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LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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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!!!

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

8th Grade - Rebekah Alexander, 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)

Nate's News

The hardest part of grace, God's unconditional love, is the reality that we don't have to be good enough. We never fully go all in because we think that there is something that we must get right first or be able to do before we can receive God's grace, but all we need is an open heart to Him. We will instead block it with some kind of expectation that we place on ourselves to which we never are able to meet that expectation in our abilities. Christ did all the work and it's through His work that grace is free for all who open their hearts to it. Don't make grace something you can't achieve, or think you have to become something to receive it, because then we have placed a burden that will always weigh you down and never will you truly know God's grace. Also, make sure to ask, "What can I do to help?"

VBS- The Wall of Need is outside the Family Life Center and this helps us get some of the supplies covered for the week. We would so appreciate if you would consider helping by taking one of the green slips of paper. If you have any questions please feel free to ask Nate or Alicia, thanks for your continued support.

Baptism & Memberships

Corey Pitts was baptized on April 29. He is the son of Doug & Laura Pitts and lives at 21218 Clinton Rd, Paris. His mother Laura also joined the church the same day. Corey is an 8th grader at Crestwood.

Aliyah Doran was also baptized on April 29. She is the daughter of Bobby & Stephanie Doran and lives at 815 W Madison, Paris. She is a 3rd grader at Memorial.

God bless you all in your walk with the Lord.

Moehlman's New Address

Here is Sarah, Tommy & John's new address beginning at the end of May.
1431 Carpenter Town Ln., Cary, NC 27519

Spenser's Spot

On May 7, 2018, Rhett Holden was born at 1:21pm at 6 lbs. 2oz and was 18.9" Finn Everest followed seconds later at 1:21pm and was 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 19.25" Everyone is healthy and doing well.

Alicia's Awesome Announcements

Encounter and Engage had an awesome, awesome semester. We had a ton of fun and I have loved getting to know each student individually. I'm a little sad that our semester of Sunday night youth group is over, but I am super excited about what's coming this summer. We have movie nights, trips, and pool parties planned. But the thing I am most excited over are our high school small groups. There will be a girl's small group and a guy's small group and we will be diving into God's Word over the summer. I can't wait to see what God will do. Here are some things coming up for your students in June!

June 3-8: Oil Belt High School Week 1

June 14: HS Small Group Start-up

June 15: HS "Jurassic Park" Movie Marathon

June 18: Junior High Movie Night

June 18-23: Oil Belt Junior High Week 1

June 25-30: CIY Move (HS)

If you have any questions, contact me. You can also pick up a Summer Event Card on Sunday from me! Can't wait for the summer!

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.

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 babies, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Brenda Rhoads, Gary & Linda Hancock, Jason Ball, Dave & Jan Nebergall, Randy Rhoads, Don Laughead, Ingle Family, Kerri Duzan, Maddy B., Melinda Armetrout, Lenny Magers, Liz Dayton, Cindy Ingram, Cindy Soughers, Elizabeth Dayton, Breneman family, families of Amy Freeze, Rob Pitts and Paul Bishop, 46 unspoken

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 pm and 3 pm in the Family Life Center.

SENIOR ADULT'S

This is the list of senior adult activities we are planning on attending at the present time. Hope to see you are some of these shows.

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

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

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

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. ~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 in need of volunteers to work at the closet during the month of June. Times are at 12:30-3pm each Tuesday. If you can help, please contact Donna Ingle at 217-465-5563.

PROMOTION SUNDAY AND GRADUATES RECOGNITION

We will be promoting our Sunday school students at the beginning of Sunday school on May 27. Breakfast will also be available.

Also all our High School graduates will be recognized. If you don't see your students name on the front page, please call the office so they can be added to the list.

Congregational Meeting

May 20 at 10am in the Auditorium. This meeting is scheduled to vote on the By-Laws revision. If you'd like a copy, stop by the office or check the bulletin cart on Sunday morning.

PHS Baccalaureate is Wednesday May 23 at 7pm at the First United Methodist church. We need 5 dozen cookies for the reception afterwards. Please sign-up on the bulletin board by the FLC and deliver them to the church by during the day and by 6pm.

BROTHERHOOD

The Edgar County Brotherhood Meeting for May will be held at Bell Ridge Christian church on Tuesday May 15 at 7pm. Nic Butcher, minister at Chrisman Christian Church will be the speaker for the evening. Lite finger foods reception to follow.

AA Cookies - Do you enjoy baking? Each Friday our church provides 2 dozen cookies for the AA meeting. There are several dates open this summer. You can sign-up on the bulletin board by the Family Life Center or contact Marci Sisson at 465-5709.

BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

You're invited to support the mission of Choices Pregnancy & Health by participating in their fun and easy fundraiser: *Baby Bottle Blessings!*

Here's how it works: Take a baby bottle from the display table at the church. Between Mother's Day, May 13 and Father's Day, June 17, fill the bottle with your loose change, cash or a check payable to Choices Pregnancy and Health. Return your baby bottle and donation to the church by Father's Day, June 17. (They will use the bottles again for future fundraising). Note: Only the donations given by check will receive a receipt from Choices, so if you'd like a receipt, please be sure to write a check!

Thank you! Your help makes a difference for lives in our community!

If you do not wish to continue to receive the Ripple or the 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 \$.50 by the postal service to get your new address. Thank you.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Sunday-Thursday at 6-8:30pm

Open House is

June 3rd @ 4-6pm

For kids K-6th grade

Program June 8 at 6-7pm

May 10 at 6pm –
Stewardship Ministry
Mtg.

May 13 – MOTHER'S DAY
May 14 at 6pm – Mission
Ministry Mtg.

May 15 at 7pm –
Brotherhood at Bell
Ridge

May 20 at 10am –
Congregational Mtg. to
vote on By-law
Revisions

Noon – Elder's Mtg.

May 22 @ 9am – RIPPLE
DEADLINE

May 23 at 7pm – PHS
Baccalaureate at the
First United Methodist
Church



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