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Wait for God's Salvation

Easter 2018 happened some months ago, but we need to record it for two important reasons: On Good Friday 40 years ago in 1978, the first church service of Legon Residents' Congregation, which later was renamed Legon Interdenominational Church (LIC) was held in Legon Hall Chapel with about 30 people. Others began this church. The baton is now in your hands to continue to build where they left off. How are you building and with what are you building?

The second point is the Palm Sunday Cry "**Hosanna!**" It is a cry for help. "Save (Us)! What do you need Jesus to save you from? In Jesus' day, he lived among and spoke to people, who like us, were consumed by the daily anxieties, stresses and struggles of life. Much of our time is consumed by job insecurity, fear of the future, trying to make ends meet, etc. Many, if not most of us, seem to have "more month at the end of the money, instead of more money at the end of the month" (Leon Keith, <https://www.marketviewz.com/>) These are legitimate needs. But if most of our lives are focused on our needs and struggles, we could end up adding fear and worry to the list of idols we worship subconsciously.

Don't let fear replace faith, or mistrust displace confidence in a loving Saviour. A focus on the storms of life will shift your eyes from an Omnipotent God, to situations that will cause you to panic and imagine the worst, which most of the time, never happens. Keep trusting Jesus. By all means, like Blind Bartimaeus, keep shouting, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" until you hear, "Cheer up! On your feet, he's calling you" (Mk 11: 47 & 49, NIV). In addition to your faith and trust in Jesus, you need patience as you wait for his salvation-- his response to your prayer. And as you wait, remind yourself of God's promises to His children. "I will never leave you, nor forsake you" (Jos 1:5b, NIV). "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you' and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you" (Isa 43:1c-2b). More often than not, God allows problems in our lives as discipline to train us and to stretch our faith, not as punishment.

The letter to the Hebrews says it better. "So do not throw away your confidence, it will richly be rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For in just a very little while, 'He who is coming will come and will not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him'. But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved" (Heb 10:35-39). **Wait for God's salvation. A delay is not a denial!**

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LIC VISION & MISSION

The vision and mission of the L.I.C. have been set to guide the church. The vision is: To be a vibrant fellowship that reflects God's glory on campus, in the nation and beyond.

The three-fold mission is to:

- Build a Bible-believing, Bible teaching and Gospel-preaching Church.
- Build a worshipping, witnessing and serving fellowship full of the warmth of Christ's love to attract all on campus and beyond to Jesus Christ.
- Disciple all in the fellowship to come to the fullness of the stature of Christ, reflecting His glory on campus, in the nation and beyond.

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HOSANNA! Save!!

Have you ever talked at cross-purposes with someone? You talk about something and mean one thing. The person also talks about the same thing but means a completely different thing. A lot of that happened on the streets of Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday 21 centuries ago. The Passover was approaching, Jesus has 'set his face' towards Jerusalem. As he entered the city, the crowds welcomed him with enthusiasm. "Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosannah!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming Kingdom of our Father David!" "Hosannah in the highest!" (Mk 11:8-10, NIV).



After the time of King David through to the exile and their return, the Jews had longed for a King who will come and rule them like David did. The prophets had prophesied about a son of David (Isaiah 9:7. Isaiah 11: 1 &2) who will rule them with justice and righteousness, and whose kingdom will never end.

And so, suffering from oppressive Roman rule, and with John the Baptist announcing the imminent arrival of the long-awaited One, the Jews were eagerly expecting the Messiah to launch the golden age of Jewish rule. Their expectations were all summed up in their shout "Hosanna!" which means "Save!" The crowd expected salvation for the Jewish people; God's salvation plan had the whole world in mind. The Jews expected political salvation, God's plan was first, for spiritual salvation. Their greatest need, the Jews thought, was immediate rescue from foreign domination and oppression. God knew that their greatest need was rather rescue from the domination and oppression of sin. The expectation of the the Jews and God's, were at cross-purposes, out of sync.

God entered into a covenant with Abraham and said, "all peoples of the earth will be blessed through you" (Ge 12: 3c). This covenant was renewed with Abraham's descendants, the

Israelites at Mount Sinai, when God promised to be their God if they would worship him exclusively and obey his commandments. (Exodus 19:5 & 6). The old Covenant did not work because even though God kept his side of the covenant, the Israelites failed repeatedly to keep theirs by worshipping foreign gods and disregarding his commandments (Hebrews 8:9). God decided to put a new Covenant in place, very different from the one mediated by Moses with animal blood, that their fathers broke. In the fullness of time God sent Jesus, his Son, to deal with the sin problem that made them and indeed all humanity incapable of obeying him. Jesus came to do just that but the people were looking elsewhere, they missed what God was pointing at.

What do you think your greatest need is? Jesus says, "But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well" (Mt 6:33, NIV). In other words, make God your priority in life. Commit your life to him. Let your life's plan and God's plan for your life be in sync. Ask him how he wants you to live, what he wants you to do. Learn to live in daily obedience to him. You will find that he will lift your focus from your immediate circumstances and give you an eternal perspective of life. He will make your life count both now and in the hereafter. **LICM**

On 18th March 2018, Amanda Awadey, who is pursuing graduate studies in the US granted an interview to Emefa Aveh for LIC magazine. The following is the text of that interview.



Voices from the **DIASPORA**

LICM: When and why did you relocate to the US?

AMANDA: I relocated to the United States last year mainly to pursue a graduate programme. I arrived here on 7th August 2017.

LICM: Your adjustment to the US culture and environment/weather; what was your experience?

AMANDA: Let's see... With regards to the weather, it was very hot and humid when I arrived which wasn't always pleasant, but when the winter came it was crazy. You know how water freezes at 0 degrees Celsius and you think that must be super cold? You may begin to reconsider that when you wake up most mornings and the weather is below freezing and then you start thinking that, "Oh, 10 degrees Celsius is actually really nice weather." But I learned to bundle up adequately and enjoy it. When you consider the "US culture," it's really broad and I'm not sure I can say that I've experienced it. The university culture on the other hand is very diverse and I definitely, have more internationals in my classes than

native Americans. I believe that one of the first things I figured out was that we are all from very different backgrounds and the only way to actually fit in well is to be true to who you are. Sounds clichéd but the saying "variety is the spice of life" has never been more evident to me. People work hard; are very passionate about what they do on campus, are confident and don't shy away from asking questions. There can be a tendency to hold back, but the environment encourages you to participate actively. I love the little restaurants that are dotted all over and how people take time to appreciate nature. Walking fast always seems to be a big thing too.

LICM: What has been your experience in finding a home church abroad?

AMANDA: Interestingly, that was one of the easiest things for me when I came. Before I left, I spoke with Rev. Phillips and she suggested I visit Times Square Church and from the first time I got there, I knew I wasn't going anywhere else.

LICM: What about the US style of worship, are there any unique observations or experiences as compared to what you experienced in Ghana?

AMANDA: Hmm... US style of worship in church.... I find that most people in church are there because they really want to be -both old and young- and are more expressive during the worship through singing songs of adoration and praise. I thought that they would be more reserved and all-night prayer meetings was like a Ghanaian thing. But nope, we have an all-night coming up in a week. When it comes down to it, we are not too different.

LICM: What are your thoughts on how a person can stay (Heb 10:24-25) in fellowship while in a foreign land?

AMANDA: You have to make a very intentional effort to stay plugged in. It's easy to come to church when you are home because everyone else is coming and it's part of the routine but when you are alone, you can't count on that natural flow. Work and/or school can be so involving and without realizing it your fellowship begins to slide. There's brunch on Sunday morning or a group study and things like that. But it helps to find a Christian group on campus and/or in church.

Also, please don't wait for someone to invite you to participate. Find out about groups you can join and take the initiative to be there and participate. I find that people in church are usually very willing to share whenever you reach out to them. What sometimes holds you back may be exactly what's holding them back too and someone needs to just break the ice.

LICM: As Christian, Ghanaian, student and professional, what has been your

experience in adjusting to these roles in a different environment?

AMANDA: I believe the key word in adjusting to these roles has been focus. It's not necessarily about adjusting or adapting to the environment but more of harnessing everything you've been presented with and making the most of it. It's not always easy, but God is good.

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LICM: Any encouraging words to young multitasking Christians like you living abroad?

AMANDA: Never give up! Sometimes you may feel you're alone, but always remind yourself that God is always with you and when He calls He's faithful (1 Thessalonians 5:24). It helps to make friends and not be shy. People are generally nice. More so than you would usually imagine.

LICM: How do you balance all you do?

AMANDA: Well, when you say all I do, that kind of sounds very broad. My life is mostly school and its ancillary activities. Most days it helps when I outline what I want to achieve for the day and then commit it to God according to Proverbs 16:3.

LICM: What specific training/lesson/fellowship from LIC directly impacted you and prepared you for this?

AMANDA: LIC teaches you to search the scriptures for yourself and have a personal relationship with God with prayer being key. That for me has been invaluable because there are times when you can only reach out to God and trust that He's got your back in all things, always. In addition, the various opportunities to serve in ministries also enable you to build your confidence as you serve others and I can't over-emphasize the importance of that.

LICM

The day I nearly skipped church service

Akofa Anyidoho Abanam

This is an excerpt of a much bigger testimony of my graduate school experience in 2004/2005. I had opted to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Communication Studies immediately after my National Service because I felt that the job prospects for me were slim. It was a sudden decision and I bought and filled the application form in haste. In a hindsight, I think I did not really trust God with the job hunting process. I remember a much mature Christian brother had approached me with a word of knowledge assuring me that my future work was tied up to my faith. Perhaps, I did not understand this. Is my work connected to my faith such that I will get a job or connected to my faith as in ministry work? I prayed about this word of knowledge and reflected on it. However, since I was still young in the Christian faith, I was rather confused as to which direction to take. So off to graduate school, I went.

After attending my first week of lectures, I realised how ill-prepared I was for the challenges of graduate school and for academic rigour that was required for this level of education. I found myself overwhelmed. Most of my classmates felt same, and we made this known to our lecturers. However, one of the lecturers would often respond, "To whom much has been given, much will be expected," alluding to Luke 12: 48. Indeed, we had gone through the initial entry examination process and had been shortlisted to go through the interview process. Only 20 students were selected after the interview, with 5 on the waiting list. It was not surprising, that this particular lecturer would wisely quote this Scripture in response to our complaints.

In addition to the academic stress, I found myself "friend-less"; my close friends had travelled abroad and I had to unexpectedly swap rooms at the request of my first roommate. These two circumstances are also stand alone testimonies that I will have to share someday soon, God-willing. I did not know that these changes in my life were blessings in disguise, but I ended up being lonely, depressed and underweight. Towards the end of my first semester, all I wanted to do was to quit graduate school.

I went home for Christmas/New Year vacation, with one aim: to seek God's face

about whether to continue my studies or not. My sister, Nana Akua and cousin, Kate, supported me in prayer during this time, for which I am forever grateful. During my personal prayer time, God spoke firmly to me about my indecisiveness. Given the options that I had, I had no choice but to make a decision to go back to school. On Christmas evening, I was in my mother's office researching on the Internet for articles and books related to my area of research interest. Finally, I settled on a topic that I was passionate about. I was resolute: I wrote a mission statement full of Bible verses that I would prayerfully profess before bedtime almost daily. There was no turning back.

I had heard stories from my mates about unpleasant supervisor-student relations that petrified me. Whether the stories were true or not, I did not know, but I was certainly concerned about it and did not want to add such an experience to the anxieties that I already had. A good supervisor-student relationship was one of my prayer topics during that vacation period. I asked God to give me Supervisor A (because of her research expertise coincided with my research interest, and her high demand for accountability and excellent supervisory work) or Supervisor B (since I had no prior experience in academic research, it seemed good to ask for our research methods lecturer as my supervisor along with the fact that he is quite an understanding person).

So, I went back to school the following semester. During one Thursday lecture, which was less than a week for us to present our topics for approval, Supervisor A asked what our intended topics were. In turns we told her our topics. I proudly mentioned my topic, knowing that she could be my supervisor. She quickly responded, "You can't do this one. I supervised someone with that same topic just last year, even so, she is yet to present her final work." My lecturer continued with the lecture unaware of the effect of what she had just said on me. Even though I sat through the lecture, I was inwardly crushed. The topic I had finally settled on after an intense inner battle and extensive library and Internet research had gone up in the air, "poof!" **I did not know what to do.**

That Sunday morning, I was pity-partying in my bedroom and reading my Bible for encouragement. I wondered why God had not told me earlier that my topic had already been taken. What was God up to anyway, I wondered. I did not plan on going to church. I remember reading Deuteronomy 6 and various verses from the books of 1 John and John. The group of Scriptures appeared randomly selected but they all had a common theme: the call to followers of God to practically demonstrate their love for God.

Suddenly, God asked me in my spirit, "Akofa, do you love me?"

"Yes, I do." I responded.

"Then go to church." God commanded.

"But Father, you know this coming Tuesday we are to present our research topics at school for approval. I really need to get a new one by Tuesday. I would rather stay home and find a solution to this dilemma."

"Then you don't love me." He flatly responded.

Eeeish! "But I do!" I protested.

"Akofa, you have just read from the book of John that if you love me, you will obey my commands (John 14: 15), but you are refusing to obey me. You don't love me!"

"Oh, but I do!"

"THEN PROVE IT!" With such convicting words, that was the end of the conversation.

I was almost late to church, but I had my bath in less than 5 minutes. The fastest I have ever done in my life. At church, I could barely focus on Bible Study or the proceedings of the church service. However, I was hopeful that I would be ministered to in some way, even though the sermon title was not in line with my immediate need.

The LIC choir sang a song by Tramaine Hawkins, "What should I do?" Of the lyrics of song, I remember writing these words in my notebook because those were my exact sentiments: What shall I do? What step should I take? What move should I make? Oh Lord, I know you'll come through for me.

Guess what happened after the ministration ended? Rev. Dr. Maxwell Aryee walked to the pulpit and invited people in critical decision-making situations who needed clarity and direction to stand up to be prayed for. I needed nobody needed to urge me, I shot up on my feet! Unknown to me, my second roommate had also stood up to be prayed for. I was so comforted and strengthened by both the song and the prayer. I do not remember the sermon that day, I only have fond memories of the LIC choir passionately singing that day. I would have missed all that, if I had disobeyed God by skipping church that day!

I wish I could say that I got my new topic that Sunday evening or even on the Monday prior to the day we were expected to present our topics, but that did not happen. For some strange reason, the topic presentation day was rather postponed, which gave me more time to consider my options.

Thankfully, the Lord granted me wisdom to modify my research topic in such a way that it was still within the area of my research interest. The new topic was approved, and I was able to do a good job on my thesis. Having come from a nuclear family in academia, my parents and sister would often comment on the cordial relationship that I had with my supervisor and his helpfulness. Remember, the lecturer who would often say, "To whom much has been given, much is expected from"? He was supervisor B, whom I had prayed for.

To the LIC Choir, I say thank you! To Rev. Dr. Maxwell Aryee, I say thank you for listening to the Spirit of God and obeying Him. I say Glory to God for the great things He has done. **LICM**

The Tyranny of the Urgent

R. B. Perbi

While deciding on a title for the thoughts I desired to share in this article, what came to my mind was *The Tyranny of the Urgent*. I first saw this as the title of a booklet by Charles Hummel several years ago and it grabbed me. The content also fascinated me, so I decided to ‘borrow’ this title for my little piece.

A tyrant is a fearsome person. Everybody tries to avoid close contact with him. One gets the picture of a man- or a woman- who has come into possession of power and is using it arbitrarily and without restraint in dishing out harsh and very difficult judgements and punishments to his or her subjects, just for his or her own pleasure. How could “urgency” assume the nature of tyranny, I wondered?

I read the article with interest, and recall coming out of it appreciating the matters that the author had in mind and which he dealt with very appreciably. If it was true thirty years or so ago when I first read it, I believe it is equally true these days of *instant* stuff: not only instant coffee, but also all kinds of things that give us instant gratification.

Take the mobile phone, for example: a wonderful creation. Its applications are expanding daily from a simple device to speak with someone to all kinds of features including camera, video, office applications of writing prose and poetry, scheduling activities, radio, with whole books like The Bible on it, etc.

A *futures speaker* at a KPMG international

conference a few years ago drew much laughter from the audience, although it seemed very probable, when he illustrated his point about the role mobile phones could play in our lives in the future when he said that if you were going to work and just realised you had left your little son or daughter at home, you would most likely continue on your trip (presumably thinking that your spouse or house help would take care), but if you realised that you had left your mobile phone, chances are that you would turn back and go for it!

We must praise the inventors and those who continue to provide applications that make them increasingly useful. But is there an aspect that we need to be careful of? I believe so. The phone is an absolutely wonderful invention. It has saved lives in the past, and continues to do so in the present. Moving it from being an object sitting at home or in the office to a device that you can carry with you virtually everywhere, has enhanced its usefulness and made it indispensable. But the common complaint, “*I called you and you did not pick it up*” is increasingly threatening to mar relationships and needs to be looked

at carefully. There is a presumption in that statement that the phone must have been with you, and that it was possible for you to pick the call but you did not. It portrays a very selfish stance that needs to be watched, lest it snakes its way into relationships and spoils things beyond repair.

When the phone rings, there is pressure on us to answer it. In its creation, it overshoot all other forms of communication and carried with it *urgency*. And with it, importance. Maybe a child is seriously sick, an accident has occurred and help is needed, armed robbers are trying to break into the house and could steal your money as well as commit atrocities such as rape. A phone is not only helpful; it is often very useful for summoning help.

I'm not advocating that the phone must be used solely for emergencies. Far from that. Don't we all recall pleasurable moments after a long phone conversation with a friend or family member whom we have not heard from for a long time, especially when he or she lives in a faraway country? Thank God for phones, and it is even more exciting when the call catches you at some impossible locations. But I think we need to be cautious of other aspects of mobile phone use that have the potential to ruin relationships. The tendency to create individualism and distraction is great.

We were recently warned about the dangers of keeping the phone in our pockets, so last week when at a business lunch I was holding my plate and phone in my left hand and was using my right hand to pick salad items with a fork, and the phone rang, I impulsively tried to see who was calling with a view to answer it. Trying to balance these activities, the next thing I knew the phone had dropped with portions of the salad sprawled on the floor. The floor could be cleaned, but the phone? Fortunately the screen did not crack- thanks to the leather cover – but some

functions got severely affected. I must replace it to be able to have maximum use of it. And the type in question is not cheap.

I'm sure many of us have similar experiences, not to talk of the actual amount of money we spend every month on calls. One very concerned mother said of her son some years ago: "Through our stay here, we could have bought a house with the money you have been using on phones." I thought that was a bit too exaggerated. But was it? In America

those days, a house could be bought for \$50,000. The young man was spending about \$400 every month. Over ten years, how much would amount to?

The admonition is not "Don't pick your phone when it rings," but "Must you make that call? Now?" My mind

often goes to the story of

the young boy who used to play pranks on his mother by crying "Wolf, Wolf." You know the rest of the story. The day a real wolf was at the door, his cries were ignored because mother thought it was one of those jokes.

Is impulsiveness (the desire to act quickly for instant gratification) restricted to phones? Absolutely not. The email provides another opportunity to act impulsively. Sometimes it is like receiving a blow; the natural response is to return it immediately. What does traditional wisdom say? The Akan people say, "*Mpe ntem mmua*" (that is, don't be in haste to respond). James, the brother of our Lord Jesus counselled: "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: one should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry ..." (James 1:19, NIV). The lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life all have common features of impulsiveness that we need to be aware of and master. It was there in David's sin with Bathsheba, in Esau's preference for food over his leadership, and with King Herod when he gave orders for John the Baptist to be headed. **LICM**

"Through our stay here, we could have bought a house with the money you have been using on phones."

Youth POWER

The glory of young men is their strength (Pro 20:29)

By LIC Youth Fellowship

The power [strength] of every young person is their glory. Young people take pride in the fact that they have strength. And this strength is evident in the kind of activities and influences they bring to the world. We can recount both negative and positive influences that young people have exerted in the world. Some examples from the business world are Facebook, Apple, Harley Davidson, Google, Disney, and Microsoft which were all started by young people. The socio-political arena has also seen young people exerting their influence as well. We can remember the Soweto uprising (1976), the Iranian spring (2009) and the Arab spring (2010) which were all pioneered by young people.

A recent example is Joshua Wong, who is just 18 years and is seeking democracy in Hong Kong; he helped launch the “Umbrella Movement” advocating for democratic elections. Wong is actively involved in protests and was arrested in September 2016 after storming the government’s headquarters. He also went on a five-day hunger strike to push for universal suffrage. His words to Time Magazine reminds

us that that it will take young people to bring a change to the world. He said in his interview that “*The future will not be decided by adults.*” Wong’s statement is a reflection of the power of the youth.

Though all these examples have no spiritual benefits to the lost world, their contributions are worth mentioning. There is a certain inherent power that exists within every young person. A young person possess a tremendous amount of zeal, desire, passion,



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strength and whatever a young person decides to do, it becomes quite difficult for anyone to stop him/her.

It is vital for every young person to decide how they will use their strength during their youth. Most young people are using all their strength in getting rich, extravagant lifestyle, clubbing, partying and sexual promiscuity and depravity. Indeed, the writer of Proverbs cautions young people: “*Do not give your strength to women [or men]*” (Pro 31:3. Emphasis added).

However, all hope is not lost. Elijah was complaining to God that all the prophets were killed except him. But God reminds him that there are about 7000 prophets he has kept pure without defiling themselves with Baal (1 Kings 19). Just as God reminded Elijah in the olden days, he is encouraging us through Paul that there are some people he has kept for his work. Paul says: “*So too at the present*

time there is a remnant, chosen by grace” (Ro 11:4).

I am convinced that there are lots of young people who have been kept by God and have been given a desire to bring spiritual change in the society. As you read this article, I am convinced that you are part of the people God is asking to bring a spiritual change.

However, the question I seek to ask you as a young person full of strength, energy, passion, zeal, desire is: *What are you using your youth power [strength] for?*

As a young person and a Christian, there is one important area of interest I will encourage you to be involved in and that is *Missions*.

Missions is not just crossing continental boundaries but reaching out to our neighbours, work colleagues, family members, spouses, students, etc. Missions are basically an invitation from God to his children (Christians or believers) in joining Him to reach out to the lost. God started missions in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve sinned against him and were separated (spiritual death) from him. It was at this moment that God took the initiative to restore that broken relationship in Genesis 3. God is inviting us to work with him in restoring humanity back to himself through Christ Jesus (2Co 5:17-6:1).

Statistics by the Joshua project indicates that about 3 billion people out of the world’s population of about 7 billion have never heard the message of salvation. These groups of people are called the *unreached group*. However, there are only 38% of the rest of the population who professed to be Christians.

These statistics means that God’s invitation to all Christians is still open and He is calling on all of us, especially the youth, to join him in reaching out to the unreached group. There are lots of opportunities available for interested young people to be part of this work.

What a great privilege for us to be invited by God to join him in reaching out to the lost world. I believe this invitation and privilege is worth your acceptance. “*Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”*” (Ecc 12:1). **LICM**

Vacation Bible School 2017

Kofi-Kakraba Afful and Rosemary Kimani Sinayobye



VBS 2017 came off under the theme “Galactic Starveyors- Discovering the God of the Universe”. The motto for the VBS was Searching the Visible, Discovering the Invisible based on Colossians 1:15-16 which says, “The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him” (NIV)

The Bible content was about discovering how the God of the universe wants a relationship with us. The lessons for each day were reinforced by various craft work, fun-filled activities and songs with choreographed movements.

The programme registered a turnout of 860 children, the highest we have ever recorded since its inception in 2006. This included children from LIC, its outreach communities of Korleman and Manchie (24 in number) and others from churches in the Greater Accra and other regions of Ghana. We had the honour of hosting a team of 13 persons from SIM-France made up of two couples, their children

and another four young people. The adults helped as VBS volunteers while the children participated in the programme.

In total, we had 172 volunteers who helped in the running of the programme. Some churches brought volunteers from their Sunday schools to observe the conduct of VBS 2017. These persons helped at the various sites. Some of those organized VBS programmes in their churches after attending and helping at the LIC VBS. Our sister, Mrs. Yaa Newman Atsuvia, again conducted VBS at the Presbyterian Church at Larteh-Akuapem with the continued support of the LIC children’s ministry.

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GALAMSEY:

God has His say

Jonathan Intsiful

And so, Nana Onyankopon*,
 The Otwereduampon**,
 Saw all that he had made,
 That which he had erected and what He had laid.
 Look! This is good! He said in an excited mood!
 Ghana was blessed with a good load of gold,
 There was timber and good crop for food.

Yes, I brought you into a fertile land,
 To eat its fruit and rich produce by my strong hand.
 But you, yes, you, you defile my land,
 And with your hand, helped by Lee and Chan
 Turn up the waters and the sand.
 You destroy the land, the work of my hand.

In cells and cartels, you disregard me in the land I dwell
 You make me rile when you think me docile
 You just file past with evil smiles
 While you go on your way, mile by mile
 This beautiful land to defile
 Through ways guile, your actions so vile

make the waters of this land taste like the bitterest bile.

With impunity, you disobey
 You disobey the laws meant to keep you away from days of no hay
 Feeling gay while you say,
 In my own way,
 I play their minds and sway their hearts the way
 I decide day by day
 I daresay,
 You bear the guilt of this land to the hilt
 As you lay in your quilt
 You built evil plans to make filth of this land I made so good
 Your curse is being written
 A curse which no purse can reverse
 is about to consume you
 and quicken your steps to the hearse

Is it not enough for you
 To feed on the good pasture?
 Must you also trample with your feet,

the rest of your pasture?
Is it not enough for you
To drink clear water and eat good meat?
Must you also muddy the rest with your feet?
So that your grandchildren
come and meet nothing to eat?
Take a seat!
You call flashy cars from the proceeds
of these horrible deeds a mighty feat?
Man! Your prideful speech
sounds like a page from a billy goat's bleat!
How do others eat what you have trampled
on,
With those machines and your mercury-
stained feet?

I entreat you to retreat.
The trees you beat down to pulp with your
feet,
is bringing upon this land more heat
Why do you keep at these deeds?
So you can raise your feet,
dressed in velvet
resting from conquering a pretty peat?
Why do you keep at these deeds?
So in your comfy seat
your tongue laps the choicest wine treat?
Or it's for the juiciest meat
complete with drinks made from barley and
choicest wheat?
You Cheat!

Now to you, honourable the untouchable
Ruler of all your eyes survey,
maker of the great way to prosperity
and a good pay day

You watched aloof atop your mansion's roof!
As they tore the land and turned the sand
Wicked band!
You too! The one reading this
And Oh, the writer of this
You sat on your mat chewing nuts in your
mud hut
You sat on your couch
thinking yourself out of touch
- can I call you a slouch?

Because I gave you a companion.
I gave you dominion
This earth and all on it as your 'minion'
I created you in my own image
and kept amongst you, sages
It was simple...be fruitful,
multiply and replenish the earth
Not to birth on this earth
filth and consume its pith
without recourse to those to be birthed
after you have left this earth

I am sad.
But I see a ray of hope.
I see a fire lighted.
Let that fire burn. Burn! Burn! Burn!
Let it burn until things turn.
It is now or never!
Regain the land now!
...or lose it forever!

*Lord Almighty

** The Dependable One (Literally: The One
on Whom you lean and don't fall off)



The Wise Person According To Proverbs:

An Outline For Group And Personal Bible Study

(From Faith in Action Bible, page 977. How high is your wisdom quotient?)

I. His Character

A. He is teachable, not intractable.

1. He receives and loves instruction (18:15;19:20)
2. He grows in wisdom (1:5; 9:9; 10:14)

B. He is righteous, not wicked.

1. He fears the Lord (1:7; 14:16; see below under relationship to the Lord)
2. He hates what is false (13:5)
3. He shuns evil (3:7; 14:16; 16:6)
4. He does what is righteous (2:20)
5. He speaks the truth (22:21)

C. He is humble, not proud (15:33).

D. He is self-controlled, not rash.

1. His temperament
 - a. He is self-controlled (29:11)
 - b. He has a calm spirit (17:27)
 - c. He is slow to become angry (29:8,11)
2. His actions
 - a. He is cautious, not hasty (19:2)
 - b. He thinks before he acts (13:16; 14:8)
 - c. He thinks before he speaks (12:23; 15:2)

E. He is forgiving, not vindictive.

1. He is patient (19:11)
2. He is concerned about goodwill/peace (14:9)
3. He forgives those who wrong him (10:12;17:9)
4. He is not vindictive (20:22; 24:29)

II. His Relationships

A. To the Lord

1. He fears the Lord (9:10; 14:16; 15:33)
2. He trusts in the Lord (3:5; 16:3,20)
3. He is ever mindful of the Lord (3:6)
4. He chooses the Lord's way/wisdom (8:10-11; 17:24)
5. He submits to the Lord's discipline (1:2-3; 3:11)
6. He confesses his sin (28:13)

B. To his family

1. To his parents
 - a. He respects them (17:6; cf. 30:17)
 - b. He listens to them (23:22; cf. 1:8; 4:1)
 - c. He seeks to bring them honor and joy
 - 1) By being wise (10:1; 15:20; 29:3)
 - 2) By being righteous (23:24)
 - 3) By being diligent (10:5)
2. To his wife
 - a. He appreciates her
 - 1) As a gift from the Lord (18:22; 19:14)
 - 2) As his crowning glory (12:4; 31:10-31)
 - b. He praises her (31:28)
 - c. He trusts her (31:11)
 - d. He is faithful to her (5:15-20)
3. To his children
 - a. He loves them (3:12; 13:24)
 - b. He is concerned about them (1:8-9;18)
 - c. He trains them (22:6)
 - 1) Reasons for training them

- a. His peace of mind and joy (29:17)
 - b. Their honor and well-being (1:8-9; 4:9; 19:18; 23:13-14)
- 2) By teaching/instructing them (1:10; chs. 5-7; 28:7; cf. 4:1-9)
 - 3) By disciplining them
 - a) Through verbal correction (13:1)
 - b) Through physical discipline (13:24; 23:13-14)
- d. He provides for their
 1. Physical needs (21:20; cf. 27:23-27)
 2. Spiritual heritage (14:26; 20:7)

C. To his friends and neighbors

1. To his friends
 - a. He values them (27:10)
 - b. He is constant to them (17:17; 18:24)
 - c. He gives them counsel (27:9,17; cf. 27:6; 28:23)
2. To his neighbors
 - a. He fulfills his obligations (3:27-28)
 - b. He strives for peace (3:29-30)
 - c. He does not outstay his welcome (25:17)
 - d. He does not deceive or mislead them (16:29; 26:18-19)

III. His Words

A. He realizes the power of words

1. Their power
 - a. Of life and death (12:6; 13:14; 15:4; 18:21)
 - b. To heal or to wound (11:9, 11; 12:18; 15:4,30; 16:24)
2. Their limitation
 - a. No substitute for deeds (14:23)
 - b. Cannot alter the facts (26:23-26)
 - c. Cannot compel response (29:19)

B. The character of his words

1. They are honest, not false (12:22; 16:13)
2. They are few, not many (10:19)
 - a. Not boastful (27:2)
 - b. Not argumentative (17:14)
 - c. Not contentious (29:9)
 - d. He is not a gossip
 1. Doesn't reveal secrets (11:13; 20:19)
 2. Doesn't spread slander (10:18; 26:20-22)
 3. They are calm, not emotional
 - a. Rational (15:28; 17:27)
 - b. Gentle and peaceable (15:1,18)
 - c. Yet persuasive (25:15)
 4. They are apt, not untimely (15:23; 25:11)

C. The Source of His Words

1. His heart/character (cf. 4:23 with Mt 12:33-35)
 - a. Positively, he is righteous (cf. 10:11; 13:14)
 - b. Negatively, he is not
 1. Proud (13:10; cf. 6:16-19)
 2. Hateful (26:24,28)
2. His companions (13:20; 27:17)
3. Reflections (15:28)



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An Open Letter to Our Elected and Appointed Leaders

(This article was first written in February 2017, one month after President Akufo-Addo was sworn in. It was sent to one national daily newspaper but it was not published probably because of its length. The article reflects the views of members of LIC Social Action Ministry, not necessarily that of the entire church. Email: socialaction@licfamily.org)

Your Excellencies and Honourables, if, by the grace of God, and the sovereign will of the people of Ghana, you have been elected to a position of authority in this country, as President, Vice-President or a Member of Parliament, congratulations! And if by the decision of His Excellency President Nana Akufo- Addo, you have been appointed to serve as Minister of state, at the national or regional level; or as a Chief Executive Officer of a state corporation or agency; a Metropolitan, Municipal or District Chief Executive, (MMDCE) congratulations on your appointment!

The Social Action Ministry of LIC, which like other Christian groups and entities, prayed for a peaceful election and transition in Ghana wishes to share a few thoughts on the attitudes and responsibilities we expect from our elected and appointed officials. This letter comes from a passionate desire to see you succeed in your various assignments.

First, remember that **no government stays in power for ever** (“*ɛmmere yenni nka so*”). Governments will come and go, but for now, God, and the people of Ghana have granted you four years. Please never forget that. Second, Jesus Christ said “there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known” (Luke 12: 2 NIV). Again, “Nothing in all

creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account” (Heb 4:13). Therefore, before you take any action, think of the day of accountability. On that day, will your actions withstand public scrutiny or will you scramble to attempt a cover up? The phrase: “No one will ever know,” is simply not true.

‘You’re on candid camera’: From the time you were elected or appointed, you went on candid camera. Every word and action of yours is being watched closely. Every public official is a leader and every leader is expected to be a role model, whether they see themselves as such or not. Ghanaians, young and old, are watching you. When you begin to feel that because you have been elevated above your peers, nobody is your

co-equal, when you begin to “feel the conqueror’s pride, lest you feel self-satisfied” (Frances M. Owen, 1872) watch out and guard against arrogance and pomposity.

Elected & Appointed Officials

As the Ghanaian adage goes, “One head does not form a council.” You have all been elected/ appointed to help the President to make his vision for this country become a reality. As appointed officials, you are his counselors, as well as his eyes, lips, hands and feet in the ministry, department, agency, corporation, municipality and district, wherever you are called to serve.

Be there to help, not to hinder; be there to promote good governance and help build the state of Ghana, not your own personal or tribal empires. **You have been elected/ appointed to serve the people, not yourselves.** So be open to suggestions from ordinary citizens whose taxes pay your salaries, fuel cars and pay your utility bills. Many, if not most Ghanaians, have hailed the president’s appointees as competent men and women. We in S.A.M will advise and pray fervently that you all succeed.

Competence and Character

Most people bring competence, which includes knowledge, skills and abilities to bear on the tasks they are given. That is how it should be. **But the things that make people fail in their responsibilities are usually not competency issues. They are character issues.**

Greed, arrogance, selfishness, bribery and corruption all stem from character. While one can train to enhance one’s competencies, there is virtually no formal school for character training. You either have it or you don’t. Certain attitudes, like a teachable disposition and humility predisposes one to build character and improve oneself by accepting correction. Being aware of your faults and seeking to change is also a further step towards character-building. No matter how competent you are, giving in to the impulses of negative character traits like quick/ bad temperedness, acquisitiveness, dishonesty etc. can vitiate your competence, sabotage your skills and derail your career.

Money, Sex and Power—The Must-Read Book for Leaders

Three areas of life that have tempted, tripped up and ensnared leaders from time immemorial are money, sex and power. Inordinate love of money and the things it can do; inordinate love for sex and pleasure; and the headiness and arrogance inherent in power are issues every leader in every generation has grappled with. Richard J. Forster has written a book with the title: *Money, Sex and Power*. The latest edition is being sold under the title: *The Challenge of the Disciplined Life*. We in SAM wish, in all humility to recommend this book to all leaders in this country, elected and/ or appointed. Like driving on a good road, this book provides both directional and

warning signs to any leader who seeks to improve his/her life and service - someone who is not in a position merely because of what he/she can get out of it.

Foster begins by saying, “The crying need today is for people of faith to live faithfully. This is true in all spheres of human existence, but is particularly true with reference to money, sex and power (p. 1). No issues touch us more profoundly or more universally. No themes are more inseparably intertwined.

No topics cause more controversy.

No human realities have greater power to bless or to curse.” He continues elsewhere in the book, “Throughout history, and in our own experience, these issues seem inseparably intertwined. Money manifests itself as power. Sex is used to acquire both money and power. And power is often called the test” (p. 2). Further on, Foster says among other things, the “demon” in money is greed; the “demon” in sex is lust and the “demon” in power is pride (arrogance).

How to overcome these “demons” and replace greed with generosity, lust with fidelity and contentment and power with service--selfless service, is the thrust of this fascinating book. The book can be ordered through amazon.com or from any Christian bookstore. We believe that when each official works on his/her character by keeping the negative impulses and character traits in check, they will avoid scandals that will wreck their lives and careers, embarrass their families and oppress

It is safe to say that plastics have contributed to Ghana being labeled as one of the dirtiest countries in the world.

the people they have been called to serve. Now to matters of specific concern:

Water and Sanitation

Honourable Minister, you are most welcome to the position. Your task is enormous. A lot has been said about water but we wish to stress, please protect our water-bodies. There is no substitute for water, as we all know, and the poisoning of our rivers with mercury used by small scale miners (galamsey-ers) is alarming. The Water Research Institute of CSIR has estimated that in thirteen years, (by 2030), if we do not halt galamsey, there will be no treatable water source in this country. We would have to import drinking water. This link will lead you to an article that will highlight how serious the situation is: https://mobile.facebook.com/meditalknscreenpro/posts/370632939944831:0?_rd

Honourable, the area of sanitation is even more critical. Individuals' homes must have toilets. Please let your ministry team up with the MMDCEs to enforce this. Also let's have more public toilets which are cleaned regularly. According to sources from the World Health Organization, Ghana is fourth (?) after South Sudan in open defecation ('free ranging'), in the whole world! This is our 60th year after independence, our Diamond Jubilee year, and we share this disgraceful distinction with a country that is about ten years old? This must not continue. Please consult Nigeria, Ivory Coast and Togo on how they tackled the proper disposal of human waste. When the toilets are in place, and adequate education has been done, let there be stiff sanctions for the recalcitrant citizens who insist on 'free ranging' in the storm drains of Accra and elsewhere. The sanctions should also include those who 'free range' at beaches in the full view of embarrassed tourists at Elmina Castle and residents in some beach hotels at Nungua.

One major enemy of sanitation is plastics. Honourable, kindly consider initiating a five-year or ten-year campaign against littering, and also to reduce the use of plastics in Ghana. Let's have strong paper bags as alternatives.

Currently, every item sold in the market: vegetables, root crops, plantain, fish, meat and gari, and cooked food, practically everything is wrapped

in plastic bags. Eventually, they choke our gutters and silt up our rivers. Some experts say that black plastic bags (wiasse ye sum .ie the world is dark) cannot be recycled. Yet these are the commonest in Ghana. Some African countries have reduced plastics to the barest minimum. Please study how they did it and let's customize it for Ghana. More sanitation courts must be established and they must work. The fines imposed on those who break the laws can finance the campaign. It is safe to say that plastics have contributed to Ghana being labeled as one of the dirtiest countries in the world. For a little over two years, SAM in LIC has encouraged church members to collect their household plastics and bring them on the first Sunday of each month, where we have

arranged for a collector to collect them in bulk. We have shared the idea with neighbouring churches and we hope the plastic collection will spread. Please let your ministry, working with others, encourage the separation of household wastes- organic from inorganic, things that will rot from things that will not. Separate dustbins for each can be piloted in well demarcated residential areas, so that waste management companies can promote composting on a larger scale.

Spread the net of social protection wider and thus help to eradicate extreme poverty in the country.

Railway Development

Honourable, you're most welcome to your new seat. Yours is another huge task. For a start, secure most, if not all the railway lands in Accra, Tema and Nsawam to contain a two-track system. That way, we can have trains travel from Nsawam-Accra-Tema and back every hour or every half hour, with large parking lots for taxis and private cars at Accra Central and Tema. It will enable people to park their private cars and board the trains to work in Accra and Tema and use taxis to their work places. This will decongest Accra roads, especially the motorway.

Roads and Highways

Honourable, please create more roads leading in and out of Accra so commuters, especially children, will not sit in traffic for two or three hours or wake up at 4:00 am in order to get to school on time. This is urgent. Also, install an electronic device at the toll booths so the government can

verify the number and types of vehicles that ply the roads each day and how much they pay. This will boost revenue that is generated at all toll booths countrywide.

MMDCEs and Revenue Mobilization

Honourable Minister for Local government, please get each metropolis, municipality and township to have a bank account into which residents can pay their annual property rate and/or ground rent. Set reasonable rates depending on the type of house. Let's publicize the account numbers to facilitate payment. A lot of revenue would be generated for development in each locality. Do away with individuals going round homes to collect such rates. In addition, can the government exempt senior citizens from paying property rates on homes where they are resident? Pensions in Ghana are not much and Seniors have paid enough income taxes during their working lives. Also, publicize the job descriptions of Assemblymen and women for all citizens to know and to hold them accountable.

Land, Housing and Rent Issues

This cuts across ministries, so dear honourable ministers, we look forward to expedited land acquisition procedures. Please make affordable housing truly affordable for young people who wish to settle down in life. Save them from exorbitant rent advances.

National Database

This is long overdue and we welcome it wholeheartedly. We hope it captures, among many other things, the actual number of people who will qualify to go to secondary school next academic year so the numbers cannot be inflated by anyone. We also wish to know how many people actually work in each government department so they can be distinguished from the "ghosts." Every Ghanaian must have a unique Personal Identification Number.

Education/Gender, Children, and Social Protection

Honourable Ministers, the sense of patriotism among Ghanaians has gone very low. Volunteerism is almost nil. Starting with school children and secondary school students, can our honourable ministers lead the campaign to inculcate in our children and indeed in all Ghanaians, love for country, as well as social values of honesty, truth and integrity, personal and environmental hygiene and the need to be concerned about state property? The National Commission for Civic Education

should be supported to play an important role in this regard. In promoting honesty and integrity, let all elected and appointed leaders set the example by telling the truth to the electorate at all times. We all need to remember that "**Truth stands, but lies have short legs.**" Honourable Minister of GCSP, please step up care and support for people with disability and the aged. Spread the net of social protection wider and thus help to eradicate extreme poverty in the country.

Your Excellency the President

We give thanks for the bold initiatives of your government. We entreat you to appoint a non-partisan committee to look into presidential emoluments. For a government to give four acres of land to a former Head of State is unconscionable. Must the state build houses for former presidents when they already have houses of their own and Ghana still has schools under trees? Do wealthy developed countries treat their past presidents this way?

Fighting corruption: This will be a very important legacy you can leave for this country. We are encouraged by your pledge to "protect the public purse." **Your Excellency, please don't simply protect what is left, retrieve what is lost.** When the fight against corruption begins to bite, you can be sure, Mr. President, that delegation upon distinguished delegation will be sent to you to plead: "Dee mmoa adi no deɛ, ma wonni nko ..." ('let by-gones be by-gones,' literally, 'what the pests have devoured, let it go'). Please do not relent. So long as we have tottering school buildings collapsing and killing our little children, snuffing out their lives when it had barely began, let's get our money back. Be resolute. In this regard, we pray for your choice of Special Prosecutor.

Special Prosecutor: May he/she be firm, fair and courageous; someone who cannot be bought with love or money, a person who cannot be bribed or bullied; one who is honest, fearless, and passionately patriotic.

Finally, to our elected and appointed leaders, we desire to see you all exhibit humility in service and civility in the public discourse. The strident insults that polluted the airwaves, the bad language and bad manners of public officials must be a thing of the past. Let there be no rude, crude, and uncultured people in parliament or public office. Let's see public appointees who are confident without being pompous, men and women who are honest, hardworking and civil to all Ghanaians. We're watching and praying. May God be your helper. **LICM**

LIC TEEN FORUM -
*Answers to Questions That Bother
Young Inquiring Minds*



Question 2: What does the big bang theory have to do with creation?

Answer: *By Rev. Julius Coomson*

The Big Bang theory is an effort to explain what happened at the very beginning of our universe. Discoveries in astronomy and physics have shown beyond a reasonable doubt that our universe did in fact have a beginning. Prior to that moment there was nothing; during and after that moment there was something: our universe. The big bang theory is an effort to explain what happened during and after that moment. According to the standard theory, it is believed that some twenty billion years ago, **all of the matter in the known universe was tightly packed into a microscopic cosmic**

“egg.” Where the cosmic egg came from no one seems to know. It is believed that our universe sprang into existence as “singularity” around 13.7 billion years ago. After its initial appearance, it apparently inflated (the “Big Bang”), expanded and cooled, going from very, very small and very, very hot, to the size and temperature of our current universe. It continues to expand and cool to this day and we are inside of it. Experts however say that there was no explosion; there was (and continues to be) an expansion. Rather than imagining a balloon popping and releasing its contents, imagine a balloon expanding: an infinitesimally small balloon expanding to the size of our current universe.

The Problem Is: The big bang theory assumes an original concentration of energy. Where did this energy come from?

Question 3: How did all the animals get into the ark?

The story of the flood is recorded in Gen. 7. God told Noah to take 7 pairs clean kinds of animals and a pair of the unclean kind of animal. In Gen. 7:8, we were told that pairs of the clean and unclean animals came to Noah. This obviously was supernatural in nature, which is to say God made the animals he wanted to come to the Ark. Then when all the animals required had entered the Ark, God shut it. What are the animals: They were Birds and animal kinds that move along the earth. **No sea animals.**

Size of the Ark:

From the dimensions given in Genesis, the Ark would have been at least **450 feet long [137.16 meters], 75 feet wide [22.86 meters] and 45 feet high [13.71 meters]**. The total volume would have been 1,518,000 cubic feet [462,686.4 cubic meters]. This is a huge space.

In our modern times we tend to assume that when the Bible uses kind it is talking about species. Some scientist have pointed out that the word “**specie**” is not equivalent to the “**created kinds**” of the Genesis account. If this is correct, then there were not more than 35,000 land animals and birds. By estimation the floor space could carry 50,000 animals.

Secondly, there were plenty of space for the animals. In Gen 6:16 the ark is said to have three stories which triples its space.

Thirdly, some of the animals we think are so big, God could have sent them to Noah in their younger and smaller form.

The Flood story is real and credible because Jesus confirmed it in Matthew 24: 36.

Question 1: How old was Jesus when the wise men visited him?

We are not specifically told how old Jesus was when the wise men visited. We can only put scripture together to attempt answering. It is important to note that when the magi arrived, we are told they found the baby Jesus with his mother Mary in a house, not a stable as we commonly picture it (Matthew 2:11). This means that they didn't visit immediately Jesus was born.

When the wise men were looking for Jesus, King Herod sent them to Bethlehem to look for Jesus (Matt. 2:8). Luke tells us that on the eight days Jesus was circumcised (Luke 2:21) and the parents took the child to Jerusalem (Luke 2:22) to present Him to the Lord during Mary's time of 40 days purification according to the Law of Moses in Lev. 12:1-8. From Jerusalem, they returned to Bethlehem. The wise men came probably after their return, before the angel told Joseph to flee to Egypt with the child Jesus. So Jesus was probably between 40 days and two years when the wise men arrived. **LICM**

VBS 2017 (cont'd from page 12)



By the kind courtesy of our sister churches - Christ Anglican and St Aquinas Catholic churches who offered us free spaces, all the children were adequately catered for except the Teens who always prefer a Tent on the lawn for their class.

This year we piloted an initiative for the JHS graduates and those of our children in SHS themed "Higher Ground." We trust that this will continue in the years ahead to provide Leadership, Life skills and principles of spiritual growth to nurture them.

We thank God for what he continues to do through VBS. Since its inception in 2006, LIC VBS graduates have consistently constituted a core part of the team of volunteers at VBS. Over the years, there have been a number of people who have volunteered to serve at VBS and ended up joining the Children's ministry. We thank God for what he continues to do in his church through VBS. (Stay tuned for articles and photos from VBS 2018). **LICM**

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OF THE ARTICLES?

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YOUR ARTICLE.**

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LIC ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

- First Service: 7:00am - 9:00am
- Bible Study: 9:15am - 10:15am
- Second Service: 10:30am - 12:30am
- Sunday School/Children's Ministry: First Service: 8:00am - 10:15am
Second Service: 11:15am - 12:15am
- Youth Fellowship Meeting at 4:00pm
- Area Fellowships meet once a month on Sundays
- Prayer Meeting in the Conference Room from 6:30pm - 8:00pm

MONDAY

- Bible Study from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Conference Room
- Prayer Meeting from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Vestry

TUESDAY

- Prayer Meeting at 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY

- Prayer and Teaching Service at 6:30pm in the LIC Sanctuary
- The last Wednesday of each month is reserved for Christian Life Seminars, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

FRIDAY

- All Night Service, every first Friday of the month, from 10:00pm - 5:00am

SATURDAY

- Prayer for Missions, from 7:00am - 8:30am
- Various rehearsals in preparation for Sunday's service

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