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LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The members are ministers

Nate Alexander, Senior Minister

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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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Easter Week

"Adventures in Wonderland" Walk Thru

March 24 & 25 at 4-8:00pm

Childcare available at 4-5pm

Please call the office to
reserve a time place



Easter Services: "Wake Up"

Sat. March 26 @ 5:00pm

Sun. March 27 @ 8:00am,

9:30am and 11:00am

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MARCH 28

Bell
Choir
Worship



Community Bell Choir Concert

April 10 @ 3pm at Lake Ridge

**Featuring the Handbell Choirs from
First Christian Church, First United Methodist
Church and Lake Ridge**

Nate's News

Death is awkward, we don't really like to talk about it because of how awkward it is and we usually avoid mentioning it around people who have just lost a loved one so we will not say something out of place. Death is awkward, I think because there is pain involved and we try not to bring that part of life up in an attempt to steer clear of causing more pain in the process. Death is awkward, with no good way of filling that empty place that it brings to those loved ones so we find no words that can bring them back, no words that can make sense of it, and there are no words to help them move on because death is awkward. Life is just the opposite because it is all about good news, a baby is born and we find all kinds of words to say, congratulations, and we find meaning in new life, we come together for such occasions. If we see someone with a newborn even if we don't know them we find ourselves acknowledge the precious child and give them encouragement. Life is so easy to explain and death so awkward to be around. Jesus has risen, death is no longer awkward because it leads to LIFE!

God is always at work, from the amazing big moments of life like Jesus being risen from the dead to the small moments like taking a sack of groceries to some homes in our communities. I want to thank all those servants who went out this past Saturday and gave of themselves to knock on a door in hopes of helping them with a smile. Whenever you knock on a door you never know what might happen, but one of the servants went beyond just handing them groceries to saving their day. They were in need of some help and with compassion this servant went the extra mile. The world can be turned upside down, but love always shines through. If you do a small thing there is a chance that God will make it impact the Kingdom for eternity, I actually would guarantee it!

Spenser's Spot

Time. As I sit at my laptop, my office is a disaster zone. It's not one of those situations where things are just a little out of place. It looks like there's a family of people that all have different projects they decided to work on, at the same time. There are open totes and tools everywhere. There are piles of CDs, sheets, and costumes. It's complete madness. However, it's really exciting. I would much prefer the room to be cleaned up and you can bet it will be clean again soon (at least for a moment). But it's exciting because it shows what all is going on in the worship ministry here at Lake Ridge. Our Creative Team has been hard at work getting things switched over for the Easter stage. The staff has been pulling out materials to be used for the Good Friday Walk-Thru. I have been working on digitizing a lot of our materials for use with the Worship Team. I used to have a surface to my desk. However, I'd rather have a messy office than a dead ministry. The next time you stop in one of our offices and you see that things are a bit disheveled, be grateful that we are church that has a lot going on! Have a blessed Easter!

Bells, Bells, and more Bells!

LRCC will host the Annual Community Bell Choir Concert on **Sunday, April 13th, at 3 p.m.** Our bell choir will be joining the bell choirs from First United Methodist Church, conducted by Judy Kelly, and First Christian Church, conducted by Kathy Peel. Each choir will play selections alone and then all three bell choirs will join together to play nine selections. The concert is free, and a free will offering will be collected and donated to the Twin Lakes All Abilities Park. Please come and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful bell music and invite your friends and family.

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Brett Pitts and family with the loss of his father, Roy Pitts. May God comfort you in this time of loss.

TNT will not meet during Easter break, but will resume on April 5.

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Up Coming Events

- March 27 Easter - No High School Engage
- March 29 10 am – 5 pm Board game day with lunch provided.
- March 30 Spring Break – No Jr. High Encounter
- April 1-2 CIY: Believe
- April 3 High School Engage will start earlier at 5:00 pm so we can fix a meal together
- April 10 High School Engage is hoping to watch the matinee of God's Not Dead 2 and then have a meal and discussion to follow. More detail to follow
- April 17 High School Engage service project at 4:00. Meet at Tyler's house.
- April 20 Last Jr. High Encounter of the school year
- April 24 Last High School Engage of the school year
- April 27 Encounter and Engage will be going to Brazil, Indiana to see the Skit Guys. We will leave from the church at 3:00 pm and should return about 9:00 pm. Cost is \$20, which covers ticket and meal. Get signed up under the event registration tab on lakeridgechurch.org.

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, Brad Payne, Mary Burba, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Naomi, Maggie, Mary G., Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Cierra Wicks, Devon Kindred, Dale & Marion Pate, Don Blythe, Ovie Lindsey, Bill Henness, Patrease Henson, Eddie Henson, Debbie Maynard, Ken Whitkanack, Rosemary Linton, Edna Bright, Darrell Laughead, Ron Strow, Larry Moorecraft family, Jimmy Kelly, Maggie F., Mary, Mary G., Leanna Reedy & family the homeless, Mark & Priscilla Clark, Ned See's family, Glenda Chappel, Chester Higginbotham, Gary & Linda Hancock, the family of Roy Pitts, Chad McLeod, Kay Blizzard, Ann, Kara, Betty Winkler, 79 unspoken

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Don't receive a "Thump" on your head to remember: tomorrow and Friday evening is our Easter Walk-Thru! You and your (other church friends) need an appointed time, so call our office at 465-5614 if you have not already reserved a time slot.

"Good News!" You do not need a reserved time slot to join our Senior Adult

Social/Bible Study Hour, at 10:30am every Tuesday morning in the church "Splat Room!" Last Tuesday, we had 21 in attendance with 4 excused absences for a total of 25; please join us, Erlene has coffee and cookies for 30 plus!

What is a play called "AUTUMN BOYS?" The Beef House Dinner Theater in Covington, tells me, it's their play about two seniors, Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn, back on the old river bank, reminiscing their lives! Check it out, Saturday evening, April 16 for a great Buffet Dinner, followed by the play! If you like it, I'll talk to Dale Pate about doing a play about he and I reminiscing how the war was won, in spite of our service! We'll probably serve "beans/weenies" in a can (C rations) for our buffet! No, don't even go there; but for \$42 per person, payable to Gene Calvert at the church office, we will reserve you a chair for Saturday evening, April 16th! Pray for the Pope----and me!

"From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind!" Psalm 33:13

Semper Fidelis

Women-In-God (W.I.G.)

--We will again be collecting goodies for our college students for their upcoming final exams. Baskets will be available for collection from Sunday, April 3rd thru Sunday, April 17th. Consider items like left-over Easter candy and snack items for those 'cramming sessions'. Monetary donations can also be given for the purchase of gift cards.

--We will having a 'planning meeting' for a Ladies' Special Event and we want your input. This meeting will be Monday, April 11th at 6pm with a meal provided, in the Splat Zone. Please come and brainstorm your ideas with us!

--Lincoln Christian University Christian Women's Conference is April 27, with Michele Cushatt and Dr. Dinelle Frankland. Registration is \$35 by April 20 and includes lunch. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the FLC. We will share rides.



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

April Birthdays...

- 1 – Tei Laumeyer
- 2 - Robin Likens, Heather Dunn, Kim Stewart, Darrell Laughead, Isabella Gosnell
- 5 - Janet Justice, Shirley Furry, Brayden Shockley, Porter Hale
- 7 - Brianna Burch
- 8 - David Switzer
- 9 - J.T. Piper, Baylor Likens, Mary Johnson, Kelly Milbourn
- 10 - Gregg Whitkanack, Morgan Collier, Kay Taylor
- 12 – David Gorman
- 14 – Melissa White, Gentry Simpson
- 15 – Jordon Hale, Dave Bailey
- 16 – Trudy Arrasmith
- 17 - Krista Bradford
- 18 - Michael French, Jacob Harper
- 19 – Dakota Strader, Hunter Reese
- 20 - Breanna Hutson, Scott Padgett, Laela Rigdon, Mallory Pine, Paula Marrs, Noah Woods
- 21 - Halie Stewart
- 25 – Deveney Gill, Natalie Hernandez
- 26 - Jennifer Alexander
- 27 - John Curtis Heelen, Isabella Duzan
- 28 - Melissa Hancock, Alison Williams, Shaterica Entrican, Lauren Bowers
- 29 - Jacob Griffin, Karlie Gates
- 30 - Shelley Winkler

Anniversaries...

- 4 - Gerald & Diana Meeks
- 9 – Gene & Erlene Calvert
Spenser & Chrissy Carrell
- 11 – Richard & Tammy Bennett
- 16 - Randy & Sandy Colter
- 17 - Steve & Carol Winkler
- 22 - Bill & Virginia Henness

Please notify office of additions or corrections.

If you ordered an Easter Lilly, please pick it up after the 11am services on Sunday or come during the week beginning March 29.

Mar. 24 & 25 @ 4-8pm – Easter Walk Thru

Mar. 26 @ 5pm and March 27 @ 8am, 9:30am, 11am – Easter Worship. No Sunday School and no children's Church.

Mar. 28 – THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

April 4 @ 7:15pm – Prayer Team Mtg.

@ 7pm – Ministry Mtg.

Mar. 29 @ 10am-5pm – Youth Board game day. Lunch provided.

April 7 @ 6pm – Journey with Angels

April 10 @ 3pm – Community Bell Choir Concert

April 11 @ 6pm – W.I.G. Ministry Mtg.

April 12 @ 9am – RIPPLE DEADLINE

April 14 @ 6pm – Stewardship Ministry Mtg.



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APRIL 2016 SERVING SCHEDULE

Date	Greeters 8:00	10:30
3/27	Chris & Rayleigh Ike, Tom Coonce	9:30 & 11am - Elders
4/3	Karen Hillard & Sharon McLeod	Brenda Lorance & Carol Jones
4/10	Naomi Payne & Susie Essinger	Wally & Judy Trapp
4/17	Jim & Jackie Holloway	Jim & Donna Ingle
4/24	Gerald & Diana Meeks	Dick & Katie Marlowe



Date	8:00 Prayer Room	10:30	8:00 Communion Meditation	10:30
3/27	Gary & Linda Hancock	9:30 & 11am - Elders	Staff	Staff
4/3	Randy & Sandy Colter	Bill & Deanie Clark	Jim Ingle	Chris Gher
4/10	Gary & Linda Hancock	JP & Sheila Piper	Randy Colter	Dirk Haddix
4/17	Naomi Payne & Susie Essinger	David & Judy Hale	Verne Bear	David Howard
4/24	Lennie & Mary Lou Erwin	Doug & Betsy Mace	Dick Marlowe	Chad Cline

Date	Communion to the Sick	Date	AA Cookies	REMINDER: If there is a conflict with your Ministry time, please find your own replacement to fill in for you. We want to ensure all Sunday morning ministries are covered each week. Thank you for serving!
3/27	Greg Henson & Mark Gladding	4/1	Bev Whitkanack	
4/3	Lennie Erwin & Chris Gher	4/8	Marci Sisson	
4/10	JP Piper & Dirk Haddix	4/15	Jan Nebergall	
4/17	Dennis & Julia Kelsheimer	4/22	Kim & Shawn Lorance	
4/24	Chad Cline & Kerry Simpson	4/29	Marilyn Bear	

Date	8:00AM	NURSERY SCHEDULE	10:30AM
3/27	Lisa Rigdon	9:30am - Sherryl Inman, Michelle Haddix	11:00am Josh & Ellyn Andrews
4/3	Patti Milburn & Priscilla Clark	I – Stephanie Doran & Nicole Gale T – Greta Pitts & Mindi Milner	
4/10	Laura Pitts	I – Shawn Simpson T – Dick & Donna Brinkley	
4/17	Brenda Rhoads & Elaine Good	I – Karla Gorman T – Elaine Good, Carol Cline, Lydia Switzer	
4/24	Lisa Rigdon	I – Sherryl Inman, Michelle Haddix T – Josh & Ellyn Andrews	

March	8:00	10:30	Faith Promise – February Promised Monthly goal - \$1,620.00	
Communion Coordinator	Randy Colter	Mark Gladding	Actual Monthly	\$2,689.00
Communion Preparation			YTD Commitment	\$4,860.00
			Actual Income YTD	\$8,746.00
			Difference	+\$3,886.00

FACTS & FIGURES

Attendance	Sunday School	8:00	10:30	Total	General Budget needs \$8,968.38	Missions	Building	Transportation Fund	Expenses for the week
2/28	107	115	246	361	8,671.95	521.00	25.00	295.00	6,343.42
3/6	82	103	236	339	9,029.08	1,458.00	120.00	495.00	4,670.13
3/13	77	100	233	333	5,679.00	587.00	0	225.00	9,142.39
3/20	99	101	234	335	10,308.95	490.00	600.00	150.00	N/A