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LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship Gatherings: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

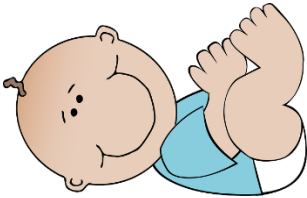
Wuzzles & S.P.L.A.T. Zone 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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 15 at the beginning of
the 10:30 service



IF Gathering is coming to Lake Ridge!

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

Mark your calendars for February 3rd and 4th.

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

goody bags, t-shirts, amazing speakers, FOOD



and a rejuvenating time of being together as ladies!

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

2017 Theme



Nate's News

New Year means some new goals and one of them might be trying to get into God's Word more which is a great goal to have, but sometimes we find that it's harder than we planned for it to be. One way we can have a better chance of succeeding is with other people and so I want to invite you to our small group study at our house (15060 E 600th Rd) on Tuesday, January 17th. We will be looking at how sometimes we have a hard time knowing what is good for our life and what we should not let influence our lives. We will come together as a group to discuss and afterwards have some fellowship time. Being connected to each other is important and it can really impact our life for the better, hope to see you there!

On February 5th, yes it is Super Bowl Sunday, but there is something else of importance and will be worth celebrating. This Sunday will mark the 40th year of continuing it's ministry here in the Paris community and we will be taking this Sunday to celebrate to come together as a church to give God the glory. We will have one service at 10am with Sunday School at 9am. Hope you can join us to celebrate some of the past and also look towards the future of what is to come, but most of all God will get the glory for what He has done and continues to do. If you have any pictures of Lake Ridges' earlier days, please bring them for the picture table. Thanks.

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, David Sprigg, Penny (Denny) Duzan, Mark & Priscilla Clark, Debbie Maynard, victims of the Ft. Lauderdale airport, those sick with colds & flu, for a nephew, Ray & Martha Roberts, Max McIntosh, the family of Judy Ormiston, 84 unspoken

Just a reminder, if school is closed or dismissed early, any church activity will also be cancelled.

Spenser's Spot

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 is read in many weddings every year. It is a great passage to help guide the love in a marriage. However, when we look to Mark 12 it says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." We are to love not only the Lord but our neighbors as well. We tend to go off track here a bit. In my life, I know there are many times where I get frustrated by things and I lose sight of that commandment to love my neighbor. In the poetic and inspirational world...of Facebook, there is a meme that says something like, don't let a few minutes of frustration infect your entire day. Take a breath. Love your neighbor. Be patient. Be kind. Don't be self-seeking. Don't be easily angered. Leave the past in the past. Love. Our goal at Lake Ridge is to connect you to Jesus and each other. We want to reach the people in this community and bring them to Jesus. But we must be examples of love for those who need loved. Those who daily live in a world of impatience, unkind, envious, boastful, angry, vengeful, hopeless people. We must be an example of God's love. It starts with each and every one of us. If you've read through this and thought of anyone in particular that you struggle with, make it your goal to be more loving to that neighbor. Love never fails.

I want to take a moment to thank everyone not only for the cards and gifts at Christmas time but also for all the love and support that Chrissy and I have received as we announced our pregnancy. We are so excited by this next step in our journey and we can't wait to introduce our little one to our church family.

Sympathy

To the family and friends of Judy Ormiston with her passing on Jan. 9. May you find comfort in God at this time of loss.

tyler's tidbits

- High School All-Nighter January 13-14 from 9pm-7am 3-3 Basketball, 4-4 Volleyball, 5-5 Dodgeball tournament and Talent Show all with cash prizes as well as we're giving away a 50" TV. Great night to have fun and bring your friends!

- Upcoming CIY Events that you can get registered for under the Events Registration page of our website at lakeridgechurch.org.

- April 7-8 - Middle School CIY: Believe in Anderson, IN

- June 26 - July 1 - High School CIY: Move in Holland, MI

- July 30 - August 3 - Jr. High CIY: Mix in Holland, MI

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Bible Study will resume January 18 @ 10:30am. Nate is teaching the study. We meet at the church and share coffee and treats.

Faith in Action is offering a bus trip to The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum in the Kentucky/Cincinnati, Ohio area on April 25-27. Cost is \$350 per person based on double occupancy. To register, call Judy Benton at 812-243-6231 or Faith in Action at 217-466-6388. Please register soon so you don't lose a seat on the bus.

No Brotherhood this month.

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!

Sarah's Synopsis

This coming Sunday is Baby Dedication day at the beginning of our 10:30 Service. God has blessed Lake Ridge this last year with 6 new little ones! I am honored to be able to work with these families as their children grow!

SuperStart is March 10-11. This is a high-energy Christian Conference for 4th-5th graders. (It is put on by CIY, which also does Believe, Mix, and Move which our Jr. High and High School students go to.) We will be going to Bloomington and staying overnight in a hotel there. If you or your child is interested in attending this amazing conference talk with Sarah.

Also, since it is now 2017, please mark your calendars for VBS!!! It will be June 11-16th with the theme of "Maker Fun Factory"!!!



LOST AND FOUND

There are about 9 youth jackets and other items including a Bible on the lost and found table in the hallway by the Family Life Center. They need to be claimed by this Sunday, January 15. If they are not, they will be donated to the Compassionate Clothing Ministry.

Oil Belt Men's Night

Friday, February 3rd

Cost: \$20

Speaker: Dudley Rutherford

Leave the church at 4:30 PM

Program and steak supper, if you would like to attend please contact the church office.

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 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 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.

Community Kitchen

We are in need of cooks to help prepare the meal once a month at the Kitchen. If you can help call Terry Weger at 217-251-2913. We also need help with desserts a couple times a month. If you can help, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the Family Life Center.

CALENDAR

Jan. 12 @ 6pm – Stewardship Ministry Mtg.
Jan. 13 @ 9pm-Jan. 14 @ 7am – Youth All-Nighter at the church
Jan. 15 – Baby Dedication at the beginning of the 10:30 service.
@ Noon – Elder's & Deacon's Mtg.
Jan. 16 @ 7pm – Mission Ministry Mtg.
Jan. 18 @ 10:30am – Sr. Adult Bible Study begins
Jan. 24 @ 9am – RIPPLE DEADLINE



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