

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Lexington
Baptist Church



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A Message from our Pastor

It's been an awesome year at Lexington Baptist Church!

As you look through this Annual Report, I hope you see more than photos, events, and numbers. My prayer is that you'll see a living testimony of God's grace, the power of the Gospel, and a church family united around one mission—to take the Gospel to everyone, everywhere.

This year, we have witnessed God move in extraordinary ways. Lives have been changed through salvation and baptism. Our mission partnerships have expanded both locally and globally. Children, students, and adults have grown in their faith through intentional discipleship. Together, we've built a renewed culture of prayer, service, and generosity across every ministry.

Yet as we celebrate, we also look forward. God is writing the next chapter of our story, and He is calling us to step forward in faith. We are praying for God to continue building a healthy, multiplying church rooted in prayer, equipped for discipleship, and committed to planting new churches. By 2030, we are praying for a 30% increase in worship, Sunday School, baptisms, and church plants. More than that, we're praying for a deeper love for God, a stronger unity among believers, and a greater passion for the lost.

Everything we do flows from our desire to make disciples of Jesus in Lexington and around the world.

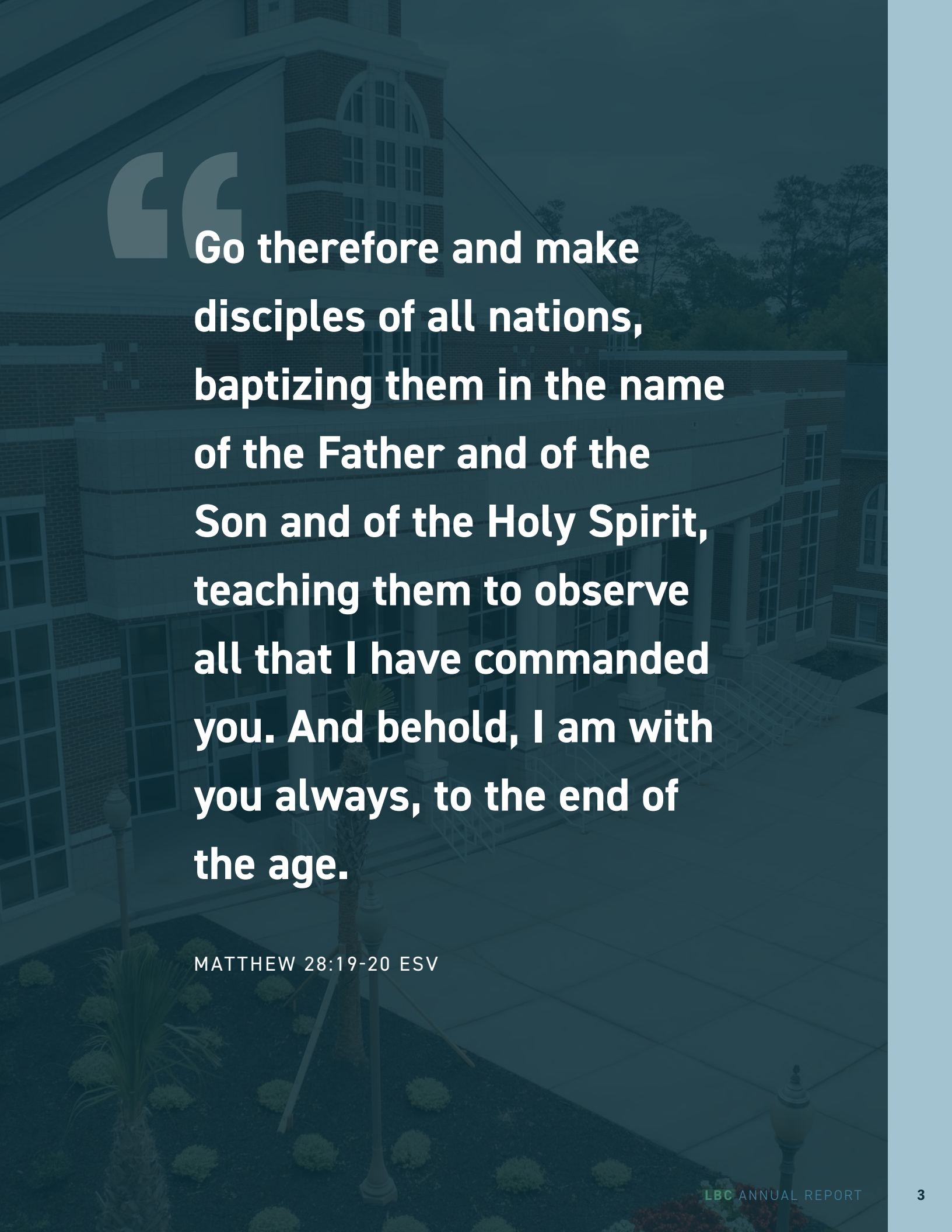
Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. As we step into the future together, may we continue to listen for the Spirit's voice and walk in obedience.

Gratefully,

Pastor Mark Owens

Senior Pastor, Lexington Baptist Church





**Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe
all that I have commanded
you. And behold, I am with
you always, to the end of
the age.**

MATTHEW 28:19-20 ESV



Future Vision

Vision Statement

Taking the Gospel to everyone, everywhere.

Mission Statement

At Lexington Baptist Church, our mission is to make disciples of Jesus in Lexington and around the world by taking the Gospel to everyone, everywhere.

Eight Pillars of Faith

- FAITH**
- MISSION**
- PRAYER**
- PRAISE**
- FAMILY**
- EQUIPPING**
- CONFESSION**
- HEALING**



LEARN MORE!

Open your smartphone camera and point it at the QR Code. Tap the link that appears on your screen to watch our sermon series on the Eight Pillars of Faith.



Five-Year Vision for Kingdom Impact

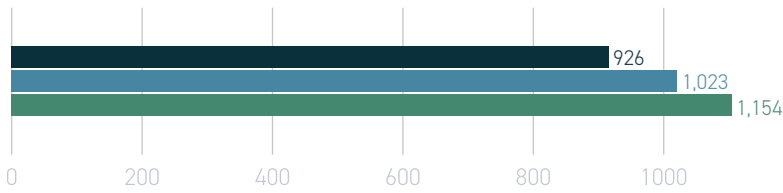
We are committed to building a purpose-driven church that is prepared and passionate about taking the Gospel to everyone, everywhere.

30 for 30 Vision: Goals for 2030

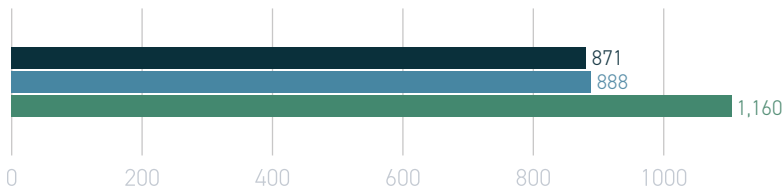
By the end of 2030, the objective is a 30% increase in four key areas of ministry (based on 2024 averages):

● 2024 AVERAGE ● 2025 AVERAGE ● 2030 GOAL

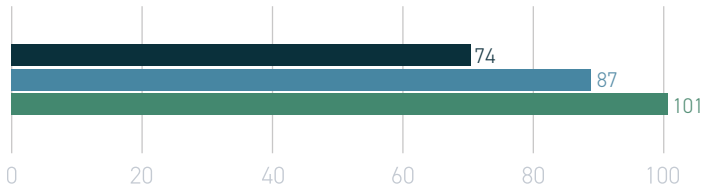
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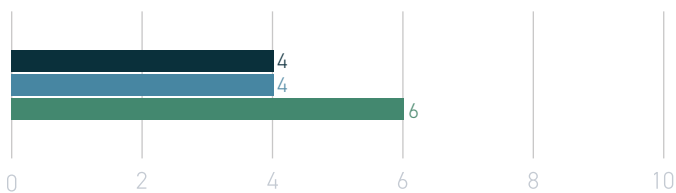
Sunday School Participation



Annual Baptisms



Church Plants: Local & Global



Baptisms

87 People were baptized between November 2024 and November 2025. This includes 42 individuals at our annual summer event, Baptism at the River.









We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

ROMANS 6:4 ESV

Celebrations & Special Events

1,023 Average for Worship attendance in 2025. This is a **10.48%** increase from our average Worship attendance in 2024!



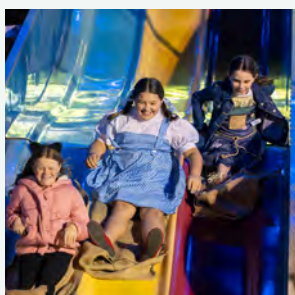
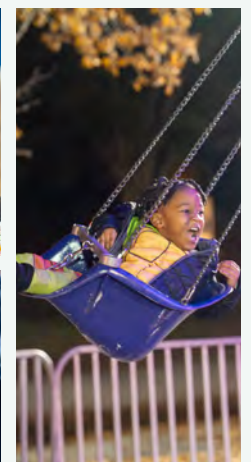
135 People connected with our church through membership this year. This is a **14.41%** increase from our new members in 2024!

Light Up the Night

This year, 4,000 people gathered on our campus for Light Up the Night.

- Of those in attendance, 837 new families who aren't currently connected to our church gave us their contact information, and we followed up with them by providing information about LBC.
- We distributed 675 New Testaments and had dozens of gospel conversations.
- We had many people share prayer requests with us, and we were able to connect with prayer counselors to pray over them right there.
- Over on social media, our online presence gives us an opportunity to connect with new people long-term. We gained 151 new followers on our Facebook and Instagram pages, and Light Up the Night posts reached 380,000 people.

Each of these statistics represents a real person and an opportunity to make disciples in Lexington and around the world.



Easter Services

Simply being together brought an undeniable sense of joy and sweetness. We watched families, many with multiple generations, worship alongside one another. We are thankful for the hospitality you demonstrated as we welcomed many new faces to our campus. People who may have felt broken and hopeless when they entered our doors, experienced Jesus' grace and restorative power through worship, testimony, and the Word.



Baptism at the River

Baptism at the River is always a special moment in the life of our church—and this year was no exception. Forty-two people were baptized as hundreds gathered along the riverbank, cheering and celebrating every life transformed by Jesus. Among those baptized were individuals from our church family, members of the community, and even two people who responded in the moment to step forward in faith. Each baptism told a unique story of God's grace—a powerful reminder of His faithfulness and the hope we have in Him.



Mega Camp

This year, we welcomed hundreds of kids to our campus for Mega Camp. Through the support of over 125 leaders, they each heard the gospel, created fun memories, and felt a sense of belonging. They also collected 1,668 canned goods and personal items for our ministry partner, Mission Lexington. They learned the value of helping our neighbors in need. We believe the impact of Mega Camp will be long-lasting.



Tailgate Sunday

Tailgate Sunday was such a great reminder of the joy and unity we have in Christ. From the fun on the lawn to worshipping together in one service, we got to celebrate that we are one body, united in Jesus. What a gift to gather as a church family, lift up the name of the Lord, and experience His presence together.





Missions Numbers

People on Mission Trips

129 From September 2024 to September 2025

Mission Trips

07 Toronto, Nicaragua Student Trip, Peru, Jacksonville Family, Jacksonville Student, Portland, Fall Nicaragua Trip

Church Planting Partners

09 New York, Central Asia, Toronto, Nicaragua, Peru, Portland, Jacksonville, RDC, and Persian Ministry

River District Church

77 Average Worship Attendance
Baptisms - 1
Members Who Joined - 2
People Who Served on Missions - 22

Missions Giving

\$777,393.95

Missions

A LETTER FROM THE MISSION FIELD

This summer, we hosted our annual Kids' Camp at Woodstock Community Church in Portland, OR, and for the first time ever, we were able to hold it in our very own church building instead of a public park setting. We had a great time preparing the space and getting ready for the kids that would come through our doors.

We ended up serving 25 kids that week, with the help of our partner churches and volunteers from our own body. The gospel was presented, the kids had so much fun and relationships were formed. At the end of the week, we invited all of the families to a cookout in our backyard. Every single family came. We were blown away! In addition to great engagement during the week, one of our kindergarten participants, "R", begged his parents to come to church. When he found out they were, in fact, visiting Woodstock the very next Sunday, he told his mom "I am so lucky!" He loved every minute of Sunday School and church and actually cried when church ended that day, he was so sad to leave!

Thankfully, R's family came back again and again... their family joined our church this month. This is why we do community outreach events--not just to serve our community in a tangible way, but to make real connections with neighbors looking for a relationship with Jesus. To give them a safe place to connect, to learn, to grow. We are so grateful for the opportunity to make disciples of Jesus in Portland, Oregon!



Local Ministry Highlights

OIL CHANGE OUTREACH

We hosted two oil change events this year. Our fall event served a record 56 women and welcomed many new volunteers eager to make a difference for these women. We also connected with the Prayer and GriefShare Ministries to minister to the struggles these women are facing.

PRISON MINISTRY

We collected over 300 Christmas prison packets and provided clothing for 10 men released from prison each month—meeting both physical and spiritual needs with compassion.

ESL MINISTRY

Although attendance has decreased on Wednesday evenings, this has opened the door for deeper relationships with students. Some continue learning virtually, demonstrating great commitment. And Sundays and Wednesdays each week we continue to share the hope of the Gospel both online and in person.



AMANDA SMITH
*Director of Local
Mission Ministries*



CELEBRATION OF NOWRUZ

On March 20, 2025, Babak and Elahe hosted a Nowruz celebration at RDC Church, welcoming 35 adults and 15 children. Dozens of volunteers from LBC and RDC supported the event. That evening, one Iranian guest gave his heart to Christ. Another Nowruz celebration will take place at RDC on March 20, 2026, with the goal of hosting 100 Farsi-speaking guests.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN GATHERING

Every other month, Elahe and Babak organize gatherings for women from different nationalities to hear about the Christian faith. Three meetings have been held so far, and another one is planned for November. On average, each meeting included 25 adults and 12 children.

ETHNIC PASTOR FELLOWSHIP

This group, consisting of pastors from diverse nationalities, provides a space for learning and growth in church planting and development across South Carolina. Pastors meet monthly to share experiences, challenges, blessings, and successes. By joining these meetings, Babak seeks to prepare the way for building an international church.



BABAK DEYLAMI
*Missions Associate of
International Missions*



LexKids

One of the greatest joys this past year was watching our Next Gen volunteers rise up to make little disciples! This was clear at Mega Camp, where we welcomed an average of 50 more kids each day than the year before, and on Sunday mornings as our ministry continues to grow. God is moving in powerful ways, and we are excited to build on this momentum in the year ahead!

HUNTER DENNISON
Associate Pastor for Families and Children

KATELYN FOXWORTH
Preschool Ministry Director



399 Kids + 125 leaders attended Mega Camp this summer

98 Average Midweek attendance for LexKids

89 Kids attended summer camps in 2025

32 Kids were baptized between Nov. 2024 and Nov. 2025

12 Babies were dedicated between Nov. 2024 and Nov. 2025

LexStudents

SUMMER NIGHTS

This summer, we started a six-week Bible study that met in one of our church family's home. We averaged 32 students and six volunteers (including four college students).

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Sunday Morning Large Group has become completely student-led, giving these leaders a chance to serve, teach, and encourage their peers. This team also plays an active role on Wednesday nights with planning, leading worship, and facilitating discussion.

GUEST ATTENDANCE

We are seeing students invite more guests than ever. We average five guests on a Sunday morning, seven guests on a Sunday Community night, and five guests each Wednesday night for Midweek.

39

Students went on mission trips to Nicaragua and Jacksonville

97

Average Sunday attendance and 43 Midweek attendance

22

Students participated in Grad Sunday

126

Students (+39 adults) participated in retreats throughout 2025



It's truly incredible to witness how God is working in our student ministry, and I'm so thankful to be a part of what He's doing through the lives of our students. Evangelism is at the heart of this ministry, and it's clearly visible in the way our students live out their faith. From launching Bible studies in their sports teams and schools to sharing the Gospel one-on-one with friends, we hear story after story each week of students boldly proclaiming Christ wherever they go. One of the highlights this year was our Summer Nights Bible Study, where we averaged 32 students weekly and welcomed seven guests each night—many of whom are now regular attendees this fall. Mission trips were another powerful part of the year, where we saw students share the Gospel faithfully and witnessed people respond to God's call. Even more impactful was the transformation we saw in our own students, who returned home with renewed purpose and have continued to live out the mission in their daily lives. God is using this generation of students in mighty ways, and I can't wait to see what He continues to do through them.

EMILY PATRICK
Director of Student Ministry





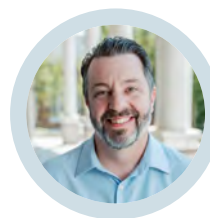
Adults

Men's Ministry

This year has been one of growth, connection, and spiritual deepening for our Men's Ministry. We've expanded our class offerings, giving more men the opportunity to engage with God's Word and explore practical, Biblical truths for everyday life. From foundational studies to leadership development, these classes have helped equip men to walk more faithfully as disciples of Christ.

We also prioritized fellowship and brotherhood, creating more opportunities for men to build authentic relationships through events. These gatherings strengthened our community and reminded us we are stronger together.

Above all, we focused on growing in faith and Biblical discipleship. Through intentional teaching and mentoring, many men have taken steps toward deeper spiritual maturity—learning not just to follow Jesus, but to help others do the same. We're grateful for what God has done this year and excited for how He will continue to shape us into men who lead, serve, and live with purpose.



SEAN ABRAMS
*Associate Pastor for Administration
and Men's Ministry*



LexWomen is a community rooted in submission to God, trusting that this is His ministry. We believe that when we step forward in obedience, we will receive all that He ordains.

As women of faith, LexWomen are committed to being active, compassionate, and responsive—caring for those around us with willing hands and hearts. We seek to be a community that reaches out: offering prayer, being a shoulder to cry on, and speaking Truth with love and accountability to fellow believers.

Our desire is to have eyes that see, hearts that serve, and minds shaped by Christ. Through consistent study of His Word, we navigate the challenges of modern life. In serving others, we carry the cross and ultimately serve Him. By renewing our minds, we bring Him honor and live abundantly. LexWomen, *come as you are—and expect to grow.*



KAREN URQUHART
 Director of Women's Ministry

IN 2025

- There are three ongoing **Bible studies** offered Tuesday mornings, Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings, with an average of 100 ladies attending.
- We launched **one new mentorship experience**. This intentional journey pairs seasoned believers with those seeking guidance, encouragement, and accountability as they grow in their relationship with Christ.
- **The Panel Live** is a powerful evening where LBC women share testimonies, life lessons, and the faithfulness of God through every season. We've hosted three of these events this year.





Senior Adults

The Senior Adults of LBC are unstoppable in their energy and enthusiasm for serving the Kingdom of God. There are many opportunities to serve, no matter your age or ability. We live, love, and laugh together through monthly activities that strengthen our fellowship in the family of God. But serving is our main purpose. We care for our 50 LBC VIPs (homebound, in facilities, or with special needs) and support mission projects like Operation Christmas Child, Prison Packets, Samaritan's Well women's shelter, and the Backpack Ministry for school children. Our Legacy Choir also leads worship at area facilities, sharing the love of Christ through music. Whatever the project, LBC has a place for all ages to live, learn, and grow.



DAN WILLIAMS
*Associate Pastor for
Senior Adults &
Congregational Care*

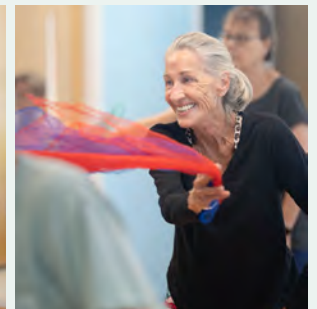
LEXREC

FAITH + FITNESS

The highlight of our ministry for 2025 was being blessed with an updated gym during the sanctuary update. Members had the opportunity to become familiar with the Family Life Center and all it offers both spiritually and physically. We have so many members that thank us for having a welcoming and loving atmosphere as soon as they walk through our doors. We are a ministry first, recreation second. We pray for each other in our classes, at the front desk, and our door is always open in the office to lend an ear or pray with them.



JEANNINE SHEALY
Recreation Manager





Worship

This year has been marked by remarkable growth and momentum for the Worship Ministry at LBC. We are thrilled to have added more choir members than in any year since 2020, with this expansion having a massive impact on the worship experience by creating a richer and more powerful sound for the congregation. Our ministry has also seen significant growth in the orchestra and rhythm section, which further enhances the dynamic and full worship environment.

To support this expanding team and lead us into the future, we were delighted to welcome Jerron Parker as our new Worship Associate. This collective growth underscores a vibrant new season for our ministry, and we are excited about the opportunities ahead.



TIM BOTTOMS
Associate Pastor for Worship





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