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LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The members are ministers

Nate Alexander, Senior 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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Faith Promise to Missions - Sunday, Oct. 4th

“Around the Community, Around the Globe”

Guest Speaker: Dr. Don Green of Lincoln Christian University

Potluck following 10:30 service - bring a dish to share

Come learn more about our missions program at LRCC!

What is Faith Promise? Our Faith Promise program at Lake Ridge is an educational program to teach the church family about missions and how they can best serve our missionaries here locally and around the globe. The Faith Promise Missions budget at LRCC is completely separate from the church budget. Our Faith Promise year begins November 1. Lake Ridge has 10 missions that we support through Faith Promise. Please read about them in the insert provided in the Ripple. We celebrate our missions throughout the month of October. This year, we will begin with Dr. Don Green on Sunday Oct. 4 as he will share about missions during the preaching hours and will share about Lincoln Christian University during the Bible School hour. We will enjoy a potluck dinner with him following services. We will also hear from other missions throughout the month. Faith Promise is not a pledge that we will check to make sure you are giving what you pledged. It is a commitment that you make with God as to what you think you can give, and then allow God to help you achieve it. We ask that you fill out a commitment card simply to be able to communicate to our missionaries how much they can expect from us in our monthly giving. Lake Ridge has been awesome in giving to our missions programs both in financial support and in volunteering, and the Missions ministry is so grateful! Please be in anticipation of our mission's emphasis in October and how you can be a part of the missions programs at LRCC!

From the Women's Ministry –

Reminder to all: October is **Pastor Appreciation Month**.

Please 'Shower-the-Staff' with love to show them how much you appreciate them!

Women's ministry needs your college/military student's addresses. Please send us their address to office@lakeridgechurch.org. We usually send out "end of the semester" goodies so we need their addresses. Thank you.

Nate's News

A while back I was watching an old war movie about World War 2 which I can't recall the name of, but I do remember an interesting part that intrigued my thoughts as we prepare for our new series beginning October 11th, Behind Enemy Lines. Throughout the movie, there were German troops who were masquerading around as American troops and their whole purpose was to sabotage our efforts in the war. They dressed like us, they spoke like us, and they acted like American troops, but they were the enemy trying to defeat us behind our lines. Satan uses this tactic each and every day and it's time to go behind his lines and expose him, shine a light on the darkness and so I am asking that you make it a high priority to come and helps us shine that light. The enemy is in your schedule and he is trying already to deter you from coming!

Spenser's Spot

In a blink of an eye, Christmas will be here! There are several events that are coming up fast as the weeks fly by. First, our All-Ministry Worship Meeting will be October 25th following the 10:30 service. There has been a slight change to this. This will be for those that help with sound, lights, slides, instrumentalists, and vocalists! We will have separate meetings for the Creative Arts Team and the Chair Teams. At this meeting, we will be celebrating the past year and looking forward to the 2015-2016 year. There will be a meal with this get-together. If you are currently involved, please make every effort to be at this meeting as we will be going over some things everyone needs to know moving forward!

Do you like to sew? On October 8th, we will have an open house afternoon of sewing here at Lake Ridge for anyone that would be interested from 2pm-6pm. We have a tote full of fabric that we would like to turn into Nativity Costumes! These will be basic sewing projects. Every year, we struggle to get enough costumes for everyone. Then when the kids do a nativity, they only have a few costumes that even fit them. So, this year we are taking the fabric that we already have and making extra adult costumes and a whole set of nativity costumes just for the kids! Can't sew but would like to help? We can always use people to cut out and pin the fabric together! Don't have a

sewing machine? We may have extras available. If you would be interested in helping with this, see Spenser or Edna Bright or just show up October 8th from 2-6pm.

We are excited to be planning a Youth Sunday for November 1st! More information to come. If you have any questions or would like to be involved, see myself, Tyler, or Dalton Chambers.

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For the most up to date information check us out on the Youth Facebook page at LRCC Encounter/Engage.

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 12th from 10am – 5 pm. Since there is no school, we will be having a come and go board game and hang out day. Lunch will be provided

Saturday, October 17th from 7pm – 10pm High School hang out night at my house (607 Marshall). An opportunity to get together and have fun, we may watch a movie, play board games and have a campfire. Whatever we do, it's going to be awesome. Snacks and drinks provided.

Friday, October 23rd from 10am – 5 pm. Since there is no school, we will be having a come and go Plastic Model and Movie/Girls Fun Day. If students want to build models, they will need to bring a model and the rest of the supplies will be provided. If you need any help with this, please contact Tyler. Lunch will be provided

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, Ron Stewart, Larry Pate, Susie Mathews, Ron Bouslog, Ron George, Brad Payne, Marilyn & Verne Bear, Mamie Boyer, Maggie, Mary G., Naomi, Mary B., Ann, Diane Stewart, Jane Furry, Chad McLeod & JP Piper, Linda Bar, Jim & Donna Ingle, Jackie Lindsey, Mike Maloney, Abernathy family, Dale & Marion Pate, Harli Rhoads, Bob & Rosemary Linton, Leanna Reedy & family, Janice, Charlene and Laura Aydelotte, safety for the farmers during harvest, Noel Rigdon, Our new leadership, See You at the Pole, Brad Farnham, Debbie Wolfe, Roslyn Davis, Lydia McIntosh, Linda Barr, Ron Strow, 96 unspoken*

THANK YOU! A special Thank you to Sheri Henson. She has been decorating our outside doors with seasonal wreaths. Thanks Sheri for taking the time to help us get into the time of the season.

ELECTION RESULTS AND ORDINATION

The new budget was approved as well as starting a Capital Campaign to purchase new transportation. Taking Leadership for next year: Elders: Chad Cline, Lennie Erwin, BJ Fessant, Greg Henson, JP Piper, Brent Pitts, Kerry Simpson; Deacons: Richard Bennett, Jeremy Brewington, Ron George, Chris Gher, Mark Gladding, Justin Hays, Dirk Haddix, David Howard, Gene Justice Daniel Mooneyham, Michael Ritchey, Darin Tevebaugh; Trustees: Dick Brinkley, Dennis Kelsheimer, James Stewart; Secretary of Congregation: Brenda Rhoads; Treasurer: Brad Redmon; Asst. Tres.: Mark Winans; Financial Secretary: Michelle Haddix; Asst. Financial Secretary: Denise Howard; Sunday School Superintendent: Crystal Hays; Asst. SS Superintendent: Jennifer Gher.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

SENIOR MOMENTS BIBLE STUDY AND SOCIAL HOUR, 10:30AM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH in the Splat Room! That's a mouthful, sounds adult, but not so, this study is for all ages, men, women and walk-ins! Our study comes straight from the Bible. You are welcome to join us, single, married, or a run-a-way; sit and listen, say nothing, talk a lot, challenge me for leadership, share with us on how you were taught on a particular subject. Several ladies share in bringing cookies with coffee! Several participants go to lunch together after the class.

*BUT WAIT!!!*The four "Starving Artist Ladies" of LRCC will host us our lunch, (PIE?) with entertainment, immediately after our first meeting on October 6th. Look for their Church posters and their article in this issue of the Ripple.

Pray for the safety and Christian joy to be shared by the Faith in Action bus tour group going to Cape Cod and other Eastern tour sites! They will be back on the 4th, just in time to join our first Bible Study session!

Lake Ridge will be hosting the October Brotherhood Mtg. at 7pm on Tuesday, Oct. 20th. Coon Holler Kids and our Bell Choir will perform!

STEEL MAGNOLIAS, Beef House Dinner Theater, doors open at 5pm (CST) on Saturday evening, October 24th. Show time at 7pm starring our very own, Miss Deborah Hale! Leave your \$42 each, check payable to Gene Calvert with Chris in the church office prior to October 19th.

In the beginning, GOD! Semper Fidelis

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Faith in Action of Edgar County has started making plans for their annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction. This event will be held on Friday, October 16th, 4-7pm in the Family Life Center at Lake Ridge. Menu will include spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and drink – all for a free will donation.

As in previous years a silent auction will be held. Auction selections will include crafts, baked goods, new and gently used items, etc. They are hoping to offer a wide, interesting variety of items. Doors will open at 3:00pm for auction browsing and bidding. Winners will be announced at 7:00pm.

Volunteers are always needed to work prior to and during the dinner. Many job positions are offered. This is a time for great fellowship – no pay but a rewarding personal satisfaction of helping others is received.

So, if you would like to donate an item(s) for the auction or donate your time to serve as a volunteer, give Nila Nugent a call at 466-6388.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join FIA for dinner on October 16th. The food is always delicious. Carry-outs will also be available.

This event is one of their two biggest FUNdraisers. Faith in Action is a nonprofit, 501©3 service outreach program. All proceeds will benefit the work of FIA in Edgar County.

SEE YOU AT THE DINNER! It will be an evening of fun, food, and fellowship.

We, the Elders of Lake Ridge Christian Church, have made the decision to indefinitely suspend the Sunday night Worship service. We do this prayerfully and unanimously until such a time we feel it would be supported enough to be a good use of our staff and resources. Thank you for your support and prayers.

To God be the Glory, Chad

WOMANS STUDY

Judy Hale will be starting the next Women's Study, "Seamless." It will be on Sundays at 9:30am and will be held in Nate's office or the Auditorium. There will be workbooks available and we'll be watching a DVD. If you have any questions, call Judy at 217-251-2908

FALL SENIOR LUNCHEON

Tuesday Oct. 6th at 11:30am, Door prizes and Entertainment. As we need to know how much to prepare, please let the office know by Thursday, Oct. 1st if you will attend at 465-5614 or office@lakeridgechurch.org Bring a friend! Thanks Barb, Ginny, Irene & Edna

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.

Journey with Angels

Grief Support Group that meets every other Thursday at the church at 6-7:30pm. You must be 18 and up to attend the group. We are an ongoing self help support group. Anyone needing help with grief and the loss of a loved one may attend. We talk about grief issues as well as adding the spiritual side to our meetings. We are here for you in your journey. Child care provided. (Ages 0-17)

October Birthdays...

- 1 - Mark Clark
- 3 - Courtney Rigdon, David Howard, Sean Hale
- 4 - Cyndi Calhoun, John Sims, Jessup Wilson, Cliff Gale, Lindsey Magers, Arianna Harkness
- 5 - Mike Burch, Sierra Gale, Lori Cline, Tyler Harkness
- 6 - Matt Stetler, Don Bartos
- 7 - Susie Essinger
- 8 - Ron Strow, Hannah Bowers
- 10 - Doug Mace, Terra Ogle, Kierstyn Allen, Stephanie Doran
- 13 - Ian Winkler, Artie Ike, Keegan Jewell
- 14 - Courtney Utterback, John Huston, Karla Gorman
- 16 - Mallory Hancock, Stacey Pruitt
- 17 - Sean Dunn, Jocelyn Jewell
- 18 - Phil Dyer, Sharon McLeod, Karen Hillard, Chelsey Winkler
- 19 - Carmen Stewart, Greyson Brewington
- 22 - Cole Collins
- 23 - Nicole Brinkley, Brock Minor
- 24 - Leigh Anne Harris
- 25 - Garrett Huffman
- 26 - Rebecca Burch
- 27 - Verne Bear, Virginia Davis
- 30 - Jessica Phipps, Beverly Weger
- 31 - Payton Stewart, Gary Daniels

October Anniversaries...

- 6 - Justin & Krista Howard
- 7 - Dean & Loretta Davis
- 16 - John & Nancy Huston
Richard & Penny Duzan
- 29 - Steve & Lisa Rigdon

Please notify the office of additions or corrections

Sept. 24 @ 6pm – Journey with Angels

Oct. 4 – Faith Promise Sunday with Dr. Don Green speaking at both services & Sunday School. Potluck to follow 2nd service.

Oct. 6 @ 10:30am – Sr. Moment's Bible Study @ 11:30am – Sr. Adult Luncheon

Oct. 8 @ 2-5pm – Sewing day @ 6pm – Stewardship Ministry Mtg.

Oct. 11 @ 2pm – Prayer Sisters

Oct. 13 @ 9am – RIPPLE DEADLINE

Oct. 16 @ 4-7pm – Faith in Action Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner




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October 2015 SERVING SCHEDULE

Date	Greeters 8:00	10:30	
9/27	Cheryl Neibarger	Kloe Milbourn & Marcus Switzer	
10/4	Sharon McLeod & Karen Hillard	Dennis & Julia Kelsheimer	
10/11	Naomi Payne & Susie Essinger	Lydia Switzer & Maddie Fessant	
10/18	Jim & Jackie Holloway	Doug & Andy Mace	
10/25	Gerald & Diana Meeks	Jordan & Marissa Beck	

Date	8:00 Prayer Room	10:30	Date	8:00 Communion Meditation	10:30
9/27	Pat & Kathy Padgett	Todd & Shelly Harper	9/27	Lennie Erwin	John Landrum
10/4	Lennie & Mary Lou Erwin	Doug & Betsy Mace	10/4	Dick Marlowe	Nate Alexander
10/11	Dick & Katie Marlowe	JP & Sheila Piper	10/11	Jim Ingle	Tommy Moehlman
10/18	Naomi Payne & Susie Essinger	David & Judy Hale	10/18	Randy Colter	Mark Winans
10/25			10/25	Verne Bear	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!
9/27	Brent Pitts & Mark Gladding	9/25	Jan Nebergall	
10/4	BJ Fessant & Richard Bennett	10/2	Denise Howard	
10/11	Greg Henson & Ron George	10/8	Bev Whitkanack	
10/18	Dennis & Julia Kelsheimer	10/15	Judy Young	
10/25	Lennie Erwin & Mark Winans	10/22	Jan Nebergall	

Date	8:00AM	NURSERY SCHEDULE	10:30AM
10/4	Patti Milburn	I – Stephanie Doran & Nicole Gale T – Greta Pitts & Mindi Milner	
10/11	Nicole Bauer & Laura Pitts	I – Shawn Simpson T – Dick & Donna Brinkley	
10/18	Brenda Rhoads & Elaine Good	I – Karla Gorman T – Elaine Good, Carol Cline, Lydia Switzer	
10/25	Lisa Rigdon	I – Sherryl Inman, Michelle Haddix T – Josh & Ellyn Andrews	

October	8:00	10:30	Faith Promise – August Promised Monthly goal - \$275.83	
Communion Coordinator	Dick Marlowe	Brent Pitts	Actual Monthly	\$2,510.00
Communion Preparation			YTD Commitment	\$2,758.30
			Actual Income YTD	\$25,377.00
			Difference	\$+22,6218.70

FACTS & FIGURES

Attendance	Sunday School	8:00	10:30	Total	General Budget needs \$8,507.15	Missions	Building	Expenses for the week
8/30	90	10:00 - 284		284	\$5,053.54	620.00	40.00	6,220.70
9/6	108	116	221	337	\$9,522.18	1,379.00	0	9,358.85
9/13	113	101	225	326	\$5,906.54	524.00	80.00	5,311.27
9/20	112	106	225	331	\$7,243.36	689.00	205.00	n/a

FAITH PROMISE TO MISSIONS

2015 - 2016

"AROUND THE COMMUNITY, AROUND THE GLOBE"

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE 10 MISSIONS SUPPORTED THROUGH THE FAITH PROMISE MISSIONS PROGRAM OF LAKE RIDGE



Todd & Tonja Hancock & family ...

Joined the Mexico Field Team in 2001 as church planters. Currently, they also work in campus ministry in **Cholula, México**. They serve in México with their children Mitchell, Mallory, and Lizzet. Todd was a former youth minister at Lake Ridge. LRCC has sent missions teams to serve with the Hancock's twice, once to Mexico City and then to Cholula. The Hancock's just returned to Cholula having been on furlough this past year and serving in the area of Missions education at Lincoln Christian University. CMF International is a mission organization located in Indianapolis that train, equip and coordinate with missionaries around the world, including Mexico. LRCC's giving goes to the Hancock's.

Choices Pregnancy and Health Center (Formerly Crisis Pregnancy Center)

This is a Christ-centered ministry that acknowledges the absolute worth of all human life and exists to provide accurate information, compassionate care and practical assistance to those affected by a possible crisis pregnancy. Kristy Speece serves as the Client Service Director. The CPC is located at 210 N High St. in Paris.



PINEHAVEN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S RANCH

Pinehaven is a self-contained ranch/school that provides a year-round program aimed at providing a stable, controlled, secure environment in which young people can reach the potential that God has placed within them. It is located in **St.**

Ignatius, Montana near Missoula. The director is Dan Larsson, grandson of the original directors Bob & Nancy Larsson, originally from Hudsonville, IL. Lake Ridge has taken 7 mission trips to Pinehaven, with trip #8 coming in the summer of 2016.



TCM educates men and women for Christian leadership and service and provides benevolent assistance in *Eastern Europe* by offering university certificate and degree programs in theology and

Biblical studies so the people can lead and serve churches when they return to their own communities. Classes are held at **Haus Edelweiss** in Austria. Recently the Cow Barn (dormitory facility) was renovated and holds 16 beds, a kitchen, bathrooms and showers. Some of this renovation was accomplished by people from American churches on short-term mission trips. The national office for TCM is located in Indianapolis, IN.



Lincoln Christian University is a Christian higher education community whose mission is to *nurture and equip Christians with a Biblical worldview to serve and lead in the church and the world.* Lincoln's annual enrollment is over 1,200 with more than 5,000 graduates serving in every state in this country and in more than seventy other countries worldwide. Several of Lake Ridge ministers have come from Lincoln.



Offering Help and Hope
to a Hurting World

International Disaster Emergency Services

The purpose of **IDES** is to bring glory to God by bringing help and hope to our hurting world. They do this by channeling funds through Christian Churches and missionaries in the areas of need. All benevolent aid is given for the purpose of having the opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. IDES provides services to individuals around the world in 5 major categories: *Disaster, Hunger, Medical, Development, and Evangelism.* They recently provided assistance in Eastern Kentucky with the flash flooding. They have recently relocated their office to Noblesville, IN.



HIS Ministry, Inc.

HIS Ministry takes the word of the Lord and His love to others through speaking, concerts, missions both here and abroad. *Christmas for Kids* is a HIS Ministry Program for the Edgar county area to provide needy children with Christmas. We help by providing goods, financial assistance and physical help in various ways for disasters and to areas such as the Apache Indian Reservation, India and new church growth. We are instituting a prayer chain for all groups of people striving to bring change to the nation through prayer.

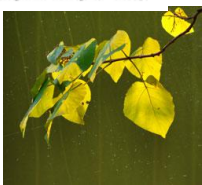
Marion Pate Executive Director of HIS Ministry

Dawn Kirby – Debra Ford Co-Directors – Christmas for Kids



**FAITH
IN ACTION**

Faith in Action of Edgar County, through congregations and agencies united for service offers compassion and love to our neighbors, thereby making a difference in their lives. This is accomplished by providing non-medical services that ease loneliness and isolation, and providing transportation to adolescents and adults with chronic illnesses and/or physical impairments. Lake Ridge member Nila Nugent is director of this ministry. Faith in Action just celebrated its 12th anniversary.



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp, Flora, IL

Oil Belt Christian Service Camp's mission is 'Making Disciples of Jesus Christ through the teaching of God's Word.' Along with your child having fun and meeting great Christian friends, each week of Camp will have emphasis on Biblical Teaching, Salvation through Jesus Christ, Scripture memorization, and Worship. Oil Belt Christian Service Camp is a year-round facility governed by the area Christian Churches/Churches of Christ. Each week of camp is staffed by dedicated Christian men and women being examples and building relationships according to the Truth found in God's Word, the Bible. Camps for all ages are held at Oil Belt. Several from LRCC have participated in Ladies Day, Men's Day and Senior Day. There were 200 more campers this year than last. Campers are now enjoying a beautiful new gathering facility and new pool thanks to your giving.

Heart for Central Africa

Brenda Buell



Brenda Buell has been serving in the DR Congo and was associated with ACM International for many, many years along with her husband Ed. Brenda works with Tracy's Heart, a rape victim center for women and orphans, which currently has 56 women enrolled in their program. Before Ed passed away they separated themselves from ACM International and formed Heart for Central Africa. Their work is still the same. A few months after Ed's death Brenda decided to continue with the mission work in Africa and today continues not only Tracy's Heart, but the saw mill and some preaching/teaching.



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