

# The Lord's Day

## April 21, 2024

Call to Worship: Praise Band  
Welcome/Announcements: Pastor Jordan Wright  
Invocation: Pastor Jordan Wright  
Special Music: Praise Band  
Pastoral Prayer: Pastor Danny Janes  
Sermon: Pastor Danny Janes

**"Who Wants to Be Second?"**


Scripture: John 1:19-31

Closing Prayer: Pastor Danny Janes

### Prayer Requests

Joe Burnett, Irene Clodfelter, Caroline Dalton, Robin Evans, Nancy Friddle, Jerry Fulp, Sophie Holland, Angela Holt, Brenda Holt, Lela Hunt, Darlene Jackson, David James, Jennifer Jordan, Barbara McCormick, Julie McCormick, Tana Mills, Isaac Okwakol, Barbara Sebastian, Edd Sebastian, Carla Sharpe, Christi Smith, Jill Strader, Shirley Valentine, Travis Ward, Bobette Wilkinson, Peace in Israel

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE & ELECTIONS:

 The first round of elections for the 2024-25 year will be held **TODAY, April 21**, immediately following the morning worship service. The first-round ballot will include: Church Officers, and District Conference Delegates. Our Annual Church Conference will be **Wednesday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m.** The second round of elections, to select LBA Members-at-Large, will be held the night of Annual Conference. All members are encouraged to be present.


**LIBERTY WESLEYAN MEN:** Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.**, in the **Family Life Center**. Our guest speaker is retired Marine and Martial Artist, **Alan Kent**. We will be serving pizza. Sign-up sheets are available in the church entryways.

**CLOSET CLEAN OUT: May 4, 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**, inside the FLC. As you spring clean your closets, this is a chance to sell your clothing, shoes, and fashion accessories.


Tables will be provided for \$10 per space. **Breakfast Biscuits** will also be available. Contact **Donna Durham 336-587-4637** or **Tricia Durham 336-269-1453** to reserve a space.

**CONCERT:** Two weeks from today, **May 5**, we welcome one of our favorite singing groups, **Mercy's Well**, back to Liberty Wesleyan Church. **Mercy's Well** is an outstanding gospel trio composed of **Brad Strider, Greg Gainer, and Jake Wood**. They are based in Greensboro and have been recording and touring since 2001. We hope you will join us for a special morning of worship and praise!

### MOTHER'S DAY DEDICATION INSERT:

 The Children's Department will be sponsoring a dedication insert in the Mother's Day bulletin, on May 12. All dedications need to be turned in by **Sunday, May 5**. Place your insert, and \$1 per name, in the box in the foyer, or you can email your dedications to: [office@libertywesleyan.com](mailto:office@libertywesleyan.com).

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 9-June 13

 \*Kids age 3 - completing 6 grade  
~ Please see **Magan McKinney (336-497-7424)** if you are interested in helping.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:**



Our American Red Cross Blood Drive April 15 at Liberty Wesleyan. We had a total of **35 units** from **31**

**volunteer donors.** Thanks to:

**Donna Durham, Tricia Durham,**



volunteer helpers, and a wonderful crew for organizing and supervising the event.



Special Thanks to **Ebbie Rierson** for the wonderful homemade treats for our donors.

**MISSIONARY THANK YOU NOTES:** Last



week, we shared in our “**NEWS OF INTEREST**” section of

the bulletin, that due to the blessing of year-end surplus funds, our church board approved a recommendation to send “bonus support” gifts to our current list of Wesleyan Global Partner Missionaries. The **TOTAL** gifts approved were **\$10,500**. We have already started receiving **THANK YOU** messages from our missionary partners and wanted to share them with you.

*(NOTE: Because Pastor Danny wrote the email that was sent out, some of our missionaries expressed words of gratitude toward him. It was stated in the note of explanation that this gift was from the **LIBERTY WESLEYAN CHURCH.**)*

“Hey Pastor Danny! Wow! We are so grateful for the church’s continued partnership and are amazed by your generosity. We truly believe God is up to some cool things here. Glad we get to partner together for it! I’ll get a proper thank you in the mail, but wanted to email real quick and let you know how thankful we are! **The XXXX in Waha-land**” (names and location withheld for security purposes)

“Wow! Thank you so much Pastor Danny! We appreciate this very much. Thank you for leading your church well and for working to grow the Kingdom! God Bless, **Andrew & Lexi Collins, Cambodia**”

“Wow!! What an LBA, led by a servant leader. Thankful for a church led to be generous to those they support. In so doing, spreading seeds of generosity across the nations. How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news, and Liberty Wesleyan keeps on making it possible for those feet to go far and wide to share God’s hope and incredible love. Thank you - and thank them! **Angie Hemric, Guyana**”

**BAPTISM SERVICE:** Pastor Danny would like



to schedule a baptism service in the near future (date not yet set). If you are interested in being a part of this event, please contact the pastor or sign-up on the sheet on the back-hallway or office bulletin board.

**LIBERTY LINKS:** You may use this link:



<https://bit.ly/m/LWC> to access registrations and other commonly used information for Liberty Wesleyan Church. You may also scan the QR code displayed on the front of the bulletin and on the screen at the beginning of every Sunday morning service.

**Offering for Sunday, April 14, 2024**

Sunday School	\$31.00
Missions	\$58.25
Offering	\$5,915.87
Online	<u>\$1,561.50</u>
Total Received	\$7,566.62
Children	\$1.00

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Budget Conf. Year 2023-2024	\$339,115.00
April 2024 - Budget Assigned	\$26,085.77
Weekly Budget Assigned	\$6,521.44
Amount Rec 2 Sunday(s) in Apr.	\$47,118.14
Amt Rec'd as of Apr. 14, 2024	\$393,848.96
Budgeted amount for week 50	\$326,072.12

Tellers: Patsy Nicholson and Carla Sharpe

# WHO WANTS TO BE SECOND?



Date: April 21, 2024

Text: John 1:19-31

Traditionally, there is no glory in being the **second best** at anything. Few people are content to be #2. John the Baptist was an exception.

## 1. Recognize the difference between a

\_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_

John never lost sight of who he was \_\_\_\_\_

and who he was \_\_\_\_\_

*“The bride belongs to the bridegroom. . . He must become **greater**; I must become **less**.” (John 3:29-30)*

## 2. Recognize that no one is \_\_\_\_\_

**whom God has declared** \_\_\_\_\_

*“I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands one you do not know He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.” (John 1:26-27)*

## 3. Recognize that \_\_\_\_\_ on earth

**does not equal** \_\_\_\_\_ **in heaven**

*“I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” (Luke 7:28)*

# *Liberty Wesleyan Church*

## *April 21, 2024*



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