

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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October in God's World

October is a beautiful and gentle reminder of God's creativity, faithfulness, and loving care. As the leaves turn from green to brilliant shades of amber, crimson, orange, and gold, the world seems to become a living painting touched by the Creator's hand. The air grows crisp, the days become softer, and creation speaks in quiet ways of God's beauty and wisdom. Every colorful tree, every golden field, and every cool breeze reminds us that God can bring beauty even in seasons of change.

During October, farmers gather the harvest from fields that have been tended with patience and hope. Families begin preparing for colder days ahead, and nature slowly enters a season of rest. The trees release their leaves, the flowers fade, and the earth reminds us that life moves according to God's perfect rhythm. There is a time to plant, a time to grow, a time to gather, and a time to be still. October teaches us that change is not something to fear, because God is present in every season.

This month also invites us to pause and give thanks. The harvest reminds us of God's provision. The beauty of autumn reminds us of His creativity. The quietness of the season reminds us of His peace. Just as God cares for the trees, the birds, the fields, and the skies, He also cares deeply for each one of us. We are never forgotten in His world.

Every falling leaf, every clear morning, every glowing sunset, and every whisper of wind can become a reminder that the earth belongs to the Lord.

October shows us that even as things change, God remains faithful. In His world, every season has purpose, every moment can hold beauty, and even change can become a blessing.

Blessings,

Rev. Chuck Smith

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Leadership Council Report for September 14, 2026

The Leadership Council Meeting was called to order at 9:30AM by Moderator Bill Bush. Members present were Bill Bush, Nancy Meierhoff, Russell Reese, Wilma Sanders, Laurie Glass, Gene Glass and Fred Pontesso. A quorum was present. Pastor Chuck Smith was present for this meeting.

Invocation: Bill opened with a prayer. **Thoughts to Ponder:** Bill stated that we are looking at a Long Range Plan having to do with pastoral expectations regarding the job description. The question is does the new pastor know what our church wants and where we are going in the next five years.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 6, 2026 Council meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

Outreach: Pastor Chuck talked about the Ministerial Alliance Meeting and community involvement. He has offered them our facilities for a meeting. However, a date hasn't been set up yet. He will keep us informed of the meeting date.

Promotions & Marketing: Laurie stated they will be having a meeting on September 25.

a. Christmas Cantata - 12/13/2026: Bill commented that we will have a Christmas Cantata on December 13, 2026. We are awaiting more details about this event from Jim Christie.

b. Church Sign on Boggy Ford: Bill read the agreement with Cords Construction regarding the church sign for LCF to be located on Boggy Ford Road and Pinnacle Cove, noting it had two conditions and no payment required. He gave out an example of what our Church Sign would look like on Boggy Ford Road to the Council members. There was a discussion about options for an off-premises sign, including pursuing a variance or using the exception for wayfinding signs. Bill stated he will be consulting development services about requirements and our next steps. Gene made a **Motion (1)** that we accept this church sign for the Boggy Ford Road location. Fred seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was approved.

Faith in Action: Russell stated that we will be doing boxes for the Samaritan Purse campaign again this year. He will get with Debbie to order the boxes needed. He will also be working with LVISD on the Thanksgiving Gift Cards.

Pastor Search Committee: Nancy stated that we have not had any new applicants recently for the pastor position. They have one candidate they are looking at now and will have another Zoom meeting with him soon. His name is David Fielding. She explained his criminal background leading up to 11 years in prison, where he found Jesus and changed his life. He has been an Associate Pastor for a church for 14 years. There was a discussion regarding his qualifications and background and how it could affect his acceptance as our new Pastor. The Council decided to investigate potential regulations regarding hiring former convicts for positions involving children or sensitive roles before making a final decision. David is 45 years old and has a wife and three children. There was a long discussion about the pros and cons of hiring David as Pastor. Nancy will send out the YouTube link for David Fielding's testimony and sermons to the Council members.

Pastoral Relations: Nancy stated they are having a meeting tomorrow to discuss staff evaluations and changes to be made. She commented she is still checking on how to honor Pastor Rick Waters as Pastor Emeritus and will get back with the Council on this pursuit. She relayed that Pastor Chuck Smith will preach the rest of September. Pastor Rick may be filling in for Pastor Chuck in October, while he is out of town. After discussion, the Council approved moving the 5th Sunday Potluck on November 29 to November 22, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be after service on October 25.

Worship Commission:

a. TV Screens in Sanctuary - Scope of Project Details: Fred talked about installing two TV screens

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in the Sanctuary. There was a discussion regarding the benefit of installing these screens in the front of the Sanctuary. Bill relayed that other churches and younger pastors are increasingly using this technology. Nancy made a **Motion (2)** that we purchase and we install two TV screens. Laurie seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was approved. This money would come out of the Reserve Fund. Bill stated that he, Fred and Gene would install these screens. Also, there was a discussion regarding the audio issues during services and on YouTube, which will be corrected by Fred.

Ministries Committee: Laurie relayed that there will be a Potluck Dinner on November 22 in the Fellowship Hall. She stated the Lago Vista Players are still rehearsing here and Jim Christie is their new Director. Laurie stated that we have received the plaque for the Memory Board and it will be put on the wall outside the church.

a. LCF Polo Shirts: Laurie stated that 39 shirts have been ordered. After the total cost, we have a small profit. We will order another six shirts in popular sizes to have extra on hand.

Building and Grounds:

a. Update on Flooring in Fellowship Hall: Gene presented four samples of the flooring and the one on the far left was approved by the Council. He said he will make sure this work is done on a Monday through Wednesday. He will get with Mark Baker to schedule this work.

b. Christmas Decorating: Gene stated we would put out an announcement to the congregation regarding donations for LED lights or donated lights from members. Bill will get with Debbie to include this announcement in the weekly email or the Ripples.

c. Parking Lot Repairs: Gene discussed the coating and re-striping of the parking lot. Gene made a **Motion (3)** that the Council approve the project to seal coat the lower parking lot area, re-stripe everywhere, and repair car stops. Laurie seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was ap-

proved. Gene stated that most of the funding is expected to be donated.

d. AC Filters: Gene said these filters have been replaced. Also, Larry Thyssen repaired a leak in the women's bathroom.

Stewardship Committee

a. Campaign for 2027: Bill stated that the Stewardship Books are being returned. The deadline for turn-in is September 27. Gene commented that the Organizational Chart needs to be revised for accuracy.

Financial Update (April 2026): Bill relayed that we have a positive balance financially at this time.

Old Business:

1. Action Item Updates:

a. OBS Camera Control Cross Anchors: Bill commented that the cross anchor issue has been fixed.

b. Nominating Committee Assignments and Schedule: Bill talked about this committee. He gave out the list of our 25 new church members. The new appointed members for 2027 will be announced at the Annual Congregational Meeting on October 25. There was a discussion about this committee's work, including their review of term limits and responsibilities.

c. Flowers for the Church: Laurie commented regarding the current cost of the flowers. At this time, the flowers last for two Sundays. There was a discussion about putting a notice at the top of the Flower Sign-Up Sheet indicating the flowers will be used for two Sundays now.

New Business:

1. Review of Long Range Plan: Bill talked about pastoral expectations related to the Long Range Plan, focusing on defining the church's target demographic and youth program approach. There was a discussion about our having a Youth Ministry. The Council discussed whether to maintain a focus on families with young children versus including a broader age range. Bill emphasized the need to de-

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termine clear criteria for youth expectations and aspirations. The discussion covered the importance of defining these expectations to help inform future pastoral hiring decisions and strategic planning. Bill suggested the need for annual reviews and removing personal names from the plan and using position titles instead. There was a long discussion regarding attracting younger demographics, particularly people in their 40s and 50s, while maintaining an open approach to Youth Ministry without requiring specific programs. Gene suggested we set up a Long Range Plan Committee to review and update the plan. He will write up a draft for both the Long Range Plan Committee and ByLaw changes. Gene made a **Motion (4)** that we create a Long Range Plan Committee to update our current plan. Nancy seconded the motion. The Council voted and the motion was approved.

Future Topics: Next meeting: The next regular Council meeting will be on October 12, 2026.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:43AM.



Annual Congregational Meeting Notice

The annual
Lakeside Christian Fellowship
Congregational Meeting
will be held on
Sunday, October 25, 2026,
following morning worship.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- 1) Approve the 2027 Operating Budget.
- 2) Election of Officers and Chair persons.
- 3) Election of Nominating Committee.



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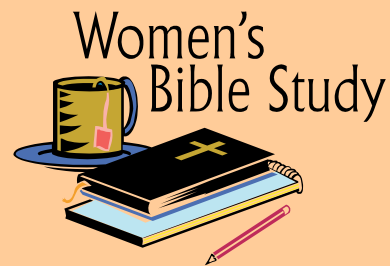
Lakeside Christian Fellowship is participating this year in National Night Out on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

We will have a tent set up in front of the Lago Vista City Hall.
Come out, support us and help us to spread the word about our wonderful church!
Any assistance is greatly appreciated!



The trees outside in front of the Worship Sanctuary will once again be decorated for Christmas!

If you would like to help by donating light strings, we are using Sylvania 300 light LED Warm White Christmas Lights with green wire.
We can also use additional outdoor extension cords.



The "WOW" (Women of the Word) Bible Study Group is studying the book "You'll Get Through This" by Max Lucado.
The study begins at 10:00 a.m. each Wednesday downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, in the WOW Room #5.
All Women in the area are welcome to attend.
We would love for you to join us!

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Members and Friends of LCF, 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.

For those that donate food at the church please be cognizant and review the expiration dates to ensue that you do not donate expired food and any open container of food. Recently, we had to throw out a significant amount of donated food due to expiration dates; some were as old as three years expired.



Tanya and I, along with other volunteers from LCF, continue to participate in the monthly Fresh Food for All (FFFA) program initiative offered by 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! FFAA happens from 9—11 a.m. 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.

Please inform your neighbors and friends that if they know of anyone that may be experiencing food insecurities and may need a helping hand are made aware of this program.

Russell Reese,
Faith in Action



If you are interested in participating in the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox program, contact the church office. There are boxes located in the Worship Sanctuary.

Fill the box with appropriate items for a boy or girl ages 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 years of age.

A donation of \$10 per box is critical to cover evangelism materials, shipping, and other project costs. For easiest processing, you can give online through the Samaritan's Purse website Label Options or Ways to Give pages. When using the online option on the Labels page, you can Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your gift.

The box collection week is November 16-23.

The boxes will be shipped to over 100 countries.



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If you would like to donate towards gift cards for Lago Vista Families Thanksgiving Dinner purchases, please fill out this form and return it to the back of the Worship Sanctuary in the basket on the back table along with your check or to the Church Office no later than November 8, 2026.
Thank you!

Lakeside Christian Fellowship will be working with the Lago Vista School District to provide grocery shopping gift certificates to Lago Vista families for their Thanksgiving dinners.

Those who bring
thanksgiving as their
sacrifice honor me.

Psalm 50:23



Name

\$ 25.00 Suggested Gift

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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
27	28	29	30 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall Downstairs	1	2	3
4 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WS 10:00 AM Meet & Greet @ WS 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Sanctuary Live Streaming	5	6 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	7 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM @WOW ROOM Downstairs in FH	8	9	10
11 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WS 10:00 AM Meet & Greet @ WS 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Sanctuary Live Streaming	12 9:30 AM Leadership Council Meeting@ LCF Fellowship Hall  COLUMBUS DAY	13	14 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM @WOW ROOM Downstairs in FH	15 Alzheimer Group 10:30 AM @ LV Library  Newsletter DEADLINE	16	17
18 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WS 10:00 AM Meet & Greet @ WS 10:30 AM Service @ Worship Sanctuary Live Streaming	19	20	21 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM @WOW ROOM Downstairs in FH	22	23	24
25 Same Schedule as Above & Immediately Following Worship Service Congregational Meeting	26	27	28 Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM @WOW ROOM Downstairs in FH	29	30	31
For more information visit the LCF website at ww.lakesidechristians.org To contact the church office email lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com						



Beverly Beauchamp.....	1
Nalda Daigle.....	1
Edwina Woolsey.....	4
Lance Bass.....	19
Paula Tyler.....	20
Elyse Ernst.....	22
Lisa Weaver.....	27
Chuck Smith.....	30



Chuck & Marilyn Hamblin
October 9

Jack & Paula Tyler
October 9

Richard & Linda Brown
October 19

**To be included, please send
your information to:
lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com**

Prayer Corner

<https://catholicstewardship.com/icsc-october-stewardship-prayer-3/>

Gracious and Loving God,

We gather in your name as stewards of this hour: to reflect, learn, give and receive.

This time belongs to you, entrusted to us to shine Christ's light on whomever we encounter; among our family and friends, colleagues and strangers, in our Church or in our world, desperate for your presence.

Teach us to use this time prayerfully, with prudence, and with hearts that listen for the promptings of Your Spirit.

May we return this hour to You with a fruitful account of our stewardship, hopeful you will find us trustworthy in the small matters, so we may be entrusted with even greater ones.

We ask this through Christ Jesus, Our Lord, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

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New Members

Give a warm welcome to Norma James.

Norma joined
Lakeside Christian Fellowship
on September 6, 2026!

We are happy to have you as part of our church family!

Lakeside Christian Fellowship

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