

# THE RIPPLE

Connecting YOU to Jesus and each other!  
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LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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. Youth: Encounter 4pm and Engage 6pm Sundays  
Church office hours: Mon-Thurs. - 8am-5pm; Fri. - 8am-noon. Closed Friday afternoons

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Baby Dedication  
January 21 at the beginning of  
the 10:30am service



*IF Gathering is coming to Lake Ridge!*

Ladies, we hope you will consider joining us...

February 9th - Dinner at 5-6pm, Conference from 6-9pm

February 10<sup>th</sup> - Breakfast at 8:30-9am, Conference from 9am-5pm

There will be live worship from our praise band throughout the weekend,

T-shirt, amazing speakers, FOOD

and a rejuvenating time of being together as ladies!

Register today at <https://register.ifgathering.com/event/ifparis>

Or at the IF table on Sundays in the hallway by the FLC or by calling the church  
office at 217-465-5614

March 2 & 3

For more information, see  
Alicia and Sarah

believe

SuperStart!

## Nate's News

What a word to focus on this year and how incredible this year could be if we simply surrendered. Every time I think about this word, *surrender*, it really scares me because of what could be asked of me and how much faith may be required to truly surrender parts of my life that God is asking of me. I can see that this year I need to surrender some of my time because I don't always give God enough of that, and so that's something I could surrender more of, and that is really doable, but what about surrendering a whole week's worth of time. There may be even more areas of our life that costs more than we are willing to give to God, and the question is could we surrender those as well? I know I continue to give up what is easy and hold back what demands too much, but is that really surrendering? This year is a year of surrender, and as we think about what that looks like in your life there is a need to deepen your faith, because the more faith you have the more surrendering you will be able to do. The more I trust in Christ, the more I will surrender in my life.

Direction, we all need direction in life and it's no different for a group of people dedicated to following Christ, which means we will go where God directs and for the next two years that means going all in to the vision God has placed before us. God has placed a direction in front of us and now it's time to lay out those steps before us and it all begins with seeking God in pray by asking Him to place this vision in our hearts. The next two years we will center that direction on these three statements:

### **To expand His kingdom, to be generous in His world, and to love His people**

As time unfolds you will continue to see this vision, but you will also see it lived out in many different ways, but what we want most is to be in the right place at the right time and that is our hope through this vision. This means if we are doing what God has asked, then God will bless it and we just get to see and witness His work.

**Year-end financial giving statements:** this year the church will be sending out statements to all those who have given throughout the year, which we are so thankful for, but we ask that you do not file your tax return until you get that statement from the church per the tax law that requires you to have that statement beforehand. You will be receiving this through the mail. We will do our best to get those to you before the end of the month, thank you for being part of this ministry.

### **Our Sympathy**

To the family of LaDonna Joan Campbell. She was the mother of Tina (Keith) Hefner and Judy Pufahl.

Also to the family of Paul Willoughby.

In this time of grief, may the glow of God's love light your way and may the warmth of His embrace give you peace and comfort.

### **Spenser's Spot**

Our mission at Lake Ridge is to connect you to Jesus and each other. This Spring is jam packed with opportunities for just that! We've been hard at work getting things lined up and here are just a few of the great things that are on the docket!

The IF Gathering is a powerful 2-day conference for women to connect deeper with Jesus and each other. Join together with women all over the world in times of worship, message, and prayer. You can register for this conference online, stop by the office, or stop by the IF Table after services each week. The cost for this conference is \$30.

Night of Worship is a very simple concept. One hour. Coffee. Cookies. Worship. We had such a great time a couple of years ago and we decided to bring it back on March 4th at 6pm! Connect deeper with Him as we sing praises and lift up prayers to Him.

For a great time of fellowship, come out to Laugh All Night on March 18th at 6pm.

Come out as Christian comedian Jonnie W. shares at this free comedy concert! Good clean fun for the entire family.

May 6<sup>th</sup> we are excited to be hosting Carrollton! This Christian band has been a favorite of many with songs on the radio such as: "Let Love Win" and "Holding On To You." Our Youth has enjoyed them at their CIY Conferences. We are excited to worship with them on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

There are a lot of great ways to connect with Him and each other this Spring. Come out and let's go deeper together!

### Alicia's Awesome Announcements

Hey everyone! It's been awhile since I've written here...apparently the last time I wrote a Ripple article was nearly 6 years ago as an intern and I used a lot of exclamation points and smiley faces...HA! I am so excited to be back here at LRCC and to have the opportunity to pour into your students' lives.

One thing we have coming up quickly is a conference for junior high students called "Believe". Believe is an experience where students show up for a weekend to worship and connect with God away from the influences that might pull them away. I'm excited about this year because we will be studying Matthew 28:20 and what it means to be in a relationship "WITH" Jesus. They will learn what it means to really be in a real, faithful relationship with Him rather than just knowing about Him.

Believe will take place March 2-3 in Springfield, IL. It is an overnight trip so we will be staying in a hotel and there will be more info on that later. **The cost is \$75 per student (this cost covers ticket, hotel, and transportation) and the deadline for this price is January 28th.** If you do not get signed up by then, the price does go up, so make sure you find the Believe table and get your student signed up starting this coming Sunday, January 14! I am excited to see what God will do in these junior high students at Believe.

That's it for me so far! And Students, don't forget to come and check out our Sunday night programming (Junior High: 4-5:30; Supper 5:30; High School: 6-7:30/8)!

I want to thank everyone for helping me feel welcomed back at Lake Ridge! I have always had a special place in my heart for Lake Ridge and I am so glad God has called me back. Looking forward to the future with you!

**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, Bill Lucas, Mamie Boyer, Abbey Fausett, Mark Boling, Mark & Priscilla Clark, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Rayleigh Ike, Mark Ingle, the families of Joan Campbell, Martin Rhoades, Paul Willoughby, Winans and Beverly Martin, Sheila Piper's family, Bev Duzan's family, Devon Kindred, Betty Graham, Harbour family, Little Big John, 54 unspoken

### Mission Trip Meeting

The Missions Ministry will be hosting an informational meeting to discuss the upcoming Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch mission trip, scheduled for this July. If you've ever had an interest in knowing what it's all about, please come to the meeting on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm to find out more. We'll be discussing dates, times, costs and projects for this trip.

*Dear Pastor Nate and Lake Ridge Family,*

*We would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, food, cards, flowers and support shown following mom's passing.*

*You expressions of sympathy have been of great comfort to us during this difficult time. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.*

*With Christian Love,*

*The family of Lydia McIntosh*

### **LOST AND FOUND**

A table has been set up for several lost and found items that have not been claimed. Items include jewelry, glasses, clothing, books and drinking cups. All unclaimed items will be donated to the Clothing Closet after January 15.

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

### **WOW we are now into 2018!!**

The Senior Adults will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a Valentine Luncheon at Tuscanys on Wednesday, February 14 after the Bible study at Lake Ridge. Meal will be Dutch treat at 11:30am. You can go thru buffet or order off the menu. Please let us know, by Wednesday, February 7 if you plan to attend.

Come and join us for Lunch.

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

### **Oil Belt Men's Night**

February 9, 2018

The Elm Street Worship team will be leading worship and Danny Wolford, Senior Pastor of FCC Greensburg, IN, will be bringing a message to challenge us to "Man-Up: Act Like Men!" Supper is at 6pm, Program at 7pm, Cost is \$20. Contact the office or register on Oil Belts website or call the camp at 618-662-2822.

### **Sanctity of Human Life Offering**

While January is Sanctity of Human Life month, the Paris office of CHOICES Pregnancy & Health is asking for your help. There is a display board with envelopes of different dollar amounts located in our church. Individuals and families are asked to choose an envelope, fill it with the designated love offering, and place it in the offering plate anytime in January. These are one-time donations that will be used to continue the work of this vital ministry in our community. Thank you for your support of life!

**Jan. 11 @ 6pm – Stewardship Ministry Mtg.**  
**Jan 14 @ 2:30pm – W.I.G. Ministry Mtg.**  
**Jan. 15 @ 6pm – Mission Ministry Mtg.**  
**Jan. 16 @ 1:30pm – Brookstone Friends at Brookstone**  
**Jan. 18 @ 9am – Pleasant Meadows Volunteers**  
**Jan. 21 @ 10:30am – Baby Dedication**  
**Noon – Leadership Mtg. (Elders & Deacons)**  
**Jan. 22 @ 7pm – Pinehaven Mission Trip Meeting**  
**Jan. 23 @ 9am – RIPPLE DEADLINE**



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