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When Linda reminded me that it was my turn to write an article for the March issue of Ripples, I had to pause for a moment because we are right in the middle of Lent and Easter will have come and gone before the next issue is published. I always look to the Bible as a resource and I came on the resurrection story as told in the Book of Mark, specifically the 16th Chapter, verses 1-8.

You remember going to a movie and when it was over you were unsatisfied, even upset by an unexpected or cliffhanger ending? Well, the original conclusion to the Gospel of Mark can certainly leave one feeling underwhelmed and even frustrated. We want more – the other Gospels tell us the Mary Magdalene had an encounter with Jesus and then to the disciples. In other words we want the Easter story to have a happy and unambiguous ending. The triumph of good over evil, life over death, yet the women, as told in the Mark's gospel leave "trembling and frightened" and despite the angel's words to them that Jesus would see them in Galilee, they were so frightened that they kept that to themselves.

How are we to respond to the words in Mark 16? I believe we are called to put ourselves in the story and imagine how we would respond to the angel's message. Do we respond immediately with belief or after we gather more evidence or do as the women did and say nothing at all out of fear?

As a former broadcast news reporter, I would often respond to a police or fire scanner and then arrive on the scene to find out that it was a false alarm. For first responders, they didn't have a choice, but I did. However as I gained experience, I would wait for verification by telephone before I responded.

As Christians, we often face a similar dilemma – we don't always know how and when to respond to circumstances that test our faith – whether to forge ahead or weigh the evidence and act only when we feel ready. We can help write this story as we keep open minds and hearts. Jesus will meet us whether its on the road to Galilee or after we get there.



"He has risen,
See he is not here.
the place where they laid him."
Mark 16:6

Pastor Chuck

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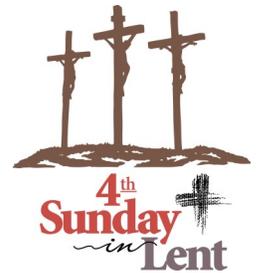
February 14, 1st Sunday in Lent
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center



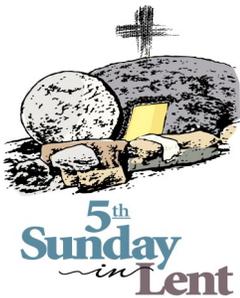
February 21, 2nd Sunday in Lent
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center



February 28, 3rd Sunday in Lent
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center



March 6, 4th Sunday in Lent
Worship Cancelled at Worship Center
Due to La Primavera Bike Race



March 13, 5th Sunday in Lent
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center
Daylight Saving Time Begins



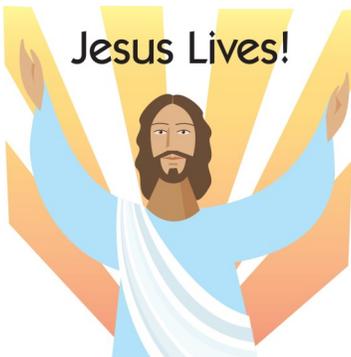
March 20, Palm Sunday
Worship 10:30 a.m.
at Lakeside Worship Center



March 24, Tenebrae Service
Worship 6:00 p.m.
at Lakeside Worship Center



March 27, Easter Services
Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. at Hancock Park
Regular Easter Service at 10:30 a.m.
at Lakeside Worship Center



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Lakeside Christian Women's Fellowship



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Seventy-five attendees enjoyed the annual Women's Fellowship dinner on Valentine's Day at the Point Venture Club Room.

The themed event, "It's a Jungle Out There", featured a "Wild" meal of Baloo Stew, Green Salad, Cornbread and Banana Pudding.

Entertainer and storyteller Donna Ingham delighted the audience with a collection of stories drawn from Texas folklore, personal tales and outright lies in the time-honored tradition of oral storytelling.

Special Kudos to Regina Holmes, Chairperson of the event; to Linda Harting, most special, skillful and expert decorator in all the land, who

can envision a jungle and convert a room to appear you are in Africa. Deepest appreciation to all the women who helped organize, lovingly cook, bake, serve and assist throughout the evening. Thanks also to Burt Burchette, the infamous Lakeside photographer for taking memoir photos and Clyde Hance, for outstanding scenery construction. A good time was had by all!



Lakeside Christian Women's Bible Study

Praise the Lord!! Our roster of 28 Bible Students is currently studying the book "Life Lessons" of Ezra & Nehemiah by Max Lucado, one of today's most trusted writers, teachers and Pastor. We have completed the first six chapters on Ezra and begin the next six chapters on Nehemiah, scheduled to end on April 6th.

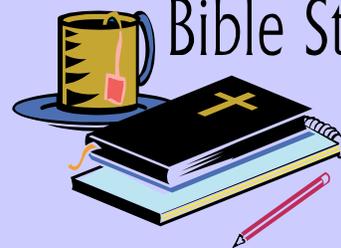
The new twelve chapter study, "Esther: A Woman of Strength and Dignity" by Dr. Chuck Swindoll, Senior Pastor, Chancellor, Author and Bible teacher, will begin on April 13th.

Everyone loves a transformation story. Rags to riches. Plain to beautiful. Weak to strong. Esther's story is exactly that, but it is much more. It is a thought-provoking study of God's invisible hand writing silently and unseen across the pages of human history. Perhaps most of all, Esther's story is the account of Godly attributes like courage, dignity, wisdom and strength.

All women of the area are most welcome to join with the dedicated group.

**PLEASE, PLEASE CONTACT LIL BURCH
BEFORE MARCH 1ST TO RESERVE A STUDY BOOK.
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Women's Bible Study



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LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Leadership Council Report for February 8, 2016

The LCF Leadership Council met on February 8, 2016 in the Worship Center, with all members, two pastors, and one guest, Nancy Wood, present.

The first issue of concern involved whether Shirley Moore, who considers herself an associate member of the church, may serve as Secretary to the Council, filling the place left vacant by the resignation of Dayle Aulds. A reading of the Constitution and By-laws states that Associate Members may not serve on the Council or participate in the selection of a pastor, or vote on matters involving the buying of or selling of real property, so Linda Anderson was asked to print a list of Associate Members of the church. This matter was tabled for the present in order to obtain further information.

Under Commission Reports, Scott Cameron presented the Financial Update, his summary of the official Financial Statements that are prepared by Linda Anderson. It was moved by Dave Freeman, seconded by Linda Summers, that the Financial Statements be accepted as presented; the vote was unanimous.

There was no Stewardship Report at this time, as it was moved to the Executive Session to be held immediately following the adjournment of the regular Council meeting. There was no Building & Grounds Update by Rodger Elliott. The Faith In Action & Pastoral Relations Updates were also moved to the Executive Session.

Under the Worship Commission, Linda Summers mentioned the Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 10, 2016; and she also advised the Council that there will be no church services held on Sunday, March 6, 2016 because of the Bike Race. Because this is the first Sunday in March, Communion will be moved to the following Sunday, March 13, 2016. There will be the traditional Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. by the lake.

The Council was reminded that the Power of One envelopes will be passed out on the first & third Sundays of every month. Linda advised the Council that she will still be responsible for the altar set-up, and that Jean Sholes would take over the serving of Communion, with backup from Jack Currier, Linda Summers, or other volunteers from the congregation.

Under Outreach & Ministries, Chuck Smith announced there is a new section of the WEB site that explains the functions of the ushers that has been added. He also advised the Council that there are about six regular attendees at the Alzheimer's Support Group, and about 9-12 attendees to the Cancer Support Group.

Under Web Site, Dave explained that rather than a group picture of the various groups within the church, a "matrix of heads" would be used so that changing them would not require taking a whole new picture, only anyone being added & anyone leaving. A verbal agreement has been reached on the routine backup and maintenance of the church's Web site, but no final contract has been signed.

Under New Business, Dayle Aulds agreed to serve as Acting Secretary for the February 8th meeting & the congregational meeting currently scheduled for February 28, 2016. No action could be taken on approving a person to be named as Secretary by the congregation at the congregational meeting. Nancy Wood was approved as the Temporary Chair for the Nominating Committee. There was extended discussion about potential revisions to the Bylaws, but the issue was tabled. Dayle agreed to send out a sample of Bylaws that are much simpler than those used now by the church.

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m., and the next meeting of the Council will be on March 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

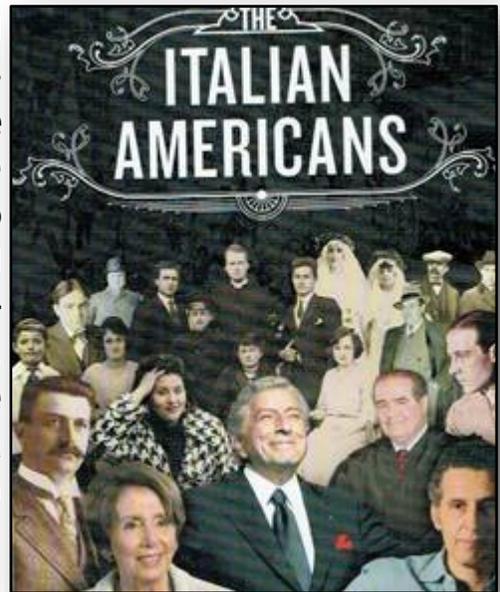


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Men's Point Venture Breakfast Group
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8:30 AM
Point Venture POA Club Room

The men are starting a new study on The Italian Americans which promises to be very interesting as we explore the generations of people who shaped our country.

THE "Italian Americans" reveals the unique and distinctive qualities of one immigrant group's experience, and how these qualities over time, have shaped and challenged America. At the turn of the 20th century many Italian immigrants came to work, earn money to support their families, and eventually return home. Nearly half of the first-generation Italian immigrants did return to Italy. The "Italian Americans" tells the story of those who stayed and played vital roles in helping shape a unique Italian American identity and to transform American life and culture.



Lakeside Christian Fellowship Men's Group

The Lakeside Christian Fellowship Men's Bible Study is led by Pastor Chuck and meets on the 2nd. and 4th. Tuesday each month in the Re/Max Building next to the Worship Center. We are studying the Parables of Christ as written in the Gospel of Luke with the Good Samaritan. It is a fascinating study that you will enjoy. The men enjoy a light breakfast at 8 AM and Bible Study is from 8:30-9:30. Please join us, all men of the area are invited to attend!

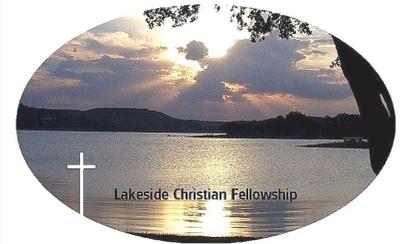


MEN'S GROUP

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5th Sunday Potluck Luncheon ~ January 31, 2016

Please mark your calendars now for the next luncheon on Sunday, May 29!!





Health Watch

Can You Exercise with an Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator (ICD)?



It's clear that moderate exercise is good for the heart, but people with implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICDs) often avoid activity out of fear it will trigger an arrhythmia, resulting in an electric shock from the device to restore a normal heartbeat. But a recent clinical trial offers some reassurance: Researchers confirm that if you have an ICD, it's possible to boost your fitness levels through exercise without raising your risk of a heart-rhythm disturbance.

In the study, published in *Circulation* last May, ICD patients managed to improve their fitness levels with a home-based exercise routine—and they did it safely.

Researchers randomly divided 160 patients into two groups. One group was told to stick with their usual care; the other group was directed to add an exercise plan. For the first eight weeks, the exercise group walked for one hour a day, five days a week; after that, they cut down to two-and-a-half hours a week.

Over six months, the exercisers enhanced their fitness levels—an improvement that's vital for heart patients, since it could mean more energy during the day and better physical function. What's more, there was no evidence the exercise was risky: Four patients had an ICD shock, versus eight in the standard-care group. And there were no differences in rates of hospitalization or death between the two groups.

If you have an ICD and are currently sedentary, ask your doctor about safe ways to add some activity to your life.



http://www.healthafter50.com/alerts/heart_health/Can-You-Exercise-with-an-Implantable-Cardioverter-Defibrillator_7520-1.html?s=EHH_151218_001&st=email

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Church Office Hours:
Wednesday and Thursday
from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.



Please remember that all church activities should be scheduled on the master calendar in the church office. Thank you!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>For more information visit the LCF website at www.lakesidechristians.org</p>						
		<p>1 8:30 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Point Venture Club Room</p>	<p>2 9:30 AM CWF Bible Study @ Bluebonnet Room</p>	<p>3 10:30 AM Alzheimer's Support Group @ LV Library</p>	4	5
<p>6 No Worship Primavera Bike Race</p> 		<p>8 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast/Bible Study @ Worship Center</p>	<p>9 9:30 AM CWF Bible Study @ Bluebonnet Room</p>	<p>10 6:30 PM Cancer Support Group @ LV Library</p>		
<p>13 10:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 & 11:45 AM Choir Rehearsal @ Worship Center Time Change</p>	<p>14 3:00 PM Leadership Council @ Worship Center</p>	<p>15 8:30 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Point Venture Club Room</p>	<p>16 9:30 AM CWF Bible Study @ Bluebonnet Room</p>	<p>17 10:30 AM Alzheimer's Support Group @ LV Library</p>		
<p>20 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center</p> 	<p>21 10:30 AM Christian Women's Fellowship Monthly Meeting @ Bluebonnet Room</p>	<p>22 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast/Bible Study @ Worship Center</p>	<p>23 9:30 AM CWF Bible Study @ Bluebonnet Room</p>	<p>24 6:00 PM Tenebrae Service @ Worship Center</p>		
<p>27 7:00 AM Sunrise Service @ Hancock Park 10:30 AM Easter Service @ Worship Center</p>	28	29	<p>30 9:30 AM CWF Bible Study @ Bluebonnet Room</p>	31		



Ruth Cox 1
 Kaity Richardson..... 1
 Gregory Brown 6
 Jan Lehigh..... 10
 David Broker 11
 Wayne Nash..... 17
 Dorothy Gudgell..... 18
 Ginger Halsted 23
 John Newton 31

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

Jim & Nancy Wood
 March 6

William & Linda Summers
 March 10

Dan & Bev Olson
 March 19

If you would like your dates to be included please send your information to the church office!!
office@lakesidechristians.org

Prayer Corner
 By Dayle Aulds

All prayers are edited and adapted from *Everyday Prayers*, by Scotty Smith

A Prayer About Jesus' Way with Words

**"A soft answer turns away wrath,
 but a harsh word stirs up anger.
 The tongue of the wise commends knowledge,
 but the mouths of fools pour out folly."
 Proverbs 15:1-2**

Patient Jesus, as with so many other Scriptures, this passage makes me think of You. There's no one more filled with kindness and gentle answers than You. There's no wiser tongue than yours. Even when I rush into your presence with demands dressed up like questions, arrogance pretending to be confusion, clenched fists rather than raised hands, You remain unnerved, non-defensive, and ever so welcoming. You're firm with me, but never harsh. You don't have to be because You never get irritated, You don't have any insecurities, and You don't fear losing an argument. Jesus, You're not into "saving face" but into "saving me". By the Holy Spirit You preach the gospel to my heart all day long. Free my tongue for Your praise and the building up of others. I pray in Your ever-so-glorious name. Amen.



February 25, 2016

Average Sunday Attendance.....	95
Membership.....	140 (91 families)
YTD Offerings.....	\$29,662.
YTD Expenses	\$24,104.

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