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LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Nate Alexander, Senior Minister

Spenser Carrell, Worship Minister

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Sunday Worship Gatherings: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Wuzzles & S.P.L.A.T. Zone 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Church office hours: Mon-Thurs. – 8am-5pm; Fri. – 8am-noon. Closed Friday afternoons

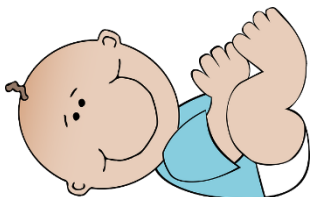
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Christmas Eve Services
December 24 @
4:00pm and 7:00pm
Childcare available for
birth thru pre-school



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from the Staff
Nate, Spenser, Tyler, Sarah & Chris*



Baby Dedication
January 10



Nate's News

My family and I would like to thank each and every one who has taken the opportunity to bless and encourage us in this Christmas season. We will cherish all those who came to the open house and we will also cherish each thought that was given and from our family to yours please have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As we bring in the New Year here at LRCC, I want to share with you the theme for 2016 which we will be focusing on this Sunday, Dec. 27th. In these turbulent times with all that has happened this past year in cities and countries around the world I believe we need to remember ourselves that God has given us the power to be "Fearless" in 2016. No matter who takes office, what may or may not happen this next year we have been given a Spirit of power and faith that can withstand any fear and worry. Let's be "Fearless" this year.

Capital Campaign Update:

Currently we are working on updating our transportation resources and we are at \$12,500 towards the goal of \$60,000. We want to thank everyone who has contributed to this campaign. Please keep this in your prayers and if you would like to give please designate that it goes toward the transportation fund. The update will not only benefit the youth, but any small group who needs to get to a destination. We are looking at getting a vehicle that will be handicapped accessible as well. We will continue this campaign till May so please consider this in your monthly giving.

Christmas Cards - Please make sure you pick them up this weekend! We will not have them out any more after this weekend, thank you for all the card sorters and helpers, thanks.

Also if you ordered a poinsettia, please pick it up after the Christmas Eve services, on Sun. Jan 27 or during the week.

Spenser's Spot

As the curtains closed on "Legos and a Lamb," many of us felt a sense of sadness. We started gathering together for the read-thru of the script in August. It's been 4 months of practices, working together, and creating something together. As the show ends, we gathered for the largest group picture so far for the musical. This musical is so much more than a weekend. It's an amazing bonding ministry. I want to thank the choir that put so much work into getting all of their parts figured out. I want to thank the crew whose efforts are behind the scenes but crucial to the success of the musical. I want to thank the cast who devoted many nights this winter to this production. Thank you to everyone that helped with childcare, meals, construction, and costuming. Thank you to my wife for understanding my crazy passions. Thank you to Lake Ridge for allowing us to put on this musical. If you would be interested in being a part of Christmas at Lake Ridge 2016, there's a sign-up sheet outside the Family Life Center. This sign-up isn't a serious commitment. It just lets me know who may be interested that hasn't been in the musical. I'll begin writing the new show in January!

I want to also thank everyone for the cards and gifts this Christmas season! Chrissy and I have been blessed to be a part of this amazing church family. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

PRAYER CONCERNS Please pray daily for those listed. We ask that you copy these requests onto your own private list for two weeks. Remember: "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:17 – Our military, the homeless, missionaries, Abigail Alexander & family, jobs to come to Paris, the government leaders, Nate, Spenser, Tyler, Sarah and families, Keyanna Brady, Ryan Taylor & family, Ron Strow, Linda Barr, Donna Ingle, Ron & Diana Stewart, Jim Burkett, Ron George, Brad Payne, Mary Burba, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Ann, Kara, Naomi & grandson, Maggie, Mary G., Jane Furry, Rosealee Dugger, Cathy Colter, Jane Erwin, a job for Chad McLeod and all those who are unemployed, family traveling over the holiday, Glenda Chappell, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Roanna Watson, Devon Kindred, Leanna Reedy & family, Jan Knuth, Teressa Kerrick, Winnie Cooper, Debbie Wolfe, Roslyn Davis, Mamie Boyer, Bill Clawson, Adriana Fausett, Troy Eastham, Dale Muchow, Dale & Marion Pate, Dennis Gosnell, Kim Burkett, Lydia McIntosh, Dina Shields, Bev Duzan, Gary & Linda Hancock, Randy & Sandy Colter, Tricia Broughton, Charlie Pantle, Tim Martin, Norma Tomblinson, Korlyn Reynolds, Christina & Ian Kunka, Edith Whitkanack, 85 unsponken

Our Sympathy

To Tony Ferrante and family with the passing of his mother. May God comfort you at this time of loss.

tyler's tidbits

January 6: Jr. High School Encounter starts up with a Meal at 5:30pm and goes from 6:00pm-7:30pm

January 10: High School Engage starts up with a Meal at 5:30pm and goes from 6:00pm-7:30pm

February 5-6: There will be a community 5th quarter lock-in for High School students from 9:00pm – 7:00am here at Lake Ridge. We are looking at having a Madden Tournament, giant game of Clue, other tournaments, and plenty of food. If you are interested in helping be a sponsor please contact Tyler.

Here are the dates of our upcoming trips, more information will be coming...

April 1-2: CIY Believe at Springfield, IL. This is an amazing weekend retreat for Middle School Students.

April 27: The youth group will be going to see the Skit Guys in Brazil, IN.

June 27 – July 2: CIY Move at Holland, MI. This is an amazing weeklong retreat for High School Students

July 31 – August 4: CIY MIX at Holland, MI. This is an amazing weeklong retreat for Middle School Students.

Sarah's Synopsis

TNT will be starting up again on Tuesday, January 12th with a new time: 5:30-7:00pm! Also, there will be no meal provided. This weekly event is for any children grades K-5th! If you are a high school student or adult who is interested in helping with TNT please contact Sarah.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY –

Time? How do we define time? Is time our yesterday, today, or tomorrow? As a little boy, this time of the year, I dreamed of meeting Santa and sitting on his lap, telling him what a good boy, I was (hoping he wouldn't verify that with my mom and dad). Then, those dreaded school Christmas plays, having to memorize my part to recite and even worse, our teacher expected us; me to help squeak out those Christmas carols! Receiving that big bag of candy from Santa after the play made it all worth the time. I recall stepping outside of that one room country schoolhouse, glowing with its kerosene lamps, into that dark, cold winter night with my family. Walking down that lonely country lane, then seeing those big shining stars flickering above, gave this little boy such a comforting, warm glow of "God, I can really feel your love tonight," and thinking "God, I've been told something really special happened on this same night when you were a little boy!" Many Christmas' have come and gone, since those innocent years, most very happy, a few lonely, and a few sad, but still when I look up into that Christmas sky, "I still really feel you, God!" Something special did happen on that very same winter night long ago, and today, though those dim eyes and worn mind, "God, I now feel closer to you, in space and time!" But look Your stars remain positioned the same! I may not have many more Christmas skies to look at, but look, my children; "All is well with my soul," look again, in time, I and grandma may be part of those far stars twinkling down at you! Time, what is time? Time is not to stand still, but for us to sow, then nurture, step aside for our next generation to take their places under those bright twinkling Christmas stars on a special cold, winter night! Look up tonight at those bright stars that God placed there, just for you, Oh that bright one up there, it is placed for Jesus! Merry Christmas from our house to your house. Shalom! "It came upon a midnight clear—" Semper Fidelis

If you do not wish to continue to receive the Ripple or post cards or have an address change, please contact the office at 217-465-5614 or email us at office@lakeridgechurch.org before the next Ripple goes out. Please let us know as soon as possible so that the church is not charged \$.49 by the postal service to get your new address. Thank you.

Birthdays...January

- 2 - Sherryl Inman, Crystal Hays
- 3 - Gracie Dyer
- 4 - Megan Hale Douglas, Kevin Cash, Presley Collier
- 5 - Josh Gent, Mark Winans
- 6 - Don Cline, John Calhoun
- 8 - Kaitlin Elston, Linda Barr, Brad Redmon
- 9 - Makayla Mattingly, Riley Chapman, Elaina Abu-Seir
- 10 - Tori Dunn, Andy Mace, Lillie Davis
- 11 - Jamey Littleton, Melissa Myles
- 12 - Tammy Bennett
- 13 - Keisha Tevebaugh, Harold Barr, Courtni Hays, Mason Wolfe
- 14 - Jackie Holloway, Johnnyray Kennedy, Jillian Abu-Seir
- 15 - Nathan Gorman
- 16 - Marion Pate, Corey Kerrick, Abigail Alexander, Alivia Cline
- 18 - Lauren Ealy, Braylon Nugent
- 19 - Shelly Harper
- 20 - Jessica LeLoup, Austin Myles
- 21 - Shayleigh Cline, Mindi Milner, Krista Howard
- 22 - Greg Henson, Carol Cline, Nichole Fessant
- 23 - Cathy Colter, Monica Dunn, Gene Calvert, Sean Halloran, Kelsey Gates
- 25 - Madison Gates
- 26 - Kris Ping
- 27 - Shawn Bowers, Michael Dunn
- 28 - Elizabeth Ealy
- 29 - Jordan Beck
- 30 - Tim Kirby, Zylee Milner, Baylee Mills

Anniversaries...

- 5 - Morrie & Amy Heelen
- 22 - Dale & Marion Pate
- 23 - Brad & Carrie Collier

Please notify office of additions or corrections

Thank you for the cards and gifts this Christmas. Also thank you for the prayers for Charlie before, during and after his surgery.
Chris

AA Cookies - W.I.G. is looking for someone to help coordinate the weekly AA cookie bakers. If you are interested, call Loraine at 217-251-8899.

**Dec. 24 @ 4pm & 7pm -
Christmas Eve services**
**Dec. 25 & 28, Jan. 1 - The
church office will be
closed**
**Jan. 4 @ 7pm - Mission
Ministry Mtg.**
**7:15pm - Prayer Team
Mtg.**
**Jan. 6 @ 5:30pm -
Encounter**
**Jan. 10 @ Noon - Elder's
and Deacon's Mtg.**
5:30pm - Engage
**Jan. 11 @ 6pm - W.I.G.
Mtg.**
**Jan. 12 @ 9am - RIPPLE
DEADLINE
@ 5:30pm - TNT**



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JANUARY 2016 SERVING SCHEDULE

Date	Greeters 8:00	10:30
1/3	Tony & Judy Alexander	Bill & Deanie Clark
1/10	Lennie & Mary Lou Erwin	Mark & Holly Winans
1/17	Richard & Tammy Bennett	BJ & Nichole Fessant
1/24	Dave & Jan Nebergall	David & Denise Howard
1/31	David & Nancy Neal	Kay Blizzard & Sherryl Inman



Date	8:00 Prayer Room 10:30		8:00 Communion Meditation 10:30	
1/3	Gary & Linda Hancock	Dick & Donna Brinkley	Jim Ingle	Chris Gher
1/10	Pat & Kathy Padgett	Bill & Deanie Clark	Randy Colter	Dirk Haddix
1/17	Naomi Payne & Susie Essinger	David & Judy Hale	Verne Bear	David Howard
1/24	Randy & Sandy Colter	Doug & Betsy Mace	Dick Marlowe	Chad Cline
1/31			Greg Henson	Mark Gladding

Date	Communion to the Sick	Date	AA Cookies	REMINDER: If there is a conflict with your Ministry time, please find your own replacement to fill in for you. We want to ensure all Sunday morning ministries are covered each week. Thank you for serving!
1/3	Chad Cline & Kerry Simpson	1/1	Barbara Marshall	
1/10	BJ Fessant & Gene Justice	1/8	Verne Bear	
1/17	Dick & Katie Marlowe	1/15	Janet Justice	
1/24	Brent Pitts & Darin Tevebaugh	1/22	Angie Woods	
1/31	Greg Henson & Richard Bennett	1/29	Katie Marlowe	

Date	8:00AM	NURSERY SCHEDULE	10:30AM
1/3	Patti Milburn & Priscilla Clark	I – Stephanie Doran & Nicole Gale T – Greta Pitts & Mindi Milner	
1/10	Laura Pitts	I – Shawn Simpson T – Dick & Donna Brinkley	
1/17	Brenda Rhoads & Elaine Good	I – Karla Gorman T – Elaine Good, Carol Cline, Lydia Switzer	
1/24	Lisa Rigdon	I – Sherryl Inman, Michelle Haddix T – Josh & Ellyn Andrews	
1/31	Tammy Bennett	I – Nila Nugent & Karen Littleton T – Mary Johnson	

DECEMBER	8:00	10:30	Faith Promise – November Promised Monthly goal - \$1,620.00	
Communion Coordinator	Richard Bennett	BJ Fessant	Actual Monthly	\$2,642.00
Communion Preparation	Randy & Sandy Colter		YTD Commitment	\$1,620.00
			Actual Income YTD	\$2,642.00
			Difference	+\$1,022.00

FACTS & FIGURES

Attendance	Sunday School	8:00	10:30	Total	General Budget needs \$8,968.38	Missions	Building	Transportation Fund	Expenses for the week
11/29	104	122	249	371	7,025.55	503.00	0	1,390.00	19,225.82
12/6		151	249	400	10,215.53	2,349.00	80.00	655.00	7,658.24
12/13	94	110	223	333	6,282.11	431.00	200.00	1,000.00	8,296.55
12/20	82	111	283	394	7,132.14	2,546.00	280.00	730.00	N/A