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LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The members are ministers

Nate Alexander, Senior Minister

Spenser Carrell, Worship Minister

Tyler Harkness, Youth Minister

Sarah Moehlman, Children's Minister

Chris Pantle, Office Secretary

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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Christmas Eve Services
December 24
4pm with Childcare available
and 7pm



Christmas Day services at 10am - No Sunday School
No Children's Church,
Childcare available for 1yr. - preschool



From Nate, Spenser,
Tyler, Sarah, Chris and
families

Nate's News

The last couple of weeks have been busy around here, but such a blessing to see all the wonderful talent and gifts that we have here at Lake Ridge. Thank you to all who have put effort and time into these past performances and services, but there is still more to come so mark your calendars with our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Sometimes our schedules get so full that we let some of the priorities fall by the wayside so make sure you take time for family, but most of all come worship Christ our Savior this holiday season.

Faith in Action is needing some help in the department of taking people to their doctors' appointments and so they are in need of drivers who can be available during the week to help with this endeavor. They have had to put a limit on who they can help so if you can volunteer please let them know. You can always call the office at 217-466-6388 to get signed up and as always thank you for your help in the different ministries of this community.

Christmas Open House at the Alexanders is this Sunday, December 18th from 4 to 6 PM. We will have finger foods with desserts and lots of fun just getting together. Hope you can join us at 15060 E 600th Rd, Paris. If you have any questions or not sure how to get there please let me know thanks.

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, Ken Whitkanack, Dale & Marion Pate, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Maggie F., Naomi, Mary G., Mary B., Devon Kindred & family, Kelly, Priscilla & Mark Clark, those traveling, for America to be a strong praying nation, upcoming Nov. elections, our Veterans, military, church & government leaders, for the unsaved, all those going thru hard times, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Ryan Taylor, Cathy Colter, Jane Erwin, Rose Ann Hancock, Bob & Rosemary Linton, Tom & Sandy Willett, Chad McLeod, Rayleigh & Caresse Ike & family, Joan Campbell & family, Rovarne Richie, George Cooper & family, Crystal Edwards Family and friends, Arianna Harkness, Linda & Charlie Edwards, Zane Edwards, Samantha, Zack, Leanna Reedy & family, Devon Wright, Mark Barry, Tom Willett, Karla Gosnell, Ray Sollars, Justin Cearlock, Jasmine Bennett, Judy Ormiston, 97 unspoken

Spenser's Spot

The Christmas musical has come to an end. If you were unable to make it, you missed out on a great show. The cast, choir, and crew did an amazing job with this year's show. I am always amazed at how truly blessed we are here at Lake Ridge. We had SO many people involved with this year's show whether it be in the spring recording practice CDs, helping out during practices with childcare or meals, working the actual shows by ushering and greeting, building or sewing different projects, or anything in between. This show could not happen without each and every one of your commitments. Thank you so much for everything you have done. Now as I get caught up on rest and look forward to our Christmas and New Year's services, I am excited. We have a lot of great things coming up to end the year and so many new and exciting things coming in 2017! With everything that goes on here within this building at Lake Ridge, I want to end with a reminder of the heart of our musical. Don't forget that we are vessels that have been called to bring the gospel to others. Be the ship. Bring the good news.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED **December 26 and January 2**

YOUR FINANCIAL GIVINGS FOR 2016

If you would like your 2016 financial giving report, please contact the office either by phone at 465-5614 or email at office@lakeridgechurch.org by January 31. Your report can be picked up in the office.

COOKIES

Do you enjoy baking? Each Friday our church provides 2 dozen cookies for the AA meeting. Volunteers may sign-up on new sheet located on the bulletin board by the Family Life Center or contact Marci Sisson at 465-5709.

Sarah's Synopsis

Thank you to everyone who helped in one way or another with the children's Christmas Play. Special thanks to Holly Winans who directed it this year. She also personally made the majority of the costumes! Special thanks also goes to Julia Kelsheimer for playing the piano, Patti Milburn for all her help and support, and Allison Williams for working with the kids backstage! These four women made this year's Christmas Play possible and did an amazing job while I was on maternity leave! The next time you see them make sure to say thank you!

It is almost the New Year, 2017. As I reflect on everything that has happened this year all I can do is to stop and thank God! In mid-January we found out that I was pregnant, and it seemed that more pregnancy announcements kept coming around that time! Lake Ridge has been so blessed the last few years with so many babies. I truly believe this is one of the signs that we have a healthy growing church! Our Baby Dedication Sunday will be January 15th at the beginning of the 10:30 service.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Once again we will be offering the Christmas card exchange here at LRCC. You can bring your cards to our church members only anytime and while you're here, check the smaller box that has the initial of your last name. If there are several cards with your name on them, they will be rubber banded together. Our elves appreciate your help as well. If you would alphabetize them first then rubber band them together and drop them in the large box, their sorting will go so much quicker. Thanks to Susan Essinger for putting the table together with all the great decorations. Don't forget to check the table each time you're here. The cards need to be in no later than Dec 21st in order for them to get sorted and put in the boxes so everyone can pick them up. The table will be up until January 1 and left over cards will probably get thrown away.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

GOOD NEWS COMING – 2016 HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR! 2017 WILL BE A GREAT YEAR!!! WE HAVE:

No more concerts in 2016...No more Broadway production shows in 2016...No more Brotherhood meetings in 2016...No more Oil Belt Senior Camp meeting in 2016... ...No more Gene Calvert "Corny" Ripples in 2016...No more "Semper Fidelis" (Always Faithful) pen name, sign-offs in 2016... This old Marine and Miss Erlene are looking for an unoccupied foxhole to crawl into (ie. Back Church Pew) to meditate and snooze during Pastor Nate's Sunday morning messages.

OUR SENIOR MINISTRY WILL BE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT IN 2017!! Our faithful Pastor Nate will start a new book of the Bible for our January 2017 Wednesday morning "Senior Moments Bible Study." And, look, another ray of sunlight! Welcome, Miss Judy Benton, our new Senior Adult Ministry Leader for 2017! From Gene and Erlene, Merry Christmas to all and to all, Good Night!!! *"And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His Glory."* Ps. 72:19 *Semper Fidelis*

POINSETTIA'S

Thank you to everyone who ordered a poinsettia. We encourage you to take your poinsettia home and you may take it after the Christmas Eve service on Saturday or after the service on Christmas Day. If you can't make it either one of these days, please take it home by Friday, Dec. 30. Otherwise it will probably be disposed.

Youth

Movie Night - Meet at the Paris Theater on Friday Dec. 16 at 7pm

Encounter & Engage will resume Jan. 8, 2017. Encounter at 4-5:30pm, Engage is @ 6-7:30pm. A meal is provided at 5:30-6pm

If you have a student who is attending college and they would like to receive the Ripple, please send their address to office@lakeridgechurch.org anytime. Women's Ministry would also benefit from their address for the College Care Packages. Thank you.

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 \$.47 by the postal service to get your new address. Thank you.

Is your Birthday or Anniversary missing from the list? 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. When you join the church, a membership profile sheet is filled out for that information. Please notify the office of additions or corrections!

Please check your bookshelves for books that you might have borrowed from the church library. Someone may be waiting for its return to read it also.

Christmas Is . . . Poet: Julie Hebert, © 2011
A time of blessings and happiness.
A time of caroling and songs.
A time for giving thanks.
A time for presents for all.
A time of good cheer and friendship.
A time of love for all.
A time for helping others.
But most of all Christmas is a time to stop
and thank God for all that we have.

**Dec. 18 @ 4-6:00pm –
Christmas Open House
at Nate & Jennifer
Alexander's home**
**Dec. 24 @ 4:00 & 7:00pm
– Christmas Eve
Services**
**Dec. 25 @ 10am – Unified
Christmas Service**
**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED December
26**
**No Community Kitchen
meal on Dec. 26 or
January 2**
**Dec. 27 @ 9am – RIPPLE
DEADLINE**



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