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## LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The members are ministers  
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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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## Community Thanksgiving Service at Lake Ridge Sunday November 19 at 2:30pm



### All Church Thanksgiving Dinner

(Catered by Niemerg's)

November 19 at 5:30pm

Please call the church office if you plan on coming by noon Nov. 17 so we can get a number count. Please bring a dessert. There will be no carry-outs.



The church office will be closed on  
November 23 & 24

## **Nate's News**

We have a great opportunity this holiday season and I hope you can help. I know you hear that a lot around here and really everywhere, but we have another opportunity to help some families in our community that need a little bit of holiday cheer, but more importantly the love of Christ shown to them. We are partnering with an organization called Prison Fellowship, which does Angel Tree. It's through this ministry that we can help children who have a parent in prison and may not get much for Christmas. We have 11 families (21 children) that are on this list and what we need you to help with is to be willing to take a family and buy a gift or gifts (minimum of \$25) per child. Then we will coordinate with you a time that you can take this gift to the family and be able to share God's love with them during this difficult time. We will have a Christmas tree up in the foyer with this information, please start praying now for this opportunity.

**Deck the halls and pizza too.** We will be decorating some of the church on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and we would love for some help. This will start at 6 PM and of course there will be pizza and drinks for those that can help.

**Engage and Encounter News** aka Junior and Senior High Youth Group- we will not be meeting this Sunday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> or Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, but we will be meeting on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> for a Christmas Party, more news to follow, but for now make sure you put that date on your calendars.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Justin & Amanda Kindred became the parents to their second daughter, Bailey Sue born on Oct. 29 at 2:55pm. She weighed 8lbs. 6oz. and was 20" long. She was welcomed home by her 4 year old sister, Kinley.

## **Spenser's Spot**

We've just introduced a new song in our 10:30 service called Sons and Daughters by NorthPoint. Brett Stanfill recently shared about the origins of this song.

"This song was the exception to most songs, as most of the time we get in a room with a few people and slave over the song, and it can take weeks or months to finish. With this song, it was birthed from what God had been teaching me for years beforehand. For a few years I battled with depression, and it was very much rooted in lies about my identity. I needed to really believe in who I am in Christ and that I'm loved by Him and I'm ultimately His child. I had been learning that and experiencing freedom in the truth of my identity. I was sitting at my piano at home with my headphones on and I starting singing the chorus, and it took about a half an hour. The bridge took longer to write. The song pretty much came out in that one sitting. That was the first version. It was birthed from a very deep place of walking in that truth and experiencing the truth of what the song says: that we are children of God."

The Christmas season is just around the corner. The Christmas at Lake Ridge choir is going to be singing at Christmas on the Square this year at 5:50 directly after the lighting of the tree! Join us for that opportunity to share with the community. Then be sure to mark your calendars for December 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for this year's show "The Truest Love." We have a great cast, choir, and crew that have been working hard to prepare for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas at Lake Ridge production. Our practices and dress rehearsals will be closed as we fine tune things and prepare the last minute details before the shows. Hope to see you at one of the shows!

## Sarah's Synopsis

Thank you to everyone who helped with Trunk 'R Treat! Another year is in the books! We had over 800 kids come through to get candy. This number does not include parents, and other adults. I would guess around 2,000 people came through! We served 500 hotdogs, chips and drinks! It takes many hands to make all this happen for which I am grateful for the help!

The children have also packed 100 boxes for Operation Christmas Child! There is still time to make a box! There is information at the church. I will be taking the boxes next Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, to the drop off location in Marshall. All boxes need to be brought to the church by Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>!

The Children's Christmas Program is coming up! Mark your calendars for December 3<sup>rd</sup> at both services! They will be performing the Nativity Story again this year. You will not want to miss it!

**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, Bob & Rosemary Linton, Nate, Spenser, Sarah, Chris and families, Ron & Diana Stewart, Tyler & family, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, Mark & Priscilla Clark, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Terry Weger, Naomi, Maggie, Mary G., Mary B, Devon Kindred, Leanna Reedy & family, Max & Lydia McIntosh, Edna Bright, our government leaders, Pres. Trump, Our missionaries, North Korea situation, Rich Wilson, Bev Duzan's granddaughter Kerri, Gary Hancock, Richie Wilson, Brooke Bailey, Him & Donna Ingle, the Fessant, Ford & Pate families, Tammi & Gary Underfanger, Diana Stewart, Kathy & Pat Padgett, Rex Craig, Kelly Milburn, Jenny Brewington, Adonna Bennett, Bob Peebles family, Ron & Debby George, Mike French, Angel, 44 unspoken

**From the Missions Ministry...**a total of 18 *commitment cards* were turned in during the month of October for a total of \$27,640 to be shared among our 10 missions. A **BIG** thank you to all who have committed to our missions program here at LRCC. Another reason to rejoice - LRCC gave \$2,033.37 to CMFI to assist with the earthquake damage in southern Mexico! Thank you so much.

**HIS Ministry thanks you!** We wish to thank you for your support this summer. As most of you know, we have had a very tragic, sorrowful, summer. We lost our beloved Maddie Mae and then seven weeks later, Dale, my husband of 46.5 years. It didn't stop there as I lost a niece, the girl's cousin, on November 4<sup>th</sup>. She was 57 and lived in Louisville, KY. But all were Christians and have Heaven to look forward to. Praise God He is in control and will see us through!! Now we are deep into Christmas for Kids. We are in need of Volunteers to do the "Shopping" for the children. That is coming to the building where the inventory is sorted and filling the applications for each kid's needs. It is like shopping but you don't spend any of your money! Fun!! LOL the "Wrap Party days" will be December 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. We will need Wrappers (not rappers!) and delivery personnel. This is such a wonderful time to feel the spirit of love and giving. Plus the fellowship is awesome. Come join us and share in the spirit of God's love and JOY. IF YOU can't make it but want to help, we still need donations, funds or gifts. Call Marion at 466-9825, Dawn at 251-7250, or Debi at 251-9052 and ask what you can do or what we need. Thanks for your wonderful love and support and Have a great Christmas season!

The board of HIS Ministry and Christmas for Kids

## **POINSETTIA'S**

It's time to order Poinsettia's. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center or on the bulletin board by the FLC. The cost is \$13 and can be given in Honor or in Memory of someone. Please make a notation on your check or on an envelope that the money is for a poinsettia.

Thank you.

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](mailto: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.

### LAST CALL THIS SEMESTER

The Women's Ministry is still collection snacks or school supplies for our college students. We'll also accept monetary donations to purchase items or apply the money towards the postage to send them. Please bring them to the church by Nov. 19. If you haven't given us your student's college address, please call the church office at 217-465-5614 or send their address to [office@lakeridgechurch.org](mailto:office@lakeridgechurch.org) as soon as possible. Thank you

### PICTURE FRAMES

Sheri still needs picture frames for a project for Brookstone. The size she needs are 8x10 without the glass. If you can bring them to the church by Sunday Nov. 26, she'd appreciate it. Thanks.

### Community Events

The Community Thanksgiving service will be held at 2:30pm at Lake Ridge on Nov. 19

The Community Advent Choral Service will be held on Dec. 3 @ the First United Methodist church at 3:00pm. If you are interested in singing in the choir, contact the church for practice dates.

### SERMON CD'S

Did you miss a Sunday and wished you could have heard the sermon? There are 2 ways to still listen to it. Go to the church website at [lakeridgechurch.org](http://lakeridgechurch.org) or pick up a CD on the bulletin cart. There are 4 weeks of sermons available and if one is missing check with Chris in the office and she can make a copy of the Sunday you want.

Nov. 18 at 2pm –  
Women's  
Journaling  
Nov. 19 at 2:30pm –  
Community  
Thanksgiving  
Service  
At 5:30pm – All  
church  
Thanksgiving  
Dinner  
Nov. 21 at 7pm –  
Brotherhood at  
Brocton  
Nov. 23 –  
Thanksgiving  
Nov. 23 & 24 – The  
church office will  
be closed  
Nov. 29 @ 6pm –  
Decorate & Pizza  
6pm – Children  
Musical Dress  
Rehearsal  
Nov. 28 @ 9am –  
Ripple Deadline



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