

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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August is here – already.

It feels as though the days slipped quietly past, one folding into the next, until suddenly the calendar turned again. Where have they gone? The sunlight of early summer, the long evenings, the ordinary moments we thought would linger — all of it seems to have moved through our hands like water.

The older I get, the faster time seems to travel. Weeks feel like days, and years feel like pages turned too quickly in a well-loved book. Milestones arrive sooner than expected. Seasons change almost without warning. There's a strange tenderness in that realization — a reminder that life is both fleeting and precious.

And yet, even as time quickens its pace, my heart cannot help but feel grateful. Grateful for mornings I was given to wake up to. Grateful for lessons learned – even the hard ones. Grateful for laughter that caught me off guard and tears that softened me. Grateful for growth I didn't see happening until I looked back.

August carries its own beauty – the golden hue of late summer, gardens heavy with fruit, sunsets that linger just a little longer before autumn whispers its approach. It is a gentle pause between what has been and what is coming.

Yes, time moves quickly. But perhaps that is what makes each day sacred. There is so much to be grateful for – for breath in our lungs, for people who walk beside us, for doors that opened and even for those that closed. For strength we didn't know we had. For grace that carried us farther than we imagined. If August has arrived so swiftly, maybe it is an invitation, not to mourn the passing days, but to cherish the ones still unfolding. Here's to savoring what remains of summer. Here's to holding gratitude a little closer. Here's to living these next days with intention, aware that even as time moves swiftly, it is still a gift.

Blessings,

Rev. Chuck Smith

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The annual stewardship drive for Lakeside Christian Fellowship begins on August 30, 2026 and ends on September 27, 2026. At this time the Stewardship Books will be passed among the congregation and you will be asked to make your pledge to the church for the year 2027.

Your financial support helps Lakeside Christian Fellowship to flourish and bring outreach to the community. Stewardship can also mean volunteering where and when needed. If you are interested in volunteering, fill out and return the time and talent sheet included in the stewardship books.

We ask God and you to continue to support Lakeside Christian Fellowship so that we may continue to spread his word in the community and assist people who God leads to our door.

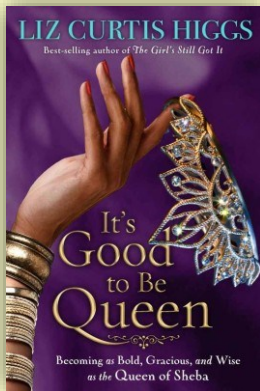
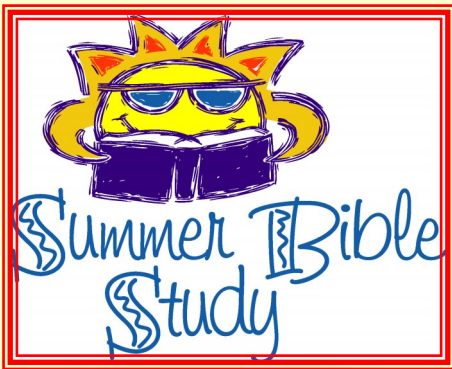
May God bless you and Lakeside Christian Fellowship!

Sincerely,

Ginger Halsted
Stewardship Chairman



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**Join us each Wednesday
at 10:00 a.m. in the WOW Room (room #5)
downstairs in the
LCF Fellowship Hall.**

**The WOW Bible Study Group
Is studying the book "It's Good to be Queen" by
popular author, Liz Curtis Higgs.**

All ladies are welcome to attend!



GEMS
(God Empowered Men)

**The Men's Bible Study
Group
Meets on
Tuesday Mornings
At 9:30 a.m.
in Classroom # 5
downstairs
in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Music is a big part of
LCF.
The choir is always
welcoming to
new members.**



**The LCF Choir is taking time off
during the months of
July and August
and will return in September.**

**If you have a favorite hymn /hymns that
you would like to sing during the summer
months, fill out a hymn request form
located in the church foyer
and put it in the offering plate
or return to the church office.**

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I ask that you continue to give your food and clothing/linen donations and Tanya and I will ensure they are taken to the appropriated location. If you are not able to bring them to the church, please let Tanya or I know and we will make arrangements with you to pick your donations up and deliver them to the appropriate agency.

Or, I would also like to make you aware of a couple of different food donating options for you to consider below: if you do not wish to drop off food donations to Lakeside Christian Fellowship (LCF) to be taken to the Hope Center,

you can go on line to the Hope Center's homepage website and there is a place for you to scroll down until you see "Help Stock Our Pantry Heading" and right below that you will see click on "Shop Needed Items Here" and after you click on this it will take you to an Amazon website page that is linked to the Hope Center. This page will reflect all of the food items currently in need by the Hope Center. You can then select the items that you wish to choose and pay for them. It will automatically default to delivering it to the Hope Center in Lago Vista.

The Lyons Club of Lago Vista also offers a very good program to help feed kids that are in need. Here is an excerpt from their website: *"We have developed a sustainable program to supply the nutritional needs of these children. In conjunction with the community Thanksgiving distribution, we supply breakfast and lunch items for children during the winter and spring school breaks, we deliver curated boxes of such items – families with several children or older kids receive extra food. The summer involves four separate deliveries of curated boxes with enough food to last for three weeks at a time."* For additional information on this program, please visit the Lago Vista Lions Club website.

Tanya and I, along with other volunteers from LCF, continue to participate in the monthly Fresh Food for All (FFFA) program initiative offered by the Hill Country Community Ministries (HCCM), Leander, Texas. FFFA is a targeted approach to tackling hunger and promoting better nutrition. HCCM steps up by extending help to underserved areas, granting clients direct access to fresh produce, and allowing them to select their preferred fruits and vegetables - all for **FREE!** Although HCCM has been providing this service to Jonestown and other areas for quite some time, HCCM began to offer this program in Lago Vista in March of this year. **FFFA happens from 9am to 11am in the Lago Vista City Hall parking lot located at 5803 Thunderbird Street and will continue on the 4th Friday of each month at the same time and location.** I would like to thank all of the volunteers that continue to commit their time to make the FFFA program successful.

Lastly, we have been working on establishing a Scattering Garden on LCF grounds. The garden is located next to the chapel and is very close to being completed. We plan on discussing on how to properly dedicate it during our next council meeting in early August. This garden will allow individuals who so choose to scatter ashes of their loved ones in a very peaceful and serene area. More information will soon follow.

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The Fresh Food for All Program at City Hall on every 4th Friday of the Month from
9 am—11 am

Tanya Reese is “Happy to Serve” along with other LCF members
and friends from the community!

LCF Scattering Garden

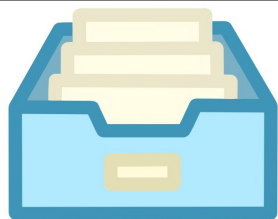


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Welcome New Members

Give a warm welcome to new members
Gene and Annie Kounse!
They joined our church family
on July 5, 2026.



**We're Updating
Our Church Directory**

**WE CAN'T
SPELL CH_RCH
DIRECTORY
WITHOUT U!**

If your address, phone number or email has changed or
you would like to update or submit a new photo
for the new Church Directory,
please notify the church office
no later than Wednesday, August 12.
The directories will go out with the Stewardship Books on
Sunday, August 30.

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SAFETY TRAINING

On Thursday, June 25, 2026, LCF hosted a church safety and security training led by Captain Michael De Leon of the Travis County Constable Office.

The training was well attended with approximately 20 LCF members in attendance.

Topics included situational awareness, emergency planning, a brief CPR lesson and best practices for maintaining a safe and secure environment for church members and visitors.

The training was very informative and left all that attended with something learned.



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4th of July Parade Float Decorating



The 4th of July float decorators from left to right: Warwick Andrews; Linda Brown; Judy Guthrie; Wilma Sanders; Nancy Meierhoff; Marilyn Hamblin; Annie Kounse; Gene Kounse; Karen Gonzales; William Bush; Kari Monahan; Janet Cason and Chuck Smith



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4th of July Parade



There was a wonderful turn out for the Lago Vista 4th of July Parade. LCF members and friends participated by decorating and riding on a float. A special thank you to Rob Witcher for pulling the float with his truck and to Warwick Andrews and Judy Guthrie for organizing.

Riding the float were:

Warwick Andrews, Judy Guthrie, Nancy Meierhoff, Dr. Jim Christie, Janet Cason, Kari Monahan, Wilma Sanders, Dr. Dick Sanders, June Freeman, Linda Brown, Annie Kounse, Gene Kounse, Steve Ernst, Elyse Ernst, Deborah Reed and friend Sabrina Jellison.



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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
						1 LV Players @ FH 9:30 AM—12:00 PM
2 10:00 AM Meet and Greet 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center & Live Streaming	3	4 Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Downstairs in the WOW Room	5 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM Downstairs in the WOW Room	6 LCF Council Meeting 9:30 AM WOW Room LV Players @ FH 6:30 PM—9:00 PM	7 LV Players @ FH 6:30 PM—9:00 PM	8 LV Players @ FH 9:30 AM—12:00 PM
9 10:00 AM Meet and Greet 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center & Live Streaming	10	11 Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Downstairs in the WOW Room	12 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM Downstairs in the WOW Room	13 LV Players @ FH 6:30 PM—9:00 PM	14 LV Players @ FH 6:30 PM—9:00 PM	15 LV Players @ FH 9:30 AM—12:00 PM
16 10:00 AM Meet and Greet 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center & Live Streaming	17	18 Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Downstairs in the WOW Room	19 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM Downstairs in the WOW Room 	20 Alzheimer Group 10:00 AM @LV Library LV Players @ FH 6:30 PM—9:00 PM	21 LV Players @ FH 6:30 PM—9:00 PM	22 LV Players @ FH 9:30 AM—12:00 PM
23 10:00 AM Meet and Greet 10:30 AM Worship Service 30 Stewardship Drive Begins 5th Sunday Pot Luck	24 31	25 Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Downstairs in the WOW Room	26 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM Downstairs in the WOW Room	27 LV Players @ FH 6:30 PM—9:00 PM	28 LV Players @ FH 6:30 PM—9:00 PM	29 LV Players @ FH 9:30 AM—12:00 PM

For more information visit the LCF website at
www.lakesidechristians.org



Don Killough.....9
Dana Zink.....22
Scott Weaver.....25



Dr. Jim and Julie Christie
August 18

Ron & Dana Zink
August 28

Rick & Sharon Waters
August 29

Please send your information to:
lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com

Prayer Corner

<https://christianstt.com/prayer-for-the-month-of-august/>

A Commitment to God's Guidance

Lord, I dedicate
the month of August to You,
confident in Your love and guidance.

I trust in Your plans for me and ask for
Your continuous presence.

May I walk in faith,
reflecting Your love and compassion
in all that I do.

In Jesus' name, I pray,
Amen!

*Psalm 37:5 Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in Him, and He will act.*

July 30, 2026

YTD Offerings\$134,946.00

YTD Expenses\$103,641.00

Lakeside Christian Fellowship

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