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Linwood Breeze

TONIGHT

Special Event

The Jason Lovins Band
Saturday, July 30 - 7 p.m.

The Tabernacle
and

Sunday, July 31 - during church service

We are excited to welcome the Jason Lovins Band **TONIGHT** at The Tabernacle and **TOMORROW** during church.

An evening with this band will leave you encouraged, joy-filled, and inspired. You will hear varied styles and songs that range from infectious pop to old time Gospel. If you want a taste of what you might hear, check out JasonLovins.com. Come Saturday evening and bring your friends. Then return on Sunday morning for another musical treat.

This band tours extensively throughout the southeast and northeast, staying on the road 40 weeks a year. Their journey has given the band members (Jason Lovins, Rodney Mora, Aaron Crozier, and Jonathan Nicholson) the chance to share the stage with such legendary performers as Michael W, Smith, Mercy Me, Kari Jobe, and Big Daddy Weave among others. The group has also performed at Billy Graham events and wrote the song "Journey" for a BGEA TV Special.



Welcome to Worship

We continue to explore on Sunday mornings the concept of Kingdom: the kingdom of God—what it is, what it isn't, and what it will be. Pastor Doug Stevens will bring us another sermon from the first chapter of Acts.

The *Jason Lovins Band* will lead worship music, so you can look forward to high energy, joyful praise music.

Last Sunday morning's worship service was filled with children! Look at the mini-congregation Anne Humphries had for the children's sermon! How delightful to see these little ones in our midst!

All are welcome to this interdenominational gathering. If you are unable to join us in person, the service will be live-streamed, or you can view the service anytime later in the week. Just go to [Facebook.com/Linwoodcl](https://www.facebook.com/Linwoodcl). Note that closed caption is available on this livestream.



Save the Date

Sunday School For All

Sunday,
July 31 - 10 a.m.

Worship Service
The Tabernacle

Sunday,
July 31- 11 a.m.

Here's the Scoop!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL

Sunday, 10 - 10:45 a.m.

ADULT FORUM

SUNDAY, 10 A.M. – THE CHAPEL

Nancy Stevens leads a consideration of "Living at the Lake."

Jesus invites us to live free and deep!

Leave the shores of security.

Dive through the breakers of bondage.

Be fully submerged in the depths of his limitless presence.

Experience his love, grace, peace and joy!

(Inspired by Sarah Birkbeck)

TEENS' SUNDAY SCHOOL (ages 14 – 18)

SUNDAY, 10 – 10:45 A.M. – THE STAND

You don't have to check your brain at the door when it comes to your faith! Come to the Stand to talk about tough topics of faith. This week the group will talk about the history of the Bible and how different denominations view it. Led by Dan Humphries

KIDS' SUNDAY SCHOOL (ages 8 – 13)

SUNDAY, 10 – 10:45 A.M.

BACK OF THE TABERNACLE

Come have fun with other kids your age & grow in your faith! Your class will be led by Bronlynn Eberhardt.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

(ages 3 – 7)

SUNDAY, 10 – 10:45 A.M.

BACK OF THE TABERNACLE

Join Sarah Royek this summer to learn more about God in all sorts of fun ways!

Special Opportunity

Linwood Christian Life

Each year the LCL provides financial support for individuals connected to Linwood Park who are involved with long or short-term Christian ministry. The Missions Committee is preparing its recommendations for funding for next year. If you or someone in your family is involved in a ministry or mission project and would like to be considered for a grant, or have any questions, please contact Carol Flick at: noniflick@gmail.com or 440.967.1110 for an application.

KIDS, TEENS, FAMILY EVENTS THIS WEEK !

Harrison and Alli continue to lead our youth and family activities with energy and creativity. Here are the details for next week:

MONDAY NIGHT MADNESS

Monday, August 1 – 7 p.m. (ages 13 – 18)

THE STAND

Meet at The Stand for a time of conversation and hanging out together with games and food. This is a great way to get connected.

TUESDAYS AT THE TABERNACLE

Tuesday, August 2 - 10 a.m. (ages 8 – 12)

It'll be a time to play games, eat snacks, and talk about the fruit of the spirit, goodness!

KIDS KORNER

Wednesday, August 3 – 10 a.m. (ages 4 -7)

BACK OF THE TABERNACLE

We'll have games, snacks, and crafts while we talk about goodness.

LINWOOD FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHT

Wednesday, August 3 - 7:00 p.m. (all ages)

THE PAVILION

Harrison and Alli will host *Painting in the Park*. Meet at the Pavilion by the basketball court. Paint, brushes, and canvases will be provided! All are welcome!

SPECIAL ACTIVITY THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 – 5 P.M.

THE PAVILION

On Tuesday, August 2, come to the pavilion at 5:00 pm for **bingo!** Prizes await!

BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS, 10 A.M. - THE CHAPEL

All adults are warmly invited to Bible Study in the Chapel. How relevant could a book this old be? As we dig into a discussion led by Pastor Doug, you may be surprised by how relevant it is! All are welcome, whether you are a Bible expert or a newbie.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DOUG STEVENS

The Antidote to “Us *Versus* Them”

How do we move from “Us *versus* Them,” locked in suspicion, alienation and antagonism? To “Us *and* Them,” still kept separate as a way to manage the incompatibility, discomfort and conflict? To “Us *with* Them,” together becoming a divinely-appointed, humanly-bonded, graciously engaged, delightfully diverse, brand new “Us”?!

This is the age-old conundrum. Easy to be resigned, to be cynical, to fall into indifference. And yet there is hope. How does this happen? How is it possible? What can we do to defuse the conflict, bridge the distance, melt the ice, act as agents of reconciliation, as harbingers of peace? If we choose to.

Here are the moves we have to make, the mindset we must embrace, the spirit and conviction we will radiate if we do.

Gratitude

Gratitude is the essential perspective, the place to start. Life is a gift. Revel in the beauty and abundance of God’s creation. Everything you need, God provides. Every hurt you hide, God can heal. Everything wrong you have done, God in Christ forgives. Every fear you have, God resolves with his reassuring presence and restorative promises. You are offered comfort for every sadness, compensation for every loss. Every challenge you face can be met with the strength that God gives. Be overwhelmed by the recognition that God loves you, loves your family, loves your community, loves this world (including all those who are neighbors, strangers and even enemies to you). Your life has value and purpose here and now, and solid hope with the defeat of death in the resurrection to come. Live then from a baseline of gratitude, live joy-driven. This is the foundation for reconciliation. Otherwise, you don’t have the right heart.

Humility

Humility is the platform for a liberating self-awareness and the entrée into healthy relationships. Cultivating gratitude leads to humility. Humility inspires honesty, transparency and vulnerability—and then confidence, poise and courage. Everything you have, you have received. You are convinced that God’s goodness is more than enough. So, there is no reason to be arrogant, and no right to feel worthless, insecure or resentful. No need to dominate or intimidate, no need to prove yourself or be held hostage to the criticism of others, no need to retreat or despair, and no need to default to defensiveness. You are free to own the truth of your troubles and recognize the hardship of others, and count on the help God will send. Because of God’s blessing, you are willing to submit to God’s authority and design. You are ready to respond to God’s call to consider others, their concerns, their well-being. To be others-focused. You are above no one, better than no one, beneath no one, the same as others in so many ways, not afraid of anyone, and not obligated to anyone except as God guides and equips you to serve them out of love.

Empathy

Humility facilitates empathy. Empathy creates connection and rapport. Life is not a competition, a zero-sum game. You are not choosing sides—except to care about another person made in the image of God and redeemed by Christ, to become their companion, secure enough to be completely present, interested,

able to listen, to learn about them and their experience. You are so secure that you are free to release judgments and agendas. You are able to build bridges of acceptance and understanding. You are free to affirm the person, their pain, their dreams, their struggles, their questions, their virtues and talents and potential without any compulsion to correct or approve the details of their story. You identify with them, as much as you can. You stand with them in their current condition, cognizant of their background while leaning into a hope for transformation and a better future.

Advocacy

Empathy is necessary, but not sufficient. Empathy must ultimately upgrade to advocacy, to action. Advocacy literally means to “add a voice.” You will echo God’s commitment and command to love, to lift, to defend and protect, to recover and renew, to advance and fulfill God’s plan for the person (the people) you are now claiming as friend. You will not only stand with them but walk with them. You will support them, plead their case and champion their just cause. You will take risks and make sacrifices to underwrite your devotion. You will even confront them because you care—when the truth and their welfare require it, and because you have earned their trust. You will go the distance, you will cross barriers, you will lay down your reputation, your privilege, your life.

If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God who reconciled us to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. (II Corinthians 5:17-19)

Doug

LPCOA NEWS

COMING UP

**Thursday, August 4 – 10 a.m. – The Beach
Linwood’s Sandcastle Building Contest**

**Enjoy our ongoing events planned just for you
this summer! We offer:**

- 📅 9-HOLE FRISBEE GOLF COURSE set up in The Grove. You may obtain a bag of frisbees at The Stand for a \$5.00 returnable deposit. Score cards will be provided. Fun for ALL ages!
- 📅 Open MAHJONG for experienced and inexperienced players will be offered on Mondays at 1:00 in The Stand. Come and have fun!
- 📅 Open PICKLEBALL play will be on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. at the tennis courts. Come one, come all!

Also, we have a tennis coach available for anyone who would like to take lessons. Simply call Billy, from Fox Creek, at 440-522-5610.



The Stand, The Store, and More!

THE STAND!

HOURS DAILY: 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
GRILLING SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS: 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Remember *old fashioned milk shakes*, made with real milk and real ice cream?

Guess what? That's how they're made in The Stand! No premade mix full of unpronounceable ingredients! If you want to gild the lily, ask for a *malt*. Mmmmmarvelous!

A full menu is offered: ice cream (of course), sandwiches, cold drinks, floats, shakes, candy, snacks. Hurry on in!

Grilling on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. will offer hamburgers, hot dogs and bratwurst. In order to offer this delicious option, we need grillers. If you are willing to volunteer for this enjoyable Linwood experience, please text or call Sharon at 740-502-1046. There will also be a sign-up sheet at The Stand.

LADIES – SOMETHING FOR YOU!

Wednesdays – The Stand – 11:30 a.m.

All ladies are invited to come to The Stand at about 11:30 on Wednesdays to enjoy lunch together. Whether you are here for the summer or just for a week, you are welcome to drop in. To make things easier for The Stand workers, if you know you are coming, please order your menu choice in advance by texting or calling Sharon Revenaugh, Stand Manager, at 740-502-1046.

THE LINWOOD STORE!

Always Something New

HOURS: Mon. 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; Thurs., Fri., Sat. 7 – 9 p.m.; Sun. after church until 2 p.m.

The creativity of Linwoodites continues to amaze. And it seems as if those whose work appears in the store are just getting better and better at what they do, as their products are lovelier and lovelier!

Don't forget, Janet Waggoner or Jennifer Williams will open the Store for you and your guests if you cannot come at regular open times.

2023 T-SHIRT CONTEST!

The Linwood Store is having a **contest for a new design for the 2023 T shirt**. Please submit your drawings to The Store or Janet or Jennifer. Include your name and contact information on the back of your drawing. Open to all ages.

PRAYER GROUP

A group of dedicated folks meets weekly to lift up prayer needs in Linwood Park. If you have a prayer request or know someone in need of prayer, we would be pleased to include your request in our weekly prayer time.

You can send your prayer needs to Prayer@linwoodpark.org. Also, if you would like to be included in the prayer group, please let us know at the same email address.

SUNSET BEACH YOGA

Tuesday Evenings, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The classes are held on the beach in the center of the park below the playground area. Please bring your own yoga mat or beach towel. Everyone is welcome and no pre-registration is required for these slow-flowing vinyasa-style yoga classes with step-by-step instruction. The class fee is \$10. For more information go to: <http://dailydownwarddog.com/beach-yoga-2>

LINWOOD BOOK CLUB

Monday, August 15 – 10 a.m.

Tables beside The Stand



Come read with us! We will discuss *Patchwork Planet* by Anne Tyler. All are welcome!

AROUND AND ABOUT

The sixth annual *Vermilion Beach Market* will take place at Sherod Park on Friday, August 5, 3 - 8 p.m. and Saturday, August 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Shop by the beach from over 90 vendors for vintage, shabby and chic décor, including furniture, architectural salvage, as well as handcrafted home decor, jewelry, clothing, and art. Take a pause from shopping at the beachside wine bar and food booths. Free admission and free on-site parking.

Chalk It Up! happens on Saturday, August 6, in Vermilion. The roads and sidewalks in Vermilion fill up with bright chalk drawings created by local artistic talent.

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If you have information or pictures you would like included in the next edition of *the Breeze*, please direct your email to: breeze@linwoodchristianlife.org. **The Breeze deadline is noon Tuesday of the week of publication!** **Photos of children must be accompanied by written parental permission** for us to publish the picture online and in the printed newsletter. If you would like to donate to the work of the Linwood Council of Christian Life, please send your check to: 444 Ash Street, Vermilion, Ohio 44089. Photos in this issue are courtesy of: Eric Breece, Kate Breece, Lovins Band, Carolyn Reed.