

EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2019

MERRY CHRISTMAS.....HO HO HO!

Well, folks it is so close we can smell the fire in the fireplace, the scent of cedar from the tree, the sweet smell of hot chocolate from the festively painted mug, spices from the pumpkin pie that is resting on the decorative tablecloth. We can see the multicolored lights sparkling from the tree, the presents carefully placed within our view and favorite carols permeating our living area. But, our scene is not yet complete because over in a corner is a little antique table bearing the most precious scene of all – a Bible opened to the account of the “reason for the season”. This very holy book opened to Luke 2, tells the old old story of the birth of our JESUS. What a glorious message! I invite you to read the account of our Savior’s birth ...*And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.* (Luke 2:7) This, my friends, is the birth of the world’s Prince of Peace. *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*(Isaiah 9:6)

As I write, I would like to challenge you to read a chapter in Luke each day beginning December 1 through 24 (Christmas Eve). If you do, you will have read the life of Christ from His conception through His glorious resurrection and ascension. What a blessing this will be to your heart.

In closing, I lovingly say...May God bless you and your family with a *VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR 2020!*

OFFICE HOURS

LBU office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:00 - 12:00 noon

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 23 – January 1 (Christmas break office closed)
December 24 – Christmas Eve
December 25 – Christmas Day
December 31 – New Year’s Eve
January 1 – New Year’s Day
January 2, 2020 – Back in office
January 6 – **Writing Projects, Theses, Dissertations** due for proofing, if graduating in May

TRANSCRIPTS

If you need or want a transcript, you must go to our website www.lbu.edu, look under Current Students and following the instructions, click on Request a Transcript. Fill in the form and direct your request to registrar Peggy@lbu.edu. “Official” transcripts are \$10.00 per transcript and must be paid before transcript(s) are mailed. NOTE: There is no charge for “Unofficial” transcripts.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

When the elderly die, a library is lost and volumes of wisdom and knowledge are gone.

NOTE: TO VIEW YOUR NEWSLETTER ON OUR LBU WEBSITE www.lbu.edu GO TO DEPARTMENTS, CLICK ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS, and CLICK ON PDF ICON.

BILLING PROCEDURES

Statements are e-mailed (only) on the 5th day of each month. Monthly payments are to be made by the last day of the month to avoid a \$10.00 late charge.

A TEACHER'S HEART

I've gone through life believing in the strength and competence of others; never in my own. Now, dazzled, I discovered that my capacities were real. It was like finding a fortune in the lining of an old coat. –Joan Mills

FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS...

All students are encouraged to attend GRADUATION WEEK the year of their intended graduation. Each year the exciting week begins on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. with very informative workshops scheduled through noon on Thursday. The highlight of the week is the graduation commencement held on Friday. Please keep this information in mind so that you can begin making plans for your personal graduation. Many of you may need to make prior arrangements with your employer, gather finances, and make travel and lodging arrangements. “Your” graduation will be one of the most important events in your life; therefore, it will be a very SPECIAL week to remember forever.

E-MAIL MESSAGES

Students, please check your e-mail messages each day so that you do not miss any of our current correspondence. This is our only means of communication with some of our students; therefore, it is imperative that you read your messages on a daily basis as you could miss some very important announcements.

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY”

To

Angela Aldredge 12/6

Harriet Barrera 12/31

Bea Edwards 12/17

Royal Scott 12/20

Anna Wharton 12/2

E-CAMPUS and CAMPUS CLASSES

Students who desire to take any scheduled E-Campus courses(s) MUST first get permission from their dean before signing up. This is an important TO DO procedure.

PLEASE READ:

We will say goodbye to our dear friend and co-worker, Dr. Mark Crook, December 20, as he leaves to become full-time pastor at Trees Baptist Church in Vivian, LA. He has been a very important member of our LBU staff for 21 years, bearing the titles of Dean of Counseling and Associate Vice-President of Institutional Advancement. He will be greatly missed by each of us at Louisiana Baptist University. We, lovingly, wish God's very best for you, Dr. Crook, as you become the full-time shepherd of your church family.

MOODLE MESSAGE

Please do not send Moodle Assignments one at a time, but rather, complete all of the course assignments and send when submitting the workbook. Please notify Dr. Adams at dradams@lbu.edu after all of your coursework and assignments are ready to grade. You will receive an e-mail after your work is graded. DO NOT take the final exam until you receive your graded workbook and make the necessary corrections allowing you to study correct information for the final exam.

MA and PhD STUDENTS

Students planning to graduate in a particular year must have the entire rough draft of their special writing project, thesis and/or dissertation in my office for proofing by the first week in **January** of the year intending to graduate. This is the required “deadline date”. Of course, it is for students’ benefit to turn their projects in at an earlier date or any time during the degree study if possible.

WELCOME NEW STUDENT...Himie Pickett

SPECIAL REWARDS PROGRAM

For every six consecutive months of payments, we will give you a half payment of credit off the balance of your tuition. For example, if you pay \$100.00 per month consecutively for 6 months, you will receive a \$50.00 credit; pay \$75.00 per month you will receive \$37.50 credit and/or pay \$50.00 per month, you will receive \$25.00 credit. *Remember to claim your rewards; there must be 6 consecutive months of tuition payments.

THINK ABOUT IT!

“If we lose freedom here, there is no place to escape to. This is the last stand on earth.” -Ronald Reagan

TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

Please “wait” until you receive your course workbook before ordering the required textbook. The first page in the workbook will have all the necessary information for ordering. Order the textbook by the ISBN numbers given in the course workbook. Following this plan will keep you from ordering the wrong book(s).

***Note:** This website can be of help when writing assignments/thesis/dissertations. http://www.press.uchicago.edu/books/turabian/turabian_citationguide.html

Submitted by Dr. Karetha Stearns

FROM YOUR DEAN

Students are to complete a minimum of one course per semester (15 weeks). I know “situations” come up from time-to-time to hinder the studying process, and I am here to work with you through these “situations”, but please try to stay on task by developing a workable schedule that will allow you to meet this requirement.

1. **Work on “one” course at a time.** Once a course has been completed and sent in to be graded, then begin working on the next course.
2. Do not send all of your courses at one time for grading.

“THANK YOU” for your cooperation in complying with these requirements.

FYI: Workbooks, assignments, final exams or special projects will not be graded unless a signed plagiarism form is in your student file.

LBU SEMESTERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SPRING: January - April

SUMMER: May - August

FALL: August – December

IMPORTANT TO READ

Please consider when writing assignment papers, theses, and dissertations, to refrain from using “too many quotations and copying paragraph after paragraph from resources” as this does not constitute your work, but rather someone else’s research and documentation. YES, some quotations are expected and allowed, but keep in mind, “ANYONE” can write down what someone else has stated. When reading and grading your papers, I truly want to see, for the most part...your thoughts, ideas, experiences, imagination, and knowledge. YES, it is permissible and encouraged to seek as many resources as possible, but read the information and then in YOUR own words relate only those portions of information you think are important and pertinent to your assignment or project topic. I do check for plagiarized content. I believe that most of you (and some being teachers yourselves), expect, encourage, and require the same of your students. May the Lord bless as you accept this challenge.

*If there is a special prayer request that you would like to have placed on our monthly newsletter prayer list, please call (318) 686-2360 or e-mail dradams@lbu.edu.

Prayer is used by God to promote our spiritual growth, bring power into our work, lead others to faith in Christ, and bring all other blessings to Christ’s church.

PLEASE JOIN THE LBU STAFF IN PRAYER

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Ephesians 6:18 (KJV)

- United States of America – protection from those who seriously desire to make our country a socialistic nation.
- Our President and his family – protection from Satan’s continued evil attacks.
- Military and first responders who serve in our behalf.
- Pastors/Missionaries
- Missionary Michael Wyatt and family (Japan) – stressful situations.
- Student Bea Edwards – life’s stressful situations and health.
- Peggy Magill’s sister, Diana Sirman –underwent a successful liver transplant and slowly making positive progress.
- Dr. Neal Weaver’s son – Scott Weaver has serious on-going health issues.
- Dianna Puente’s parents – dad and mom in very ill health.
- Myah Lane – diagnosed with a blood cancer named chronic lymphocytic leukemia. This is a slowly progressing and treatable type leukemia.
- Dr. Sandra Cory’s daughter, Alisha – please continue to pray for healing of brainstem tumor and that her eyesight and appetite will be restored to normalcy.

- Student Carolyn Bailey’s mother – has cancer and doing well.
- Dr. Mark Crook (LBU Dean of Counseling and Associate Vice-President of Institutional Advancement) – as he leaves LBU to become full-time pastor of Trees Baptist Church in Vivian, LA.
- LBU students, administration, staff, and faculty.

I appreciate your prayers in behalf of these on our prayer list and know that you will “praise” the Lord with me as He answers our petitions.

Prayer is...

*the most powerful weapon against every trial you face;
the most effective medicine against all sickness;
the most valuable gift you can give to someone you love.*

Prayer Works!

*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
James 5:16b (KJV)*

REMEMBER: If you have prayer requests, praise reports, or any other newsworthy information you would like to share with the LBU staff and students, please feel free to call (318) 686-2360 or e-mail dradams@lbu.edu.

Until next month,

Dr. Linda Adams, Dean of Education