

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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LET
gratitude
FOR THE PAST
INSPIRE US
WITH trust
FOR THE FUTURE.
—Françoise Fendou

There is nothing more refreshing than the smell of the air after a fresh rain. After such a hot summer, there is nothing more refreshing than the cooler weather of the fall.

September is the month that we anticipate such cooler weather. However, if we had never had hot weather, we would not appreciate the cooler temperatures.

We must come to realize what God is allowing us to learn from life.

- One who has never been hungry can ever fully appreciate being full and satisfied.
- One who has never been sick can ever fully appreciate being well.
- One who has never been in pain can ever fully appreciate having no pain.
- One can never fully appreciate having friends and loved ones if one has never been alone.
- One who has never been away from home will ever understand the value of coming home.
- One who has never suffered loss will ever fully understand the pain of loss.
- One who has never been poor will ever fully understand the comfort of wealth or sufficiency.
- One can never appreciate being strong without first being weak.
- One can never fully understand peace, if one has never experienced turmoil.
- One can never fully appreciate a world without evil (like heaven) until one has experienced evil in this world.

The next time we find ourselves in a situation that we don't appreciate, let us take the time to appreciate those times when we had what we wanted and didn't appreciate it.

**WHEN GOD BRINGS CONTRASTING SITUATIONS INTO OUR LIVES,
IT ENHANCES OUR ABILITY TO LEARN TO VALUE LIFE EVEN MORE.**

**LOVE IN CHRIST,
BRO. PAUL**

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LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Leadership Council Report for August 11, 2025

The Leadership Council meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Moderator Bill Bush. Members present were Bill Bush, Judy Guthrie-sub for Wilma Sanders, Genie Carroll, Fred Pontesso, Nancy Meierhoff, Carolyn Bass, Gene Glass, Ginger Halsted and Warwick Andrews. Also present was Regina Holmes. A quorum was present.

Invocation: Bill Bush opened with a prayer

Opening Remarks: Moderator Bill Bush shared that, after hearing Sunday's message about the Gospel, our church should decide how we as a group could spread the gospel in our community and elsewhere.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 9, 2025 Council Meeting along with Executive Sessions from June 15th and June 30th, and a Special Called Meeting on June 23rd were all approved by unanimous consent.

Commission Reports:

Outreach – Pastor Paul was not available and had no report to share at this time

Promotion and Marketing – Chair Warwick Andrews reported that "It rained on our parade". After our float was decorated and ready to promote our church in the July 4th parade, it was called off due to rain. Many thanks go out to Rob Witcher for donating his truck and pontoon boat to be decorated in patriotic style for the parade. Also, thanks go out to our artistic decorating team members Nancy Meierhoff, Janet Cason, Kari Monahan and Judy Guthrie along with some muscle help from Warwick Andrews, Bill Bush and Pastor Paul Rodgers. Thanks also to Genie Carroll for ordering and obtaining two 8 ft. long banners advertising our church. We will be able to use these banners for many more opportunities to spread the good word about our church. The promotion and marketing group is working on a number of ideas for events and services and will keep everyone informed as details become available. Additional members to this committee are always welcome.

Faith In Action – Chair Carolyn Bass reported that our church donated over \$400 in gift cards as well as many supplies to the Flood Relief endeavor. These were delivered to Lantz Plumbing, the collection location for our city. She stated it was amazing to see the floor to high ceiling filled with donations from our community. Carolyn also shared that she has met with the local area coordinator from Samaritan's Purse who will update us on the deadline to submit our filled shoeboxes to them. Carolyn will also ask Debbie Reed to include reminders in the church bulletin to pick up boxes to be filled. Warwick Andrews suggested that we order labels showing "donated

by Lakeside Christian Fellowship" which could be placed on all things we donate to the community. The council agreed this was a great idea and Warwick offered to order the labels.

Pastoral Relations – Chair Nancy Meierhoff stated that her group met on June 19th. They discussed the dual communion process and how to make it flow more smoothly. Marilyn Hamblin has requested that a handrail be installed on the wall between the door from the communion kitchen closet and the choir stairs to provide stability for those who are carrying the communion elements to the altar. Gene Glass will take care of this request. The group also thought that no part of the communion message should be read by the liturgist and it should follow the flow of the rite as stated on pages 12-14 of the Hymnals and be delivered only by the pastor. Her team also prepared their budget for 2026.

Worship Commission – Chair Genie Carroll stated that she had been approached by parishioners who expressed that the Apostles Creed or another creed should be read as part of the worship service each week as our "statement of belief" and it was also stated that Holy Communion should follow the rite from pages 12-14 of the Hymnal. Genie and Nancy will share these desires with Pastor Paul. Genie also will ask Debbie Reed to provide the instructions and duties for an usher when she sends the reminder email to the ushers for their upcoming Sunday. The council also discussed the need for additional people to assist with passing the titling plates in the pews.

Ministries – Gene Glass shared Laurie's report and Regina added some comments that the Fifth Sunday Potluck taking place on August 31st will have a "Tailgating Theme" with hamburgers being grilled on the porch of the Fellowship Hall and all attendees should bring side dishes or dessert to go along with this theme. The next Fifth Sunday Potluck which is in November and would be on the Sunday after Thanksgiving so it will be moved to the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving on November 23rd. The theme will be a "Chili Cookoff" which will not be judged but should cover many different varieties of chili as well of side dishes to go with it. Laurie's group- the "Facilities Use Committee" has met to discuss how best to accommodate a request for a very large group to use our facilities. They have received requests from both the Lago Vista Players and also from the Lago Vista Women's Club to date. The council discussed having a community wide "Bill Parcher Day" before the end of the year honor-

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ing Bill for all the joy he has helped bring to our community through his leadership or involvement in the Hill Country Singers, The Lago Vista Players, The Lake Travis Music Theater, the music performances at Villa Antonia, holding various Music Cantatas over the years as well as his dedication to the music of our church.

Building and Grounds – Chair Gene Glass reported that the flooring project was completed and the cost was \$14,715. A large portion of this cost (\$10,000) was donated by the family of Ernest and Cleta Brewster who were previous members of our church. A plaque will be installed in the narthex honoring them for their donation. New door stops are being installed for the Sanctuary doors along with a chair pad for Debbie Reed's office. Gene reported that there were previously some raccoons taking up residence in the attic but have moved away. Reed's Pest Control will be coming out to repair and close the holes where they entered at a cost of \$750. New TP holders have been installed in the bathrooms. Regina Holmes has kindly donated a new bench which is placed outside the WOW room exterior door. She told me that Gene Glass had refinished most of it so it looks new. Gene appears to have a special talent in furniture refinishing! The remainder of the mulch has been spread out in front of the church. Gene told the donor that we would be happy to take any additional mulch he is able to find. Many thanks go to Larry Thyssen for all the work he continues to do around the church grounds. Joyce Coleman has donated four new benches which have been placed in the meditation garden along with another set of wind chimes. She has been so generous with her desire to decorate our outdoor area and still desires to do more and we are so thankful.

Stewardship Commission – Ginger Halsted reported that she has made some changes to the Stewardship books which will be distributed to the Stewards on Sunday August 31st who will distribute them to our parishioners. The books must be returned to the office by September 28th. Four "stewardship moments" are being shared with the congregation in August by Lance Bass, Gene Glass, Pat-sy Rodgers, and Ginger Halsted. The council reviewed the budget presented for 2026 and discussed areas where costs might be cut and certain fund groups might be eliminated.

Financial Update – Chair Warwick Andrews reported that as of the end of July our income from general fund contributions was \$10,300. This amount added to previous months' contributions brings our total income for this year

to \$104,500. If income continues as it has to date, we will end the year being able to cover all expected costs and may even end the year with a small surplus. Our CD investments this year have yielded just over \$10,150 in interest and we have one additional CD that will be maturing at the end of October giving us approximately \$2500 in additional interest. Our utility expenses are high and Warwick made a motion (1) that we charge a fee of \$10 per use of our facilities for each day an organization uses the premises to cover utilities. It was discussed that the Facilities Use Application requests that other community groups make a small "love offering" for use and non-community requests include a charge for use. The council denied the motion. Warwick has been attempting to contact insurance carriers in an effort to reduce the cost of our insurance for the buildings. To date he has been unable to reach a representative that can assist us. Administrator, Debbie Reed compiled a statement showing the position of Pledged and paid funds to the Reserve Fund which total \$40,150 to date. Matched pledges total \$29,992.50 to date for a total Reserve Fund balance of \$70,142.50. There is still an outstanding balance owed to Matched Pledges of \$10,157.50. Warwick made a motion (2) that we change the Power of One donations to once a month and make this a separate donation collection and not included in the regular tithing trays. Gene Glass seconded the motion. The council voted and the motion passed. Warwick will notify Debbie Reed of this change. Warwick has agreed to review the purpose and use of several designated funds shown on our budget to see if they are still needed.

Old Business: Fred Pontesso presented a bill he received from Travis County for back taxes due on our building from 2017. He was told to discard the bill as it does not pertain to us.

New Business: To be discussed in a separate session.

Future Topics: The next council meeting will be held on September 8, 2025.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 PM

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**Week 1 - August 10, 2025
Lance Bass**



**Week 2 - August 17, 2025
William Bush**

**A Big Thank
You
to all of our
Stewardship
Speakers
for sharing
their
Spiritual
Messages and
the
importance of
Stewardship
during
the month of
August
and also to the
Shepherds
that will be
passing along
the pledge
books!**



**Week 3 - August 24, 2025
Patsy Rodgers**



**Week 4 - August 31, 2025
Gene Glass
Our Building and Grounds Chair
gives the final
Stewardship Message
before the
Stewardship Drive
officially begins.**

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ANNUAL Stewardship CAMPAIGN



The LCF Stewardship Drive began on Sunday August 31, 2025 and will continue until September 28, 2025.

Please review the budget and carefully determine your pledge for the year 2026. Your financial commitment to the church provides for the operation of the church as well as charitable contributions which support our community.

Please keep these thoughts in mind when you are determining your pledge.

**Stewardship Chair
Ginger Halsted with
Stewardship Shepherds:**

**From left to right:
Jack Tyler; Linda Brown;
Warwick Andrews;
Judy Guthrie; Rick Waters;
Ginny Parish and
Christine Chapman.**

**(Not Pictured is
Wilma Sanders)**



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The "WOW" Group meets downstairs in the Lakeside Christian Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am.



A new study to be determined, will begin sometime in September.

We would love for you to join us!
All women are welcome to attend!



On Sunday, August 10, Lakeside Christian Fellowship had Guest Preacher, Rev. Dale Hill, whom preached to a full house and will be preaching again on September 14, 2025.



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Prayer Garden

Come out and enjoy our beautiful Prayer and Meditation Garden!

The Lakeside Christian Fellowship prayer garden is a wonderful place to come out to pray, meditate, reflect or just sit and enjoy the peace and beauty that surrounds us!

A big thank you to Joyce Coleman for donating new chairs and benches, as well as chimes and pavers to help create this beautiful space!



Happy Anniversary to:

Ron and Dana Zink, married 60 years and to
Rick and Sharon Waters, married 61 years!

What an accomplishment
And
A true blessing

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A great time was had by all at the “Tailgate themed Pot Luck” held on August 31, after a special musical worship service given by our Minister of Music, William Parcher.



Lance Bass and Gene Glass flipped burgers and the congregation provided the many sides and desserts!

A BIG THANK YOU to those that worked on decorations and setting up the meal and sweated preparing the meal for all to enjoy!

Pictured is the “Pot Luck Crew” from left to right: Gene Glass, Christine Chapman, Laurie Glass, Regina Holmes, Lance Bass and Janet Cason. Not pictured is Dana Zink.



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More Pot Luck Pictures!



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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
	1 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @Fellowship Hall 	2 Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	3 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	4	5	6
7 9:30 Choir Practice 10:00 AM Meet & Greet @ LCF Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC	8 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Leadership Council @ Fellowship Hall	9 Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	10 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	11	12	13
14 9:30 Choir Practice 10:00 AM Meet & Greet @ LCF Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC	15 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ Fellowship Hall	16 Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	17 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs 	18 Alzheimer Group 10:30 AM @ LV Library	19	20
21 9:30 Choir Practice 10:00 AM Meet & Greet @ LCF Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC & Live Streaming	22 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ Fellowship Hall	23 Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	24 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	25	26	27
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For more information visit the LCF website at www.lakesidechristians.org						



SEPTEMBER *birthdays*

Steve Ernst.....	10
Betty Houghton.....	16
Margy Burchette.....	18
Ginny Parish	18
Wilma Sanders.....	24
Warwick Andrews	27



SEPTEMBER *anniversaries*

Steve & Elyse Ernst
September 25

Frank and Jan Robbins
September 25

To be included, please send
your information to:

lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com

Prayer Corner

Generosity and Stewardship Prayers

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Creator and giver of the
light of each day;
We bless you for your
generous gifts, and
thank you for the
time, talents, money, and
possessions you have
entrusted to us.
May we use them wisely in
your service.**

Amen

August 31, 2025

YTD Offerings\$116,460.25

YTD Expenses.....\$106,226.90

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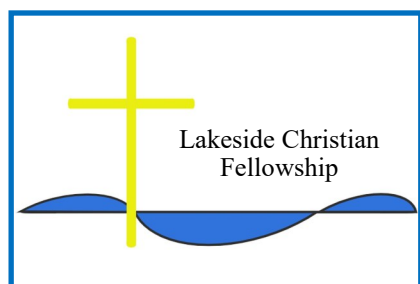
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