Lakeside Christian Fellowship

Ripples

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Dear Members and Friends,

What a summer we've had with all of the record temperatures and multiple days in the 100's. There's been much talk about "climate change" and "global warming." They are similar terms. According to NASA, the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration, climate change is "a long-term change in the Earth's climate, or a region on Earth," while global warming is "the increase in Earth's average surface temperature due to rising levels of greenhouse gases (mostly carbon dioxide or methane." It is also interesting to note that "climate change" is replacing "global warming" as the catch phrase of environmentalists.

While this is not about the pros and cons of these two similar terms, it is about the unmistakable realization that its getting hotter and hotter each year and the threat of wild fires and global natural catastrophes are increasing globally each year and how then should we as Christians view climate change.

I believe that we should view it skeptically and critically, but at the same time honestly and respectfully. Most importantly, though, Christians should look at climate change biblically. What does the Bible say about climate change? Not much. Likely the closest biblical examples of what could be considered climate change would be the end times disasters prophesied in Revelation 6–18. Yet these prophecies have nothing to do with greenhouse gas emissions. Also, as Christians, we must remember that God is in control and that this world is not our home. God will one day erase this current universe (2 Peter 3:7-12) and replace it with a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21–22). But does that mean we should sit idly by?

Reverend Sharon Delgado is an ordained United Methodist minister, author, speaker and activist on climate justice. Rev. Delgado has written a book "*Love in a Time of Climate Change – Honoring Creation, Establishing Justice* published in 2017. In it she writes that global "climate change" is real and cites statistics that support what is going on globally and she writes that it is our responsibility as believers that God created this world and, as his children, we have an obligation to protect it as "caretakers." I found it a thought provoking read. I will warn you that she is critical of some of our religious leaders and of how our government is doing nothing to slow the changes taking place – preferring to look the other way or take a different stance.

That said, she concludes, "God's love is at work through us as we respond to the challenges of climate change. Giving up hope is not an option. The beleaguered and suffering peoples of the world are calling us, future generations are calling us, and other species facing extinction are calling us. Through all these voices God is calling us to allow Christ's love to work through us for the sake of the whole creation."

It has been a scorching hot summer and as we move in anticipation toward the winter months ahead and smile as the temperatures cool, may we remember and do everything we can as Christians to do our part as caretakers of God's creation and to impart to our government representatives to do something to protect God's Earth for the generations yet to come.

Pastor Chuck Smith

5TH Sunday Potluck
July 29, 2018

The next 5TH Sunday Potluck is on September 30 at the Bluebonnet Room

Deborah Reed
New Secretary at Lakeside Christian Fellowship

Meet Deborah Reed the new secretary at LCF as of August 15. She is married to Kenneth for 29 years. They bought a home in Lago Vista 4 years ago and made it their permanent residence about 1 ½ years ago. They have two children, Brandon whom is married to Jennifer and just had their first child/grandchild, Marley, and live in Dallas, Texas. And Amber whom is engaged and soon to be married to Alex and reside in Houston, Texas Deborah enjoys crafting, boating and playing tennis. She is happy to be a part of the Lakeside Christian Fellowship community.

LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Leadership Council Report for August 13, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: The Leadership Council meeting was called to order my Moderator Scott Cameron at 2:05 pm. Members present were Scott Cameron, Rick Waters, Dave Freeman, Chuck Smith, Genie Carroll, Ginger Halsted, Don Killough, Wilma Sanders and Jean Sholes. Member Roger Elliott arrived at 2:50 pm.

INVOCATION: Rick Waters opened the meeting with prayer.

Opening remarks were given by Scott Cameron who asked every member of the Council to review the constitution, concentrating on the duties of our own council position to ensure that we are performing our duties as outlined.

Ginger Halsted moved to approve the June 2018 minutes; Genie Carroll seconded and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Genie Carroll distributed the Income and Expenses/Budget financial report and noted that there are no items of concern and all expenditures are in line. Dave Freeman moved to accept the report; Ginger Halsted seconded and the motion carried.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION: Don Killough noted that the stewardship drive was kicked off Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018 with church member Nancy Meierhoff addressing the congregation with an inspiring story about her father and his service to his church and fellow worshipers. On Aug. the 26st the books will be handed out to the Captains for distribution to church members. The drive ends on September 21, 2018. Don presented a budget comparison between this current year and next year. The only change in next year's proposed budget is a 3% average increase in wages for the staff. Dave Freeman advised that at Holiday time, if the church has excess funds, we may authorize a bonus for the staff. Don noted that the proposed budget represents a modest increase for next year.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Roger Elliott said that was nothing new to report.

FAITH IN ACTION: Wilma advised that she is currently meeting with the local schools to find out what supplies the schools and teachers are requesting the new school year. She has $1,000 to spend on requested items and anticipated she would have everything purchased and distributed by the end of next week.

PASTORAL RELATIONS: Dave Freeman advised that Deborah Reed, the newly hired office person began working on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018. The first 6 – 8 weeks Linda will be training her on the publishing duties and the next 6 – 8 weeks she will receive bookkeeping training.

WORSHIP COMMISSION: Ginger Halsted advised that the choir will return from the break on September 2, 2018. The choir will have a Christmas Program on December 16, 2018. There was a discussion about the request for gluten free crackers for communion services. It was decided that the church will provide the crackers in addition to the regular crackers. Jean Sholes and Ginger will work out the logistics of how to serve the two crackers.

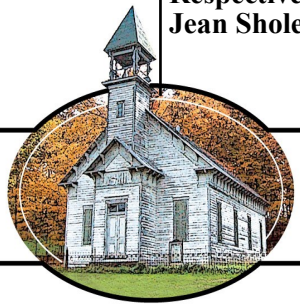
OUTREACH MINISTRIES: Chuck noted that the Cancer Support Group has changed it's name to the Cancer Discussion Group. Chuck noted that it is time to plan the annual church picnic and a decision was made to hold the event on Sunday Oct. 28, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS: Rick Waters advised that we are putting together a trip for our church members and guests on November 30, 2018. More information to follow.

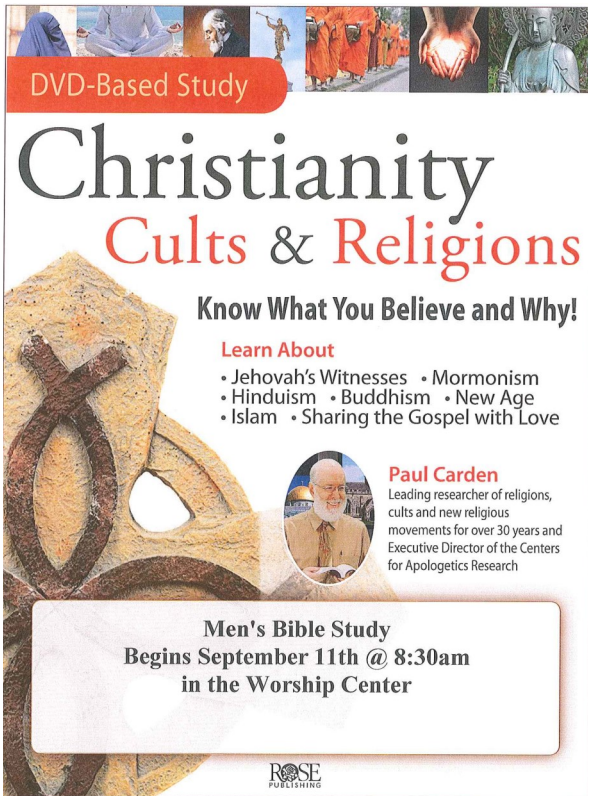
Scott Cameron noted that the Hill Country Singers are requesting the use of the church facilities for practice sessions as they have done on the past. Roger Elliott made a motion tto approve the request; Ginger Halsted seconded. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm

Respectively submitted by
Jean Sholes, Council Secretary



CHURCH COUNCIL



LAKESIDE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Come and join the men of Lakeside Christian Fellowship as they begin a study of Christianity, Cults & Religions.

Join us the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month beginning with a light breakfast at 8 am with the study to begin at 8:30 am. It's ok if you want to skip breakfast.

Contact Chuck Smith 512-922-6233
for more information

~ PV Men's Fellowship ~

All the Lord's Men be ready for Men's Breakfast on Tuesday September 4, 8:30 AM at the Point Venture Club Room. The September breakfast starts a new season and ends the summer sabbatical of the cookers.

Men's Breakfast is more than a place to have a great breakfast. It is a gathering of Christian men where we bond with each other and devote our skills to the benefit of the community.

We look forward to seeing everyone, and hopefully have some good stories to share about our summers. Come hungry and you will be satisfied!

Contact Dan Olson 512-267-2374
for more information

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Lakeside Christian Women's Fellowship

It's been a long, hot summer and the promise of change quickens our senses. **The LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** officers and committees have not vacationed for three months, but diligently planning, preparing, changing and promising new and exciting programs for the next nine months, a series on the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation which changed the world, presented by clergy and members of nine local church denominations. From each of these churches their women's groups will be invited to join us as we learn and worship together. What a joy it will be to celebrate all the faith of our community! Our goal with these programs is to open in love to one another, to celebrate many of the Christian faiths of our community, to work together for the glory of God and the strengthening of faith in Jesus Christ, and to inform the community of Christian Women's Fellowship. Expect a warm welcome from all the officers!!

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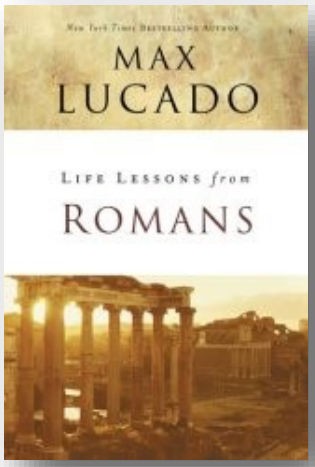
On Monday, September 17th, we meet at 10:30 am in the POA-Bluebonnet Room, Corner of Boggy Ford and American Drive, Lago Vista, to greet June Freeman, our first presenter on the series of "The Protestant Reformation Changed the World". June will explain how the Protestant Reformation led to the development of the Presbyterian Church. Her home church was one of the first converted from a Catholic Church to a Presbyterian in Scotland. June will present many interesting topics; who governs, sacraments, music, church decorations, role of women and even how pastors dress. This information will be revealing and exciting. Don't stay home!!!

LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The women meet each Wednesday at 9:30 am in the Bluebonnet Room. The selected study, "Life Lessons from Romans", authored by Max Lucado began on Wednesday, July 18th and will continue for 12 weekly sessions. Have you ever headed in the wrong direction? Made a wrong choice? Of course, we've all made poor decisions. This study on Paul's letter to the Romans explores the wrong turns the early Church was making and showing them the one correct solution to help them stop making wrong choices….JESUS.



All people need a relationship with God. Forgiveness is available from God for anyone. Come visit the Bible Study and find out about all the right choices.

If you have thought of joining the ladies study, ask one of them if that is a good decision, better yet, ASK GOD. All women of the area are invited to participate. Bring friends and meet new friends. Arrive early at 9:15 for extended fellowship.

Health Watch

6 Ways to Survive a Heart Attack

Health after 50

Boost your odds

Many people who are having a heart attack—even those who have had one before—wait too long to seek medical help. Not seeking treatment immediately may increase the extent of permanent heart damage and the chances of heart failure or death. But you can boost your odds of survival and save precious time during a cardiac emergency by taking these measures in advance.

1. Recognize the warning signs

Not everyone who has a heart attack experiences the same symptoms, and some people have no symptoms at all. Common ones include chest discomfort (pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain); pain radiating to the arms, back, neck, jaw, or stomach; shortness of breath; sweating, nausea, vomiting, or lightheadedness.

2. Get help right away

If you experience symptoms of a heart attack, call 911 immediately. Emergency personnel can begin treatment before you reach the hospital. If calling 911 is not possible, have someone drive you to the hospital. Do not drive yourself unless you have absolutely no other alternative. Always have your cell phone with you in case you need to call for help.

3. Chew an aspirin

While waiting for help to arrive, chew a regular-dose aspirin to help prevent blood clots. Take with a glass of water. Keep a bottle of aspirin in your home, car, office, and toiletry bag.

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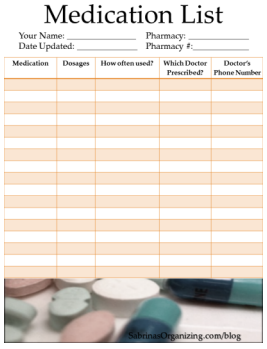
4. Take angina medication

If you have been prescribed nitroglycerin tablets or spray for angina, take one to three doses to see whether symptoms are relieved. Lie down, breathe deeply and slowly, and try to stay calm..

5. Keep a list


Medication List

Your Name: _____ Pharmacy: _____
Date Updated: _____ Pharmacy #:_____

Medication	Dosages	How often used?	Which Doctor Prescribed?	Doctor's Phone Number

SabrinaOrganizing.com/blog

Write down medications you're taking and that you're allergic to, doctors' phone numbers, and emergency contact information. Keep copies of this information in several places, such as at home, at work, in your car, and in your wallet or purse so you can readily access it anywhere during an emergency.

6. Educate your family and friends

Tell the people close to you the warning signs of a heart attack and what to do if you experience those signs. Encourage them to take a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class so that they can provide assistance if your breathing or heart stops before the ambulance arrives.

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Church Office Hours: Wednesday and Thursday 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
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2 **10:30 AM** Worship Service @Worship Center	3 **LABOR DAY**	4 **8:30 AM** Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Point Venture Club Room	5 **9:30 AM** CWF Bible Study @ Bluebonnet Room	6 **10:30 AM** Alzheimer's Support Group @ LV Library **1:00 PM** LCF Nominating Committee	7	8
9 **10:30 AM** Worship Service @Worship Center	10 **2:00 PM** Leadership Council @ Worship Center	11 **8:00 AM** Men's Fellowship Breakfast/Bible Study @ Worship Center	12 **9:30 AM** CWF Bible Study @ Bluebonnet Room	13	14	15
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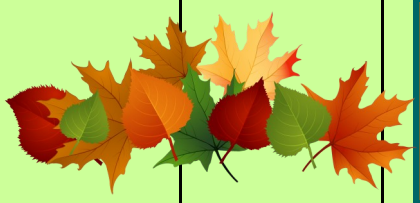
30 **10:30 AM** Worship Service @Worship Center **12:00 PM** 5th Sunday Potluck @ Bluebonnet Room						

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Tom & Armor Lee Gardner
September 12

Wayne & Donna Nash
September 29

To be included, please send your information to:
office@lakesidechristians.org

Prayer Corner

All prayers are edited and adapted from *Pocket Prayers* by Max and Andrea Lucado.

Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.
1 thessalonians 5:17–19

Heavenly Father, I sit here in awe of all that I should thank you for. You are so much bigger and greater than I could ever understand.

Give me reminders to be grateful today. Don't allow me to miss the small—or big— blessings around me. Fill my heart with gratitude.

For my friends who struggle to pray, would you give them a desire to know you more. Teach them to pray, as you're teaching me to.

Thank you for Jesus. Thank you for loving us. Thank you for the gift of grace.
In Christ's name, amen.

August 2018

Average Sunday Attendance	84
YTD Offerings	$158,563.00
YTD Expenses	$123,048.00

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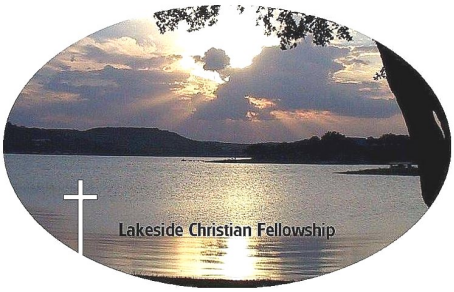

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