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LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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.

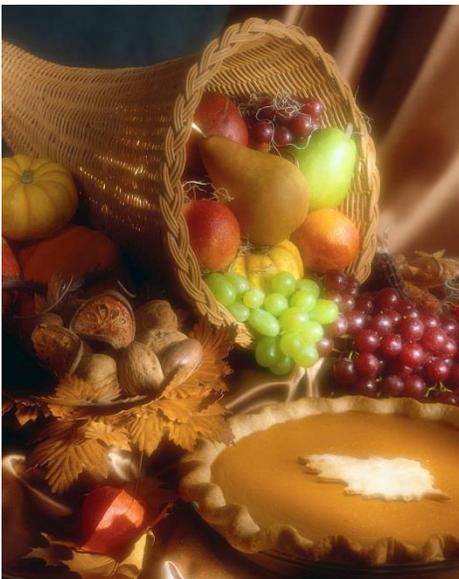
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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

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**Collection Dates
November 16-23**



All Church Thanksgiving Dinner

(Catered by Tuscan's)

Sunday, November 22 @ 5:30pm

Please call the church office if you plan on coming by Nov. 20 so we can get a number count. Please bring a dessert. Free will donation of \$5 is appreciated. There will be no carry-outs

*Harvest Offering - November 22
This will go towards new transportation.*

The Church office will be closed on November 26-27

Nate's News

One of the natural tendencies that a person has when a problem occurs is to automatically think negatively and try to control the issue, but there are some problems that do cause some strain except it comes from a positive situation. Our ministries here at LRCC are always trying to do some improvising and making the best out of our resources, but there comes a time when we have to consider a little expansion to make way for the growth and we believe that this time has come in our transportation needs. We have been working to use the two vans when we can, but we have come to a point when we have outgrown this resource and we need to consider bigger vehicles to meet the needs of our ministries. The children and youth plus the senior adults have many trips and activities planned where they need to go to a destination and when we have 20 to 25 people, then our current resource does not meet the need. So we are looking to purchase transportation that can help benefit these ministries. We are asking that you consider joining us in this endeavor by giving extra on November 22 at our services through a harvest offering that will go towards our transportation needs. We will collect two offerings on this Sunday, the first will go towards our weekly expenses and the second towards this harvest offering, please if you have any questions please ask and be in prayer about what you can give this season of thanksgiving.

BAPTISMS AND NEW MEMBERS

We'd like to welcome Greg Decker to the church family who joined November 1. Greg lives at 525 N Main St. with his wife Sarah and children Cole, Reese and Lydia. Greg is employed at Libmans in Terre Haute.

God bless you and welcome to the Lake Ridge family.

Spenser's Spot

There are a lot of exciting things happening within the Worship Ministry! But first, I want to thank everyone for the gifts, cards, and notes for Pastor Appreciation Month. You are all amazing!

We are excited to be adding in some instrumentalists to our rotation for first service! We would love to have some more vocalists to start off the new year strong! You can sign up to sing just once every two months

or you can be put on more depending on your availability! The more the merrier! If our practice time has hindered you in the past but you'd like to participate, please let me know! We are going to be planning a new practice time in the next several weeks that will start in January. We want to work with as many people's schedules as we can. If you'd be interested in singing, let me know!

If you are currently involved in the Worship Ministry (instrumentalists, vocalists, media room, sound booth, creative arts, or chairs), make sure that you pick up a handbook and form for 2016! I will be doing all 2016 scheduling based off of the forms I receive back. Pick yours up and return it as soon as you can!

As you saw last weekend, we have started getting the stage set for Christmas at Lake Ridge. This year's musical is entitled, "Legos and a Lamb" and is all about the influences of power and the lamb that was sent to Earth so long ago. This can be a fun outreach to invite people to! Grab a couple of tickets and invite your friends, co-workers, neighbors, and families! The musical will be Saturday, December 12th at 5pm and Sunday, December 13th at 3pm.

Don't forget about our Christmas Eve Services! We will have two services at 4 and 7pm. We've started putting together the service and planning out the details. Hope to see you there!

Christmas in Paris

We are providing volunteers to man the live nativity from 4:00-5:00pm on November 28th near the square, please let Nate know if you would like to help and make sure the community sees the meaning of Christmas.

tyler's tidbits

God Blesses those who are Persecuted

Following God sometimes seems to be so crazy. Take Matthew 5 for example, it seems in Jesus' teachings He has turned the whole world upside down. Blessed are we when people persecute us and lie about us and say all sorts of evil about us? When I get made fun of, or looked down on because of Christ the last thing I think or feel is that I am blessed. Instead I feel sad, hurt and angry. And then Jesus goes on to tell us "If you are even angry with someone, you are subject

to judgment." Not only that but He takes it a step further and tells us to, "Turn the other cheek and pray for those that persecute you." Wow, sometimes this whole Christian thing doesn't sound like much fun.

Though, Jesus knows what He is talking about. God's way of dying to ourselves and living for Him totally contradicts and challenges the way of the world that everything is about self-preservation. The natural response of the world is to lash out and strive to keep what is most precious to it, to be able to declare its own path. When you become persecuted for the cause of Christ, it means you are blessed and the world has taken note that you are different and have challenged the way of the world. It scares it and so it lashes out in its reflex of hate, anger, and self-preservation. When you don't respond to the world with what it throws at you, and instead turn the other cheek, you have stopped escalating the conflict and opened the door to them taking notice of something truly different. When we go a step further and pray that those who are persecuting you, may come to know the truth, then you are making an impact for The Kingdom.

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, Ryan Taylor, Sue and Chuck Liffick, Larry Pate, Susie Mathews, Ron Bouslog, Ron George, Brad Payne, Marilyn & Verne Bear, Mamie Boyer, Maggie, Mary G., Naomi, Mary B., Ann, Ron & Diane Stewart, Jane Furry, Linda Barr, Donna Ingle, Dale & Marion Pate, Bob & Rosemary Linton, Leanna Reedy & family, Lydia McIntosh, Linda Barr, Ron Strow, Kara, Jan Knuth, Cathy Colter, Edith Whitkanack, Marilee Dugger, Ron Eslinger, Bentley Prouse, Randy Rhoads, Jackie Lindsey, Winner Cooper, Samantha Wombles, the family of John Dorris, Susie Mathews, Gary Hancock, Winnie Cooper, Jackie Lindsey, John Taylor Jr., Mike Taylor, Norma Tomblinson, Terry Eastham, Frieda Pitchford, Phillip Collier, Cory Kaufman, Austin Brown, Jennifer Griffin, Kylie & Kyrie Mixson, Dennis Gosnell, church staff, Israel, 54 unspoken

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Brotherhood Meeting, 7:00pm, Tuesday, November 17th at the Brocton Christian Church. That's next Tuesday folks, then, no more PIE until our February Meeting in Chrisman due to holidays and winter driving! Those who win the Attendance Brotherhood Banner next week get to keep it in their sanctuary until February, 2016! Just one more person may make the difference, spiritually and/or the last piece of PIE! Do I hear an Amen?

Senior Moments Social and Bible Study Hour! I will tell you what I don't understand, reading the Bible, if you will tell me what you don't understand! Come and share your comments, so I, the leader will hear and learn also! Am I wrong, if I say, none of us lay people know the Bible like we'd like our peers to think? Really? God is listening and watching us! That Big Wheel of Life makes only one revolution per person!

December 19th a matinee Christmas Dinner Show at the Beef House Dinner Theater in Covington. After a bodacious Beef House Diner Buffet, prepared by owners, Bob and Bonnie Write; David and Jennifer Woodrow will present their 3rd Annual Christmas Show! We will hear and sing Christmas carols, laugh at Christmas time antics performed by specials guests, observe colorful costumes, and go away, filled with spiritual and material Christmas Spirits! One week before Christmas, \$42 per person. Could this be one of your gifts to that someone special? We have 16 chairs reserved, but if we order early, we may secure more seats before a "sell out." Leave your cash/checks payable to Gene Calvert with Chris in the church office, ASAP!

A Happy Thanksgiving season from our family to yours! "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Ps. 23:1 Semper Fidelis

"Golden Christmas" (Senior Citizens Party)

Who says parties are just for the kids! Please join us as we celebrate the Christmas holiday with our Senior Citizens Friends. (If you're not sure if you are in that category, how about we start with 50years young +.)

A Christmas Party will be on Dec. 8 at 11:30. We would like a count so please RSVP to the church office by Dec. 6 at 465-5614. Hope to see you to celebrate Christmas with fun, food, singing, fellowship and door prizes along with a special visitor.

If you want to participate in a gift exchange, please bring a gently used item from home or purchase something new for around \$5. Any questions, contact Greg or Sheri Henson and Marci Sisson.

Merry Christmas. See ya on the 8th.

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.

College Care Packages

This Sunday is the last day to bring items for Women's Ministry packages for our college students. We have a list of 26 students this semester!

Baskets are located in the front Foyer and Family Life Center hallways. Goodies can consist of candy, chips, gum, small trinkets or anything a student might like to have as they prepare for their final exams.

Monetary donations can also be made thru the church office for the purchase of gift cards. If you are the family of a student, please make sure the church office has your student's shipping address on file for them. *Thank you!*

POINSETTIA'S

We are taking orders for Poinsettia's until November 22. The cost is \$12.50 and may be purchased in Honor or in Memory of someone. There are 2 sign-up sheets. One is located at the Welcome Center and the other is on the bulletin board by the Family Life Center. Thank you.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

This week will be our last sessions until next year for Engage (Sr. High) on Sun. Nov. 15 @ 5:30-7:30pm and Wed. Nov. 17 at 5:30-7:30pm for Encounter (Jr. High)

TNT ends Nov. 17 and will restart Jan 12 at a new time – 5:30-7:00pm

Mark your calendars for the Children's Musical, "Hang-Ups." The children have been working very hard and will present the musical on Sunday December 6 at the 8:00am and 10:30am services.

We'd like to Thank and give Honor to our Veterans on this day, November 11 and every day!

Community Thanksgiving Service, Sun. Nov. 22 @ 3pm at the Nazarene Church

Nov. 12 @ 6pm –
Stewardship
Ministry Mtg.
Nov. 15 @ Noon –
Elder's Mtg.
Nov. 16-23 –
Operation
Christmas Child
Collection Week
Nov. 17 @ 7pm –
Brotherhood at
Brocton
Nov. 22 – Harvest
Offering
@ 5:30pm – All
Church
Thanksgiving
Supper
Nov. 24 @ 9am
SHARP! – RIPPLE
DEADLINE
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