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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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## FAITH IN ACTION

### SOUP & CHILI COOK-OFF

Saturday Feb. 18 @ 4:30-7:30pm

No tickets, Donations at the door



Next Sermon Series

Feb. 19 - Samuel: Set apart to be recongnized

Feb. 26 - Esther: Set apart for His purpose

Mar. 5 - Abraham: Set apart in faith

## **Nate's News**

Sickness has been flooding our schools lately and it seems like I have been sick more this winter than any other one. Maybe it's due to the change in temperature but for some reason it has been a very active season for sickness in our area. I was talking with someone a couple of days ago and we were reflecting on their loved one that was in the hospital and battling some sickness, but as the conversation continued we realized how amazing God created the human body. We often put our bodies through a lot and sickness really comes hard against it at times, but all the defensive actions that the body has to withstand some serious condition really speaks to the Creator. The older I get and more experiences I see there is a very glaring point that we as human can only go so far even the medical field until there is nothing we can do, but place our lives in the hands of the One who formed us, the God who can heal, the mighty Jehovah who provides.

**Iron Sharpens Iron 2017-** This is a men's one day conference on April 8<sup>th</sup> in Champaign, IL! Get signed up today and join us! This conference is for men of all ages; beginning with men age 13 and older. The cost is only \$47 (\$32 for students). There will be 16 different seminars for men at this conference so we know there will be something for every one of us. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin boards or you can email Nate: [nate@lakeridgechurch.org](mailto:nate@lakeridgechurch.org). Plus, don't let cost be an issue. So if you need help please mention this when you sign up, thanks!

## ***Sympathy***

Our sympathy to the families of:

Albert Meeks, father of Gerald.

Susie Sisson, member and Aunt of Michelle Walden

Stan Carrell Family, Spenser's father.

May God comfort you in this time of loss.

## ***Spenser's Spot***

*"There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail. There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, 'It Is Well.'"*

This year, I have been inspired by our series, Secret Struggles, to be even more transparent, open about life, and simply real. It has been a very difficult couple of weeks for me. For those who don't know, my father was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and given 3-4 months to live. Weeks later, he left his earthly body behind. Through this time, I have been through many different emotions and I have come to a place of joy. There are many reasons that our earthly lives have taught me that I shouldn't be at a place of joy. However, I know that my father is in Heaven. He's not dealing with pain. He's not dealing with the trials of this world. He's up there with everyone who has gone on before him. While it has been emotional to think that I have lost my father in the same year that I will become a father, I know that my dad now gets to watch every moment. He won't miss a thing. He'll laugh at me when I make mistakes and smile at the sweet moments. I talked in January about the song, It Is Well and how difficult it was for me to sing those words after our miscarriage. This past Sunday, we sang I Will Rise. It's one of my all-time favorite worship songs but I had never really made the connection in that first verse before. "I can say, 'It Is Well.'" My father may have left his earthly body behind but I find joy in knowing that one day I will see him again. I will rise up and be with my father and my Heavenly Father. At the end of the day, He gives me peace. Thank you to everyone for your kind words, prayers, cards, visits, and all those that came down to the funeral. You have no idea how much it means to Chrissy and I to be surrounded by your love in this time.

**DON'T FORGET:** Super Start for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders is March 10-11. You can register on our website under "Event Registration." Please register as soon as possible.

## tyler's tidbits

CIY: stands for Christ In Youth and they put on the best youth conferences in the nation, and change the lives of students forever. These are events that you don't want to miss. This church pays for well over half of all these events to help make them more affordable. Though, we never want students to not to be able to go on a trip because of financial reasons, so scholarships are available. All you have to do is contact Tyler to receive one. Please note that as events gets closer to their dates CIY charges more. You can get signed up for all these events at [lakeridgechurch.org](http://lakeridgechurch.org) under the [event registration tab](#).

Believe for Jr. High Students April 7-8

Before March 3 \$75

After March 3 \$85

After March 17 \$95

Move: for those going into High School

June 26 – July 1

Before April 27 \$160

After April 27 \$195

After June 2 \$220

Mix: for those going into Jr. High July 30 –

Aug 3

Before May 26 \$160

After May 26 \$195

After July 7 \$220

**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, Chris and families, Ken Whitkanack, Dale & Marion Pate, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Maggie F., Naomi, Mary G., Mary B., Devon Kindred & family, Rayleigh Ike, John & Marge Sims, Cathy Colter, Rose Ann Hancock, Mary Strole, Jane Irwin, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Ryan Taylor, Kay Blizzard & family, Chad McLeod, Dave Nebergall, Dick Cunningham, Cleo Emrick, Penny (Denny) Duzan, Mark & Priscilla Clark, Debbie Maynard, Ray & Martha Roberts, someone's granddaughter, Max McIntosh, Mary Strole, the families of Albert Meeks, Susie Sisson and Stan Carrell, Lilianna, Dodie Arbuckle, Jennifer McCarty, Jennifer Warner, David Clark, Pearle Knight, Heather Becker, Winnie. Ernie, 29unspoken*

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

I have reserved 23 seats at the Beef House on Saturday April 8 for "My Way" a tribute to Frank Sinatra at 12:00pm. The cost will be \$44.00 per person. Remember, the ones that paid for the Christmas show we'll use your tickets for this show. If you do not wish to attend this show, please let Judy Benton or Chris Pantle know and we will give back your money and replace you with someone that is wanting to go.

I thought we might try something different, Jake Houtt a young Christian gentlemen from Casey, IL and his band has formed a Gospel Band and is performing at Kansas Christian Church in Kansas, IL on February 26, 2017 at 6pm. Jake won the Voice of the Valley at Terre Haute a few years ago. We would like to take a group over to see them. Please let Judy Benton or Chris Pantle know if you would be interested. I will also have a sheet to sign on the board outside the Family Life Center. There is no charge but they will probably take up a love offering at the church that evening.

Brotherhood Night is at the Chrisman Church on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. They will be holding Revival that week (Feb. 19-22) and Rick Grover who will be the speaker. He is the Sr. Minister at East 91<sup>st</sup> Street Christian Church in Indianapolis, IN. Would love to have as many people as we can go.

Hope you can attend some or all of the planned events.

## SOUP AND CHILI COOK-OFF

Don't forget Faith in Action of Edgar County is holding their annual winter fundraiser on Feb. 18 @ 4:30-7:30pm. The event has a new twist to it this year. It will be a Soup and Chili Cook-off to in the Family Life Center. Menu consisting of soup, chili, hot dogs, veggies, cheese, dessert and drinks will be served from 4:30-7:30pm. Carry-outs will be available. Tickets are not being sold. However, donations will be accepted at the door.

COME and JOIN the crowd for an evening of good-hearted fun, food, and fellowship!

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](mailto:office@lakeridgechurch.org) anytime. Women's Ministry would also benefit from their address for the College Care Packages. We'd also like to know if they have graduated and have a change of address. 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](mailto: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? 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!*

### Announcements

For an event or item that concerns all of Lake Ridge, a communication form needs to be filled out. Please return it one or two weeks before you want it announced and no later than the Monday 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.

### Calendar

- Feb. 18 @ 4:30-7:30pm – Faith in Action Soup & Chili Cook-off in the FLC**
- Feb. 19 @ noon - Elder's Meeting**
- Feb. 21 @ 7pm – Brotherhood at Chrisman Christian**
- Feb. 28 @ 9am – Ripple deadline**
- Mar. 2 @ 6pm – Journey with Angels**



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