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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. Youth: Encounter 4pm and Engage 6pm Sundays

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

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Congregational meeting June 25 at 10am in the Auditorium

This meeting is to form the Nomination Team. You must be present to be nominated as a team member.

Please pray for those attending:

Senior High CIY Move
June 26-July 1



FREEDOMFEST

Sunday July 2 at 4:30-6:30pm

LRCC Pavilion

Come join us for lawn games, card games, hotdogs, chips and drinks
Feel free to bring a dessert and your lawn chair.



Nate's News

I get it, trust is a part of faith which these two go hand in hand because faith wouldn't be faith if there wasn't trust. I hope you're following me, but what happens when life throws you a nasty curveball that you never saw coming and now that faith you had when there was sunshine and life made sense has to get you through the dark clouds of pain, wrenching pain. Well here comes the trust part because now you have to still hold on to your faith when you don't want to and because you can't understand the purpose behind the pain. I have to be honest with you, we are half way through 2017 and as I look back over these last 6 months I only see pain and as I bend my faith in these times I wonder is there a point of breaking, because physically you can only bend something so far before it will break. Here's the part that blows my mind and that is the more I have to bend the more my faith actually trust gets deeper to where I may think it's about to break, but God adds to my faith goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, and love (2 Peter 1:5-7).

Our Sympathy

..to the family of Ken Whitkanack who passed away on May 28.

..to the family of Marge Sims who passed away on June 4.

..to the family of Linda Barr with her passing on June 3 and the passing of her daughter, Donna Pearson on June 7.

..to the family of Pauline Beauchamp, grandmother of Jonnie Wilson.

..to the family of Cindy Hollis the sister of Shirley Furry.

..to the family of Imogene Poole.

..to the family of Barb Tresner, mother of Mark Hefner.

..to the family of Maddie Fessant who passed away on June 11.

May each family find God's comfort at this time of loss.

Spenser's Spot

This world is unpredictable and always changing. It's a time of confusion and uncertainty. In my life, I turn to worship. I did this special a few months ago but I believe the words may help some today. The song is called "Peace in the Pain" from Aaron Pelsue with an added verse.

V1. There are days when, I don't feel like, I can get out of bed. There are moments, when I feel that, all of my dreams are dead. Then Your Spirit comes and it wakes me up, gives me the strength to fight. You remind me of, Your great power to give every dead thing life.

CH. You're my joy when I have none. You're my hope when I'm undone. You're the love that overcomes when I'm afraid. You're the peace in the pain.

V2. When my heart is fully broken and I can barely breathe. When my world is a stormy ocean, crushing me in deep. Then Your Spirit breathes and You promise to me, the most amazing things. You remind me of Your great power to calm all my raging seas.

V3. When I join with angel chorus, and I can see your face. Family gathered, reunited cause of your amazing grace. Then the kids will come and sit at your feet, and I will see them there. Lord you care for them, like you care for me, with us through every tear.

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, our church, Abigail Alexander & family, jobs to come to Paris, the government leaders, Pres. Trump, Nate, Spenser, Sarah, Chris and families, Dale & Marion Pate, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Maggie F., Naomi, Mary G., Mary B., Devon Kindred & family, Rayleigh Ike, Rose Ann Hancock, Mary Strole, Jane Irwin, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Ray & Martha Roberts, Lilianna, Tony & Judy Alexander, Tyler & family, Ron & Diana Stewart, Breanna Irwin, Doug Kindred, Randy R., Mark & Priscilla Clark, Jim Burgett, Ann, Kara, Penny & Denny Duzan, Donald Thompson, Colby, Judy Liffick, Theresa & family, Lennie Erwin, Mike Taylor, Perle Knight, Chassidy McNeese, Dick Butts, Tom Coonce, Ron Stewart, Rose Bruffet, The

families of Dr. Leland Phipps, Thelma Sturgeon and those listed in the Ripple, Nathan Knuth, Steve & Lori Craig, Linda, Dennis & Lisa Gosnell, Kelly Milburn, Greg Whitkanack Family, Breanna Falton, Shirley Furry, VBS, 80 unsponsored

Sarah's Synopsis

This week's events have weighed very heavy on my heart and they've not all been from old age or foreseen illness. I cannot say that I was particularly close to Maddie, but the untimely, tragic death of a 16 year old sweet girl makes my heart want to explode in anger and confusion. If you share any of these same feelings, know that many others before you have as well. The Bible is full of laments, which in many cases is when a community mourns the loss of an individual or great tragedy and implores God to respond. Here are just a few: "LORD Jesus, God of my salvation, when, at night, I cry out in your presence, let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry." (Psa 88:1-2) "My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" (Psa 42:3) "Yet if I speak, my pain is not relieved; and if I refrain, it does not go away. Surely, O God, you have worn me out; you have devastated my entire household". (Job 16:6-7)

But as one day turns into the next, we continue with VBS! We have been having a fun week teaching the kids of this church and community about God. Our mission this year is Faith in Action. The kids have been learning what all they do and I love being able to support such a great organization in our town! The theme this year is *Built by God, Created for a Purpose!* The kids have learned that God is with you, and God is for you! We have had between 100-110 kids so far this week! Thank you to everyone who has had a part in making VBS happen this year. I could not do it by myself!!!

FAITH IN ACTION THANKS YOU!

It was another successful fundraiser for Faith in Action with their craft and bake sale on Saturday during Shriners' weekend. Your support whether providing crafts and/or baked goods, volunteering at the

booth, or being a customer was very much appreciated. You will be blessed by your efforts.

The proceeds from the sale will be used to fund the many service projects of Faith in Action. THANKS again!

YOUTH STUFF

CIY: Mix for students going into the 6th through 8th grades will be at Holland, Michigan this year on July 30th through August 3rd. The cost is \$160. A \$50 deposit will need to be in by June 15th and full payment by July 1st.

A church medical form also needs filled out. If we do not have a current one, less than a year old, you can go to the church web site and download the form and bring it with your deposit.

We will be taking the high schoolers (incoming 8th graders) to Cedar Point this summer from July 9 to 11. The cost is \$105 which covers two days at the park and a hotel room. Please let Nate or Sarah know if you would like to go so we can get a count for the trip. You will also need to provide money for 6 meals while you are there. There is a registration page on our website under event registration. If you need more info please contact Nate.

CIY MOVE MEETING

There will be a meeting on June 25 @ 6pm for all those youth who will be attending CIY Move this year. This is also open to the parents as well and a meal will be provided. We will be making sure all medical forms and all money has been turned in and answer any additional questions you may have.

BROTHERHOOD

This month's Brotherhood will be at Metcalf Christian on Tuesday June 20th at 7pm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL program is on Friday June 16 @ 6pm

If you do not wish to continue to receive the Ripple or monthly sermon post cards or have an address change or even a phone number 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.

SENIOR ADULTS

They say the older you get the faster the time flies." Time has just gotten away from me. I realized this is not much time to decide if you are interested in these shows and I apologize for the short notice.

The Beef House has scheduled two shows for the summer. They are "Life Could be a Dream" (60's musical movie) on Saturday, July 8 (deadline for signing up is Monday, June 19) and "Disaster" (70's disaster movie musical) on Saturday August 5 (deadline for signing up is Monday July 24). Meal is served at 6pm (Indiana Time) and the show starts at 8pm (IN time).

If you are interested in either shows, contact Chris in the office. Money must be in before we schedule for the show. Please leave your phone number so we can contact you.

Hope we have a lot of interest in both shows. All the shows that I have seen at the Beef House have been very good.

Thanks so much. Judy Benton

June 11-16 – VBS @ 6-8:30pm
June 17 @ 9am – Homebound
Ministry Mtg.
June 20 @ 5:30pm – Elder's Mtg.
@ 7pm – Brotherhood at Metcalf
June 25 @ 10am – Congregational
Mtg.
@ 6pm – CIY MOVE Mtg.
June 26-July 1 - CIY MOVE
June 27 @ 9am – Ripple deadline



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