

# 2022

## Vision Sunday

Looking back- Pressing Forward  
Dia Vilente



**Linwood**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH



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# MESSAGE FROM Pastor



**Jayson Byrd**

Pastor & Chief "Dad Joke"  
teller-Linwood Community  
Church

Beloved, "Hey You, Loved by God!"

2021 was a transformational year for us at Linwood Community Church. After going through an extremely "different" (to put it mildly) year in 2020, 2021 was anything but getting back to "normal." In a time when there has been so much upheaval, dismantling, and "deconstruction" going on in our society, God has been doing some transforming and constructing at LCC. It's so encouraging to see God building his church and allowing LCC to be a part of that. He truly is keeping His promise to build His church - His Kingdom is advancing! (Aslan is on the Move!)

Jamie and I are encouraged by what God has done at LCC this year. We're grateful to God and thank you for the faithful service and work by so many in our LCC family as we labor and grow together for the cause of Christ.

We look forward to How God will continue to work in 2022!





# LCC MISSION STATEMENT

"In obedience to our Lord's command, we will make disciples of Jesus Christ who are: Exalting Him in worship, Edifying one another in love toward maturity, Exercising their gifts in fruit-bearing ministries, Evangelizing the lost world around us, all to the glory of God!"



## OUR Vision

Magnifying Jesus by Making and Maturing Disciples of Him.

Declaring, Demonstrating, and Displaying the Gospel of King Jesus in order to make and mature Disciples of King Jesus.



### Exalting our Lord

Bible-Based, God-Centered, Gospel-Driven worship. Faithfully administering the ordinances of the church: Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Matthew 28:19; I Corinthians 11).



### Evangelizing the Lost

Being obedient to the great commission and great commandment.



### Equipping the Saints

Ephesians 4:11-12

For the work of the ministry.

"Every member matters"

"Every member a minister" =



### Engaging in Mission

Mobilizing our members for effective ministry both locally and globally.





# Discipleship Strategy

A simple process to put our vision into an action step. These are our goals for every member of the LCC family.



## Our Vision

Magnifying Jesus by Making and Maturing Disciples of Him.

Declaring, Demonstrating, and Displaying the Gospel of King Jesus in order to make more and better disciples of King Jesus.



### Gather

Gather in Worship and Fellowship.



### Grow

In Groups and Classes.



### Serve

Serve in Teams and organically.



### Go

Take the gospel in word and deed to our neighbors and the world.

# Sermon Series In 2021

Because we believe in the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible we value our heritage and commitment to being a Bible-Based church. We value biblical preaching. Here are some of the series and messages from 2021.

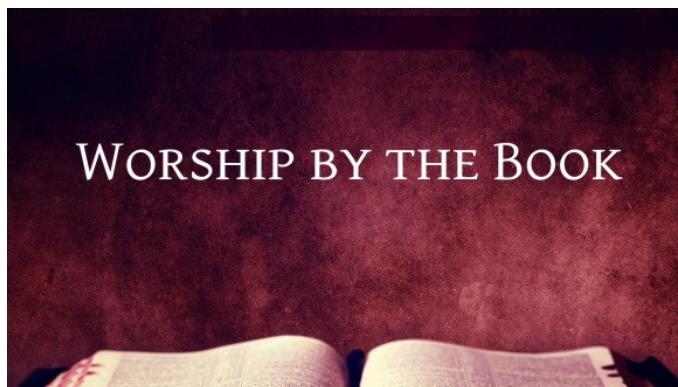
## **Spring Series:**

*"Restoration from the Inside Out"* A series in Nehemiah



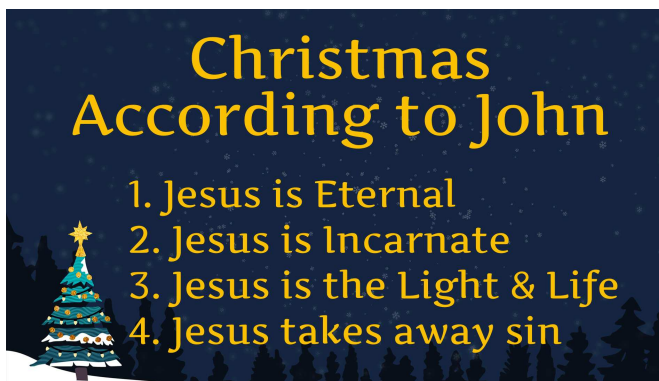
## **Summer Series:**

*"Worship By the Book"* A study in the who, whom, when, and what of Biblical Worship.



## **Christmas Series:**

Christmas According to John



## **Fall Series:**

*"Authentic Faith"* 1 John 1-3





# 2021

## Goals Accomplished

By God's grace we were able to see the following goals accomplished.

- Auditorium & Lobby Remodel!
- New Hymnals
- Calling of Associate Pastor
- Creation Conference
- New Logo
- Missions Trip
- New Mover Mailings
- Marriage Conference / Retreat Started



### 2020 Goals:

- New Pew Bibles
- Online Giving (Integrated & increased use)
- Annual Ministry Summit launched







# Ministry Highlights



## Music Ministry

- Welcomed several new team members to the rotation.
- Added second piano and keyboard.
- Expanded repertoire of ancient and modern hymns and broadened instrumentalization.
- Coordinated liturgy in conjunction with weekly emphasis and preaching calendar.
- Two Choir Cantatas



## Angel Tree

- 13 Families Ministered to.
- 31 children receiving 2 gifts
- Each family receiving a Bible.



## HandiVangelism

- Safely able to return to meeting twice a month.
- Several from the group beginning to attend LCC.



## Olympians Club

- Relunched after 18 months away.
- Average 20-35 in attendance each week.
- Updated & New graphics and "Olympian Bucks."
- Game staff and teachers staffed well.





# Ministry & Improvement Highlights



## Outreach

Go & Tell and Come & See. Declaring the Gospel

- New Mover Mailing
- Creation Emphasis Weekend
- Heart Conference
- Vacation Bible School



## People - Membership Report

Most of all, more important than structures and buildings, the ministry is about people. We're grateful that 2021 brought:

- 1 Baptism
- 6 New Members
- 96 Members Total (84 Voting Members)
- 6 Members Promoted to Heaven



## Physical Improvements

- New windows in basement classrooms.
- New TVs in some classrooms.
- New Electric Piano and Keyboard.
- Redesigned Bulletins
- Beginnings of Digital Signage
- Video Streaming Service Added.



## Building Improvements

- Remodel of Auditorium
- Lobby Renovation
- New Sound System
- Video Streaming Booth Built
- Church Office Updated





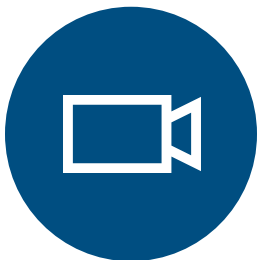
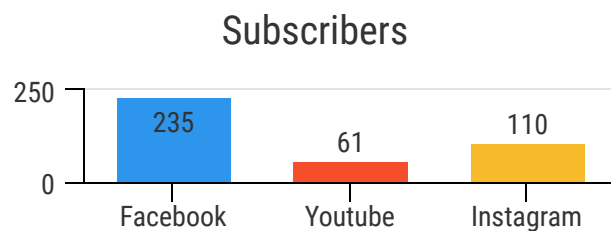
# Media Ministry



Website  
**2,555**  
Unique Visitors  
10,580 pageviews

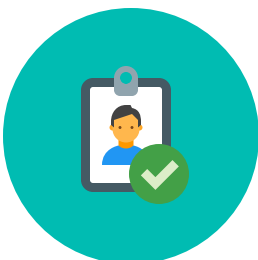


Social Media  
Subscribers



## Video Reach

Platform	Views	Average Time	Time Watched
Youtube	2,044	8:18	167 hours
Boxcast	1,014	13:09	NA



## Digital Goals for 2022

1. Double Social Media Following. Ask Members to share and invite friends to like and follow.
2. Post more often.
3. Implement and deploy new video ministry for service streaming, promotional videos, ministry, and testimonial videos.





# FINANCIAL Stewardship HIGHLIGHTS



**Total Given in  
2021 = \$292,266**

We don't give to our church, we give through our church. Like a mutual fund diversifies funds to multiple assets, giving through LCC touches many ministries here, in our area, and around the globe.



**\$47,239**  
**through Online Giving**

Online giving picked up considerably during 2021. In 2020, \$28,547.47 came in via online giving.



**2021 Total  
Budget was  
\$259,930**



**\$75,800 Given to  
Missions**

- \$41,200 was from general church giving.
- \$18,800 from the Investment Funds.
- \$15,800 in Special Gifts



**\$8,121.00 Given  
to Benevolence Fund**

- 30+ people helped

**97.76%**  
**of expenses**

Covered by your 2021 Giving

..... *For giving generously* .....

**Thank You**

# ➤ How you can get involved

## Sharing the Vision



### Membership Expectations

1. Attend services regularly (Hebrews 10:25), attend the Lord's Table in particular, as well as member's meetings.
2. Support the church in its worship and work to the best of your abilities through prayer, serving, and giving (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:1-5; Gal 6:6).
3. Build relationships within the body, get involved in the lives of other members, and seek to practice the "one another" passages of the New Testament. Rom 12:5, 1 Cor. 12:12-26, Eph. 4:15-16
4. Serve as God gives you the opportunity and exercise your spiritual gifts in the context of the local church (1 Cor. 12).
5. Share the Gospel with the lost seeking to make disciples locally and around the globe. Matthew 28:19-20



### Get social

1. Like & Follow LCC on Social Media.
2. Leave an honest review about what you like about LCC on Facebook and Google.
3. Share posts and pictures from LCC with your friends and followers.



### Share & Invite

1. Carry Gospel Tracts & LCC Invite Cards with you everywhere.
2. Pray about where you sit. Reach out to guests, take them to lunch.
3. Build relationships with the lost seeking to have gospel conversations
4. Invite friends and family to events at LCC.



### More Vine less Trellis

1. Focus on people & ministry more than structures and methods. "Methods are many, principles are few, methods are always changing principles never do." ~ Warren Wiersbe
2. Deliberately build relationships within the body.
3. Pursue and protect unity in our church. Refuse gossip, seek biblical communication.

# 2022 Initiative

# Showing the WAY



**Big idea = Growing in  
an Outward Focus**



Focusing on a cause bigger than self aligns us toward the purposes of the church and the gospel heart of God and away from internal scisms, self-focus, and unimportant purposes.



Outward focus is not just a program, it's a cultural and paradigm shift.

## Components

- Revitalize & Emphasize our Hospitality Teams
- Leadership embracing, "Becoming a Welcoming Church"
- Evangelism Training
- Entry Doors and Locking System
- Improve Signage internally and Externally.
- Improve "inevitability" & organic embracing of guests.



..... *Becoming a* .....  
**Welcoming  
Church**





# 2022

## Ministry Goals

If the Lord wills, we believe that God is leading us into the following goals for 2022.



Showing the Way:  
Ministry Teams Mentoring and Training.

1. Focus on improving 1-3 priority church systems.
2. "Becoming a Welcoming Church"



1. Create regular evangelistic activities and training.
2. Hold 2-3 "Come & See" evangelistic services.
3. Discipleship Groups
4. "Go Big" for Christmas Outreach.



Physical Property:

1. Exterior Doors Replaced.
2. New internal signage and digital signage implemented.
3. Cafe' & Overflow areas completed.



1. Discipleship Groups (D-Groups)  
Begin with a men's group.
2. Ministry Team Onboarding
3. Member Assimilation
4. Senior Saints Ministry



# Constitution Revision

The second major initiative that we believe the Lord is leading us toward is a revision of our governing documents.

This may or may not happen in 2022, but we want to begin the discussion and the rationale for proposing it.



## Why? & What?

The major "Why" behind a constitution revision can be summed up in the headings, Affirm, Align, and Address. Affirm our beliefs, align ourselves with practices based upon them. Address issues that are important in our day. Assure that accountability is offered--All for the sake of magnifying Jesus by making disciples.



### Affirm

Affirm what we believe. Using the historic confessions of faith and the wisdom of the collective body. We want to affirm our confession of faith especially in major areas of doctrine and practical areas of application in our culture.

### Align

If we confess the Bible to be our authoritative and sufficient rule of faith and practice, it is only logical to seek to align our structure to follow its pattern.

### Reorder

Word-order often communicates importance. We want to assure we address the most important matters first.

### Remove

Remove items that are contradictory and those that go beyond the scriptures and the historic positions of orthodox Christianity.



### Address Legal & Contemporary Matters

Prudence and best practices lead us to want to address some legal and contemporary matters in a biblically faithful, grace-filled manner.



### Emphasize

Emphasize robust Biblical ecclesiology, church membership, and biblical- grace-filled, restorative church discipline.



# 2022 Calendar Highlights



## February

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- Vision Sunday - Feb 13
- Men's Basketball Begins
- Super Bowl of Chilli - 13th
- Baptism Service - 27th



## March

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- 12th - Ministry Summit
- 13th - Volleyball Night
- 27th - Game Night



## April

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- 2nd Olympian's Fast Car Event
- 10th- Easter Cantata - Palm Sunday
- 10th Night of Prayer
- 17th - Easter Sunday (6:30 Sunrise Service, 9 AM Breakfast Fellowship 10 AM \*\*Resurrection Service\*\*)
- Anniversary Sunday



## May

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- 22nd Sunday PM Gathering -
- Mother's Day



## June

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- Graduates Sunday (TBD)
- Summer Schedule & Summer Seminars - 9:30 AM Worship Service 11:00 Seminars
- Camp (TBD)



## July

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- Vacation Bible School July 10-13
- Summer Schedule & Summer Seminars



## August

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- Summer Schedule & Summer Seminars



## September

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- Heart Conference
- Who's Your One? Sunday



## October

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- Missions Emphasis/Conference



## November

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- Ministry Volunteer Recognition & Appreciation
- Planning Retreat (Pastors +)



## December

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- Advent Series
- Christmas Outreach
- Christmas Cantata
- 24th Christmas Eve Service
- 25 Christmas Day Worship Service





# Church Directory

## Online Directory for Members

Two Options:

1. **Church Center** (Online or App)
2. **Faithlife** (Online or App) Join the LCC group.

Members of LCC now have the ability to have access to an online directory.

You can update and control your own information as well as

Get the  
**Faithlife App**  
on your phone!

Download on the  
App Store

GET IT ON  
Google Play

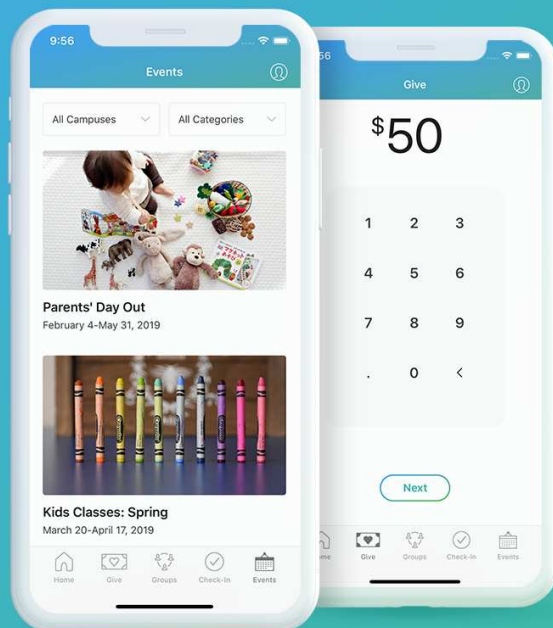
Just point your phone  
camera and click the link!

<https://fl.vu/f>

## church center

- Service Times
- Easy Giving
- Event Signups
- Community Connection
- Family Pre-Check

Download the app





# Key Contacts



## Deacons

Lon Murray, Ralph Sirvent, Rich Lamkin,  
Lloyd Jones, Paul Alexis, David Hanson

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## Trustees

Mark Hoch, Matt Van Sant, Daniel  
Mercadante, Nelson Maldonado, Greg  
Stringer, Kevin Kleitches, Jack Berry, Dave  
Eaves

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## Deaconesses

Denise Stringer, Linda Berry, Beverly Adkisson,  
Ruth Homer, Jane Sear, Carol Kisby, Andrise Alexis,  
Jennifer Waggoner

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## Church Staff

Maria Mercadante - Office Manager  
Jamie Byrd - Music Coordinator  
Nelson Maldonado - Sexton / Custodian  
Olivia Sommers - Custodian

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