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LAKE RIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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The members are ministers

Nate Alexander, Senior Minister

Spenser Carrell, Worship Minister

Sarah Moehlman, Children's Minister

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. Youth: Encounter 4pm and Engage 6pm Sundays

Church office hours: Mon-Thurs. - 8am-5pm; Fri. - 8am-noon. Closed Friday afternoons

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Ladies Bible Journaling Class

Sat. April 1 @ 3-5pm

Here at the church

Bell
Choir
Worship



Community Bell Choir Concert

Saturday, April 8 @ 6pm at the

Paris Fine Arts Center

Featuring the Handbell Choirs from

First Christian Church, Lake Ridge and

First United Methodist Church

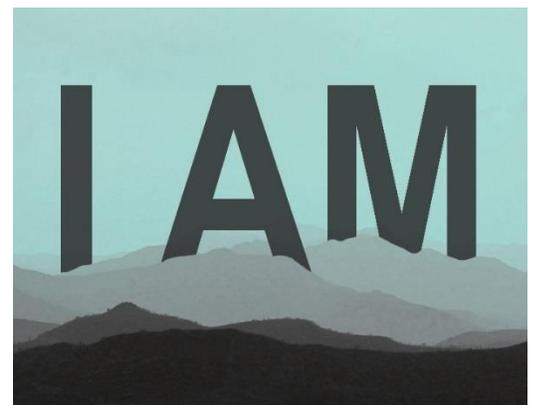
Each choir will play selections alone and then all three bell choirs will join together to play six selections. A free will offering will be collected and donated to the Shop with a Cop. Please come and enjoy an evening of beautiful bell music and invite your friends and family.

Easter Experience

April 14 @ 5pm & 7pm - Good Friday Service

April 15 @ 5pm

April 16 @ 8am, 9:30am & 11am



Nate's News

We are going to begin a journey that will end on Easter weekend and it begins this Sunday as we start our series I AM. We know a lot about what Jesus did, how he was born, and how he died, but do we know who Jesus is? We will go through some of the "I am" statements that are found in the book of John so why not start by reading the book of John as we gear up for this series totally directed to know more about Jesus. We will connect with Jesus in some new ways and maybe through this we can gain more insight in our faith and our relationship with Christ. So let's begin this journey together as we connect with Christ and each other this spring season. Why not invite someone with you and maybe this could be the beginning for them to start to connect with Christ as well.

Youth Minister Search Update- We have formed a youth search team which consists of two elders and those who serve with the youth which are now going through resumes and following up on the results. We would ask that you lift this up in prayer and that God will provide His wisdom through this process. If you know of anyone interested in this position they can email their resume to: nate@lakeridgechurch.org.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Dustin & Sally Melton to the Lake Ridge family. They live at 630 E Court St. with their daughter Emily who is 7 years old and in the first grade. Dustin is a Pharmacist at Pearman's Pharmacy and Sally is self-employed.

Congratulations!

To Noel & Cody Jewel on the birth of their son, Colt. He was born on March 23 at 10:11am and weighed 7-lbs 3-oz and was 20.5" long. Grandparents are Steve & Lisa Rigdon.

EASTER LILIES

Sign-up sheet for the Easter Lilies is on the Auditorium and FLC bulletin boards. Please

order by April 2. The cost is \$15.00 and may be purchased in Honor or in Memory of someone. Please take them home after the Easter services.

Sarah's Synopsis

This year, 2017, has had a rough start for many people in our congregation. It seems that each week I hear of someone losing a loved one. And if that wasn't enough, there has also been a lot of sickness going through the schools, more than the normal amount it seems. All of this brings us to the question, "How can God allow bad things happen to good people?" The simple answer is "I do not know." Sometimes people try to reason that God must be testing you, but that makes God out to be malicious. Some people reason that you must have done something wrong and God is punishing you, but God is slow to angry and is full of mercy and forgiveness. Then when all else fails people say that God will not give you more than you can handle. That does not feel comforting at all! Life has given me more than I can handle and somehow I am to believe that God thinks I cope with all of it! I think a more accurate statement is that God will be with you when life has given you more than you can handle.

All of these common explanations do not make sense when tested against the God of the Bible. So then, how are we to answer the questions "How can God allow bad things happen to good people?" We live in a broken world, it is corrupt and in disorder. Bad things happen all the time, to the good and the bad. But this is why the Bible is Good News! We place our hope in the God who saves! Jesus preached again and again that "the Kingdom of Heaven is near!" Jesus brought that Kingdom in part and will bring it in full when he returns! God will create a new heavens and a new earth! There will be no more sickness, or pain. God will restore everything to how he originally made it, GOOD! So the simple answer is "I do not know but we can have hope in the future that God has promised!"

Spenser's Spot

A new instrument has been brought into the church. It's shaking up churches all over the countryside. What once was a soft and quiet time in which voices could be heard singing together has been disrupted by this new addition. Many of the younger people in the congregation have really taken to the new addition as they've seen it used at other venues and shows. It's the 10th century and this new instrument is the organ.

I heard a new song the other day at a church gathering I was attending. I didn't really know exactly how it went so I just stood there and read along. I liked the words. It talked about being lost. But it'll probably take a few times of singing it before I'll really get the hang of it. It's the 18th century and this new song is "Amazing Grace."

Sometimes we forget that there was a start to everything. The Church has gone through many cycles and changes over the centuries. Instrumentation has changed vastly since the years when Christians sang without instruments. New songs have come out every year for centuries. Some will go on to be known by many like "Amazing Grace." Some will fade away. The important thing to remember is that our goal is the same. Worship the Great I Am. The One who formed all of creation. The One who guides us along our journeys. The One who comforts us when we're in times of trouble. "Worthy, worthy, Jesus is worthy; Praise to the Son of Man; Glory and honor crown You forever; Worship the Great I Am!"

FOOD DROP

We are sponsoring the annual food drop on April 8th. We ask that all those interested in assisting with this project to please meet at the Kroger Parking lot by 9 a.m. on the 8th to help distribute the food throughout Paris. Contact David Howard at 217-251-8790 or B.J. Fessant at 217-264-0901 with any questions.

W.I.G. MINISTRY

IF Team is kicking off IF Tables soon! IF table is a small group discussion every month with a group of women. They based it off of Acts 2:46b "They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." Join together for 2 hours to enjoy a meal together which can be done however your group chooses, answer questions which IF provides each month with 6 ladies meeting once a month.

There is a sign-up on the Family Life Center bulletin board. Please let us know (if you haven't already) if you would be interested in being a part of an IF Table.

We 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 16th. 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.

LINCOLN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE is April 26 with Liz Curtis Higgs and Susie Larson speaking. Registration is \$35 by April 19 and includes lunch. After April 20th, the cost will be \$40 and you can still go the day of the event. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the FLC. We will take a church van or share a ride.

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, jobs to come to Paris, the government leaders, Pres. Trump, Nate, Chrissy & Spenser Carrell, Sarah, Chris and families, Ken Whitkanack, Dale & Marion Pate, Verne & Marilyn Bear, Maggie F., Naomi, Mary G., Mary B., Devon Kindred & family, Rayleigh Ike, John & Marge Sims, Rose Ann Hancock, Mary Strole, Jane Irwin, Chuck Liffick, Sue Liffick, the family of Ryan Taylor, Kay Blizzard & family, Penny (Denny) Duzan, , Ray & Martha Roberts, someone's granddaughter, Lilianna, Tony & Judy Alexander, Andy Burba, Lane Cline, Larry Boren, Tyler, Kelli, Arianna, Gabrielle, Olivia, Lila & Sue Landsaw, Shannon Morrison, Tom Stuck, Ron & Diana Stewart, multiple unspoken, Breanna Irwin, Doug Kindred, Randy R., Mark & Pricilla Clark, the family of Reese Clapp, Tammy Goodman, Breanna & Doug, Halie Stewart, 39 unspoken



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April 1 @ 3-5pm – Ladies Bible Journaling Class
April 3 @ 7PM – Mission Ministry Mtg.
@ 7:15pm – Prayer Team Mtg.
April 6 @ 6pm – Journey with Angels
April 8 – Sr. Adults at the Covington Beef House
Community Bell Choir Concert @ 6pm at the Paris Fine Arts Center
April 11 @ 9am – Ripple deadline
April 13 @ 6pm – Stewardship Ministry Mtg.

If you have a student who is attending college and they would like to receive the Ripple, please send their address to office@lakeridgechurch.org anytime. Women's Ministry would also benefit from their address for the College Care Packages. We'd also like to know if they have graduated and have a change of address. Thank you.

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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Tei Laumeyer
- 2 - Robin Likens, Heather Dunn, Kim Stewart, Isabella Gosnell
- 5 - Janet Justice, Shirley Furry, Brayden Shockley, Porter Hale
- 7 - Brianna Burch
- 8 - David Switzer
- 9 - J.T. Piper, Baylor Likens, Mary Johnson, Kelly Milbourn
- 10 - Gregg Whitkanack, Morgan Collier, Kay Taylor
- 12 – David Gorman
- 14 – Melissa White, Gentry Simpson, Corey Pitts
- 15 – Jordon Hale, Dave Bailey
- 16 – Trudy Arrasmith
- 17 - Krista Bradford
- 18 - Michael French, Jacob Harper
- 19 – Dakota Strader, Hunter Reese
- 20 - Breanna Hutson, Scott Padgett, Laela Rigdon, Mallory Pine, Paula Marrs, Noah Woods
- 21 - Halie Stewart
- 25 – Deveney Gill, Natalie Hernandez
- 26 - Jennifer Alexander
- 27 - Isabella Duzan
- 28 - Melissa Hancock, Alison Williams, Shaterica Entrican, Lauren Bowers
- 29 - Jacob Griffin, Karlie Gates
- 30 - Shelley Winkler

Anniversaries...

- 4 - Gerald & Diana Meeks
- 9 – Gene & Erlene Calvert
Spenser & Chrissy Carrell
- 11 – Richard & Tammy Bennett
- 16 - Randy & Sandy Colter
- 17 - Steve & Carol Winkler
- 22 - Bill & Virginia Henness

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!

April 2017 SERVING SCHEDULE



Date	Greeters 8:00	10:30
4/2	Beverly & Olen Duzan	Tony & Cathy Ferrante
4/9	Marci Sisson	Sherryl Inman & Diana Beason
4/16		9:30 – Chris Gher Family & David & Karla Gorman 11 – Mark Gladding Family & Mike & Brande Ritchey
4/23	Dave & Jan Nebergall	Terry Elston Family
4/30	Terry & Bev Weger	Bill & Deanie Clark

Date	8:00 Prayer Room	10:30	8:00 Communion Meditation	10:30
4/2	Steve & Carol Winkler	David & Judy Hale	Dennis Kelsheimer	Drew Laumeyer
4/9	Naomi Payne & Susie Essinger	Dick & Donna Brinkley	Gene Justice	Tommy Moehlman
4/16	Elders	Elders	Staff	Staff
4/23	Randy & Sandy Colter	JP & Sheila Piper	Ron George	David Howard
4/30	Pat & Kathy Padgett	Bill & Deanie Clark	Todd Harper	Todd Harper

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!
4/2	Chad Cline & Ron George	3/31	Marci Sisson	
4/9	BJ Fessant & Dirk Haddix	4/7	Denise Howard	
4/16	No one	4/14	Jan Nebergall	
4/23	Dennis & Julia Kelsheimer	4/21	Barb Marshall	
4/30	Brent Pitts & Darin Tevebaugh	4/28	Jessica Givens	

Date	8:00AM	NURSERY SCHEDULE	10:30AM
4/2	Patti Milburn	I – Stephanie Doran & Nicole Gale T – Mindi Milner & Kristin Mooneyham	
4/9	Laura Pitts	I – Shawn Simpson & Kathy Collier T – BJ & Nichole Fessant	
4/16	Brenda Rhoads & Elaine Good	I – Karla Gorman T – Elaine Good & Carol Cline	
4/23	Lisa Rigdon	I – Sherryl Inman & Maddie McCarty T – Josh & Ellyn Andrews	
4/30	Tammy Bennett	I – Nila Nugent & Karen Littleton T – Mary Johnson, BJ & Nichole Fessant	

APRIL	8:00	10:30	Faith Promise – FEBRUARY Promised Monthly goal - \$2,291.66	
Communion Coordinator	Randy Colter	Mark Gladding	Actual Monthly	2,124.88
Communion Preparation			YTD Commitment Goal	9,166.66
			Actual Income YTD	13,117.60
			Difference	+3,950.94

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
3/5	84	85	268	353	10,270.53	1,007.00	0	8,064.49
3/12	96	91	231	322	5,383.22	325.00	80.00	6,168.32
3/19	87	100	275	375	9,050.89	305.00	80.00	6,477.76
3/26	88	83	256	339	7,242.88	800.00	20.00	N/A