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LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The members are ministers
Nate Alexander, Senior Minister
Spenser Carrell, Worship 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. Youth: Encounter 4pm and Engage 6pm Sundays
Church office hours: Mon-Thurs. – 8am-5pm; Fri. – 8am-noon. Closed Friday afternoons

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 GRADUATES!!!

PROMOTION AND GRADUATES SUNDAY IS MAY 27



High School - Austin Brown, Zach Burger, Kelsey Chambers, Alivia Cline, Cole Collins, Terra Fancher, DJ Fessant, Garrett Keefer, Stevie Kemper, Savannah Mays, Gretchen Milbourn, Cody Myles, Jessica Pitts, Megan Sexton, Brayden Shockley, Kendra Siddens, Jordan Smith, Matt Stetler, Denver Wilson

8th Grade - Rebekah Alexander, Sydney Butler, Callie Givens, Daegan Hood, Aubrey Huffman, Katelyn Littleton, Abby Mason, Taylor Mattingly, Braylon Nugent, Corey Pitts, Dalton Rhoads, Madyson Rigdon, Kendall Tevebaugh, Paige Winkler, Noah Woods

(If you have a student graduating and their name is missing from the list above, please call the church office and let us know. Thanks)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR VBS!!!

Register your child online using the link on our website or the table in the Hallway by the FLC
Sunday-Thursday at 6-8:30pm
Open House is June 3rd @ 4-6pm
For kids K-6th grade Program June 8 at 6-7pm



Nate's News

Summer is a busy time of the year as there is traveling to be done, ball games to attend, and whatever else that calls your name throughout these next couple of months. Summer allows us to spend time with family and enjoy the outdoors more and there can be weeks that we miss our devotions or spending time with others at church which causes us to lose closeness in our relationship with God. When we don't have any opportunities with God then we will have a hard time knowing and hearing from Him. In June we go through a series called, "Summer in the Psalms," where we look at some of the beautiful songs and poems that are in this book of the Bible. We will read of the passion when it comes to knowing God and we will also see the pressures, but through each one it will provide space to strengthen our faith. Here is the challenge for you and your family, for June, July, and August. We will be reading the Psalms together each day and so when you're out in the camper with your family take each morning and begin with a Psalm. When you're in a hotel in a busy city take each morning and read through a Psalm. We will be providing a daily reading schedule for you, each morning we will post it on Facebook, and as a church family we will keep close to God this summer.

Sympathy - Our Sympathy to the family of Dave Nebergall who passed on to his Heavenly home on May 16. My you feel God's presence in this time of loss.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - There will be a Volunteer Meeting on Wednesday May 30 at 6pm. If you are unable to attend, please let Nate or Alicia know.

Thank You, to all those who will be donating those supplies from the wall of need! We do want to remind you that if the items are non-perishable then we need them by May 27th, and if they are perishable then we will need them by June 5th. Thanks again!

FCA Power Camp will be June 13-15 at the Paris High School for any incoming 5th-8th graders. This is completely free and each day will include solid athletic training and

discussions in small groups about our faith. You can choose from boy's baseball, basketball, and football or girls' basketball and volleyball. You need to register online at easternillinoisfca.org or have any questions you can always ask Nate or Alicia. Registration will close Friday, June 9th!

Alicia's Awesome Announcements

CIY Move is quickly approaching and everyone is so excited!! This year, the theme is Contrast; we'll be talking about what it looks like to live apart from the world. We are so excited to see what God will do through this week.

High School Parents: If your student is interested in going to MOVE June 25-30, they need to get signed up and all of their stuff turned in! The spots are filling up very, very quickly. You will need to turn in full payment of \$160 by May 27 to save your student's spot. You will also need to fill out LRCC's hard copy of the medical release form and CIY's medical release form online. Contact Alicia with any questions you might have at alicia@lakeridgechurch.org or call her at the church office.

Everyone Else: This has the potential to be a very powerful week for these students. I have been in prayer over it for a long time and would love for you to join me in praying for these students. I have little key chains with each students' name on them. If you are interested in praying for a specific student, please come find me on Sunday or stop by the church office to pick one up. Please be in prayer for these students (and their sponsors) as we gear up to go on this awesome trip.

Thank you SO much for all of your prayers, encouragement, and support. We can't wait to see what God will do.

Wedding Reception/Open House - Mr. and Mrs. Tim and Loraine (Horsley) Hermes invite you to come celebrate their marriage and spend some time with them before they make their home in Mississippi. All are welcome on Saturday, May 26, anytime between 1:00-3:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

Spenser's Spot

It's so easy to lose our focus. There's often blame placed on technology for this struggle but the simple fact of the matter is the world is moving fast. The cost of living continues to rise and people must work overtime and extra jobs to make ends meet. We place a huge responsibility on ourselves to give our kids the best life we can which often ends up with us spending most nights chauffeuring them to their various activities. We are constantly distracted by the latest Hollywood scandal or the newest blockbuster. We can't escape the barrage of news from the White House and our military. Our focus is all over the place. And yet, we are called to place our focus on Jesus. This week in preparation for services, I was looking at the background from the song, "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus."

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" has become a familiar hymn, that has been widely used in Christian circles to challenge believers musically, with the necessity of making Christ the paramount priority in their lives, and then living each day with eternity's values in view. The author and composer of this hymn, Helen H. Lemmel, relates that one day, in 1918, a missionary friend gave her a tract entitled "Focused." The pamphlet contained these words: "So then, turn your eyes upon Him, look full into His face and you will find that the things of earth will acquire a strange new dimness. "These words made a deep impression upon Helen Lemmel. She could not dismiss them from her mind. She recalls this experience following the reading of that tract: "Suddenly, as if commanded to stop and listen, I stood still, and singing in my soul and spirit was the chorus, with not one conscious moment of putting word to word to make rhyme, or note to note to make melody. The verses were written the same week, after the usual manner of composition, but none the less dictated by the Holy Spirit."

How easy it becomes even for those of us who profess to be faithful followers of Christ to get caught up in the "things of earth," so that our heavenly vision and values become blurred and dull. This often happens even when we

are active in our Christian activities, we become so involved in merely doing things for God that we miss the real blessing of enjoying the personal fellowship of Christ Himself in our daily lives.'

This week, no matter what you are doing, where you are at, and what things pop-up to distract you, turn your eyes to Jesus. Focus on His presence in every situation.

On behalf of my family, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone for your cards, calls, and prayers. We so appreciate it. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to fill in the gaps while I was on leave. We have some amazing servant hearts here at Lake Ridge.

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, our church, Abigail Alexander & family, Rayleigh Ike, Nate, Sarah, Alicia, Chris and families, Spenser, Chrissy and boys, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Brenda Rhoads, Gary & Linda Hancock, Jason Ball, the family of Dave Nebergall, Randy Rhoads, Don Laughead, Ingle Family, Kerri Duzan, Maddy B., Melinda Armetrout, Lenny Magers, Liz Dayton, Cindy Ingrum, Cindy Soughers, Bill Lucas, Mamie Boyer, Barb Marshall, Sharon Pitts, Diana Stewart, Olen & Beverly Duzan, Jim Hutchings, a nephew, 88 unspoken*

SENIOR ADULT'S – There are still openings for the following events.

6-9- She Love Me, \$40, Evening, Myers

7-7 - Million Dollar Quartet, \$48, Evening, Beef House

Mark your calendar for a Pontoon Ride and Sack Lunch at Millcreek Park on June 13 at 11:00 am. The cost is \$10.00 per person. It includes Ride and Sack Lunch. I need to know who is attending and collect money by June 6.

For a complete list of dinner shows for the rest of the year, please pick one up in the church office. ~Judy Benton

The Compassionate Clothing Closet is in need of toilet paper, soap & deodorant. Donations can be brought to the church and put in a box in the hallway by the FLC. The Closet will also take the hotel toiletries.

We are also volunteers there for the month of June. If you would be available to work at the closet on any Tuesday at 12:30-3pm, please contact Donna Ingle at 217-465-5563.



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MAY 28 – THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 29-June 1 – Set up for VBS
May 30 at 6pm – VBS Volunteer Mtg.
June 3-8 – VBS – Details on the front page
June 9 – Sr. Adults Myers Theater Outing
June 12 @ 9am – RIPPLE DEADLINE
June 13 – Sr. Adults Mill Creek Outing
June 21 at 6pm – Stewardship Ministry Mtg.
Church Camp information is available at the Welcome Center for any child interested in going to camp this year.

June Birthdays...

- 1 - Brenda Cole, Michelle Ball, Andrew Mattingly, June Pinnell
- 2 – Kay Blizzard, Elizabeth Slimp, Madilyn Entrican
- 3 - BJ Wombles
- 4 - Iva Strader, Chuck Dean
- 5 - Mary Gosnell, Lisa Ramsey, Hunter Ford
- 6 - Brent Pitts, Kallie Stults
- 7 - Shirley Bishop, Aubrey Entrican, Rayleigh Ike
- 9 - Nancy Neal, Hazel Woods
- 10 - Debi Ford
- 11 - Hannah Sharp, Aidya Brewington
- 12 – Carter Cash, Harley Hale
- 13 – Mike Williams
- 14 - Katelyn Littleton, Christine Aguirre, Coleman Beck
- 15 – Jenny Harp
- 16 - Dawn Kirby, David Minor
- 17 - Brent Fry, Angie Woods
- 18 - Joshua Piper, Jason Ball
- 19 - Faye McIntosh, Gene Justice, Corey Huffman, Isabell Laumeyer, Susie Connelly, Ava McCarty
- 20 – Samantha Kindred
- 21 – Judy Alexander, Carter & Chase Hays
- 22 - Deanie Clark
- 24 - Tom Willett, Greta Pitts, Savanna Reed
- 26 – Ely Rigdon, Larry Woods
- 27 – Keegan Griffin
- 28 - Jessica Collins, Lisa Dill, Amber Stiverson
- 29 - James Stewart, Randi Hays

Anniversaries...

- 2 - Kevin & Shelley Winkler
Mike & Crystal Hays
Brandon & Melissa White
- 3 - Nate & Jennifer Alexander
- 6 – Jordan & Marissa Beck
- 12 - Pat & Kathy Padgett
Karl & Barb Marshall
Brent & Brooke Bishop
- 13 - Verne & Marilyn Bear
James & Megan Douglas
- 16 – Bryan & Samantha Wombles
Lance & Lori Cline
- 18 – David & Denise Howard
- 20 – Derrick & Mary Johnson
- 22 - Bob & Rosemary Linton
- 25 - William & Mindi Milner
- 26 – Kris & Melissa Myles
- 28 - Jim & Jackie Holloway
- 30 – Terry & Beverly Weger

Is your Birthday or Anniversary missing? Please don't get upset! It only means we don't have it on file. Regular attendee's names may be missing because we don't have your birthday. When you join the church, a membership profile sheet is filled out for that information. Please notify the office of additions or corrections.

JUNE 2018 SERVING SCHEDULE



Date	Greeters 8:00	10:30
6/3	Randy & Sandy Colter	Bill & Deanie Clark
6/10	Olen & Bev Duzan	Terry & Melody Elston
6/17	Steve & Carol Winkler	Mark, Kennedy, Bryce & Sage Gladding
6/24	Mike, Heather & Sean Dunn	Ferrell & Irene Boren

Date	8:00 Prayer Room	10:30	8:00 Communion Meditation
6/3	Greg & Sheri Henson	JP & Sheila Piper	Jim Ingle
6/10	Steve & Carol Winkler	Keith & Tina Hefner	Randy Colter
6/17	Naomi Payne & Susie Essinger	David & Judy Hale	Verne Bear
6/24	Pat & Kathy Padgett	Dick & Donna Brinkley	Staff

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!
6/3	BJ Fessant & Ron George	6/1	Marci Sisson	
6/10	Dennis & Julia Kelsheimer	6/8	Barb Marshall	
6/17	None	6/15	In Memory	
6/24	Kerry Simpson & Dirk Haddix	6/22	Denise Howard	
		6/29	Michelle Haddix	

Date	8:00AM	NURSERY SCHEDULE	10:30AM
6/3	Patti Milburn	I – Stephanie Doran & Family T – Tina Hefner & Lisa Ramsey	
6/10	Laura Pitts	I – Shawn Simpson & Kathy Collier T – Kristin Mooneyham & Britan Mace	
6/17	Brenda Rhoads & Elaine Good	I – Karla Gorman & Harli Rhoads T – Elaine Good & Carol Cline	
6/24	Lisa Rigdon	I – Sherryl Inman & Mary Jo Becher T – Maddie McCarty & Kelly Milbourn	

JUNE	8:00	10:30	Faith Promise – April Promised Monthly goal - \$2,303.33	
Communion Coordinator	Lennie Erwin	Brent Bishop	Monthly amount received	\$2,886.00
Communion Preparation	Brenda Rhoads		YTD Commitment Goal	\$13,819.98
			Actual Income YTD	\$17,934.00
			Difference	\$+4,114.02

FACTS & FIGURES

Attendance	Sunday School	8:00 worship	10:30 worship	Total worship	General Budget needs \$9,029.54	Missions	Building	Expenses for the week
4/29	96	93	219	312	6,380.73	172.00	40.00	11,650.95
5/6	113	88	205	293	7,875.49	817.00	80.00	6,326.01
5/13	94	117	228	345	6,219.49	310.00	---	9,339.66
5/20	95	100	188	288	5,295.26	324.00	---	N/A