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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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Promotion Sunday

And

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Sunday May 29 @ 9:30am

This will be the last Sunday students will attend their current Sunday School class.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MAY 30

Vacation Bible School

June 12-17 6-8:30pm

Open House - June 12 @ 4-6:00pm

Ages 4yrs old to incoming 6th graders



Nate's News

Thank you for giving to the transportation campaign and before long I know we will see the benefits of better transportation when we go places and pick up people on Sunday. We raised close to \$10,000 this past weekend and so our total is really close to \$35,000. If you forgot or did not have a chance to give this fast week, you can still give anytime. Thanks again for always opening up your hearts to what God is doing here at Lake Ridge and will continue to do in the future. Connecting you to Jesus and each other.

Sarah's Synopsis

I want to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who took a purple sheet off the Wall of Need! Everything that we needed donated has been taken care of! That is over 45 items!!! Thank you! If you did sign up to donate an item please keep in mind that they are due by Sunday, April 29th, unless it is a baked item!

There is a lot still that needs to be done. We will be decorating the church the week of June 6th, all day and evening. If you have some time, stop by and lend a hand, there will be many projects going on! Anything from painting, building structures, hanging brown paper, moving furniture, building stalactites and much more!

All VBS Volunteer Meeting – June 1st at 6pm. This meeting is for everyone who is helping with VBS in any area. With the amount of kids and parents that will be around during VBS it is important that everyone helping is on the same page!

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Delbert Hutson. May God comfort you in this time of loss.

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, Cathy Colter, Darrell Laughead, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Ryan Taylor, Mike Hobson, Devon Kindred, Leanna Reedy & family, Randy R., Ernie R., Naomi, Mary B., Mary G., Maggie F., Dale & Marion Pate, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Priscilla Clark, Winnie C., Ernie R., Ken Whitkanack, Linda Barr, Rosemary Linton, employment opportunities, Greg & Ruthie Metcalf, Mary Strole, Eddie Henson, the family of Hadon Felgenhower, Marge Sims, Jane Erwin, Kay Blizzard, Lonnie Denney, Chad McLeod, farmers, Gerald & Diana Meeks, Don Blythe, Loren & Nancy Metcalf, Gary Lee Wilson, Greg Metcalf, Judy Bush, Cindy Compton, Jim Ingle, Missionaries, Larry Woods, the homeless, for transportation Capital Campaign, Bill Dunkley, those thinking about suicide, Jim Buckner, 90 unspoken

Spenser's Spot

Are you connecting? When it comes to church, we seem to always be told that we need to reach out to the community, talk to our neighbors, and try to bring them to church. Maybe that one time you stepped out of your comfort zone and invited those friends that you've known forever that go to a different church. But when was the last time that you actually talked with someone about God. When was the last time you shared your story? When was the last time that you were asked questions about your faith? The Great Commission says, "...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you." This wasn't something commanded to just the teachers of faith. It was Jesus' disciples. As Christians, we are all disciples. It is up to each individual to reach this community. So instead of challenging you to invite someone to church this week, my challenge for you is this: talk to someone that you believe to be a non-Christian about your faith. Ask them questions about what they believe. Explain how you came to believe and what your relationship with God means to you. This isn't a suggestion to be shrugged off. It's step one in a commission from Jesus. Go and make disciples!

Do you enjoy singing? Do you play an instrument? We need your help! We are in need of more volunteers for Worship Ministry in the 8:00 service. Primarily, we are in need of piano players and vocalists. Our practices are at 6pm on Monday nights. You would only be scheduled once-a-month. If you have either of these talents, please consider joining the team! Please let me know if you would be interested!

FOOD COLLECTION - Lake Ridge Christian Church will be collecting food items for the month of June. These are the items we have been asked to collect: Soda Crackers, Jiffy mixes – cornbread, cake, 1 pound packages of spaghetti, peanut butter, cereal.

All of these items will be taken to the compassionate Food Pantry. If you have any questions or concerns, see Linda Hancock or Lennie Erwin. Thank you so very much for your servant's heart. Linda Hancock: 466-1700 or 251-1699

TOMMY'S THOUGHTS

Studying and understanding the Bible, in general, is hard work. The Old Testament contains 929 chapters. If that number was not daunting enough that breaks down into 23,138 verses. It's about 78% of the Bible. The New Testament on the other hand is 260 chapters, or 7957 verses. Besides the magnitude of the length of the Bible, the ancient strangeness of the Bible's word poses a challenge for the modern reader today. Other challenges for contemporary readers include the diversity of the Bible's subject matter and the forms of writing; the Biblical writer's refusal to gloss over human failure; and lastly, the need for spiritual discernment to understand spiritual truth.

Here are some tips for Reading or Teaching the Bible that I found helpful (my assumption is that you begin and end in prayer asking God for insight, direction, and understanding):

1. Read and analyze books and passages in terms of their own literary type, genre, such as story or poem. This means that when you approach and seek to understand a text, you must ask questions appropriate to the genre of the text. For stories, I consider the characters, setting and plot. For poetry, I consider the images and figures of speech.
2. I then examine how the passage fits together. In other words, I look for thematic and structural unity. Thematic unity is how one or more ideas, concepts or motifs organize that passage. Structural unity is how the material is organized from beginning to end.
3. Remember the text you are reading is ancient. This means you must enter into the world of that text in its original historical, literary, social, and cultural context. This step is the hardest part for most interpreters. After considering these things, you then return back to your own time and place, applying the biblical principles to your own situation.
4. My last step begins by asking what does the passage reveal about God and people.

Journey with Angels Grief Support Group – For all of those who are grieving for a lost love one. The group offers a casual & caring place for people to come and share their grief with others on the same journey. Refreshments are provided. The group is for 18 yrs. old on up. Check us out! We meet the first Thursday of each month. The next meeting is June 2 @ 6-7:30pm at the church. Call Jennifer Bailey or Amy Cary if you have any questions.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY - Florida vacation time with our own Cindy & Tyler, Doctor appointments and just a –swingin' on the back patio and shirking my duties, Yep, that's where I've been---enjoying "God's Holding Pen!" We are waiting for the Doctors' to relegate me back to full duty! Now that sounds negative! Oh, Well!!! Graduations and weddings fill the air this time of the year, so let's share this time with our grandchildren's activities. We have no activities to report, except you may notice Mickey Mouse has a big smile on his face and a pocket full of *our* money! We are looking for a summer activity! Should you wish to lead us on a summer "Senior Exodus" led away, we'll follow! Remember Delbert's caregiver, Hazel Woods in our prayers.

"The path of the righteous is like the morning sun shining ever brighter till the full light of day." Proverbs 4:18 *Semper Fidelis*

FAITH IN ACTION NEEDS YOUR HELP with their annual bake sale during the Shriners' BBQ weekend on Friday, June 10th and Saturday June 11th. A booth will be set up at the Edgar County Fairgrounds on June 11th only.

Baked goods are needed. Items may include fruit pies (no cream pies or any other refrigerated items), cookies, caramel corn, brownies, puppy chow or anything else you think would be appropriate with little or no icing. Each item must be wrapped and ready to sell. Items should be put on or in not-returnable containers securely wrapped in plastic wrap or in baggies. Label our donation(s) with the name of the item and date that it is ready for sale to be visible on the outside of the package. Please label if it contains nuts.

Items may be taken to the Faith in Action office, 104 E Washington, on Friday, June 10th from 8:30am-1:30pm. They may also be taken to the fairgrounds early Saturday morning.

If you would like to donate goodies to the sale or need more information, please call Nila or Linda, Faith in Action, at 466-6388. You may also email at faithinactionparis@gmail.com

Patrons are urgently needed. So, please come to the FIA booth at the fairgrounds all day (10am-6pm) on Sat. June. 11. You will find lots of yummy treats to purchase.

THANKS for your continued support of Faith in Action of Edgar County!

COMPASSIONATE CLOTHING CLOSET - We are to provide volunteers to work at the Clothing closet all 4 Tuesdays from 12:45-3pm in June. If you can help any of those days, please contact Donna Ingle at 465-5563.

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 \$.49 by the postal service to get your new address. Thank you.

Birthdays...

- 1 - Brenda Cole, Michelle Ball, Andrew Mattingly
- 2 - Kay Blizzard, Conner Strohm, Elizabeth Slimp, Madilyn Entrican
- 3 - BJ Wombles
- 4 - Iva Strader, Chuck Dean
- 5 - Mary Gosnell, Lisa Ramsey, Hunter Ford
- 6 - Brent Pitts, Raelee & Allie Crouch, Kallie Stults
- 7 - Shirley Bishop, Abigail Pruitt, Annie Pruitt, Aubrey Entrican, Rayleigh Ike, Gabrielle Harkness
- 9 - Nancy Neal, Hazel Woods
- 10 - Debi Ford
- 11 - Hannah Sharp, Aidya Brewington
- 12 - Harley Wilson
- 13 - Mike Williams
- 14 - Katelyn Littleton, Christine Aguirre
- 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 - Richard Bennett
- 21 - Judy Alexander, Carter & Chase Hays, Eryn Gorman, Morrie Heelen
- 22 - Dale Pate, Deanie Clark
- 24 - Tom Willett, Greta Pitts, Savanna Reed
- 26 - Ely Rigdon, Larry Woods
- 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
Chuck & Heather Dean
- 21 - Cody & Carmen Baugh
- 22 - Bob & Rosemary Linton
- 23 - Ken & Beverly Whitkanack
- 25 - Will & Mindi Milner
- 26 - Kris & Melissa Myles
- 28 - Jim & Jackie Holloway
- 30 - Terry & Beverly Weger

Please notify office of additions or corrections

May 29 @ 9:30am - Promotion Sunday and Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
 May 30 - THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.
 May 31 @ noon-5pm - 5th grade intro to Encounter
 June 1 @ 6pm - VBS volunteers Mtg.
 June 2 @ 6pm - Journey with Angels
 June 5-10 - Decorate for VBS
 June 9 @ 6pm - Stewardship Ministry Mtg.
 June 12 @ 4-6pm - VBS Open House
 June 12- 17 - VBS 6pm-8:30pm
 June 14 @ 9am - RIPPLE DEADLINE



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JUNE 2016 SERVING SCHEDULE

Date	Greeters 8:00	10:30
5/29	Michelle Walden & Susie Sisson	Don & Jessica Bartos Family
6/5	Patrick, Stacey, Annie & Abby Pruitt	Allen & Patty Berry
6/12	Tony & Judy Alexander	Mike & Annette Burch
6/19	Randy & Sandy Colter	JT, JP and Josh Piper
6/26	Brenda Rhoads Family	Loraine Horsley & Kathy Collier



Date	8:00 Prayer Room	10:30	8:00 Communion Meditation	10:30
5/29	Randy & Sandy Colter	Todd & Shelly Harper	Dennis Kelsheimer	Brent Pitts
6/5	Gary & Linda Hancock	Todd & Shelly Harper	Gene Justice	Drew Laumeyer
6/12	Greg & Sheri Henson	JP & Sheila Piper	Ron George	Tommy Moehlman
6/19	Naomi Payne & Susie Essinger	David & Judy Hale	Todd Harper	JP Piper
6/26	Randy & Sandy Colter	Doug & Betsy Mace	Jim Ingle	David Gorman

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!
5/29	Lennie Erwin & Ron George	5/27	Angie Woods	
6/5	JP Piper & Justin Hays	6/3	Angie Woods	
6/12	Chad Cline & Daniel Mooneyham	6/10	Kelly Milbourn	
6/19	Dick & Katie Marlowe	6/17	Marci Sisson	
6/26	BJ Fessant & Michael Ritchey	6/24	Angie Woods	

Date	8:00AM	NURSERY SCHEDULE	10:30AM
5/29	Tammy Bennett	I – Nila Nugent & Karen Littleton T – Mary Johnson	
6/5	Patti Milburn & Priscilla Clark	I – Stephanie Doran & Nicole Gale T – Greta Pitts & Mindi Milner	
6/12	Laura Pitts	I – Shawn Simpson T – Dick & Donna Brinkley	
6/19	Brenda Rhoads & Elaine Good	I – Karla Gorman T – Elaine Good, Carol Cline, Lydia Switzer	
6/26	Lisa Rigdon	I – Sherryl Inman, Michelle Haddix T – Josh & Ellyn Andrews	

JUNE	8:00	10:30	Faith Promise – APRIL Promised Monthly goal - \$1,620.00	
Communion Coordinator	Richard Marlowe	JP Piper	Actual Monthly	2,680.65
Communion Preparation	Brenda Rhoads		YTD Commitment	9,200.00
			Actual Income YTD	17,114.65
Capital Campaign – (Bus) Total to Date - \$35,233.18			Difference	+7,914.65

FACTS & FIGURES

Attendance	Sunday School	8:00	10:30	Total	General Budget needs \$8,968.38	Missions	Building	Transportation Fund	Expenses for the week
4/24	92	120	177	297	5,190.24	766.00	80.00	1,150.00	21,881.44
5/1	67	255		255	6,644.85	4,251.00	0	1,000.00	5,983.36
5/8	70	115	255	370	8,673.08	892.00	80.00	435.00	13,539.62
5/15	91	124	213	337	6,754.23	1,086.00	0	565.00	8,146.24
5/22	83	87	208	295	5,173.35	663.03	80.00	9,920.73	n/a