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## LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Spenser Carrell, Worship Minister

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Chris Pantle, Office Secretary

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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**ALL CHURCH SKATE NIGHT – March 18 at 5:30-7:30pm at Paris Skate**

## RENEW

**Ladies Spring Event**

**Saturday March 28 @ 1-4:00pm**

**Sponsored and presented by HIS Ministry**



## Easter Celebrations

Friday April 3 - Good Friday at 5:00pm  
and 7:00pm

**EASTER**

Saturday April 4 at 5:00pm

Sunday April 5 at 8:00am, 9:30am  
and 11:00am

Childcare for Nursery & Preschool will be  
available for all services



## **NATE'S NEWS**

The best part of March is not spring, though everyone is ready for it, but it's the one month of nonstop college basketball. March Madness is almost upon us where we will fill out the brackets and watch the Cinderella teams knock off teams to bust all of our brackets. So often it shows that there is something inside a person that will go beyond skill level and stats to a degree that you can't describe, but creates a game that holds up the hysteria of March Madness. You can look at all the RPI, the stats, and the winning percentage all you want, but there is a silent factor that can't be studied or gone over by coaches and that is the courageous tenacity of the underdog. When courage, and passion collide you find a tenacity that will defeat and overcome the giant, but when God is in control of IT you get a revolution. You can't explain when a 15 knocks off a 1, and likewise you can't explain when a passionate follower of Christ changes the world around them, God is calling you to be a world changer.

Save the Date- Vacation Bible School is coming June 7-11 from 6:00-8:30 PM. We are also needing you to start gathering up empty and cleaned out milk jugs with the lids. Please bring them and drop them off at Nate's office. Thanks.

### **Spenser's Spot**

Looking for a new arena of life to Thrive in? Wanting to do something different and maybe out of your comfort zone? Two Worship Ministry Classes are coming up! There will be a new class for anyone interested in learning to play Bass Guitar! This is a great opportunity to learn a new craft and get involved in the worship ministry! We will also be having an Auxiliary Percussion class for those interested in learning how to play the Cajon, Djembe, Shakers, and Tambourine! You'll never know what you can do until you try it! You might be surprised at how much you enjoy picking up a new instrument! You can attend the classes if you are wanting to

get better at the instruments, get involved in a new ministry, or even if you're just interested in knowing more about how to play the instruments! The Auxiliary Percussion class will be Sunday, April 12th at 2PM. The Bass Guitar class will be Sunday, April 26th at 2PM. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board 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 government, our military, those traveling, Brad Payne, Maggie Frisz, Naomi Payne, Dave Benton, Michael Blanton, Abigail Alexander, Linda Hancock, troubled marriage, Diana Stewart, Ron Bouslog, Ray Gill, Ryan Taylor, Dale & Marion Pate, Nate Alexander & family, Spenser Carrell & Family, Tyler Harkness & family, those going thru treatments, Noah Burrus, Keyanna Brady, Fisher Livingston, the unsaved, the homeless, the jobless, 34 unspoken requests

### **tyler's tidbits**

It is good to be here! Kelli, Arianna, Gabrielle, and I want to thank you all for giving us such a wonderful and loving welcome here to Lake Ridge. We have been truly touched by so many helping us unloading the moving vans and all gift cards helping to get our pantry stocked. That love and openness is a large part of what drew us here. We have only been here a week and it is already starting to feel like home.

From the time we started looking at churches, Lake Ridge stood out as the place where God was leading us. Though, it is a bit farther from family than we had hoped, and a bit scary moving to a place we are not familiar with, we are constantly reminded how much we are blessed to be in God's care. We have seen way too many things to have just been chance. From the journey God has led and prepared us to come here, being able to get an offer on our house the same day that we put it on the market, finding our new house here in Paris that fits our family so well and that will be a great tool for ministry, and that all of that was able to take place in a little over a month. I eagerly await the opportunity to serve this community and to be used as God sees fit.

I'm reminded of Abraham's journey into the unknown and that things in life do not

always go the way we would like or expect. Though, if we are willing to follow God where He is leading we are right where we should be. My prayer for you is that you be willing to follow God where He is leading you. It can be scary at times, though God will not lead us to a place where He won't be with us or equip us with the tools to do the task He has asked of us. We serve a God who is greater than our worries and problems; we just need to be willing to follow His leading.

tyler harkness

Servant in Christ

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

--Oil Belt Christian Service Camp will be hosting a Ladies Day event on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Let's all get together and go to make a day of it!

--Lincoln Christian University "Stronger" Christian Women's Conference is April 29, with Ellie Lofaro and Michele Pillar. Registration is \$35 by April 22. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the Family Life Center. We will take one (or last year both) church vans.

The Women's Ministry will be sending care packages to our college students. If you would like to help by donating items for the packages, there will be baskets available for you to put items until Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please consider items that are small, such as trial-size or snack-size for ease of shipping. You can also make monetary donations for the purchase of gifts cards thru the office or by designation in your offering. For those who have students in college, please make sure the office has a current shipping address on file. Also, for those who have family in the military, please let the office know their current field address for a future care package project.

### **New Plants**

Thank you to Max & Lydia McIntosh for the donation of 2 beautiful grass plants. They gave them in memory of their granddaughter, Alenah Rosés, April 9, 1991-March 19, 2011.

### **Senior Adult Ministry**

Father, you blessed the LRCC community with a great revival and now starting, Sunday AM, March 15, Chrisman Christian is commencing their revival with David Upchurch. Seniors, let's stay in the spirit and convoy to Chrisman Christian from Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup> thru our **Brotherhood meeting on Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>**. Amen? This will be our March highlight! Meet at the LRCC lot at 6:15pm on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> then the 17-18<sup>th</sup> and share rides to Chrisman; do I smell fresh baked PIE? Should you not care for PIE, they will have meals after David speaks. Bring the young'uns for a free meal and Old Shep to help clean up!!!

**March 17**, St. Patrick's Day and our **ALL SENIOR PIZZA PARTY** in the Splat Room immediately after the Senior Moments Bible Study conclusion at 11:30am. Seniors, you do not have to attend the Bible Study, just call the church office prior to the 17<sup>th</sup>, with your head count or you could end up holding an empty pizza box! Daylight Savings Time, springtime and Erlene is buying, let's celebrate!

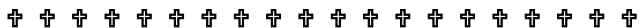
Our scheduled trip on April 11<sup>th</sup> to Myers Dinner Theater is a go! We have 7 tickets sold, being enough to pay our deposit of \$200 by March 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you; we now have 9 tickets available, but must be sold prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a Saturday evening comedy musical of Broadway standards and pop songs concerning four brave members of a congregation trying to put on a musical church show that highlights all the major events in the Book of Genesis. The full buffet dinner will be served at 5:30pm, (IL time) and the show at 7pm. We may share rides and convoy to *find*, then avoid, *rush hour* in downtown Hillsboro, somewhere, north of Rockville, IN.

Our trip to Hume Christian for the April Brotherhood, will be Tues. April 21<sup>st</sup>, sounds good to me, more PIE!

Welcome home to your new inheritance, Tyler, Kelli and family. You, like Abram and Sarai, upon God's command, left your homeland and family to serve Him as He has directed you. Shalom!

Semper Fidelis

If you want to take a meal or treats to Tyler and his family, please do not send anything with dairy products as they are allergic to them.



If you do not wish to continue to receive the Ripple/Post cards or have an address change, please contact the office at 217-465-5614 or e-mail us at [office@lakeridgechurch.org](mailto:office@lakeridgechurch.org) before the next Ripple goes out. Thank you!

First Baptist Church of Paris will be holding a Turkey & Noodle Dinner on March 15 @ 11:30-1:30pm in the Reed Hall. The church is located at 201 S. Central, Paris. Menu: Turkey & Noodles, Mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert & drink. Carry-out available. Suggested donation: \$8.50 per person or \$22.50 for a family of 4.

**HIS News**

Ladies, we are so excited about our ladies afternoon. We have a full afternoon of decorating and crafting design plus those to share their talent and message. This will be a very different afternoon. Please bring those things that you wish to exchange. Give us a Call for more info if you need an explanation. So remember March 28th at LRCC 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We will help get you ready for spring cleaning and decorating.

For those that have asked, we are needing funds for Christmas for Kids. We do the shopping at this time as the winter merchandise is on sale and we can get the best buys and the funds go much further. We can get as much as 90% off some items that we need so your gift in funds goes a greater distance and helps so many more. The one to see is Dawn Kirby, She is the shopper extraordinaire! Debi Ford, our computer whiz is also a great one to shop too, among others. Please donate now if you are willing.

The Spring Bazaar is coming up April 25th at LRCC so keep your calendar open for that exciting event. Great venders and awesome food. This will benefit the Christmas for Kids program.

HIS Ministry, Inc.

- Mar.15 @ noon – Elder’s Mtg.
- Mar. 17 @ 7pm – Brotherhood at Chrisman
- Mar. 18 – 5:30-7:30pm – All Church Skating at Paris Skate
- Mar. 20 @ 3:45pm – Leave for Winterjam
- Mar. 22 @ Noon – Worship & Children’s Ministry Meetings
- Mar. 24 @ 9am – RIPPLE DEADLINE
- Mar. 28 @ 1-4pm – Ladies RENEW Event



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