



Chaplain's Corner

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Welcome to the Chaplain's Corner newsletter. If you have a joy or concern you'd like to share with our staff, send an e-mail or give us a call at Ext. 8348. We only share concerns with the campus community, via newsletter or e-mail, with permission. You can view the current issue of our newsletter (in PDF format), and previous issues, on the Spiritual Life page of the Lynchburg College website—www.lynchburg.edu/spirituallife.

Concerns

Our sympathies are extended to:

- **Jamarea Allen** (freshman, Lexington Park, MD) on the death of her grandmother.
- **Ashley Garrison** (freshman, Palmyra, VA), whose friend died.
- **Katelyn Ludwig** (freshman, Palmyra, VA) on the death of her friend.
- **Cristina Nardone** (freshman, Palmyra, VA), whose friend died.
- **Darlene Vango** (freshman, Palmyra, VA), on the death of her friend.

Our concerns are extended to:

- **Karter Staton** (senior, Lynchburg, VA), whose father was diagnosed with cancer.

Congrats

- **Monica Chambo** (senior, New York, NY) on the birth of her daughter. Essence Marcia Una Chambo-Ellison was born on August 25th, weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 18 inches long.



9/11 Remembered

This Sunday, September 11, 2011, is a day that will be remembered by Americans everywhere. Ten years ago many died in the crashes and the rescue efforts. Others were a part of the clean-up and rebuilding that followed.

How are we called to remember this tragic event in our nation's history? What is an appropriate remembrance of 9/11 in a Godly setting? How do we offer due recognition of this day, honoring those most directly affected, without causing more pain to us all? It is not easy. Our hearts go out to all who suffer.

As believers in God, we are asked to release our anger and desire for revenge to those who harm us. It is not our role as humans, but God's, to punish those who have done evil (Sirach). In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus addresses what it means to forgive those who have sinned against us. Forgiveness is essential work for the healing of others and for our own forgiveness from God as well. It is important to note, however, that forgiving another does not mean absolving others of responsibility. Mercy does not remove injustices, but opens up a path of charity that encourages and promotes conversion and peace.

Paul writes in Romans of the need for respect and honor towards people whose cultural and religious principles may be different from our own. Christ's followers in Biblical times were from different cultures and religious traditions, which is also the case today. Across the U.S. the diversity of our peoples continues to increase. Paul wrote to a church that needed this message then, and we are a church in a place that needs it now! The church that sought to help these diverse people live as one body in Christ with many members (Romans 12) needs to find ways to live with and respect the diversity of those people we live among now. Let us try this tenth anniversary to replace hatred and fear with:

- **A time for prayer:** for victims and families; leaders; the military; for an end to violence
- **A time for fasting:** for justice, peace and the protection of human life.
- **A time for teaching:** to better learn teachings on peace.
- **A time for dialogue:** Muslims, Jews, Christians & other faith communities.
- **A time for witness:** to live values of mutual respect, human dignity, respect for life,
- **A time for service:** to continue to provide assistance to those still hurting.
- **A time for solidarity:** with all who daily live under threat of violence and uncertainty.
- **A time for hope:** in God's grace, in ourselves, and in one another. (from USCCB)

Peace to you and your families. *By Kaky Bowden, Catholic Campus Minister*

Dates to Remember

Date/Time/Location	Event	Description
Sunday, September 11 7:30 p.m., Friendship Circle	<i>September 11th Remembrance Service</i>	Ten-year anniversary of 9/11 attacks
Tuesday, September 13 4:30-7 p.m., the Dell	<i>Congregational Fair (rescheduled from 9/6 due to weather)</i>	Browse displays and meet representatives from variety of faiths

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

- **Canterbury Club (Episcopal)** - meets at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at SLC
- **Campus Outreach** - meets on Thursdays at 9 p.m. in Tate Main Lounge
- **Catholic Community**
 - Weekly Prayer/Gatherings TBA
 - Rosary Prayer on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon in Snidow Chapel
- **Disciples on Campus (DOC)** - meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at SLC
- **Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)** - 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Turner 309
- **Hillel** - meets biweekly, 7 p.m. Wednesdays at SLC. Next meeting Sep. 14
- **InterVarsity Christian Fellowship** - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in Hopwood 22
- **Lynchburg Christian Fellowship [lcf]** Mid-size communities meet Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 p.m. and Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m. at Brewer Large Meeting Room. For more information, go to <http://lcfva.com/>.
- **Methodist Student Fellowship** - TBA. Contact Jill Farley, staff advisor, Farley@lynchburg.edu or Beth McKinney, faculty advisor, mckinney.b@lynchburg.edu
- **ReJOYce in Jesus Campus Fellowship**—Fridays at 7 p.m. in Tate Main Lounge

Sunday Worship Opportunities on Campus

- **Lynchburg Christian Fellowship [lcf]** - 10:30 a.m. in Sydnor Performance Hall.
- **Quaker Meeting** – 10:30 a.m., Spiritual Life Center
- **Roman Catholic Mass**— 4:30 p.m., in Snidow Chapel.

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