th
Where: LCPC Student Center
When: Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM

Abide High School

What: A program made for High School

CORNERSTONE CREW NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Cornerstone Crew is down to two or three folks who faithfully weed and clean up LCPC's landscape about 9:00 AM every Saturday. Do you have some time to volunteer? Just come over any Saturday between 9 and 11:00 AM to help. Tools and directions provided—bring gloves if you have them. Community Service hours are available for youth! Talk to Elaine Ross-Collins at (818) 353-0059 for more info or to let her know you're coming.

students to take a break from their crazy lives, dive deeper into life questions, and get to know Jesus more. We play games, spend time in fellowship, and turn our focus on what Jesus wants to teach us that night, please join us!

Who: 9th-12th
Where: LCPC Student Center
When: Thursday, 7:00-9:00 PM

Abide Sunday Morning

What: A Sunday morning service that is catered to students and their current situations. Each Sunday (except the 1st Sunday of the month), students are welcome to come to the Student Center to drink coffee, talk to one another, and listen to a message that is aimed at their age.

Who: 7th-12th
Where: LCPC Student Center
When: Sunday, 10:00-11:00 AM



Fellowship Ministry is excited to invite you to experience A Taste of LCPC, coming to a home near you this month! We've lined up a great group of hosts who will welcome you into their homes for a meal, some great conversation, and fun time to meet new people or visit in a relaxed setting. There are multiple dates, times and menus to choose from between September 10 and October 2.

We would love for everyone to participate in this unique opportunity to share a meal and fellowship with other LCPC attendees in a small gathering setting (groups range from 6-16 people).

We also encourage you to choose a host family that perhaps you don't know all that well, as this is an easy chance to get to know more people within our church.

You should have received a special email invitation on August 22 with all the specific dates and hosts, and a link to the Sign Ups. If you didn't, contact Craig Carlson at Carlsport@aol.com and he will get the sign up information to you. We'd love for you to look at your schedule for the month, and plan to join us at one of these events. Bon appétit!



It's September and you know what that means – It's **Fall Kickoff** time! The kids might not be thrilled that school has kicked off, but there are all kinds of fun Fall events coming up here at LCPC!

Our **Sneak PEAK** of the Fall class offerings is Wednesday, August 31. You won't want to miss the **free BBQ dinner** with lots of yummy sides that will be happening in the Courtyard at 5:30pm. Rumor has it that **Jim Granier** will be cooking up some of his famous beef! **Pastor Mike** will give us all the details about the 8-week course he's leading, **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality**, based on the book by Peter Scazzero. The first official class will be Wednesday, September 7, in Koopmans. It's important that you register with Nancy or Pastor Mike because there is curriculum you'll need and you'll also be assigned a small group for discussion, so give the church office a call. It's going to be a great course to deepen everyone's relationship with Jesus.



The cooking crew at last year's PEAK BBQ.

PEAK Dinners will be starting a bit earlier each Wednesday, at 5:30 PM, and all classes for children and adults will run 6:15-7:45 PM to give small groups enough time to dig in to the lesson.

Have you signed up for **A Taste of LCPC** yet? You should have received an email invitation with all the different gatherings happening September 10 – October 2. Choose a date that works well for you (preferably with a group of people you don't know that well) and click on the link to the Sign

Up Genius to reserve your spots. We'd love for this to be an opportunity for you to enjoy a great meal in a relaxed setting, have meaningful conversations, and come away with some new friendships.

Sunday, September 11, we're having one of our **combined services** with the whole LCPC family in the Sanctuary at 10:00 AM, then a brunch together after the service. **Children's Ministries** is hosting the meal, and they have some fun breakfast treats up their sleeves.

Tuesday, September 13, is **Bistro 50+** at Noon, with the **Cruisers** meeting right afterwards. This past month, the Cruisers joined CFC for their Reptile Show and had a fantastic time meeting some pretty big snakes and other slithery creatures (see photo at right). You just never know what could happen at a Cruisers meeting!

Jesiah is hosting a Children's Ministries **Park Day** at Two Strike Park on Saturday, September 17, at 2:00 PM. Bring the kids on by for an afternoon of fun, games, friends, fresh air and snacks! Parents are invited to stay too. RSVP to Jesiah@lcpc.net.



Sunday, September 25, is the **Deacons Blood Drive** from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM in Koopmans. If it's been more than 56 days since you last donated, the American Red Cross wants your blood! You can literally save a life. You can contact **Ann Scoggins** at jwslifeisgood@gmail.com or Hilarynorton@me.com to sign up.

The Nominating Committee is looking for our next class of Elders and Deacons and needs your help! They are collecting the names of the best possible candidates to lead during this time of transition at LCPC. Pray about it, and if

God lays a leader on your heart, talk to that person about it. If they're interested, then reach out to the Nominating Committee with your nomination. You can email **Christine Holmquist** at larugrats@gmail.com.

The **Kids Hope USA** mentoring program is starting back up at La Crescenta Elementary School and we are looking for new mentors! If you have about an hour a week to give to a special child who could use some one-on-one time play-



ing games, doing homework, reading or just hanging out together, contact **Armineh Manookian**, amanookian@yahoo.com or **Janie Roach**, oakcircle5@aol.com.

Thank you to **Mark and Cindy Williams** for hosting a fabulous evening in their home for people to hear from our visiting missionaries. **Darren and Elisabeth Kennedy, Tom and Robyn Crabtree, Terri Hewitt, and Jim Milley** (of **Bridges**) gave updates on their fascinating mission work and then had a chance to mingle with the guests.

Congratulations to **Kyle Roach and Mackenzie Hill** who were married on August 27! They had a beautiful outdoor ceremony in Camarillo and of course Mackenzie was a gorgeous, beaming bride! Kyle and Mackenzie met during COVID and many of us first met her when Kyle started bringing her to our outdoor worship services. So happy for this special couple!

And, I don't know what's in the water around here, but I am overjoyed to report we have another precious baby boy arriving in January 2023! **Aubrie and Chase Walker** couldn't be more excited about this baby and **Mandy and Greg Cary** are over the moon about becoming first time grandparents. There are some pretty excited aunties and an uncle too! Can't wait to meet this little one early next year.

The **CFC** completed another great **summer of day camp** with about 50 children participating throughout the summer. Highlights were trips to Soak City, a Dodger Game and Knott's Berry Farm. One 3rd Grade CFC student said, "You know Mom, CFC is the best money you ever spend." If you're 18 years or older, CFC is looking for part time, **afternoon aides**. Who wouldn't want to be an aid after that rave review!

Cherish these last few official weeks of summer and I'll talk to you next month.

children's Ministries

by Jesiah Bozich

Hello friends!

With school upon us and many changes around us, this is certainly a time of significant transition. As a staff member, I can greatly feel the changes around me. There are moments when I feel sorrow and a sense of loss. There are moments where I feel confused and a bit uncertain of the future. There are many moments where I feel hopeful and optimistic that God is bringing us into a season of renewal and recentering. Often, however, I've felt all these emotions at once. For those of you feeling any or all of these feelings, I would strongly advise you to come to our Good Father in prayer. Speak to Him about your fears and your joys. Spend time reading, meditating, and listening to Him. All of these tensions and excitements are used by the LORD to bring us before Him, that we may grow as His children through our faith in King Jesus.

As we enter a new school year, so do we enter into a brand-new semester of PEAK kids' groups! This year, we will be continuing our exciting walk through Jesus' life and ministry using Groups "DIG IN: Life of Jesus" curriculum. Our Lively Lambs (Preschoolers and Kindergarteners) and Fast Frogs (1st through 3rd graders) will enjoy weekly crafts, games, and true stories about Jesus or the very stories that Jesus told to explain the Kingdom!

For those of you who have been wonder-

ing, SPARKS, our exciting 4th-6th grade group, will continue this semester during PEAK. Like our Lively Lambs and Fast Frogs groups, each Wednesday our SPARKS meetings will center on an event or parable from the life of Jesus! SPARKS will also have plenty of time for games, skits, and other exciting ways to come together as a community drawing close to the truth of Jesus!

As usual, Wednesdays aren't our only source of Bible based fun for kids. Each Sunday morning, we will continue to press into the fundamentals of our faith, spending time discussing the core of who God is, who Jesus is, who we are as individuals, and who we are as a Church. Our kids' Sunday School classes are 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings and are always open to newcomers, so we invite you to bring your kids to come and check it out!

There's much more to come as well! Stay tuned for more fun parties and service events in the near future for Children's Ministries!

If you have any desire to come on board our Children's Ministry team, we are always welcome to the help! The more volunteers we have on Sunday Morning and Wednesday Evenings, the merrier! Additionally, our Children's Ministry Committee typically meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM over Zoom. This is an open committee, so if you would like to join, email Jesiah@lpc.net for details.

Above all, please be praying for our kids as they go through the various transitions that come with growing up. Pray that, above all else, they would center their foundations upon the firm foundation of Jesus Christ.

As always, I thank God for what He has done and eagerly await what He will do next!

Grace and Peace,
Jesiah



You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth— Psalm 104:14

God has blessed us with an abundance of food resources. Modern agriculture has allowed us to make huge gains in feeding humanity. But there is great cost in the forms of water use, polluted runoff, land and energy use. Now, as the climate changes, farmers are experiencing greater hardship around the world due both to drought and flood.

How can we reduce our impact on the world's food systems and help sustain God's creation?

1. Eat lower on the food chain—raising beef and lamb produces the most air and water pollution by far of our major foodstuffs. Replace one beef dinner per week with chicken or vegetables to start.
2. Buy organic when possible—organic foods mean no pesticides used that cause toxic runoff.
3. Compost!—It's a fascinating practice, reduces emissions, and it can improve your garden soil (happy to share tips). Your local trash hauler is starting to collect organic waste as well to divert it for composting.
4. Reduce food waste—I know this is a big way my family can reduce our impact on God's creation.

Together, small changes in food practices help us all care for God's creation.

Judy Trumbo (jktrumbo@gmail.com)

A Request from Your Nominating Committee

Hello LCPC family! On behalf of your current Nominating Committee, we need your help.

We are asking all LCPC attendees to prayerfully consider who you believe would make a strong candidate (and, yes, you can suggest yourself) for our newest class of Elders and Deacons. At this important transitional time in the life of our church, having the best leaders on Session (essentially the governing board of our church) and the most caring members around the Deacon's table (essentially our hands and feet serving those in need in our church and community) is critical.

Simply put, we are looking for your help in collecting the names of the best possible candidates. Of course, serving in these Godly roles is a great honor, and just one way we can go deeper in serving the Body of Christ, and it does come with a great deal of responsibility.

In the weeks to come, you'll be seeing and hearing more about this opportunity to provide

your considered suggesting, but feel free to reach out to any of our Nominating Committee members with your questions or comments. Additionally, you'll see inserts in upcoming bulletins and hear more about this opportunity in the Messenger and on social media.

Please do not suggest anyone unless you have spoken with them about this opportunity.

These are exciting times for our church and we appreciate your help and support.

Nominating Committee members:

- Christine Holmquist - Chairperson
- Chuck Andrews
- Michelle Bryan
- Mandy Cary
- Nancy Coler
- John Holmquist
- Ann Wetzell
- Mark Williams
- Gary Woodward



CFC Heartbeat



Director's Corner

Sometimes I laugh at us California teachers. We can't wait to start talking about fall; fall colors, cozy fires and sweaters when in reality not only do we technically have 21 more days of summer in September but we have at least a month and 2 two weeks of warm weather where nothing much feels like fall except for the mini size candy in the grocery store and football on TV. If we buy a Halloween costume now that is perfect for warm weather then we will have a cold snap that morning, but if we buy a costume made out of a blanket material it will be over 100 degrees that day.

The truth is that much through our children's

The Messenger

The newsletter you are reading is called the *Messenger*. It is produced by La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. The Center for Children page is called the Heartbeat. We of course want you to read our page, every word, but we also want you to check out all the things happening at LCPC. We would love to see your entire family join us for any number of events. Your children, of all ages, can find groups and fellowship opportunities offered right here on campus. If you have any questions about church activities, stop by the CFC office and ask.

School Age

Please be sure to call us if your child does not need a pick up. Our van schedules

are very tight this year and if we wait for a child that was not at school or didn't need pick up, it throws off our van schedule. As your contract says, you can be charged up to \$10 for not calling. Please do not email changes in pick up times, absences, or change of schedule. An email may go to someone that isn't in for the day. Our message machine, (818) 249-8124, is ready to take your call at anytime during the day or night. Our vans leave around noon to start picking up, please call before noon with changes. If your child wants to participate in after-school activities at the elementary school, please remember to fill out our late pick up form so we can arrange a pick up. We cannot pick up any later than 4:00 PM. We hope your school year has gotten off to a great start.

lives we tend to want to move on to quickly and look to far into the future to see where our children will be at the end of a school year when this year has just begun. For working parents the fall tends to mean just more things added to an already busy life. Now there is fall soccer and homework to just mention a few. I want to encourage you to put down your pen and not write everything you could possibly do on your calendar as if they are must do's.

Not only do you need a break, but your children also need a break from having every minute planned of both the school week and the weekend. We need to find time in our family lives to simply be a family. Is that a game night, a movie night, dinner in the park, or just a Saturday without a birthday party? You as a family will need to figure out how you renew and bond together but this will not happen without thought and dare I say planning. If we wait for our calendars to magically open up and give us down time, we most likely will never have it. I feel a little hypocritical saying this because this newsletter will be filled with invitations to join even more activities or events. All I can say is here are some great choices, but the choosing is yours.

I plan to enjoy the rest of summer and be ready for fall whenever it gets here weather wise!

Pat Chambers
Director

There have been many discussions about

the role of play in early childhood and whether it's necessary or simply "nice" to have around. For Dr. Stuart Brown (prominent play researcher, medical doctor, psychiatrist), the notion that play might be considered anything but critical seems preposterous. As he wrote in his book, "Play": "Play isn't the enemy of learning, it's learning's partner. Play is like fertilizer for brain growth. It's crazy not to use it."

Across many animal species, researchers have found that the species that play more have larger brains in relation to the size of their bodies than do the species that play less. Even within-species studies of rats have shown that those allowed to engage in more playful behaviors have larger brains and demonstrate a higher level of intelligence than those deprived of play experiences. In his own famed experiments with rats, researcher Dr. Jaak Panksepp noted, "We found that play activates the whole neocortex."

His studies showed that after engaging in even

School Photos

We will once again be offering school photos, both individual and class, for our children from the infant room to Pre-Kindergarten. We will also offer class photos for children in Kindergarten – 6th grade. These photos will be pre-paid. You will receive an envelope and a flyer about our schedule and their fees. If your child does not come to school on the day their class is assigned their picture may be taken the other day. However class photos are only taken on the day the class is scheduled. All photographers will be fully vaccinated and will wear masks. Class photos will be taken outside. Exact dates will be released soon.

Paperwork & Our Phone Number

It is very important that you keep your paperwork up to date. With your paperwork on Curracubby it is easy to update any information. Additionally please put both the CFC phone numbers in your cell phone so that if we call, you can see it's us! Our numbers are (818) 249-8124 and (818) 249-8946.

Why We Play: Brain Growth

30 minutes of play, rats' brains had more brain-

derived neurotrophic factor (or BDNF), a chemical responsible for brain growth and the development of healthy neural connections, than did rats who had not engaged in play. Clearly, children aren't rats, but there is strong evidence to suggest that the impact of play on the human brain is more similar than different. That's why it's widely accepted by scientists that play is a key ingredient for brain development and optimal learning.

While Dr. Brown teaches that play is fertilizer for brain growth, neuroscientist-turned classroom-teacher, Dr. Judy Willis, points out that the reverse is also true. Too much stress and/or boredom depresses learning, interrupting the brain from processing new information. She teaches: "Joy and enthusiasm are absolutely essential for learning to happen -- literally, scientifically, as a matter of fact and research." It's not just cute. It doesn't just sound nice. It's science. It's why we play.

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ANDY & MARY

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next adventure, a few themes emerged. Naturally, most mentioned how incredible it was to watch Mary's gifts serving at-risk children through Kid's Hope, and as the driving force behind the Sparks program; there was recognition of Andy's gifts of teaching and vision-setting; quite a few also noted how wonderful it was to receive Andy's prayers over them or members of their family when they were in the hospital; likewise, several others mentioned how life-changing their trips to the Sierras, Rosarita, or the DR were to them; and just about everyone remarked how humble this "power couple" was

throughout their years of service.

Quite possibly the highlight of the afternoon was to hear Andy's and Mary's own daughter, Hannah, speak about what their support has meant to her as she's seen them lead our LCPC family for the last two-plus decades, and how moving it was for her to hear from others about the legacy created by their years of service.

The unique hour-plus affirmation ended by leading Andy and Mary outside where everyone in attendance could lay their hands on them and pray simultaneously, silently or out loud ("Korean-style"). The experience was moving for many. Andy and Mary will be profoundly missed, but their legacy lives on.

A huge thank you to Terri Hewitt for moderat-

ing this wonderful event, and to the Fellowship Committee for providing refreshments!

Editorial note: Although you're not likely to see Andy and Mary around the LCPC campus, they will spend half the year in La Crescenta (and the other half of the year in the DR), so it's quite possible you'll still see them at Ralphs, Everest, or Walgreens, and we fully expect to maintain our close friendships with them in the coming years. If you missed the celebration, know that Andy and Mary were sufficiently uncomfortable being the center of attention but they seemed to genuinely appreciate the outpouring of love. If you need to reach either of them, feel free to contact Nancy for more information.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

CLASSIC WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL
NEW SONG WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY
BOTH SERVICES AT 10:00 AM

SEPTEMBER 4

Message by Mike Harbert
"Grace, Grace & More Grace"
For Personal Study: Ephesians 2:1-10

SEPTEMBER 11

Message by Mike Harbert
"From Outsiders to Insiders"
For Personal Study: Ephesians 2:11-22

SEPTEMBER 18

Message by Mike Harbert
"God's Mysteries Unveiled"
For Personal Study: Ephesians 3:1-13

SEPTEMBER 25

Message by Rick Lyon