

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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Pastor's Ponderings:

This month we're celebrating our nation's 244th birthday. It has been a little less than two and a half centuries ago that the United States was born. A nation based on the ideals of liberty, responsibility, Godliness and the freedom to become what God intended us to become was a new and revolutionary idea. The celebration of our nation's birthday is really a celebration of freedom.

We celebrate the precious gift of freedom; however we must remember that freedom isn't free. Freedom is very expensive. It has cost some people everything, including their lives. Freedom isn't free, but it is infinitely valuable.

Today, we are in the midst of the most virulent pandemic in world history. As of June 30th, there are 35 cases in the 78645 zip code, in Travis County some 369 remain hospitalized with 132 in ICU and 64 on ventilators. Also, a little over a month ago this country was thrust into a period of violent unrest not seen in many years. Peaceful protest is the hallmark of this country – violence as a result of that protest is not.

Black lives do matter as all lives matter, but it seems that we would think that, in this day and age, we would not have to be reminded of that fact. Remember this song? "Jesus loves the little children of the world – red and yellow, brown, black and white they are precious in his sight – Jesus loves the little children of the world." It seems that we've forgotten that little tune. And as grave as that is and as we know that things need to change with regard to human life and dignity, today we worship in the security and comfort of our own homes – Praise God!

There's another little song that we sang as children, "Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible told me so. Little ones to him belong. Some are weak and some are strong. Yes Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me – the Bible tells me so."

The men and women whose blood was spilled on the battlefields of Concord, Charleston, and Yorktown was not the first time blood was spilled for freedom. No, 2,000 years ago one young man's blood spilled upon the ground in a far-away land so that we could all experience the ultimate freedom. Jesus' blood was spilled so that we might have eternal freedom!

As we move through this world, may we always remember that we have a savior, a friend, a confident and a God who will see us through. We need to sing the words to "Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World" as well as the little song "Jesus Loves Me This I Know" every day and remember them not only in our hearts but in all of our being.

Pastor Chuck Smith

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LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Leadership Council Report for May 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The Leadership Council meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM on May 11, 2020. Council members present were: Donna Nash, Dave Freeman, Genie Carroll, Roger Elliott, Wilma Sanders, Rick Waters, Chuck Smith and Jean Sholes. Dan Olson was present at the request of Moderator D. Nash.

INVOCATION: Rev. Rick Waters opened with prayer

OPENING REMARKS: Donna Nash – A Thought to Ponder – If you want to walk fast, walk alone, but if you want to walk far, walk together.

Approval of LCF Minutes: Regular Meeting – April 6, 2020. Roger Elliott moved to accept the minutes; Wilma Sanders 2nd and the motion carried.

- Emergency Meeting – March 18, 2020
Genie Carroll moved to accept the minutes; Wilma Sanders 2nd and the motion carried.
Regular Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2020
Minutes approved by Electronic Voting as per Article 3.7

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Genie Carroll reported that members are mailing in their contributions and things are stable at the time.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION: Moderator Donna Nash informed the Council that Don Killough has resigned his position as Commission Leader and Dan Olson has been appointed by the Moderator as

Acting Chairperson with the approval of the Leadership Council.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Roger Elliott noted that the live streaming of worship services continues at this time. The Council thanked Roger and his grandson, Connor, for their efforts along with Pastor Chuck Smith.

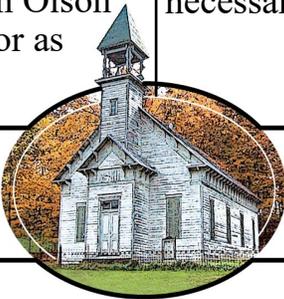
FAITH IN ACTION: Wilma Sanders had nothing to report.

WORSHIP COMMISSION: The Commission Chairperson, Virginia Halsted fell and broke her leg; she will require a very long recovery and will not be able to assist the Choir Director as Assistant Music Director for some time.

PASTORAL RELATIONS: The Council asked Dave Freeman to visit with Ginger and get her ideas on how to handle this situation. There will have to be some discussions with the individuals involved as to who can and will do what.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES: Chuck Smith noted that the support groups have been temporarily canceled but there is information available on U Tube on line.

OLD BUSINESS: D. Nash noted that the Pop and Drop volunteers are currently dropping off the Communion Packets to church members for the on-line Sunday services as necessary. Health Alert continues.

CHURCH  COUNCIL

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NEW BUSINESS: It was noted that Bill Parcher is ill and that Lisa Weaver has been filling in for him on the recorded services for viewing on line.

Some Council members received a tour of the entire building where our church currently meets. The owners, who occupy a good part of the building, are moving to a new location. More info to follow on this as the owners continue to remove equipment, etc.

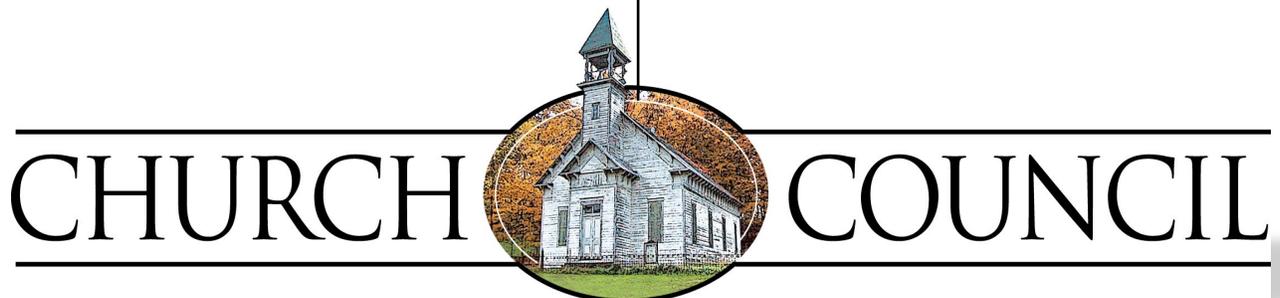
FUTURE TOPICS:

Next Council meeting: June 8, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 pm.



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BIRTHDAY,
AMERICA!**



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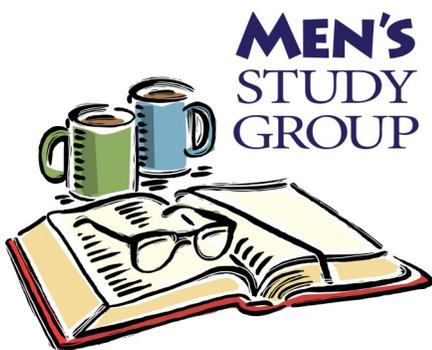
~ PV Men's Fellowship ~

**Men's Fellowship
will be suspended until further notice**

Contact Dan Olson 512-267-2374 for more information

~ Lakeside Men's Bible Study ~

**Men's Bible Study
will be suspended until further
notice.**



*Contact Chuck Smith 512-922-6233
for more information.*

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Lakeside Christian Women's Bible Study

The Bible Study gals celebrated Sharon Waters and Regina Holmes Birthday with a brunch in the park on 6-17-2020 hosted by Genie Carroll, Edwina Woolsey and Donna Nash. All abided by the social distancing CDC guidelines.





Health Watch

7 Things to Know About Hand Sanitizer

When to use it, how it works and why you shouldn't make it at home

by Rachel Nania, [AARP](#), June 12, 2020

<https://www.aarp.org>



One of the best ways to prevent a coronavirus infection is to wash your hands with soap and water — and when soap and water aren't available, public health experts say alcohol-based hand sanitizer is the next best option.

But just how effective are gels and sprays when it comes to getting rid of dangerous germs, such as the coronavirus? Here are seven things you should know about hand sanitizer.

1. Hand sanitizer kills germs but doesn't clean your hands

Soap and water reign supreme when it comes to infection control, but believe it or not, soap and water do not kill germs; they remove them. The duo's effectiveness boils down to the mechanics of handwashing.

The rubbing and scrubbing of soap between your palms and fingers creates friction that breaks down the structure of the bacteria and loosens the germs from your skin, explains Maryanne McGuckin, an infection prevention specialist and author of *The Patient Survival Guide: 8 Simple Solutions to Prevent Hospital- and Healthcare-Associated Infections*. When you rinse your hands under water, you wash those germs down the drain.

Alcohol-based hand sanitizers, on the other hand, do kill germs on the skin — most germs, anyway. Hand sanitizer is less effective at killing *Cryptosporidium*, norovirus and *Clostridium difficile*, all of which cause diarrhea, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says. Scientists suspect hand sanitizer does, however, kill the coronavirus.

Hand sanitizers also don't work as well if your hands are visibly dirty or greasy, and they may not remove harmful chemicals such as pesticides and heavy metals like lead.

2. Sanitizer trumps soap and water in certain situations

Because handwashing — when done properly — is better at getting rid of germs and grime, hand sanitizer, for the most part, should be used as a backup to soap and water. “The time to use hand sanitizer is when you can't get to a sink and some

clean water and a clean towel,” says Elaine Larson, professor emerita of epidemiology at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and a scholar in residence at New York Academy of Medicine.

That said, the CDC recommends using hand sanitizer as a first choice in certain situations, such as before and after visiting a friend or loved one in a hospital or nursing home. (That's why you'll often see dispensers posted directly outside patient rooms.) A squirt of hand sanitizer on your way in and out reduces the likelihood you'll introduce a dangerous bug or leave with one. It's also a good idea to use hand sanitizer regularly when interacting with people who have weakened immune systems, Larson says.

3. Not all hand sanitizers are equal

To kill most disease-causing germs, the CDC recommends using a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. Anything less than that may not work as well “for many types of germs,” and could “merely reduce the growth of germs rather than kill them outright,” the CDC says.

When searching the shelves, you may come across hand sanitizers that contain benzalkonium chloride instead of alcohol. These products, however, are not recommended by the CDC, since “available evidence indicates benzalkonium chloride has less reliable activity against certain bacteria and viruses” compared to alcohol-based sanitizers.

4. Sanitizing technique matters

Hand sanitizer works best when used correctly. Apply the recommended amount to the palm of your hand (make sure it's enough to cover the entire surface of both hands) and distribute the sanitizer all over, paying special attention to the fingertips, “because that's where you touch most other things,” Larson says.

Continue rubbing the hand sanitizer into your hands until your skin is completely dry — it should take about 20 seconds. This step is key, both Larson and McGuckin say.



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"The alcohol works and it does kill the virus and most bacteria, but the problem that we have ... is that people don't use it appropriately for the given period of time," McGuckin adds.

RUB HANDS FOR HAND HYGIENE! WASH HANDS WHEN VISIBLY SOILED

C Duration of the entire procedure: 20-30 seconds



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5. Cleaning products are not a substitute for hand sanitizer

Disinfectant sprays and antibacterial cleaning wipes should not be used as stand-ins for hand sanitizer. These products are meant for "hard, nonporous surfaces," not human skin, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says. Even so, some people are using them this way. A report released by the CDC in early June found that approximately one-third of adult respondents in a recent survey engaged in "non-recommended high-risk practices" with cleaning supplies in an effort to prevent a coronavirus infection. These practices included using bleach on food products, applying household cleaning and disinfectant products to skin, and inhaling or ingesting cleaners and disinfectants — all of which are unsafe.

6. Hand sanitizer can be dangerous

Hand sanitizer can be toxic when ingested, especially by children. It can irritate the lining of the throat and cause gastrointestinal issues. And "drinking only a small amount" can cause alcohol poisoning in kids, according to the FDA. **If you or your child ingests hand sanitizer, call poison control or a medical professional immediately.**

Hand sanitizer is also flammable. Though the CDC says the incidence of fires due to alcohol-based hand sanitizer is "very low," it advises hospitals, nursing homes and other health care facilities to store hand sanitizer in a safe manner away from sources of ignition. The U.S. Postal Service also has restrictions on shipping alcohol-based hand sanitizer through the mail due to flammability concerns.

7. Homemade hand sanitizer can be ineffective

There's no shortage of recipes for homemade hand sanitizer on the internet during this pandemic era. But the FDA, which regulates hand sanitizers, says it's best to leave the production of germ-killing gels to the professionals.

"If made incorrectly, hand sanitizer can be ineffective, and there have been reports of skin burns from homemade hand sanitizer," the agency says. Also: Adding rubbing alcohol to a bottle of non-alcohol hand sanitizer will not make the sanitizer more powerful. The FDA says it "is unlikely to result in an effective product."

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I received via Facebook a commentary attributed to the late Andy Rooney of CBS. While Mr. Rooney had nothing to do with it, I thought that the sentiments were right on. It appears that most of the words were from sports writer Nick Gholson for a Texas newspaper in 1999.

This is what Mr. Gholson wrote:

"I don't believe in Santa Claus, but I'm not going to sue somebody for singing a Ho-Ho-Ho song in December. I don't agree with Darwin, but I didn't go out and hire a lawyer when my high school teacher taught his Theory of Evolution.

Life, liberty or your pursuit of happiness will not be endangered because someone says a 30-second prayer before a football game. So what's the big deal? It's not like somebody is up there reading the entire Book of Acts. They're just talking to a God they believe in and asking Him to grant safety to the players on the field and the fans going home from the game. "But it's a Christian prayer" some will argue. Yes, and this is the United States of America, founded on Christian principles. According to our very own phone book, Christian churches outnumber all others better than 200-to-1. So what would you expect -- somebody chanting Hare Krishna?

If I went to a football game in Jerusalem, I would expect to hear a Jewish prayer.

If I went to a soccer game in Baghdad, I would expect to hear a Muslim prayer.

If I went to a ping pong match in China, I would expect to hear someone pray to Buddha.

And I wouldn't be offended. It wouldn't bother me one bit.

When in Rome

"But what about the atheists?" is another argument. What about them? Nobody is asking them to be baptized. We're not going to pass the collection plate. Just humor us for 30 seconds. If that's asking too much, bring a Walkman or a pair of earplugs. Go to the bathroom. Visit the concession stand. Call your lawyer! Unfortunately, one or two will make that call. One or two will tell thousands what they can and cannot do. I don't think a short prayer at a football game *[or any public event]* is going to shake the world's foundations.

Christians are just sick and tired of turning the other cheek while our courts strip us of all our rights. Our parents and grandparents taught us to pray before eating, to pray before we go to sleep. Our Bible tells us to pray without ceasing. Now a handful of people and their lawyers are telling us to cease praying. God, help us. And if that last sentence offends you, well, just sue me.

The silent majority has been silent too long. It's time we tell that one or two who scream loud enough to be heard that the vast majority doesn't care what they want. It is time that the majority rules! It's time we tell them, "You don't have to pray; you don't have to say the Pledge of Allegiance; you don't have to believe in God or attend services that honor Him. That is your right, and we will honor your right. But by golly you are no longer going to take our rights away!"

God bless us one and all... Despite all our faults we are still the greatest nation of all. God bless those who are fighting to protect our right to pray and worship God.

Keep looking up. Amen!

Pastor Chuck

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**LCF Gives a BIG THANK YOU
to Conner Elliott, grandson of Rodger and Victoria Elliott,
for all of his help with the streaming of Sunday Worship Services.
His help was a true God send!**



Dear Conner,
your knowledge and Tech
support to our Church during
this Pandemic Crisis was
God Sent. We can not thank
you Enough.

Please accept this gift
as a token of our Gratitude
and Thanks. Use it to the
Betterment of your
Education. You have a great
gift that you shared with
all of us...

We appreciate you!
Thank you.

Donna Nash, Moderator LCF

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You made such a difference,
and it is so deeply appreciated.

Blessing -

Pastor Rick

William Paucher

Connor,

Thank You So Much

Pastor Chuck

Thanks for all
of your help,
Dawn Leif

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thanks!
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We appreciate
all your hard
work.

Henri Carroll

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Fond Memories from the Past!



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Wishing Everyone a Safe and Happy 4th of July!



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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	2	3	4 
5 10:30 AM Worship Service Streaming	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 10:30 AM Worship Service Streaming	13	14	15 9:30 AM CWF Bible Study Pending	16	17	18
19 10:30 AM Worship Service Streaming	20	21	22 9:30 AM CWF Bible Study Pending	23 	24	25
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For more information visit the LCF website at www.lakesidechristians.org



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James & Elizabeth Orr
July 11

David & June Freeman
July 19

Chuck & Emma Smith
July 20

Dick & Wilma Sanders
July 23

Pease send your information to:
lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com

Dear God,

As we face these uncertain times in our nation and the world, we ask you, Lord, to dwell among us. We are comforted by the knowledge that You alone are our Savior and Lord, and the ultimate Master of life. We trust our nation to Your loving care, Lord. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it. Give us Your light and Your truth to guide us in our ways so that we may seek Your will in our lives and impact the world around us for Your Kingdom.

In Jesus' Name we pray.

Amen

<https://www.dayspring.com/articles/category/covid-19/prayer-for-our-nation>

June 30,2020

YTD Offerings	\$117,053.00
YTD Expenses	\$93,971.00

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