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LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The members are ministers
Nate Alexander, Senior Minister
Spenser Carrell, Worship Minister
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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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Happy New Year!

Just a reminder, if school is closed or dismissed early, any church activity will also be cancelled. If in doubt, call the church or the person in charge of the event.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED January 1

January Sermon Series



Nate's News

My family and I are so thankful for all of you and the way everyone continues to show love and encouragement to us through words, gifts, and prayers. We always feel your love and appreciation throughout the year, but especially this time of the year.

I have a question for you, what's your view? When you go on vacation and your lodging is by the mountains or the beach, you want to make sure you book the room that is next to what you want to see every morning you wake up, what's your view? Well, we don't live life always on vacation, but our lives always have a view. We always have something we're looking at, maybe life right now is looking at a great view, nothing could be much better, or life happened and the view doesn't look so good right now. We always want the best view, but sometimes we don't get to choose the view, but we do get to choose how we spend our time whatever the view. Hey, at least we get to appreciate being able to see out the window, whatever it is we are looking at whether it may be great or difficult. Appreciate your view!

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to the Mark Winans with the loss of his father. Also to David Switzer with the loss of his father.

May God comfort the family at this time.

BAPTISM

Becca Minor was baptized on Dec. 21. She is the daughter of Dave & Amanda Minor. She is a 7th grader at Crestwood. She has two brothers, Bo and Brock and lives at 6363 N 1900th St, Paris.

Youth Groups

All Youth groups will start back up on Sunday, January 7th

Jr High – 4:00-5:30pm

Joint Meal – 5:30-6:00pm

High School – 6:00-7:30pm

Spenser's Spot

As we prepare for 2018, we will be introducing a new song for both services that I'm really excited about. As we leave all of the fall and winter holidays behind, we start a new year and sometimes we can come out feeling empty. We try to fill ourselves with so many other things but what we really need is more of God in our lives. Matt Crocker talks about his experience writing, "I Surrender."

"'I Surrender' was written as we were preparing for our annual Encounter youth conference, which is a pivotal event for our youth ministry every year. The theme was about having a hunger and desperation for God and we needed a song to really mark the conference with. After talking with our youth pastor I began writing three or four other songs with the conference in mind but kept coming back to these few lyrics, "Here I am down on my knees again... surrendering all." I continued working on the song right up to the time of the first band rehearsals and as we began rehearsing we felt God really breathe on the music and the lyrics and it became a theme of not just that youth conference but also a song of prayer and personal dedication for our entire church as our worship teams soon began leading it across our weekend services... "I surrender... I want to know You more... Lord have Your way in me".'" Matt Crocker

I want to take a moment to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and Christmas greetings for my family! We are blessed to be a part of the Lake Ridge family and we can't wait to see what God does in the year to come!

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, Spenser & Chrissy, Sarah, Alicia, Chris and families, Mary G., Mary B., Naomi, Maggie F., Tyler & family, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Tammi & Gary Underfanger, Mark & Priscilla Clark, Devon Kindred & family, the family of Dan Winans, 19 unspoken

Sarah's Synopsis

The children's mid-week program will be changing name and times this semester. TNT will now be called **Merge**. This is because TNT originally stood for Tuesday Night Things and we no longer meet on Tuesdays or at night! Merge is for K-5th Grade and will be held Wednesdays after school from 4-5pm. Transportation will be available to those who need it. Please let Sarah know as soon as possible if your child(ren) needs a ride. Children are welcome to come to the church as soon as school gets out though since Sarah will be out picking kids up the soonest she would be back is 3:30 or a little after. A snack will be provided as usual.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Sarah.

Christmas Cards

Please stop by the tables in the hallway by the Family Life Center and check the baskets for Christmas cards. The tables will be taken down January 2.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

No Brotherhood in January.

Adult Bible Study begins on January 10 @ 10:30am here at the church.

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.

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.

Thank you for the cards and gifts this Christmas season. God bless you in the New Year. *Chris*

YOUR FINANCIAL GIVINGS FOR 2017

We do not automatically send out a Financial giving report unless you ask for it. If you would like one for 2017, please contact the office either by phone at 465-5614 or email at office@lakeridgechurch.org by January 31. Even if you have requested or received one in the past, we still would like for you to call. Your report can then be picked up in the office at the end of January.

January Birthdays...

- 1 – Reagan Meinhart
- 2 - Sherryl Inman, Crystal Hays
- 3 - Gracie Dyer
- 4 - Megan Hale Douglas, Presley Collier
- 5 - Josh Gent, Mark Winans
- 6 - Don Cline, John Calhoun
- 8 - Kaitlin Temples, Brad Redmon
- 9 – Makayla Mattingly, Riley Chapman, Elaina Abu-Seir, Clayton Griffin
- 10 - Tori Dunn, Andy Mace, Lillie Davis, Ashley Shear, Paisley Pickett, Michelle Creech
- 11 - Jamey Littleton, Melissa Myles
- 13 – Keisha Tevebaugh, Harold Barr, Courtney Hays, Mason Wolfe
- 14 - Jackie Holloway, Johnnyray Kennedy, Jillian Abu-Seir
- 15 – Nathan Gorman, Shelby Creech
- 16 - Marion Pate, Abigail Alexander, Alivia Cline
- 18 – Braylon Nugent
- 19 - Shelly Harper, Emily Melton, Kenny Harp
- 20 - Austin Myles, Britan Abernathy
- 21 - Shayleigh Cline, Mindi Milner, Krista Howard
- 22 - Greg Henson, Carol Cline, Nichole Fessant
- 23 - Gene Calvert, Kelsey Gates
- 25 - Madison Gates
- 26 - Kris Ping
- 27 – Shawn Bowers, Michael Dunn
- 29 – Jordan Beck
- 30 - Tim Kirby, Zylee Milner, Baylee Mills

Anniversaries...

- 23 – Brad & Carrie Collier

Is 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. When you join the church, a membership profile sheet is filled out for that information. Please notify the office of additions or corrections!

CALENDAR

Jan. 1, 2018 – The church office will be closed
Jan. 4 @ 6pm – Journey with Angels
Jan 7 – Jr. & Sr. High Youth groups start
Jan. 8 @ 6pm – Mission Ministry Mtg.
Jan. 9 at 9am – Ripple Deadline
Jan. 10 @ 10:30am – Sr. Adult Bible Study
@ 4-5pm - Merge
Jan. 11 @ 6pm – Stewardship Ministry Mtg.
Jan. 13 @ 2:30pm – W.I.G. Ministry Mtg.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Let me be a little kinder,
Let me be a little blinder
To the faults of those about me;
Let me praise a little more
Let me be when I am weary
Just a little bit more cheery;
Let me serve a little better
Those that I am striving for.
Let me be a little braver
When temptation bids me waver;
Let me strive a little harder
To be all that I should be;
Let me be a little meeker
With my brother who is weaker;
Let me think more of my neighbor
And a little less of me!
-Author Unknown



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January 2018 SERVING SCHEDULE



Date	Greeters 8:00	10:30
1/7	Tom & Sandy Willett	Jerry & Trudy Arrasmith
1/14	Mike, Heather & Sean Dunn	Janie Brown & Verna Smith
1/21	Randy & Sandy Colter	Keith & Tina Hefner
1/28	David & Nancy Neal	Mike & Crystal Hays

Date	8:00 Prayer Room	10:30	8:00 Communion Meditation
1/7	Lennie & Mary Lou Erwin	Ferrell & Irene Boren	Vern See
1/14	Pat & Kathy Padgett	Doug & Betsy Mace	Greg Henson
1/21	Naomi Payne & Susie Essinger	David & Judy Hale	Ron Stewart
1/28	Dick & Katie Marlowe	Bill & Deanie Clark	Family Sunday

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!
1/7	BJ Fessant & Tommy Moehlman	1/5	Sandy Hall	
1/14	Kerry Simpson & Vern See	1/12	Connie Simpson	
1/21	Dick & Katie Marlowe	1/19	Ginny Hennes	
1/28	Greg & Sheri Henson	1/26	Jan Nebergall	

Date	8:00AM	NURSERY SCHEDULE	10:30AM
1/7	Patti Milburn	I – Stephanie Doran & Family T – Mary & Derrick Johnson	
1/14	Laura Pitts	I – Shawn Simpson & Kathy Collier T – Kristin Mooneyham & Britan Abernathy	
1/21	Brenda Rhoads & Elaine Good	I – Karla Gorman & Harli Rhoads T – Elaine Good & BJ & Nichole Fessant	
1/28	Lisa Rigdon	I – Sherryl Inman & Mary Jo Becher T – Maddie McCarty & Amy Rose	

JANUARY	8:00	10:30	Faith Promise – November Promised Monthly goal - \$2,303.33	
Communion Coordinator	Vern See	BJ Fessant	Monthly amount received	2,969.00
Communion Preparation	Randy & Sandy Colter		YTD Commitment Goal	2,303.33
			Actual Income YTD	2,969.00
			Difference	+665.67

FACTS & FIGURES

Attendance	Sunday School	8:00 worship	10:30 worship	Total worship
12/3	98	150	213	363
12/10	105	88	233	321
12/17	107	82	215	297
12/24	-	10am - 449		449

General Budget needs \$9,029.54	Missions	Building	Expenses for the week
7,342.45	745.00	80.00	9,514.01
8,930.25	2,828.00	---	7,167.27
8,017.84	1,187.00	---	6,928.51
8,616.95	560.00	120.00	4,079.57