

Summer 2016

LAKE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COLUMN

Chuck Murphy

“Bridges Out of Poverty”

For those who find themselves in poverty, getting out is not something that can be drawn on a blueprint. Sometimes we think, “Why don’t they just pull themselves up by their bootstraps.” Many of the working neighbors who come to us on Tuesday evening, and several of the neighbors whom our dedicated New Tomorrows coaches have helped find employment, still live below the government-defined poverty line even though they work fulltime.

Consider the plight of an area social worker, a single parent raising three children, one in college. Her monthly income is \$90 above the poverty level so she is ineligible for most types of aid. Those lines are inflexible, even when she needs help with a medical issue that could threaten her employment but her insurance won’t cover. Fortunately, our policies are not inflexible. When a lawyer asked Jesus, “Who is my neighbor?”, He recited the parable of the Good Samaritan. Thus we as a Christian ministry heeded this lesson and helped this woman.

LCM is taking part in a countywide effort underway in Bedford to improve general understanding of our neighbors in poverty, build better relationships with them, and learn to collaborate to provide the best possible services. It is called “Bridges Out of Poverty” and the next step is to ask all of you to attend one of our training sessions. Josselyn Gregory, Rusty MacMullan, and Ken Sauer spent 4 days in March becoming certified instructors. I can tell you from personal experience the class is eye-opening .

Think about your contacts with our neighbors at the ministry. Don’t understand why “they” all seem to have cell phones, tattoos and pets? Please take the time to come to a class and bring a friend. We hope over time to offer this class to churches and civic groups as well as our own volunteers. Come and learn how little we understand about the people who live just down the street.

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We invite you to bring your family, friends, neighbors
and out-of-town guests to a fun-filled

Welcome To Summer Cookout

hosted by Lake Christian Ministries
on **Saturday May 14th 4-8 PM**
at the Scruggs Fire House.

Menu: Spiced Shrimp (\$20) or hamburger/hot dog (\$10) dinners.

There will be lots of activities for all ages to enjoy! Live entertainment by the Panini Brothers (back by popular demand!) along with local DJ Tim Hernandez. Activities include a Raffle with a \$1,000 top prize. Games for children, dancing and more!

Tickets for the event are on sale now, online at lakechristianministries.org, and at the SML Visitor's Center at Bridgewater Plaza, Smith Mountain Flowers in downtown Moneta, and Southern Roots on Scruggs Road.

All proceeds will help us (LCM) help our neighbors in need.

ROANOKE VALLEY GIVES

Roanoke Valley Gives. Recently, Lake Christian Ministries participated in a new fundraising event. On March 16, Roanoke Valley Gives (RVG) was the first-ever community-wide online giving day, designed for all area non-profits to reach out to citizens of the Roanoke Valley for support of those organizations that provide a vast array of services addressing many community needs.

Residents of the Roanoke Valley were able to donate directly to any of 125 participating charities through the system sponsored and created by the Foundation for the Roanoke Valley. In total, RVG generated just under \$400,000 for the 125 participating non-profits, a notable success for this first endeavor.

Lake Christian Ministries raised \$3,500 through Roanoke Valley Gives. We are thankful to all who went on-line and made a donation. We are especially pleased that 15% of those donors were first time donors to LCM. We look forward to an even more exciting and successful event in 2017 – both for the entire area and for LCM.



An initiative of Foundation for Roanoke Valley

CURRENT VOLUNTEER VACANCIES



Following are three vacancies that are available at the Ministry. If you are interested, come by the Ministry's office to speak with Chuck Murphy or one of the Day Officers. (Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9-12)

♥ **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**-We are in need of someone who will manage our volunteer program. This includes updating the volunteer database, sending emails to the volunteers, and coordinating any volunteer activities.

♥ **MAINTENANCE MANAGER**- This is an 'as-needed' position to handle the day-to-day maintenance and repair need around the facility.

♥ **COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING COORDINATOR**-This person will work with the Fund Development and Community Relations committees to insure we have consistent messaging.

Saturday, September 17

The fifth annual Jim Cameron Memorial Walk will take place on Saturday, September 17 at beautiful Smith Mountain Lake State Park. As our largest individual fundraising event of the year, activity is already underway to ensure the success of the event. More than 350 walkers joined with many area business sponsors to raise over \$50,000 in the 2015 Walk. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to join us this year.



Key to success is growing the number of walker teams (friends, neighborhoods, schools, clubs, churches, etc.) and we could use some additional volunteers to help in this recruiting effort. Please contact Bart Matthis (540-841-3131) if you are interested in helping.

PANTRY NEWS

We have added a new dimension at the pantry with the assistance of De English and Helen Short from the Giving Garden at Booker T. Washington.

These ladies show up at LCM each Wednesday morning to chat with the neighbors about good nutrition, provide healthy recipes, dispense samples of delicious salt substitutes that can be made at home, etc.

We are very grateful for their help and dedication to Lake Christian Ministries.



Grants Update. Foundation grants are an important part of LCM's fundraising, constituting almost 20% of our annual operating revenues. Through the first quarter of the year, we gratefully received the following awards:

Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation	\$2,500
The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust	\$10,000
Foundation for the Roanoke Valley	\$8,000
United Way of Franklin County	\$5,000

We are thankful to these groups for their recognition of the merits of our programs serving those in need in our community.



NEWSLETTERS VIA EMAIL

Due to the rising costs of printing and postage, we ask you to consider receiving your newsletters via email - in **FULL COLOR**.

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Lake Christian Ministries is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, located on Old Moneta Road in Moneta. Since 1992, LCM has been providing food, clothing and emergency financial aid to low-income, lake-area residents from Bedford, Franklin and Pittsylvania counties.

EASTER BASKET JOY!



THANK YOU to SML Lions Club!

The SML Lions Club showed up in force to help us pack our annual baskets. On March 19th we distributed 253 baskets with the help of the Resurrection Catholic youth group. Interest in the Easter baskets seems to have decreased in recent years. We will re-evaluate this offering during our 2017 budget planning and perhaps take a different approach next year.



LCM has upgraded its vehicle fleet with a 2006 Ford box truck. This will replace our aging 1993 van.

Mark Koch, Jim Caskie, and Bill Koontz installing a new ceiling in the MOMs' area.



In 2015 LCM food distribution amounted to more than 124,000 meals.

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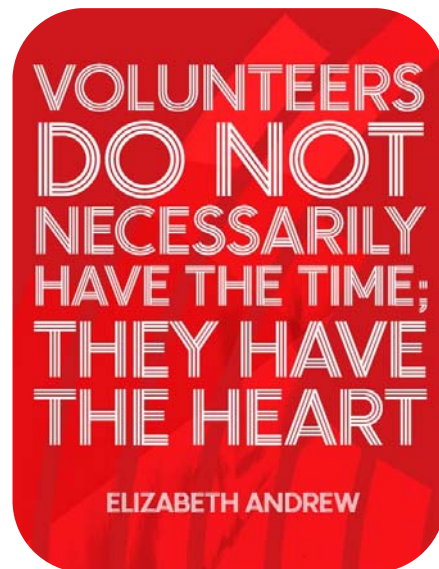
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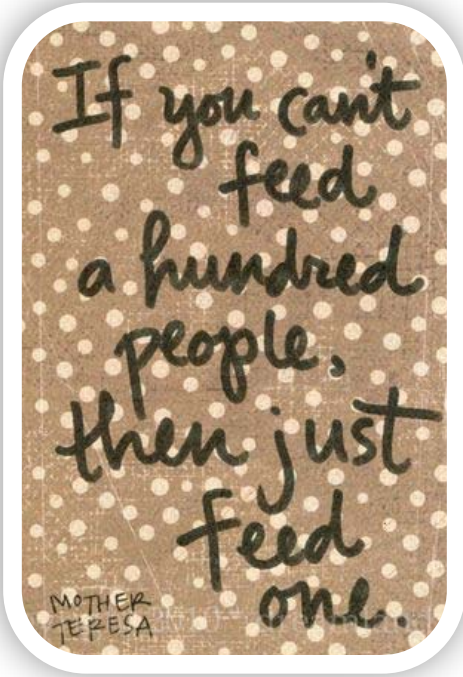
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