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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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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.

Small Groups, Sr. & Jr. High Breakout – During the week during fall & winter months

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. 21 @ 4:30-7:00pm**

**No tickets, Donations at the door**



### Youth Events

**SuperStart – March 13 & 14 for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders**

**Registration Deadline is Feb. 27. After deadline, registration goes up \$10**

**Cost: \$60 and includes registration and hotel, extra cost includes money for laser tag and one meal.**

**Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the Family Life Center**

**Jr. High Believe – March 27 & 28 for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders**

**Registration Deadline is March 1. Registrations go up \$10.**

**Cost: \$70 includes registration and hotel, extras include 3 meals**

**Register for these trips by seeing or calling Nate.**

## **NATE'S NEWS**

We continue to be in the process of finding a children's minister, but in the meantime we are in need of more volunteers to help in this area. We have a few right now taking on the load of doing children's church and our midweek program. We need more help so that we don't burn them out. If you could help right now just so we can keep this area going, we would really appreciate it. If you do, please let me know so I can start relieving some of our other volunteers.

We want to welcome Tyler and his family as they transition from Kansas to here and so we want to help them stock their shelves. We will be doing this differently by getting gift cards for them from our local supermarkets. We will start collecting them now by bringing them in the office, or putting them in the designated place in the foyer, thanks.

Make sure you start signing up your kids and students for the upcoming trips so we can get a count and start registering them, deadlines are coming up fast.

## **Manhood Project**

Mark your calendars. February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm is the 1<sup>st</sup> Manhood Workshop for 2015 and will be held at the Dimond Bros. Conference Center. God has placed in my heart a theme for this year: "Year of Consistency". I am determined not only to get excited about the things of God, but to also stay consistent in the things of God. I hope you will join me as we grow in God, and pursue Him in every aspect of our lives. Invite a friend. It's going to be great. More information is coming soon.

**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 – Ron Bouslog, Ray Gill, Donna Ingle, Diana Stewart, Jean Willoughby, Mary G., Maggie F., Mary Burba, Naomi Payne, the homeless, military, our government, Abigail & family, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Leanna Reedy & family, J.T. Boling, Dorrie Mullenix, Mamie Boyer, Roy Straw, Ryan Taylor, broken marriage, The Storm family, John & Janet Vice, Le Delp, Dave Huston, Lori Mead, Tyler Harkness, Laura Clark, Mrs. Erwin, Cathy Colter, Helen Rode, Phoebe & Joe Johnson family, Nancy Harper, Larry Harper, Shelly Harper's parents, Greta Pitt's mother, the kids in Paris, 35 unspoken requests

## **Spenser's Spot**

Happy Anniversary Lake Ridge! Chrissy and I are excited to be celebrating 2 years here at Lake Ridge! It's been a great two years and we have been blessed by the congregation here at Lake Ridge. You all have supported us and stuck with us through these past two years and we are so happy to call Lake Ridge our church family!

It's the month of love and so I thought it would be a great time to focus on the song "True Love." "Come close and listen to the story about a love more faithful than the morning. The Father gave His only Son just to save us. The earth was shaking in the dark. All creation felt the Father's broken heart. Tears were filling Heaven's eyes the day that true love died. When blood and water hit the ground, walls we couldn't move came crashing down. We were free and made alive the day that true love died." This song starts out by talking about God's love being more faithful than the morning. One day, the sun won't rise. The morning won't come for us. But God's will remain. He made the extraordinary sacrifice of giving His Son to die on the cross to save us from our sins (Rom. 5:8). When He died, the earth shook and rocks split apart (Matt. 27:51). When Jesus died on the cross, He freed us all from the bondage of our sins. He made it to where we can be made new. We are free and made alive because of the true love of our Father and the true love of Jesus for all of us. Next time you sing this song, remember what an amazing gift that was given to you and the sacrifice that was made so that you can be freed from sin!

**Thank you** -Homebound Ministry thank you for all the cards-visits and gifts.

-Lake Ridge Family - thank you for the Christmas cards sent to Johnny Adams.

-Elders and Deacons thank you for taking communion to Dad and to the couples a special thank you for all taking the time to be there for him each Sunday.

-We are very grateful for such a Church family,

Beth Debatin

*February is Women's Heart Health Month*

## **HIS Ministry**

Thank you to Lake Ridge for all you do for HIS Ministry and Christmas for Kids, the use of the building is wonderful. So many of you volunteer and help with the program and know of its effect on the community outreach. What a blessing and it is growing so fast as the need is so great. As I read the scriptures, I know that we all together are doing as the Lord commanded in that we are striving to clothe and meet several needs of those less fortunate. We have seen our brothers in need and are trying to do all we can in a creative way.

We are so grateful for your support this past year. It allowed us to help 630+ children in Edgar County have Christmas and two families that lost their homes due to fires. We are in a very frustrating situation. We do most of our shopping soon after Christmas as that is when the bargains are the greatest. Due to the large increase of need this year our funds are drained. We need funds now to shop for the coming year. If you would be so kind as to think of us and donate throughout the year so we might grab the bargain as they appear, we would be so grateful.

Our volunteers work year round to make the program a success with the help of all of you. HIS ministry believes that our ministry at home is as important as any other. God bless you and thank you in advance for your help.

We still have a great work and outreach with the Crest Girls Orphanage, the Apache Indian reservation and to new churches here in the states. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

In His service, Marion Pate, Dawn Kirby & Debra Ford

## **Chili Cook-off**

Just a reminder asking you to mark your calendars to attend or participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Chili Cook-off sponsored by Faith in Action of Edgar County. The fundraising event will be held on Sat. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30-7:30pm in the Family Life Center. Menu consisting of all you can eat chili, hot dogs, veggies, cheese, dessert and drink will be served. Carry outs will be available. Ticket cost is by donation again this year.

Chefs are needed to enter the competition. Each entrant is asked to furnish three gallons of chili, either "mild", "hot" or "unique" (not your normal chili), Medium is considered mild. Prizes will be awarded in the three categories.

Deadline for entries is Monday Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. Entries should be mailed or taken to Faith in Action of Edgar County, 104 E. Washington, P.O. Box 154, Paris.

A "bagging" party will be held on Thursday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the FIA office. At this party, veggies, crackers, cheese and cookies will be bagged. Volunteers are needed to attend this party. Lot of fun and fellowship is enjoyed.

Workers are always needed the night of the event. This is a good way to get acquainted with new friends.

Information flyers and competition sign-up sheets are posted on the main foyer and FLC bulletin boards. If you need more information or want to volunteer for the "bagging" party or work the night of the chili cook-off, call Nila Nugent at 217-466-6388.

Any support you might be able to give to this FUNdraiser will be appreciated. Many residents in Edgar County will benefit from the proceeds raised. SEE YOU THERE!

## **Senior Adult Ministry**

That groundhog is smarter than I! He is all curled up, enjoying six more weeks of snoozing while the snow flies around me! The older I get the more I realize I'd better pay more attention, no, not to the groundhog, to Genesis 8:22. God is in command and He said it is winter, so, it is winter! Let us Seniors stay close to Paris for another six weeks.

The "Senior Moments Bible Study" at 10:30am, every Tuesday morning is now in Genesis, Chapter. 9. We have 16-18 open Bibles! Thanks, to Erlene and others, our study is a combined study, coffee & cookies hour. Many of us have lunch together at a local restaurant afterward. Come and join us. There is no age or enrollment requirement. We are pleased to have Pastor Nate bringing his Bible and knowledge to join the exchange of class commentary!

After Bible study, about 11:30, on Tuesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> we are having a carry-in pizza lunch. We are Seniors, if the weather is not cooperating with you, don't try to make the trip, there is always next week---I may not be there either!

BROTHERHOOD!!! Praise the Lord, Brocton Christian Church had almost 20 present last month and took the attendance banner. The Paris & Chrisman Church's agreed to switch months, so the Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> BROTHERHOOD MEETING will be at the PARIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH at 7pm.

“With the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease.” Genesis 8:22  
Semper Fidelis

**Community Kitchen** – We still need cooks to help prepare the meal once a month at the Kitchen. If you can help, please call Terry Weger at 217-251-2913

**LRCC First Prayer Revival**

Sunday March 1 at 8am, 10:30am & 7pm  
Mon. & Tues. March 2 & 3 @ 7pm  
Dave Butts of Harvest Prayer Ministries will be our speaker. Todd Harper will be in charge of the music.

Each night we will be having a linger-longer time of fellowship and we need you help with fingers food. Sunday evening we ask that God's Corner and the High School and beyond classes bring finger foods!

Monday evening we ask that Genesis and Bill and Eddies classes bring finger foods! Tuesday evening we ask that the Misfits and Bridge Builders classes bring finger foods. Anyone else who would like to help with finger foods please feel free to do so.

We are also in need of nursery workers at all the night services. If you would like to volunteer, please let Nate or Linda Hancock know.

Please plan to attend as many sessions as you can. If you have any questions call Linda at 217-466-1700 or the church at 217-465-5614, thanks.

**Women-In-God (W.I.G.)**

--Oil Belt Christian Service Camp will be hosting a Ladies Day event on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Let's all get together and go to make a day of it!

--Lincoln Christian University "Stronger" Christian Women's Conference is April 29, with Ellie Lofaro's and Michele Pillar. Registration is \$35 by April 22. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the Family Life Center.

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If you do not wish to continue to receive the Ripple/Post cards or have an address change, please contact the office at 217-465-5614 or e-mail us at [office@lakeridgchurch.org](mailto:office@lakeridgchurch.org) before the next Ripple goes out. Thank you!

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If the schools are closed or dismisses early because of bad weather, all church activities will also be closed. If you are in doubt, call the Deacon or Ministry leader in charge.



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Feb. 12 @ 6pm – Stewardship Ministry Mtg.**  
**Feb. 17 @ 7pm – Brotherhood at Paris Christian**  
**Feb. 19 @ 6pm – Prayer Time with the Elders @ 6:30pm – Elder's Mtg.**  
**Feb. 21 @ 4-7pm – Faith in Action Chili Cook-off**  
**Feb. 22 @ 6:30pm – Manhood Project @ Dimond Bros.**  
**Feb. 24 @ 9am – RIPPLE DEADLINE**

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