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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. Youth: Encounter 4pm and Engage 6pm Sundays

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

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WEDNESDAYS

Senior Adult Bible Study meets at
10:30am

P.O.W. September 12 at 6-7pm

**Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups will
begin on Sunday September 9**

**Grade School Group for K-5th grade begins on
September 12**

Choir is at 5-6pm and Merge is at 6-7pm

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

**September 9 at 10am - This meeting is to vote on the
Elder's recommendation for the Children's Minister**

**September 16 at 10am - This meeting is the Annual
meeting to vote on the Leadership of the church and for the
2018-19 Budget**

Nate's News

For a moment let's say you were hiking through the wilderness with the sun beating down, the incline steep and rough terrain, but along the way you realize you forgot your water bottle and you are in desperate need of some kind of liquid. You keep walking though and as you come around the corner you see someone up ahead and you desperately call out for help. You explain your situation about not having a water bottle, being extremely thirsty, and hoping that they could help you see the other person starting to smile, which hopefully means they can help. They reach into their backpack and pull out a cold water bottle to which they say you can have it to fill up later too. Just think of how desperate you were, but how relieved when they could help. Our weeks get busy, stressful, and simply overwhelmed, but what if we had an hour in the middle of the week that we could get some water that we long for as we thirst for relief. Starting Wednesday, September 12 @ 6-7:00 PM we will be having a time of prayer and study of God's promises. We will be calling this P.O.W - Promises on Wednesdays. I hope that you can break away from your journey to stop and come together for a time of relief.

Senior Adult Bible study will be every Wednesday at 10:30 AM with coffee and refreshments. We will be studying the book of Philippians, hope to see you there!

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, Rayleigh Ike, Nate, Alicia, Chris and families, Spenser, Chrissy and boys, Brenda Rhoads, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Shirley Furry, JT Piper, Noel Jewel, Steve Guymon, Don Reed, Bev Duzan, Shelly Harper, Mary Strole, Steve Strole, Bill Henness Jr., Judy Hale, John Sims, Dennis Wallace, Jennifer Ellege, Rosemary Linton, Sharon Pitts, Mary Burba, Naomi, Maggie, Mary Gosnell, Diane Stewart, Rayleigh Ike, Kara Ike, Don & Brenda Reed, Perry & Dixie Walls, Tony Alexander, Randy Landsaw, Brenda Lorange, Gary Hancock, the Ingle family, the lost, abused children & animals, our government & President, Kerri Duzan, the family of Shirley Bishop, Len & Sharon Hathaway, Ruth Anderson, Linda Gosnell, Gene Calvert, Bill & Gin Henness, 89 unspoken

Alicia's Awesome Announcements

Youth group is getting ready to start here very soon! Sept. 9 will be our first one. I am excited for what God has in store for this coming semester.

Jr High – 4:00-5:30pm

Joint Meal – 5:30-6:00pm

High School – 6:00-7:30pm

As we enter into this next semester with our students, I've been thinking a lot about this idea of seeking. Seeking is more than just looking around for something. Seeking is turning over tables. Seeking is tearing apart closets. Seeking is looking fervently, feverishly, until you find whatever you're looking for. We are challenging our students to do this with God. To turn over tables, tear apart closets, searching fervently and feverishly for Truth. And what I hope they learn, is that God does the same for us. He searches fervently for us. He would do anything for us. And that's the best part of finding God...you realize this. You realize His undying love for you.

And that. That is why we seek.

Please continue to be in prayer for our students. And please be praying for us as sponsors. There is quite a bit of potential to get more and keep them coming back. We hope and pray that these students become engaged with what we have to offer. Thank you for the prayers you already give! They are felt and appreciated!

Turkey Run – On Sunday, September 2nd the youth group (both Jr. High and High School) will be going to Turkey Run. We will meet at the church at 12:00 (following the 10:30am service) rain or shine! See Alicia for more details and to sign-up.

SYMPATHY

Our Sympathy to Kent Speece with the loss of his father Dean, on August 2.

And to the family of Shirley Bishop who passed away on Sat. Aug. 25.

May the Lord comfort and keep you in this time of loss.

Spenser's Spot

Ephesians 4:2 "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

We live in a fast paced world of our preferences. Our fast food lines take too long. We use self-checkout but get annoyed if it errors. Our internet is never fast enough. Room temperature is too cold or hot. Traffic drives too slow. There are too many commercials on television. Not enough stories about topics we like in the newspapers. It is really easy to get swept up in what we like and getting things when we want them. But we are called to be gentle, patient, and loving. I recently had a few conversations with people serving in various capacities and one of the things that I discovered was that we need to love one another more than ever. If you don't like the lesson your Sunday school teacher is teaching, be patient and know that maybe the lesson is connecting with someone else. If the children's check-in isn't working, be considerate of those who may be working to get it fixed. If the chairs are too close together, consider finding a spot this week with more leg room. If the coffee isn't ready yet, be patient as they get it prepared. There are many more examples of areas that it can be so easy to get frustrated but God reminds us to love. Love on each and every person. All of those people that may not have things how you like them, have dedicated their time to serving God through ministry. Instead of letting them know what they did wrong, let us consider loving harder than ever before. This Sunday and the Sundays to come, take a moment to thank your teacher for taking the time to put together the lessons. Thank those who spend their morning bussing coffee back and forth. Thank the greeters for greeting, the drivers for driving, the singers for singing, and everything in between. Take the time to love and live a life of thankfulness.

SENIOR ADULT'S

Don't forget the 21st Annual Senior Adult Day at Oil Belt Camp. Speakers will be Terry Stine, President of St. Louis Christian College and Comedian, Jeremy Nunes. There will be food, singing, laughter, fellowship and so much more. The Sr. Adult Ministry will cover your registration. Early registration is less by Aug. 31. It will be \$3 more after that date and at the door. Time is 9:30am-3pm. Please call the office or sign-up on the bulletin board by the Family Life Center. If we have enough, we'll take the church bus.

Sept. 13 – Triumphant concert at 11am. Cost is \$42 for the show and meal. The next Dinner Theater will be October 13. Watch for details in the Ripple

GET INVOLVED

We are in need of someone to be the Coordinator for the Community Kitchen meals that are served each Monday.

We also need someone to help with the Library. If you are interested in either one of these, please contact Nate.

We also have several Fridays open to provide cookies for AA. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the FLC.

Back to Church Sunday is coming up on September 16. Our 8:00 and 10:30 services will be specifically designed to welcome people back to church, so now is a good time to start praying about who you will invite.

This year's Back to Church Sunday theme is "You Belong Here," based on Romans 15:7. The fact is that 75% of Americans admit to feeling deep loneliness. In addition, the number of Americans with no close friends has tripled since 1985. That's why we are here – for people to get plugged in, form friendships, and have the chance to serve together in the community.

This is the perfect opportunity to invite your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to join you and grow deeper in their faith, or perhaps encounter God for the first time.

If you do not wish to continue to receive the Ripple or the 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 \$.50 by the postal service to get your new address. Thank you.

Birthdays...

- 2 - Megan Williams, Tristan Werkheiser, Jeremy Newlin, Diana Beason
- 3 - Randy Colter, Patti Milburn
- 4 - Karl LeLoup, Lane Cline
- 5 - Irene Boren, Camilla Whitkanack, Quinn Shockley
- 6 - Sheila Piper, Daniel Austin
- 8 - Shayn White, Gage White, Holly Winans
- 9 - Kevin Winkler
- 10 - Keaton Cary
- 11 - Wade Neibarger, Terry Weger
- 12 - Virginia Henness, J. W. Colvin, Tanner Chapman, Shelby Fry, Kalen Eastham, Lucas Hernandez
- 13 - Renee Blumthal
- 14 - Hailie Myles, Kasen Young
- 15 - Peg Thomas, Todd Abu-Seir, McKenzie Aue
- 16 - Oliver Hays
- 19 - Bryce Gladding
- 21 - Debra French
- 22 - Trenton Gross, Mackenzie Ball, Lenny LeLoup, Dylan Kindred, Mike Hays
- 23 - Rich Wilson, Nicole Gale
- 25 - Adysen Colvin
- 26 - Heather Dean
- 27 - David Neal, Isaac Laumeyer
- 28 - Jim Holloway, Alaina Boren
- 29 - Lisa Rigdon
- 30 - Karen Littleton, Frieda Pitchford, Michael Nugent-Dolan

Anniversaries...

- 4 - Gary & Linda Hancock
- 7 - Ron & Debby George
- 8 - David & Teresa Switzer
Paul & Kathy Porter
- 9 - Jeremy & Hannah Brewington
- 12 - James & Kim Stewart
- 15 - Bill & Tricia Pickett
- 16 - Wade & Cheryl Neibarger
Jared & Tina (Bowers) Hefner
- 19 - Jeremy & Lori Newlin
- 24 - Ron & Nila Nugent
- 26 - Kenny & Jenny Harp

If your Birthday or Anniversary missing please don't get upset! It only means we don't have it on file. Regular attendee's names may be missing because we don't have your birthday or additional information on file. When you join the church, a membership profile sheet is filled out for that information. Please notify the office of additions or corrections!

Sept. 3 - THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Sept. 6 - Senior Adult Day at Oil Belt

Sept. 9 at 10am - Congregational Mtg.

At 4:30-7:30pm Youth groups start meeting

Sept. 10 at 6:30pm - Mission Ministry Mtg.

Sept. 11 @ 9am - RIPPLE DEADLINE

**Sept. 12 at 5:30-7pm - Children's Choir and Merge Begin
6pm - P.O.W**

6pm - Stewardship Ministry Mtg.

Sept. 16 at 10am - Annual Congregational Mtg.



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SERVING SCHEDULE - September 2018



Date	Greeters 8:00	10:30
9/2	Judy Young	Ron & Diana Stewart
9/9	Ron & Debby George	Donna Brinkley, Danielle & Brinkley Colvin
9/16	Tom & Sandy Willett	Dustin, Sally & Emily Melton
9/23	John & Nancy Huston	
9/30	Pat & Kathy Padgett	Diane Beason & Sherryl Inman

Date	8:00 Prayer Room	10:30	8:00 Communion Meditation
9/2	Randy & Sandy Colter	Elders	Todd Harper
9/9	Dick & Katie Marlowe	Keith & Tina Hefner	Jim Ingle
9/16	Naomi Payne & Susan Essinger	David & Judy Hale	Randy Colter
9/23	Bill & Deanie Clark		Worship on the Round
9/30	Pat & Kathy Padgett	Ferrell & Irene Boren	Verne Bear

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!
9/2	Greg & Sheri Henson	8/31	In Memory of	
9/9	JP Piper	9/7		
9/16	Dick & Katie Marlowe	9/14	Ashley Shear	
9/23	Lennie Erwin & Vern See	9/21	Marci Sisson	
9/30	Mark Gladding & Ron George	9/28		

Date	8:00AM	NURSERY SCHEDULE	10:30AM
9/2	Patti Milburn	I – Stephanie Doran & Family T – Tina Hefner & Lisa Ramsey	
9/9	Laura Pitts	I – Shawn Simpson & Kathy Collier T – Kristin Mooneyham & Britan Mace	
9/16	Brenda Rhoads & Elaine Good	I – Karla Gorman & Harli Rhoads T – Elaine Good & Carol Cline	
9/23	No 8am service	I – Sherryl Inman & Mary Jo Becher T – Maddie McCarty & Kelly Milbourn	
9/30	Jodi Theirl	I – Nila Nugent & Karen Littleton T – Krista Bradford & family	

SEPTEMBER	8:00	10:30	Faith Promise – July Promised Monthly goal - \$2,303.33	
Communion Coordinator	Verne Bear	John Huston	Monthly amount received	\$2,181.00
Communion Preparation	Lori Newlin		YTD Commitment Goal	\$20,729.97
			Actual Income YTD	\$24,386.00
			Difference	\$+3,656.03

FACTS & FIGURES

Attendance	Sunday School	8:00 worship	10:30 worship	Total worship
7/29	96	93	143	236
8/5	109	93	260	353
8/12	98	108	211	319
8/19	104	87	204	291
9/26	43	100	231	331

General Budget needs \$9,029.54	Missions	Building	Expenses for the week
6,761.62	387.00	230.00	9,229.95
8,471.07	677.00	0	6,096.30
6,755.26	547.00	280.00	9,118.81
6,672.96	205.00	0	4,822.12