

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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Dear Members and Friends,

As I set down to write this, I remembered something that I'd read before about being grateful for all the things God has given to me and I thought that I would adapt it for we all have so much to be thankful for and not only throughout the year but especially as we begin November.

Be grateful for your friends. For their good qualities, for the good things they have done for you. For the ways they are fun, for the good times you've had together.

It goes without saying to be grateful for all children – for the delight and love they bring, for the sweet smell of their hair and the soft touch of their skin. For the first time they smiled at you or came into your presence. For the meaning they bring to life. For being their own persons, for giving you their own love and lessons. Having them at all is a miracle, and the rest is details.

You know something, we often don't appreciate ourselves as much as we should – for the love we have given to others, for all the conversations had, for all the helpful acts toward others, for all the dishes done. For the long hours we've worked, the hoops we've jumped through to keep all those balls up in the air. For the efforts we've made, the many times we've stayed patient, the many times we've found more to give inside when we thought we were empty.

And friends, appreciate your lovers and mates, past and present. You can focus on one of these persons, perhaps your spouse or mate if you're currently in a relationship and bring to mind the ways he or she has been good to you. Appreciate the fun you've had together, the humor and the companionship and feel grateful for the times of support, understanding, and sympathy. For sweating and suffering too. And if you're love has passed remember the good times, the fond times, the times where you found comfort in just being around them.

Folks be thankful for the life you've already had, for the good parts of your childhood, for everything you've learned, for good friends and beautiful sights. For the roof over your head and the bread on your table, for being able to have a life that is healthier, longer, and freer than most people have ever dreamed of. For this beautiful world, where each breath is a gift of air, each dawn a gift of light. For the plants and animals that die so you may live. For the extraordinary gifts of God that you carry in each cell of your body.

Be thankful for the wonder of the universe, for all the atoms in your body – the carbon in your bones, the oxygen and iron in your blood - that were born in the heart of God to make a star to form a sun and planets, to form the hand that holds this piece of paper and the eye that reads this word.

Personally, I feel thankful to God for having all of these things but mostly I'm thankful for having each of you in Emma's and my life. I am thankful to God for grace, for wisdom, for the sacred, for spirit as I know it. For this moment, this breath, this sight. For every good thing that was, that is, that ever will be.

The Apostle Paul wrote these words to the church in Philippi: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Chuck Smith

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~ PV Men's Fellowship ~

Join the Lord's Men for Men's Breakfast on the first and third Tuesday's of the month at 8:30 AM in the Point Venture Club Room.

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! Come hungry and you will be satisfied!



*Contact Dan Olson 512-267-2374
for more information*

~ Lakeside Men's Bible Study ~

DVD-Based Study

Christianity Cults & Religions

Know What You Believe and Why!

Learn About

- Jehovah's Witnesses • Mormonism
- Hinduism • Buddhism • New Age
- Islam • Sharing the Gospel with Love

Paul Carden
Leading researcher of religions, cults and new religious movements for over 30 years and Executive Director of the Centers for Apologetics Research

Bible Study
8:30 am in the Worship Center

ROSE PUBLISHING

Come and join us as we continue our 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*

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Lakeside Christian Women's Fellowship

In October, the second program in a series of nine focused on "The Protestant Reformation that Changed the World", depicting Martin Luther's Rediscovery.

Jan Robbins interviewed and introduced the guest speaker, Joyce Coleman, who shared moments in her life, background, education, achievements and volunteerism. Joyce is a frequent reviewer for the Literary Club and especially likes non-fiction books. She was the President and CEO of Family Violence Prevention Services from October 1987 until January 2003. Joyce also served on multiple non-profit boards and volunteered in the community. She received a BA and MA from Our Lady of the Lake in Speech Pathology and Psychology. Following the introduction, Joyce began a summary of the book, "Martin Luther: "The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World" by Eric Metaxas. Her report was most interesting, stimulating and revealing many aspirations and personal information of Martin Luther and his family. Thank you, Joyce, for expanding our knowledge and appreciation of the history, development, conditions and results of that era in Germany and Europe.

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 19TH, at 10:30 am. in the Bluebonnet Room. We will be welcoming Pastor David J. Hintze of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, who will be explaining early Lutheran history, expounding on settlement patterns, government, order of worship and many other subjects. We anticipate his resourceful and informative presentation on the role of the church and clergy. This session will include important facts you will want to hear.

The goal of our monthly programs is to open in love to one another and celebrate many of the faiths of our community. Please extend an invitation to all ladies in the community for an experience of learning and warm fellowship. We look forward to meeting and greeting our partners in faith.

LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets each Wednesday at 9:30am in the Bluebonnet Room. The new selected study, "Advent of the Savior", began on October 17th. The six lessons are designed to provide a fresh vision of the coming of Christ and help us prepare for Christmas, viewed from the birth of Christ, the perspective of his parents, his aunt and uncle, shepherds doing a day's work, a far-off magi and nearby despots, even the prophets who preceded him by centuries.

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.

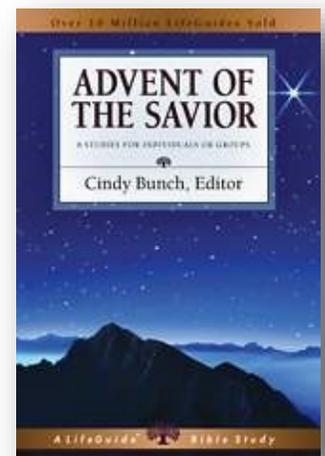
Bring friends and meet new friends. Arrive early at 9:15 for extended fellowship.

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Women's Bible
Study
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7 Surefire strategies for keeping peace at Thanksgiving

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Peace and diplomacy is possible, no matter how many different worldviews are seated at the table.

Just a few days from now, family members with different beliefs and worldviews will sit down together for Thanksgiving dinner. It's ironic that the Thanksgiving meal, the biggest holiday for all Americans — and a gesture of communion and gratitude for everything in life, both good and bad — is also the one that can tear us apart ... if we're not careful.

If anyone knows something about diplomacy, whether between relatives or world leaders, it's Fr. James Martin, a Jesuit priest and former missionary in Kenya. Missionaries travel to far-off places and live among people from very different cultures, people with very different values and experiences; the missionaries become part of those communities, forming positive relationships with people who might be indifferent or even hostile to their message. We asked Fr. Martin, who is also editor-at-large of [America](#) and the author of *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*, to share his seven best tips for peace and diplomacy at Thanksgiving dinner:

1. Bite your tongue



“The first step is shutting up,” says Fr. Martin. “There’s really no need to talk about politics or world events if you think it will cause controversy. Just as a practical matter: the holidays are stressful, and anyone who brings up politics is foolish, even mean. You wouldn’t bring up politics at a funeral or at a wedding” — other events in which logistics plus feelings combine for maximum emotional volatility — so just do your best to keep a lid on politics at the holiday dinner table too.

2. No name-calling



“The Gospel of Matthew, 5:22, tells us that if you call your brother a fool, you’re going to hell. We may laugh and roll our eyes, but Jesus is clear: don’t name-call. There is a time to speak and a time to be silent,” and this may very well be the time to hit the mute button on any nasty sobriquets.

3. Practice reflective listening



“Listen carefully,” said Fr. Martin, and “reflect” what the person is saying to you. For example, you could “reflect back” a person’s comments by saying, “It sounds like you’re really concerned about immigration,” or “It sounds like you’re worried about the economy.” You don’t need to insist you have the answer to their concerns in order to keep the lines of communication open. “Jesus met people where they were,” he said. “He spoke the language that people spoke. When you’re a missionary, you literally learn to speak the language — in my case, Swahili. When you’re talking to someone, you try to get inside their culture. God inculturated himself into our world — as Jesus. Really listen to people and accompany them.”



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4. Comfort



“If people are feeling frightened, sad, upset, or confused, there’s an opportunity to listen and to love them. Welcome them and make them feel loved. Which was what Jesus did to people who felt excluded.”

5. Recognize that you too might be changed



“St. Ignatius of Loyola said ‘Go in their door and come out your door,’” said Fr. Martin. “If you’re not changed by these interactions too, it’s not an encounter. The refugees I worked with taught me a lot too.” Maybe you’ll see your *own* culture differently, after engaging with someone from a different one.

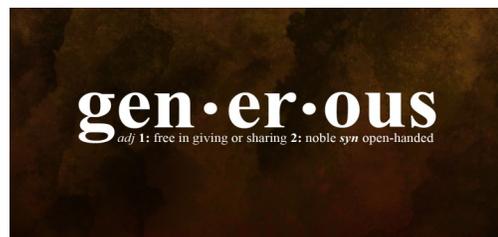


6. Recognize that no one has to come around to a certain way of thinking *today*



I asked Fr. Martin if he’d ever met a *bad* missionary, and he laughed. “A few times. They think they know everything, they’re arrogant, they don’t learn the language.” A good missionary, as he said, meets people where they are. “If someone wants to talk about art, you talk about art,” he said. “Or someone more intellectual might want to have more of an intellectual discussion. But you don’t say, ‘Here’s the Catechism, learn it by tomorrow,’” — a kind of tone-deaf pushiness that doesn’t go over well for missionaries or Thanksgiving dinner guests.

7. Be generous



Now you might be saying, “Well, *I* can behave, but what about my uncle or my sister, known loose cannons? What if *they* can’t help it with the digs and the jabs?”

Well, first of all, send them this story. And after that, “give people the benefit of the doubt,” said Fr. Martin. “Remember that most people have the best motives.” You may think they’re misguided or misinformed, but you don’t have to guide them or re-educate them today. There’s plenty of time for that. After all, Christmas dinner is only a month away.

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Thanksgiving
Baskets



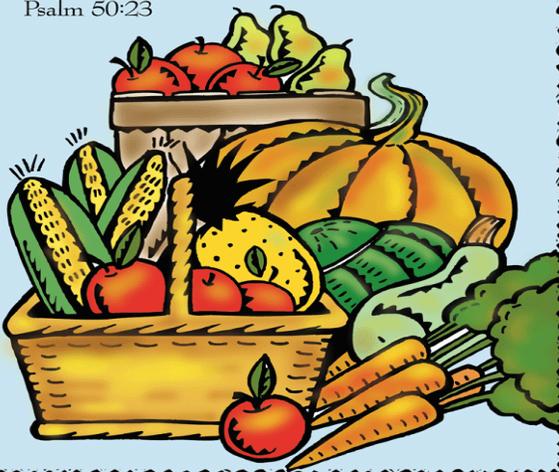
If you would like to help sponsor a Lago Vista family Thanksgiving dinner, please fill out this form and return it to the back of the Worship Center, in the basket on the cabinet. Thank you!

Lakeside Christian Fellowship will be working with the Lago Vista School District to provide grocery shopping gift certificates to 20 Lago Vista families for their Thanksgiving dinners.

Yes!, I wish to sponsor one family Thanksgiving dinner!

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me.

Psalm 50:23



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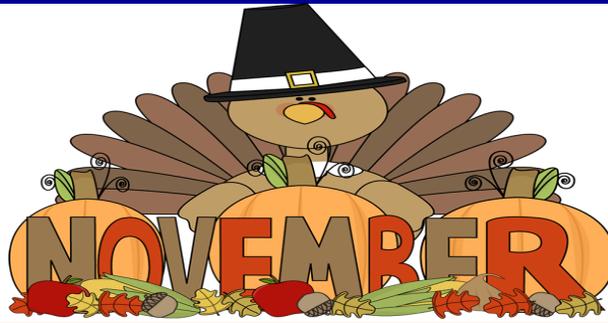
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Church
Office Hours:
Wednesday
and
Thursday
9:30 am
to 3:30 pm



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 10:30 AM Alzheimer's Support Group @ LV Library	2	3 <i>Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, Nov. 4th!</i>
4 10:30 AM Worship Service @Worship Center <i>Daylight Savings Time FALL BACK Ends</i> 	5	6 8:30 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ PV Club Room 	7 9:30 AM CWF Bible Study @ Bluebonnet Room	8	9	10
11 10:30 AM Worship Service @Worship Center Veterans Day 	12 2:00 PM Leadership Council	13 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast/Bible Study @ Worship Center	14 9:30 AM CWF Bible Study @ Bluebonnet Room	15 10:30 AM Alzheimer's Support Group @ LV Library	16	17
18 10:30 AM Worship Service @Worship Center	19 10:00 AM Cancer Discussion Group 10:30 AM CWF Meeting @ Bluebonnet Room	20 8:30 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Point Venture Club Room	21 9:30 AM CWF Bible Study @ Bluebonnet Room 	22  Office Closed	23	24
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Miryam & Marvin Miller
November 18

Bonnie & Wayne Walker
November 29

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

Prayer Corner

- Debbie McDaniel,
Crosswalk.com Contributor

" Dear God,

Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.

Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given.

Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy!

In Jesus' Name, Amen."

October 31, 2018

Average Sunday Attendance.....	77
YTD Offerings	\$191,680.00
YTD Expenses.....	\$156,628.00

Why can't you take a turkey to church?

Because they use such fowl language!



Sweet Potato Casserole Bites

Author: WonkyWonderful

Ingredients

- **2 Medium Sweet Potatoes**
 - **5-6 Large Marshmallows**
 - **15-20 Pecan Halves**
- Olive Oil/Non-Stick**

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400°

Peel sweet potatoes and slice 1/4-1/2 inch thick.

Slice each marshmallow into 3 pieces. (It is easier if you use a serrated knife and chill marshmallows in refrigerator before slicing.)

Lightly drizzle sweet potato slices with olive oil and toss to coat evenly.

Transfer sweet potato slices to foil lined baking sheet that has been sprayed with non-stick.

Bake for 10 minutes. Flip slices and bake 10 more minutes.

Top sweet potatoes with marshmallow slices and broil on high for 30-60 seconds or until lightly browned.

Remove from oven and immediately top with pecan halves.

Serve.

Recipe Notes

Makes 15-20 Sweet Potato Bites

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