

Lakeside Christian Fellowship R i p p l e s



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Man is summer here with a bang. The temperature's rising as well as the humidity. Get ready for a "long, hot summer" as many have said in the past.

This month we are celebrating the birth of the United States on the Fourth of July. We have a whole lot to be grateful for living in this country; however I must say that the founders of this country would be dismayed these days. The increase in overall violence especially gun violence makes many of us wary about even going out to eat or going to events such as the soccer events where some 20,500 plus fans are gathered. The sight of metal detectors is a common site at these events; however are we headed toward walking through metal detectors even going into a restaurant to eat? I pray not.

The celebration of being an independent nation brings a question to my mind. Independence to do what? I wonder what God is thinking looking down on his creation and what man has made of it. Can we not even get along? I read recently that one billion people on the earth today claim to be Christians. In the Gospel of Mark Jesus asked brothers James and John, "What do you want me to do for you? Their answer? They wanted to be on either side of Jesus – one on his left and one on his right in glory. They wanted power and prestige.

Mark Clark in his book, "The Problem of Jesus" writes, "A profound question is lurking under the surface like some unseen predator; the issue sometimes isn't if we are following Jesus but *why*?" He goes on to say that James and John were following Jesus to be successful. Why are you following Jesus? "What is your motivation?," author Clark asks.

He goes on, "I know people who become Christians for all kinds of reasons: to get more friends, to marry a girl, to absolve guilt over something they regret.... On and on we could go. This is heavy stuff. But the challenge here is as real as the invitation (*to follow Jesus*); we have to think through not only if we love and follow Jesus but why."

As we celebrate the Fourth of July this year, the independence of our country, we need to pray earnestly for peace; not only world peace but peace on the very streets we walk on – Not to resolve things our own way, but God's Way. God Bless you and God Bless the United States of America.

Pastor Chuck Smith

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LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Leadership Council Report for May 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The Leadership Council meeting was called to order at 1:55 pm, May 10, 2021 by Moderator Donna Nash. Council members present were Donna Nash, Virginia Halsted, Dave Freeman, Wilma Sanders, Rodger Elliott, Dan Olson, Genie Carroll & Chuck Smith. A quorum was present.

INVOCATION: Rev. Chuck Smith opened with a prayer

OPENING REMARKS: Donna Nash – April “Thought to Ponder” by Unknown Author.
“Kindness is not a random act, it is an act of Commitment.”

Approval of LCF Minutes:

(1) Minutes were approved by acclamation for meeting 4-12-2021.

3-8-2021 minutes were approved by e-mail vote on 4-26-2021.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Genie Carroll stated money donations are down a bit, but we are in good shape.

STEWARSHIP COMMISSION:

Dan Olson stated he was still in need of some financial documents. He will get these from Debbie @Church office. Annual review has been completed. Report submitted. Donna Nash & Genie Carroll will be meeting with Sue Thompson for her recommendations on the financial review. Updating the new Membership Directory is in process. Burt Burchette is currently taking photos.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Rodger Elliott talked about what is involved in the yard maintenance. Two thresh-holds for the bathrooms are needed on the outside entrances. Rodger will get with the landlord. Ricoh, new copy machine has still not been delivered, waiting on parts. The signed 5 year contract will begin at installation.

FAITH IN ACTION: Wilma Sanders reminded that we reach out to our congregation for clothing items, (socks & underwear-new) and canned foods to donate for the Jonestown Community Ctr. for the needy. Ms. Sanders will announce it at Sunday’s service.

WORSHIP COMMISSION: Chairperson Virginia Halstead reported that the Choir will resume in September. Announcements will be made to enlist choir members at the services and in the Ripples.

PASTORAL RELATIONS: Donna Nash has interviewed two housekeepers applying for position. Rodger Elliott (2) Moved to hire Rosalina Diaz for a 3 month trial period at \$100. twice a month. Second by Ginger Halsted. Motion carried. Supplies will be purchased as needed by church. David Freeman will begin mid- year evaluation of staff with the Pastoral Relations Committee beginning 6-1-2021. It was noted that Choir Director Bill Parcher is moving to a new apartment. Discussion was made to assist with moving expenses. (3)Ginger Halsted moved that LCF gift Mr. Parcher \$350. to assist with these expenses to be taken out of Pastoral Discretionary Funds. Genie Carroll second, motion carried.

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OUTREACH MINISTRIES: Pastor Chuck reported the Alzheimer's Support group is presently meeting. The Cancer Support Group has not resumed and will possibly resume in June. (E-mail Motion) Pastor Chuck requested approval to spend \$10. per week on advertising through Face Book boost. Due to no quorum being present at April meeting an email vote was sent to Council for approval on 4-26-2021. Vote was approved unanimously.

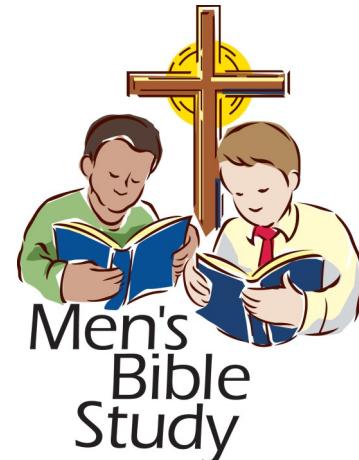
OLD BUSINESS: Moderator Donna Nash has appointed Page Massey (as a mid-year replacement) as Nomination Chair with the approval of the Council. Approval from the congregation was unanimous on Sunday April 18. Clyde Hance resigned as a nomination committee member, Fran Pontesso was appointed as his replacement and approved by the Leadership Council

NEW BUSINESS: Utilities have been changed over to Lakeside Christian Fellowship. Applications & deposits were made. As per initial agreement with landlords and signed lease agreement, we are responsible 1-1-2021 for the utilities. This item was not budgeted. Occupancy happened after budget was approved. Rodger Elliott will contact the propane company regarding the tank and contents.

FUTURE TOPICS:

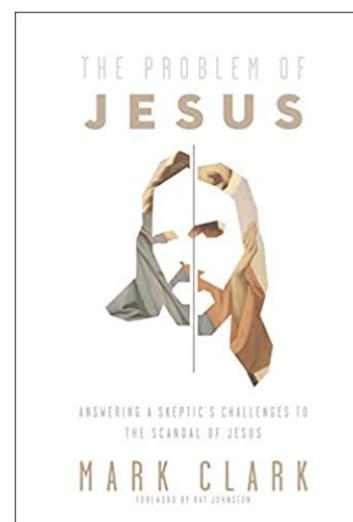
Next Meeting June 14, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm.



Men's Bible Study has started up again! We meet in the LCF Activity Center at 7:30 a.m. for a light breakfast with the study beginning at 8:00 a.m.

We would love for you to join us as we study "The Problem of Jesus".



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We are urgently recruiting folks to come join our choir. We are needing Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, Baritones, and Basses. We lost many members over the past year, but are determined to regroup and continue on with our service to music, "God's language", and how it serves His Word, to bring us all closer to the Holy Spirit.

Starting Sunday, August 22, 2021 and on August 29, the Chancel Choir will meet after church at 11:45 am to rehearse for services involving the choir. The rehearsals will last roughly forty-five minutes.

Choral singing is wonderfully stimulating to the mind, helping memory, mental acuity, and it's just great fellowship and fun! The demand on your time is minimal. The Choir will begin performing on the first Sunday of September, Sept. 5th. Starting on that first choir involved service, we will gather every Sunday morning at 9:15 am then at 9:30 we will warm up for a half hour. We stop as the congregation begin to filter in. Then we sing for the service which begins at 10:30 am ending about an hour later. Following the service, we rehearse for the next weeks for a half hour to an hour, (depending on what we are trying to prepare), and we are done. There are no other rehearsals for the week. Just your extra time and service on Sundays.

We hope you have enjoyed our You-Tube services during Covid, and will be inspired to come contribute to the music of Lakeside Christian Fellowship Church.

Your service is very much needed and welcomed!

Sincerely, William Parcher, Music Director

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Hill Country Community Ministries

“Laces for Leander”



We are looking forward to this year's "Laces for Leander" event! Last year we were unable to host our event but in 2019 we distributed over 700 pairs of new shoes to children in local schools! We are looking to distribute over 1,000 pairs of shoes this year! Our Laces event is one of our favorite events of the year...seeing the faces of the kids receiving a new pair of name brand athletic shoes is priceless but it's much more than a smile, its hope, dignity and joy!

Toyota of Cedar Park is planning on hosting the "Stuff the Truck" event on July 16th. At this event the 6 local schools will battle it out to see who can stuff their truck with the most shoes! They will host shoe drives and we will have some contest for them the day of the event where they can win additional pairs of shoes to add to their truck!

In addition to the stuff the truck event Hill Country Community Ministries will purchase the remainder of the shoes needed. We have several opportunities for your members to get involved and be a part of such an amazing and fun event! Would you like to host a shoe drive or a sock drive or both? Would you like to be a sponsor and purchase shoes to be used as prizes for the competing schools at the "Stuff the Truck" event? We also have volunteer opportunities for the actual distribution which will take place on July 31st.

The shoes need to be new athletic shoes, preferably name brand. Sizes varying from K-12 grades for boys and girls.

Please let me know if you would like to hear more about this year's event or if you are interested in rallying your teams and joining us this year!

With gratitude,

Gene Krider
Director of Community Engagement
Hill Country Community Ministries

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Health Watch

15 Ways To Keep Cool When It's Hot

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Keeping cool when temperatures reach record highs isn't just about comfort. Dangerously high temperatures can result in heat-related illnesses ranging from [heat cramps](#) to [heat exhaustion](#) and [heat stroke](#). The following tips can help you keep cool all summer long.

1. Alter your pattern of outdoor [exercise](#) to take advantage of cooler times (early morning or late evening). If you can't change the time of your workout, scale it down by doing fewer minutes, [walking](#) instead of [running](#), or decreasing your level of exertion.

2. Wear loose-fitting clothing, preferably of a light color.



3. Cotton clothing will keep you cooler than many synthetics.



4. Fill a spray bottle with water and keep it in the refrigerator for a quick refreshing spray to your face after being outdoors.



5. Fans can help circulate air and make you feel cooler even in an air-conditioned house.

6. Try storing lotions or cosmetic toners in the refrigerator to use on hot, overtired [feet](#).



7. Keep [plastic](#) bottles of water in the freezer; grab one when you're ready to go outside. As the ice melts, you'll have a supply of [cold](#) water with you.



8. Take frequent baths or showers with cool or tepid water.



9. Combat [dehydration](#) by drinking plenty of water along with sports [drinks](#) or other sources of [electrolytes](#).



10. Some people swear by small, portable, battery-powered fans. At an outdoor event I even saw a version that attaches to a water bottle that sprays a cooling mist.



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11. I learned this trick from a tennis pro: if you're wearing a cap or hat, remove it and pour a bit of ice cold water into the hat, then quickly invert it and place on your head.

12. Avoid [caffeine](#) and [alcohol](#) as these will promote [dehydration](#).



13. Instead of hot foods, try lighter summer fare including frequent small meals or snacks containing cold fruit or low fat dairy products. As an added benefit, you won't have to cook next to a hot stove.



14. If you don't have air-conditioning, arrange to spend at least parts of the day in a shopping mall, public library, movie theater, or other public space that is cool. Many cities have cooling centers that are open to the public on sweltering days.



15. Finally, use common sense. If the heat is intolerable, stay indoors when you can and avoid activities in direct sunlight or on hot asphalt surfaces. Pay special attention to the elderly, infants, and anyone with a chronic illness, as they may dehydrate easily and be more susceptible to heat-related illnesses. Don't forget that pets also need protection from dehydration and heat-related illnesses too



Have a Cool and Happy Summer!



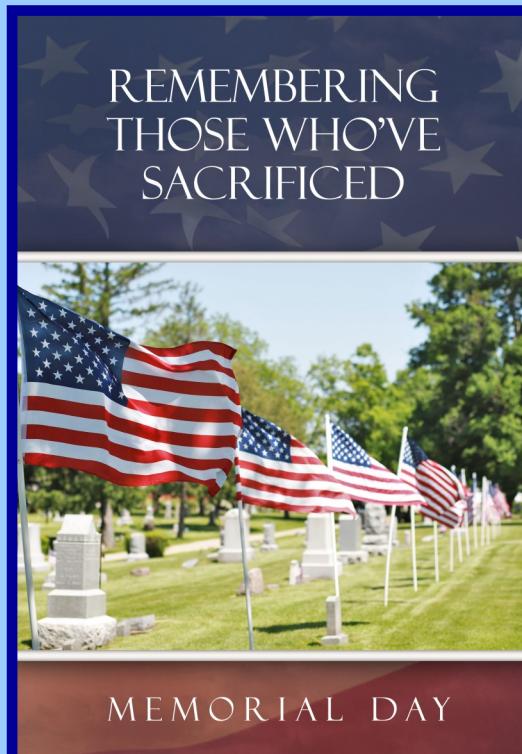
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POP AND DROP

**A special thank you to
Sue Thompson for her donation
of flowers that were
in memory of her husband
to the Pop and Drop Ministry!**

**A special thank you to
Betty Houghton for the
donation of Sunday's
flowers to the Pop and
Drop Ministries in
honor of her
anniversary.**



**Let us Always
remember...
In God
we Trust!**

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WELCOME New Members



Meet Christine Chapman

Christine is from Temple, Texas and has lived in Lago Vista for 10 months. She moved to Lago to be closer to her son and family. She has a daughter that lives in Monument, Colorado with her family. She came to visit LCF after being invited by her new friend and neighbor Genie Carroll. She transferred to LCF from St. Paul United Methodist Church in Temple, where as a teenager she was baptized. Christine has a love of singing in the choir, spending time with her family and friends and enjoys walking and reading.

4th of July Picnic on the Grounds!



Come join us in the new LCF Activity Center after the Sunday Worship Service on July, 4, 2021 for a Church Picnic! Bring a side or dessert. Brisket, beans and beverages will be provided. We are so happy to be together again and we hope to see you there!

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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 Alzheimer Group 10:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	2	3
4 10:30 AM Worship Service @Worship Center & Streaming 	5 9:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center	6	7 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	8	9	10
11 10:30 AM Worship Service @Worship Center & Streaming	12	7 Men's Bible Study 7:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	14 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	15 Alzheimer Group 10:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	16	17
18 10:30 AM Worship Service @Worship Center & Streaming	19	20	21 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	22 	23	24
25 10:30 AM Worship Service @Worship Center & Streaming	26	27 Men's Bible Study 7:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	28 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	29	30	31
For more information visit the LCF website at www.lakesidechristians.org						

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David Freeman.....	1
Sara Bush	2
Genie Carroll	10
Dick Sanders	14
Gloria Hammonds	16
Joy Webb	16
Jan Wilson.....	17
Letha Guy	19
Emma Smith	20
William Parcher.....	21



James & Elizabeth Orr
July 11

David & June Freeman
July 19

Chuck & Emma Smith
July 20

Dick & Wilma Sanders
July 23

Please send your information to:
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Prayer Corner

Lord God Almighty,
in whose name the founders
of this country won liberty
for themselves and for us,
and lit the torch of freedom
for nations then unborn:
Grant that we and all
the people of this land
may have the grace
to maintain our liberties
in righteousness and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever.
Amen.

(1979 Book of Common Prayer, Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA)

June 30, 2021

YTD Offerings \$110,459.00

YTD Expenses \$95,048.00

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