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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 IN ACTION CHILI COOK-OFF



Saturday Feb. 20 @ 4:30-7:30pm
No tickets, Donations at the door

Night of Worship
Sunday February 21 @ 6:30pm



Ministry Fair

Sunday February 28

Come visit each Ministry table to
see what their purpose and goals
are. Tables will be in

The Family Life Center after each Worship Service.

Nate's News

On March 5th we are taking a group of men to Iron Sharpens Iron in Terre Haute. If you are interested please let me know so we can get you registered. This one day conference will help impact the men of our community to grow in Christ and strengthen their faith.

One minute traffic was going smooth just the way it should but I looked away for a slight moment to look back at all the lanes of traffic being stopped. No longer was everyone going smoothly down the road, but because of someone's mistake a wreck happened that caused a lot of effects and I sat there thinking, what does the next hour hold for you and me? We can't predict the future, which means we need to always be ready for the unknown by living in the present. What does it mean to live presently? To love, to always love one another, no matter who has wronged you and who doesn't deserve your love, because you never know when the traffic might be stopped.

Spenser's Spot

Squirrel! This is something that has been said to me many times by friends and family. It's a reference from the movie *Up* and refers to moments when your mind is on one thing and all of a sudden you're thinking about something else. I have these moments a lot as I see things and they remind me of something I'm supposed to get done, etc. How many times have we had these moments in church? We're focused on worship or the message and all of a sudden something happens and we're paying attention to the baby crying or the person that got up to go to the bathroom. It's easy to lose our focus. Worshipping God is something that has been commanded of us. (Ex. 23:25; Lk. 4:8 and more) When we gather on Sundays, it's important to come as focused as you are able. Have you ever thought about your focus BEFORE service begins? How many times has the service started and you're still thinking about who

you need to see after service or what you've got to get done that afternoon? Getting focused can be difficult for some people. One of the things that we do to try to help with this is by having worship music playing before service. I encourage you to take some time before service and listen to the music and begin to focus yourself on God. During the service, there are many things that can be visually distracting. This is one of the reasons that we bring the lights down during our 10:30 gathering. We try to eliminate those squirrel moments. Don't allow these things to break your focus on worshipping God. In 2016, let's gather together to worship Him but let us actually focus on what we've gathered to do.

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Reminder of upcoming youth trips

April 1-2 - CIY: Believe Springfield, IL. Jr. High weekend youth conference Cost will be \$70. For more information and to register go lakeridgechurch.org and find this event under the event registration tab.

April 27 - Skit Guys, Brazil, IN. For High School and Jr. High. This will be a hilarious and fun event. Cost will be \$20 per person, which includes supper. We will be leaving the church at 3:00 p.m. and should be back by 9:00p.m. For more information and to register go lakeridgechurch.org and find this event under the event registration tab.

July 11-16 - CIY: Move Cleveland, TN For all those who are going into or just graduated High School. This is an amazing weeklong youth conference. More information to come.

July 31 – Aug 4 - CIY: MIX Holland, MI For all those who are going into Jr. High. This is an amazing weeklong youth conference. More information to come.

JUST ADDED: Monday Feb. 15 at 10am-5pm Model/Hang-Out Day at the church

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 & family, Ron Strow, Linda Barr, Donna Ingle, Ron & Diana Stewart, Jim Burkett, Ron George, Brad Payne, Mary Burba, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Ann, Kara, Naomi, Maggie, Mary G., Jane Furry, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Sierra Wicks & family, Ovie Lindsey, Devon Kindred, Dale & Marion Pate, George Parrott, Janet Justice, Darrel Laughead, Don Blythe, Michael Blanton, Bob Brimmer, Bob Maurer, Betty Winkler, Jake Meister, Mabel Benson, Edith Whitkanack, the family of Rosealee Dugger, Nicole Schwab, Patrease Henson, Michael French, Geraldine French, Cathy Colter, Mike & Johnny Taylor, Diane Duzan, Deloris Maurer, Sheri Henson, Ruth Romero, Trish Lewsader, Jane Erwin, Chad McLeod, Ted Todd, Bill Clawson, Roslyn Davis, the family of Kevin Craig, the family of Cameron Stewart, Brent Pitts, 91 unspoken

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Wake Up Little Susie, Wake Up! Our nap time is over and the Lord is calling! Calling us back to grow His Kingdom! February has several good events that we can't miss--- our first 2016 monthly Brotherhood meeting at Chrisman on Tuesday, February 16th commencing at 7:00pm. Then the Faith in Action annual Chili Cook-off at LRCC on Sat. Feb. 20 @ 4:30-7:30pm. Of course they will have hot dogs and other goodies for you that may not like chili or chili don't like you!

I may bring on more winter weather by doing this; LET'S TRY AGAIN, to get our weekly Bible Study/Social hour back on the calendar by reconvening on Tuesday, Feb. 16th at 10:30am in the Splat Room! If my "Senior Moments" mind is correct, we are ready to study Genesis, Chapter 30. We have plenty of chairs and table space so if anyone wants to hear the scripture straight out of our Bibles plus our commentary on the Scripture while holding a cup of hot coffee and a doughnut in the other hand, feel free to sit in, no matter of age! We usually have 12 to 16 in attendance.

Test all things, hold fast what is good.

1 Thess. 5:21 Semper Fidelis

FRIDAY NIGHT AA COOKIES

If you cannot supply the cookies you signed up to bring for AA, please call me at 465-5709. Thank you. Marci Sisson

AUSTIN LAMB, a member of LRCC and currently a student at Central Christian College of the Bible, will be participating in a short-term mission trip to Athens, Greece in March. While there, Austin will be helping with childcare for refugees as they participate in language and vocational training. He will also be doing maintenance at a pregnancy center and serving meals to refugees. If you would like to help Austin with some of his trip expenses you may send a check through Lake Ridge or you may send it directly to him at this address: Austin Lamb, 911 East Urbandale Drive, Mailbox # 335, Moberly, MO 65270. Make your check out to Central Christian College of the Bible and designate "Athens Outreach 2016" in the memo. Austin needs these funds by March 1.

ITEMS FOR HEARTS FOR CENTRAL AFRICA

If you missed out on getting items for Brenda Buell's Heart for Central Africa ministry or you want to get some more of the things she needs, you have until February 14 to bring in Ibuprofen, Anti-biotic ointment and/or regular sized Band-Aids. Thanks you.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

We are in need of people to provide desserts on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month for the Community Kitchen. We'd like to have 4 people sign-up so we'll have enough desserts for 80-90 people. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the Family Life Center. Also if anyone would be interested in helping prepare a meal, or just helping the cook, we could use some help here too. Please contact, Terry Weger at 217-251-2913. Thank you.

Announcements for an event or item that concerns all of Lake Ridge, need a communication form filled out. Please return it one or two weeks before you want it announced and no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday you want it announced. We have this available so that we can get all the information correct. If you have any questions please let us know, thanks.

If you do not wish to continue to receive the Ripple or 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.

WANTED!

Faith in Action is still in need of individuals who like to cook and enter competitions to participate in the 12th annual Faith in Action Chili Cook-Off. This is a FUNraiser which will be held on Saturday, February 20th, 4:30-7:30pm in the Family Life Center. Chefs are asked to make a three (3) gallon pot of their favorite chili – mild, hot, or unique. Chili will be sampled and voted on by attendees at the cook-off. Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) chefs in each category. An over-all winner will be given a trophy as well as having his/her/their name engraved on a plaque which hangs in the office at Faith in Action. Entries need to be submitted to Faith in Action, 104 E Washington St., P.O. Box 154, Paris by Monday, February 15th. Additional information and entry forms are posted on the bulletin board in the Family Life Center. You may also contact Nila Nugent 466-6388.

Do you like to party? If so, come to the “bagging” party on Thursday, February 18th, 1:00pm, at the FIA office. You don't need to bring a wrapped gift, just your willingness to help bag veggies, crackers, cheese and cookies.

Extra manpower is always needed on the day and evening of the event. If cooking or volunteering is not your cup of tea, come and join the fun, food and fellowship at the meal. Menu will consist of all you can eat chili, hot dogs, veggies, cheese, crackers, cookies and drinks. No tickets are being sold; this is a donation meal.

Hope you can join us. You won't be sorry.
THANKS!

- Feb. 11 @ 6pm – Stewardship Ministry Mtg.
- Feb. 13 @ 9:30am - Mom's Group
- Feb. 16 @ 10:30am – Sr. Moments Bible Study @ 7pm – Brotherhood at Chrisman Christian
- Feb. 21 @ noon – Elder's Mt. @ 6:30pm – Night of Worship
- Feb. 23 @ 9am – RIPPLE DEADLINE
- Feb. 28 – Mission Fair after each service
Noon – Emmaus Informational Luncheon



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