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LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The members are ministers

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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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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY JANUARY 25 @ 10AM

Purpose: To vote on the Elder's recommendation to hire Tyler Harkness for our Youth Minister

*Bring in your favorite  
Wedding Portrait!*



*Throughout January, we will be  
collecting pictures to go in a slideshow  
to celebrate Valentine's Day!*

*You can have your picture scanned in the office  
or send your picture to [worship@lakeridgechurch.org](mailto:worship@lakeridgechurch.org)!*

## **NATE'S NEWS**

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#hungerforGod2015

Perseverance, for one it's a hard word to spell and second it's something that is really hard to do. We make certain commitments in the New Year and they seem easy when you think about them at the beginning, but before long it gets hard to keep them up. Whether we have decided to eat healthier and exercise or read our Bibles more, it will take some perseverance to get going when you don't want to get up early to go work out or read your Bible. I believe though that in order for us to have any chance of persevering we will need someone standing by our side holding us up, encouraging us, maybe even putting a little fire under us to stay committed and thrive. Come this weekend to our services and see how we can be a community in order to hunger for God together!

### **Upcoming Trips**

Superstart- 4th & 5th Grade CIY Conference

March 13 & 14, Bloomington, IL

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

Please register by Feb 27, any later there will be a \$10 late fee added on. Leave the church on Friday at 2:30 PM, get back on Saturday around 5:30 PM

Any questions please see me

### **WinterJam**

Friday, March 20th

For all ages, come fill the bus, limited space so sign up early, on first come basis!

Cost is \$10 at the door plus a \$10 transportation fee

Leave at 3:45 PM on Friday get back late Skillet, Jeremy Camp, Francesca Battistelli, Building 429, Newsong, For King & Country plus more. Doors open at 6:00 PM, eat at Bankers Life Fieldhouse

### **Junior High Believe**

Junior High CIY Conference

March 27 & 28, Prairie Capital Convention Center, Springfield, IL

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

Please register by March 1, any later there will be a \$10 late fee added on. Leave the church on Friday at 3:45 PM and get back around 7:30 PM on Saturday

Any questions please see me

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

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*"Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word; Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!" Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er; Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!"* This is a song that many know from years of singing it but some may be hearing for the first time this weekend! It's amazing to think about trusting in the Lord and fully believing that He will take care of you. However, are you able to sing the chorus? It's easy to sing how sweet it is to trust Him. However, when it gets to the chorus and we are declaring, Jesus, How I trust Him! Do you? Do you fully trust Him? Or are you just singing? Do you struggle with letting go of your past sins? He is always there through the hard times o'er and o'er. We sin and yet He is still there. However, we can trust in the fact that His grace allows us to wake up to a new day. We are given a second, third, and fourth chance because He is full of grace. When you sing this song this weekend, let us not think solely about trusting God in our day to day lives, but also sing of how sweet it is to trust that we are forgiven!

We are excited about Valentine's Weekend coming up soon! One of the things we are doing is the Creative Team is putting together a slideshow of Wedding pictures from our congregation members! Our goal is to have 50 pictures! As of this time, we only have 13 pictures!! We need a lot more and we are hoping to get a wide variety of ages and people from both services! So, please consider submitting your pictures as soon as possible! You can do it in two ways, you can send Spenser an e-mail with your picture at [worship@lakeridgechurch.org](mailto:worship@lakeridgechurch.org). OR you can come into the office anytime during the week and have your picture scanned in! Please consider bringing in your pictures and being a part of this fun church-wide Creative Element!

**The Small Group Ministry** will be having a meeting on January 18th at noon. We need several couples willing to host a Bible Study to attend this meeting. If you would be willing to help, please contact David Hale at [812-531-9068](tel:812-531-9068).

## Youth Minister

I am excited at the opportunity to be the Youth Minister at Lake Ridge Christian Church. I know I did not get to meet many of you during my visit on the weekend of January 3 and 4<sup>th</sup>, but here is a little about myself.

I am Tyler Harkness, husband to a wonderful wife, Kelli, of 7 ½ years with two great girls Arianna 4 and Gabrielle 19 months, and one that should be coming about July. I grew up on a farm outside Scott City, Kansas a town of about 3500. I graduated from Manhattan Christian College with a BA in Youth Ministry. For the past 7 ½ years I have been the middle school youth minister in Garden City, Kansas. I enjoy playing board games with Axis and Allies my favorite, video games, WWII history, putting together plastic models, playing sports, and carpentry. I felt God calling me into youth ministry since I was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and have a passion for seeing students come into a relationship with God, where Christianity is more than just a religion but defines who they are. I look forward to the opportunity to get to know and serve the Paris community.

Tyler Harkness  
Servant of Christ

**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, government, Abigail Alexander & family, Ed Hess, Dale & Marion Pate, Naomi Payne, Donna Ingle, Ron Bouslog, Norma Shewmake, Mary Gosnell, Maggie Fritz, Devon & Dylan Kindred, government, homeless, military, Caresse Ike, Judy Claypool, Israel & America, Harvey Brown, Diana Stewart, Nate Alexander, Spenser Carrell, Kevin Winkler, the Erica Robinson, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Bill Carreon, Clara Young, Brad Payne, Jane Furry, Anna McEwen, Elaine Wilson, Elders, Deacon & Staff, those traveling, family relationships, Prayer Revival & Dave Butts, Lennie Erwin, Alexis Miller, Mike Maloney, Leanna Reedy, Phoebe & Jo Johnson, Dani Simpson, Devon & Dylan Kindred, Leanna Reedy, Steve Strole, College students, Linda Hancock, 37 unspoken requests

## FIRE!!!

Bill and Deanie Clark had an electrical fire at their home on December 17. They are living temporarily at 20 Hickory Dr., Paris, IL, so you can visit them there and their mail can be sent there as well. Their land line phone is the same.

## Brookstone

Several of us go to Brookstone once a month to visit, sing hymns and songs with the residents. We usually go on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm. We'd love to have more join us. If you can, or need more information, call Sheri Henson at 217-251-8065

## Friday Lunches

We are providing a meal for our Junior and Senior High School students here at LRCC at 11:30am on Fridays. There are several dates open if you would like to help prepare a lunch. Please call Judy Hale at 217-251-2908 or let her know thru Facebook.

## Cookies

We need people to help deliver and/or bake cookies for our first time visitors. Please contact Cheryl Neibarger at 217-264-4103.

We also need people to help provide 2 doz. cookies for the Friday night AA mtgs. and someone to coordinate the schedule. Please contact Natasha Cash at 217-808-2225.

## Senior Adults

NEWS FLASH – Noah's boat breaks loose from the ice and will begin floating at 10:30am, Tuesday, Jan 20, 2015! To participate in this awesome event, join the "Senior Moments Bible Study" at LRCC in Chapter 5, book of Genesis. Bible in one hand and a hot cup of coffee and cooking (thanks, Erlene) in the other hand! We need 20 or more inquisitive minds to keep the old tub moving! Could you—maybe, be surprised to learn how many critters of each species that Noah took on board the ark? For our winter safety; if our school system has delayed Tuesday morning start, or the temperature is not rising above 25 degrees by 10am, stay home and say a prayer.

And then our very first Brotherhood meeting in 2015 with the Kansas Christian Church doing the honors that evening, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm! If anyone needs a ride call me, 463-4363. Of course, winter weather and slick roads will prevail!

Thank you Lord, 2015 looks great! Semper Fidelis

We invite you to celebrate the marriage of:

Jennifer Lynn McCarty

And

David Wayne Bailey

Saturday, February 7, 2015

At 1:00pm

At Lake Ridge Christian church

Please NO gifts, but if you wish any cards, gift cards, or a donation to the "honeymoon fund" would be fine. A reception will be held at a later date in 2015

**On the Bulletin Boards by the Auditorium & FLC**

**--Thank you notes**

--Sign-up sheet for 2015 pulpit flowers - There are several dates open. The cost for one week is \$7 and you take the flowers home after the 5pm Worship Gathering or the next day.

**--Community Announcements**

**--Sign-up sheet for AA Cookies**

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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.**

**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!

**The Compassionate Clothing Closet** is collecting blankets during the month of January. Good gently used blankets may be donated. Look for the clothes basket at the main entrance foyer. 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, please call Terry Weger at 217-251-2913

**Master Provisions**

You are invited to join the Bell Ridge Christian Church in collecting clothes for Master Provisions. Collection will take place at Cargill on the corner of Jasper and Jefferson streets either on Fri. Jan 16 @ noon-6pm or Sat. Jan. 17 @ 9am-5pm. For details, see the letter posted on the bulletin board by the Auditorium and Family Life Center.

- Jan. 20 @ 10:30am – Senior Moments Bible Study**
- Jan 21 @ 6pm – Prayer Time with the Elders @ 6:30pm – Elder's Mtg.**
- Jan. 25 @ 10am – Congregational Mtg. to vote on Youth Minister recommendation**
- Jan. 27 @ 9am – RIPPLE DEADLINE**



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