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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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Jr. High School Encounter meets on Wednesday evenings with a Meal at 5:30pm and goes from 6:00pm-7:30pm

High School Engage meets on Sunday evenings with a Meal at 5:30pm and goes from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Community 5th quarter all-nighter for High School students from 9:00pm – 7:00am here at Lake Ridge on February 5-6. We are looking at having a Madden Tournament, giant game of Clue, other tournaments, and plenty of food. If you are interested in helping be a sponsor please contact Tyler.

Super Bowl for Senior High students on February 7 at Tyler's house.

TNT meets on Tuesday evenings at 5:30-7:30pm for K-5th grades – No meal will be served.

SuperStart is March 11-12 for 4th & 5th grades.

Oh What Fun!

“Mission, Munchies & Mayhem”
Ladies Night Out
Friday January 29 @ 6:30-9:00pm

Nate's News

#fearless

One phone call, a piece of mail, a simple sentence, or note left can all be the first step in creating fear in our lives and once it begins there is often no way to control where it takes our thoughts, behaviors, and attitudes. Fear is created in simple ways, but there is no simple way to destroy it because of how much power it holds over us. Last week the stock market dives because of fear, which in turn creates fear in all those whose retirement sits in the stock market, which then leads to fear of their future and creates more stress. The Bible though tells us not to be anxious about anything, which seems impossible, but why not have a plan before the fear presents itself. I find myself accepting the fear right off, but if I send that fear to go against the idea that God takes care of us in faith than that money issue can't defeat us, that situation can't overcome us, and we have the opportunity to put it where it belongs-in the trash.

Looking forward to diving into the study by John Bevere called "Bait of Satan," if you are interested in joining this group on Thursdays at 6 PM please let me know. We will be meeting at 15060 E 600th Rd, which is where I live, and so plan on joining us in this opportunity.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy to:

Wally Trapp with the passing of his mother, Rosa Trapp. And to Brenda Rhoads with the passing of her sister, Jackie Lindsey.

Wishing you hope in the midst of sorrow,

Comfort in the midst of pain.

With heartfelt sympathy.

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 & grandson, Maggie, Mary G., Jane Furry, Rosealee Dugger, Cathy Colter, Jane Erwin, a job for Chad McLeod and all those who are unemployed, families traveling, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Devon Kindred, Leanna Reedy & family, Jan Knuth, Teresa Kerrick, Winnie Cooper, Debbie Wolfe, Roslyn Davis, Mamie Boyer, Bill Clawson, Adriana Fausett, Troy Eastham, Dale & Marion Pate, Dennis Gosnell, Kim Burkett, Lydia McIntosh, Randy & Sandy Colter, Tricia Broughton, Charlie Pantle, Edith Whitkanack, Steve Rigdon, the family of Charlie Poole, Kristen Asbury, Brenda Buell, Patty Payne, Darrell Payne, Norma Tomblinson, Brenda Buell, Don Blythe, Darrell Laughead, Rosemary Linton, Michael Blanton, 53 unspoken

Spenser's Spot

Have you ever sat through a show or a movie you didn't want to watch but you still sat there because your spouse really wanted to see it? My wife is a fan of the Bachelor. It just started a couple weeks ago. I'll be honest. I don't mind it but it's definitely not something I would sit down and watch of my own choice. However, some nights, I'll sit down with her and watch it for a while. We get to spend a little bit of time together. We talk about the ridiculous things that are happening. Now I could very easily change the channel. However, that's not very nice to my wife. She is connecting with the show. I could sit there and complain. But that's not fair to her and ruins her experience. I could go in another room and watch another show. However, then we're not spending time together. This is the way that worship can be. We come together and maybe there's a song that you don't connect with. However, someone else may be. In a room with many people, there are a lot of potential connections being made. We could complain but that's not fair to others either. We could very easily "change the channel" and do something different. However, where one connection is gained, another is now lost. We would be "channel surfing" forever. Another option is to not spend that time together. But that community time together as a church family is lost. Our final option is to understand that maybe this song doesn't connect with me but perhaps it is connecting with someone else. In 2016, let us worship together as a family of God. Let us connect with God and one another. Let us not forget that our worship is about showing reverence and adoration for God. It doesn't matter if you like reality TV or westerns. Let us strive to take every opportunity to connect with God.

Thank you to the Homebound Ministry for all the cards gifts and visits. 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 each week. He talks about each of the visits as a special visit. We are very grateful for such a warm Church family.

Beth Debatin

Sarah's Synopsis

This past Sunday was Baby Dedication day at our 10:30 Service. God has blessed Lake Ridge the last two year with 12 new little ones! I am honored to be able to work these families as their children grow!

SuperStart is March 11-12. 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 2016, please mark your calendars for VBS!!! It will be June 12-17th with the theme of Cave Quest!!!

An opportunity to help...Brenda Buell, our missionary in the Congo with Hearts for Central Africa and Tracy's Heart was unable to be with us this past Sunday due to illness. The Missions ministry had the opportunity to visit with her over dinner last Monday and she shared much about her life in the Congo and her goals for the future. If you are new to LRCC, Brenda and her late husband Ed have made Africa their life's work. Ed passed away a few years ago, but Brenda continues with their work there. Ed helped start a saw mill which Brenda now helps oversee. She also works with women who are rape victims at Tracy's Heart. She also is allowed to share by teaching/preaching. She shared with us that she has taught some of the women to sew in order to earn a living. We can share the following items with Brenda to help the women at Tracy's Heart: **embroidery floss, Ibuprofen, Neosporin type ointment, and layette sets.** These are items she can easily pack in her luggage when she returns to the Congo in February. *Collection baskets will be available in the FLC hallway until Jan. 29.* The embroidery floss needs to be new or like new. The layette set involves filling a gallon plastic bag with such items as a cloth diaper, plastic pants, pins, rash cream, onesies, receiving blanket, socks, and hat. She can present these to the new mothers as a gift.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY –

Verne, being a Bear, said "Do not try to awaken a sleeping bear!" A Bear knows more about a sleeping bear, than a non-bear knows about a bear, so bear me out! The Lord gave us some extra sunshine for Christmas, and, --- Yep, it confused us! I wanted to reconvene our Tuesday morning Bible Study on the 19th, but looking out our front window this morning, at the cold blowing snow, No, not yet! Winter is still with us so let's all go back into our winter hibernation until the sun shines brightly again! And Lord, if you are handing us a severe winter in January and February, give us enough common sense to stay home! With that being said, "Good night,--again— see you all sometime in 2016" said the Papa Bear!

"Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you." Prov. 2:12
Semper Fidelis

Missions, Munchies and Mayhem

Ladies you are invited to the next game and fellowship night for Friday January 29 at 6:30-9:00pm in the LRCC Family Life Center. Bring a favorite game and snack to share. Childcare will be provided.

We have invited Brenda Buell to be our special guest this night to fellowship with us and we are going to be collecting some items for her to take back with her on the mission field next month. Please refer to the mission's article in this Ripple for a listing of items you can donate for the Tracy's Heart ministry.

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry that is in charge of the shoe boxes that we pack in November, and even though this is an outside ministry of Lake Ridge, we have a person from within the church who is the point person that is in charge of coordinating and delivering them to Effingham. We are looking for a new person who could invest some time into this ministry so if you have questions or just a little bit curious to what all is involved please let Nate know. We will be extending this invitation out for a month and then if there isn't any interest then we might be passing this on to a different location. We as a church will still be packing shoeboxes, but we will not be a collection site.

If you do not wish to continue to receive the Ripple or post cards or have an address 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.

“Thanks” from HIS Ministry

A wonderful end to 2015 as we were able to give Christmas to 669 children through Christmas for Kids. Praise the Lord for over 220 volunteers that came and helped at the “wrap party”. Many of those were from our very own Lake Ridge membership. Thank each and every one of you for making this year’s Christmas a very blessed one for so many in Edgar County. This is the biggest ever as each year it grows.

We at HIS Ministry have been able to continue to help the Crest India Orphanage, the Apache Indian Reservation in Arizona, Tri-Cities Church in Hapeville, GA, and the All Abilities playground for the children in this area. This does not account for the times through the year that we meet other needs for fires, and other crisis that occur from time to time.

We have a concern of our own at this time that needs prayer. Please pray for the needs of Christmas for Kids and that we might be able to find an answer to our problem soon. God knows our needs and I am sure that He will supply. But we do need your prayers and support.

Thank you again for all you have done,
Sincerely in His service.
HIS Ministry Board and Christmas for Kids Committee

Journey with Angels

Grief support group that provides self-help, personal comfort, hope and support to families dealing with the loss of a loved one and help others to better assist the grieving family. These are confidential meetings and a safe place to talk and grieve. Childcare is provided as well as refreshments.

The meetings for 2016 have changed some. From January-June, we will meet once a month on the 1st Thursday of each month. Time is 6:00-7:30pm here at Lake Ridge Any questions, contact Jennifer Bailey or Amy Cary.

Jan. 14 @ 6:30pm –
Stewardship
Ministry Mtg.
Jan. 17 @ noon -
Worship and Youth
Ministry meetings.
Jan. 19 @ 10:30am –
Sr. Moments Bible
Study
@ 2pm – Brookstone
Friends
Jan. 24 @ Noon –
Deacon & Elder’s
Mtg.
Jan. 26 @ 9am –
RIPPLE DEADLINE
Jan. 29 @ 6:30-9pm –
“Missions,
Munchies &
Mayhem” Ladies
Night out.



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