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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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CIY Sunday - July 24 in the FLC

For both morning services



We are collecting undergarments during the month of July for the Compassionate Clothing Closet

Worship on the Round @ 10am

Sunday August 7

Sunday School at 9am

Save the Date

August 14 @ 4:30-6:30pm

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

back to
School



Nate's News

Protests and riots, shootings within the communities of our country, and tension that is dividing our neighbors can be seen on the news daily. We all have our opinions on what's at the heart of the matter and what needs to happen to solve these issues. I could easily jump on my soap box here and give my two cents into the discussion, but ultimately it would be just another opinion on the matter that you have already heard or have formed yourself. Why bring it up then you may be asking, because I have a simple warning that we all can easily get tangled up and it seems I have lately. As we witness the turmoil around us we can show that we care and have compassion, and maybe even take peaceful action if the situation arises, but we should never cast any ill will towards another person whatever arises. We have been called to be peacemakers, to give up any rights we have to better the kingdom that God wants to establish and if I go blaming or even saying anything disrespectful to another human being I have decided to be the judge instead of being the peacemaker that Jesus gave as our example. Each day requires the ability to live peacemaking out and if you struggle to do so then maybe take time to read the first four books of the New Testament to see how Jesus interacted with the people around Him. Be a peacemaker!

OUR SYMPATHY

To Steve Winkler and family with the loss of his mother. And to Verna Smith with the loss of her fiancée. May God comfort you in this time of loss.

A Short History of the Restoration Movement

For me, history is vital for understanding my identity in relationship with Christ and with other Christians. More so, church history gives us insight into not only who we are but also mistakes to learn from and insight to move forward. This short essay sketches history of the Restoration

movement, of which, Lake Ridge Christian Church came from.

The Stone-Campbell tradition finds its roots in a Calvinist Presbyterian Church named after its founders and early leaders: Barton Stone and Alexander Campbell. Today this tradition is represented by three groups: the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, and the Acapella Churches of Christ. The movement itself began in the Appalachian frontier.

The objective for Campbellites, inheritors the Restoration movement, is to restore Christian unity through abolishing creeds and returning to the principles of the early churches described in the New Testament. This means that these churches sought simplicity in their worship, bible studies, and church organization as they learned to accept the gift of the Kingdom of God and enact it in their own lives.

Some of the central beliefs of our movement are as follows: Jesus is the Christ, the son of God. Christians should have communion each Sunday. Baptism of adult believers by immersion in water is a necessary step toward salvation.

So at the end of this you may be asking yourself, so are we a denomination? The simple answer is no. To have a denomination implies one's religious organization has both an institutional hierarchy that the local church is under the supervision of creeds. We have neither.

My hope is that this brief sketch of Restoration Movement peaks your curiosity. Understanding church history is vital to understanding yourself as a Christian as well as understanding other brothers and sisters. By understanding your faith tradition, you will add to your relationship with Christ as you learn from brothers and sisters and in the past. It will also add to your relationship with Christ as you learn to understand other brothers and sisters in the present. This wonderful process begins by first understanding your own history.

--Tommy Moehlman

Men's Study

A new Men's Study will begin Sunday July 17 at 6pm at the church. We will be using the video Bible study by Jimmy Evans called "I Am Joseph."

Spenser's Spot

The Worship Ministry has several things coming up! We're excited to have another Worship on the Round on August 7th at 10am. This will be a great morning dedicated to worship, prayer, and scripture. We hope you plan to attend. We also hope you take advantage of this opportunity to invite others to this unique service.

The Back to School Bash will be August 14th from 4:30-6:30. This will be very similar to our Freedomfest from last year except with a little different theme. We will have a lot of games, music, food, and fun for all ages. This event is for kids getting ready to go back to school, parents getting ready to send their kids off, and everyone else who have long since graduated. Join us as we celebrate the end of summer with some fun!

Lastly, we are beginning to put together this year's Adult Christmas Choir. The first practice will be August 17th. We are looking for men and women who are looking to fellowship with others and have fun. We always have a good time creating something together. This year, we are accepting 7th and 8th graders as choir members as well! If you'd be interested, there's a sign-up sheet outside the Family Life Center.

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, Mary Burba, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Naomi, Maggie, Mary G., Jane Furry, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Sierra Wicks, Devon Kindred & family, Dale & Marion Pate, Don Blythe, Edith Whitkanack, Eddie Henson, Jane Erwin, Cathy Colter, Ann, Kara, Bill Henness, Kay Blizzard, Bob & Rosemary Linton, Teresa Newcomer, Carla & Paul Gilbert, Mark & Priscilla Clark, Mary Strole, Lonnie Denney, Chad McLeod, Nancy Boyer, Patrease Henson, Ron Mattingly, Ken Whitkanack, Lilly Davis, Mike Hobson, Leanna Reedy & family, Randy Rhoads, Ernie R., Winnie C., Betty Swanson, Jake Meister, premature baby boy of Jason & Avoree Gore, Dorothy Haynes, Nominating Committee, David McHenry, Karl Knuth, Tom Brinkerhoff, the family of Kay Gilfoy, Our country, all those families who have lost a love one in the recent shootings, youth at CIY, unspoken

Sarah's Synopsis

I cannot believe that summer is already half over! Where has it all gone?! This summer it is my hope that you make it a priority to stay connected to the church in the midst of all your plans. There can often be a lack of community during the summer as many people are gone on vacations and trips. This means it is even more important to be intentional in staying connected. Sunday's do not have to be the only day we see each other. A church family should be involved in one another's lives throughout the week! Some examples of how to stay connected with people is to have dinner with another family in the church, go and see a movie together, plan play dates with other kids, have a game night, or go to the pool together. It is important to seek out time with each other even when we do see each other on Sunday's. We all belong to the same community of believers and we should make an effort to spend time with one another and live life together!

Clothing Closet

We are collecting undergarments for the Compassionate Clothing Closet during the month of July. Baskets for your donations are at the main entrance foyer and the hallway by the Family Life Center. Thank you.

PINEHAVEN, HERE WE COME!

Keep in your prayers the twelve from Lake Ridge leaving July 23rd for Pinehaven Christian Children's Ranch and returning July 30. The team will fly from Chicago Midway to Spokane, WA and then drive across Idaho to the ranch, located on the northwestern side of Montana. Nate Alexander, Brent & Caleb Pitts, James, Payton, & Alex Stewart, J.P., Sheila, Erik, & Josh Piper, and Dennis & Julia Kelsheimer are the team members

Peace Meal Senior Program

The Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program is looking for a new group of volunteers to help deliver a noon meal in Paris Monday through Friday every week for one route. If you are interested, please call the central office at 217-345-1800.

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.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Our new Senior Activities Leader, Miss Judy Benton is leading us to the Covington Beef House Dinner Theater on Sat. August 6, for an evening of music, by Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins! You do not want to miss this "MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET" performance, plus that scrumptious dinner buffet and those famous dinner rolls with strawberry jam! This show is an enactment of what really happened back in the '50's at the Sam Perkins Sun Records Studio in Nashville, TN! The first sixteen forms of \$44 (per person) cash or check made payable to Gene Calvert and left with Chris in the church office will make Judy and me happy!!!

It seems the Christian church's monthly Brotherhood Meeting happens on the third Tuesday evening, every month, but we would never know that, by the LRCC attendance! Now, there you go again, looking away! Look this way, 7pm Tuesday, July 19 at the Nevins Christian Church. Maybe if you would write it down on your hand, like we did on test day in school! No children; Mommy never, ever did that!!!

Boat Rides! Sorry, our first Recon pontoon in Mill Creek Lake is loaded on Wednesday, July 20th, But! ---Just maybe, if the second pontoon with the Marshall Burnside Nursing Home Seniors isn't loaded, we may use the spaces available. Leave your checks with Chris, in the church office and we will put you on a refundable "stand-by" list.

"Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit." Ps. 147:05 (Nothing can match that statement!)
Semper Fidelis

July 14 @ 6pm – Stewardship Ministry Mtg.
July 19 @ 6-9 pm – Jr. High Youth @ Tyler's for a cookout
7pm – Brotherhood at Nevins
July 20 – Sr. Adult Boat trip at Mill Creek
@ 5:30pm – Elder's Mtg.
July 21 @ 10am-5pm – Youth Board game Day
July 22 @ 6-10pm – Sr. High Youth Cookout at Tyler's
July 23-30 - Pinehaven Mission Team trip
July 24 – CIY Sunday
July 26 @ 9am – RIPPLE DEADLINE
July 28 @ 1-5pm – Youth Active Game Day



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