

# Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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**Dearest Church Family,**

**Christmas is all about giving. People who do not even subscribe to the Christian faith and the belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of the world still observe Christmas as a holiday and participate in the exchange of gifts with family and friends. Giving is at the core of our faith. John recorded perhaps the most important words Jesus ever spoke: “God so loved the world that He GAVE His only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.” It is believed that gift-giving at Christmas is based on the Wise Men giving their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child that first Christmas.**

**Incidentally, it seems that in 335 AD December 25 was officially chosen as the day of Jesus’ birth.**

**Saint Nicholas, a fourth century Christian bishop from the city of Myra, in modern day Turkey, was known to offer secret gifts to many different persons in his community, especially poor children. No doubt his habit of gift-giving gave rise to the tradition of Santa Claus. It is in that spirit of gift-giving at Christmas that we all share.**

**In Acts 20:35 Paul gave a rationale for giving to the poor. He said, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus “It is more blessed to give than receive.” While the Gospels do not record Jesus saying this explicitly, He did say in Luke 6:38, “Give, and it will be given you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over will be poured into your lap.”**

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**In my own experience while I have appreciated being thought of with gifts given to me, some of the most profound feelings of joy have come when I have given gifts to others, especially when I have given to someone who is unable to return the favor. When we give to others in the right spirit God truly blesses us.**

**You have heard the story about the little boy who was told by his parents that he was going to get a new baby sister for Christmas. His response, “Can’t I have a new puppy instead?”**

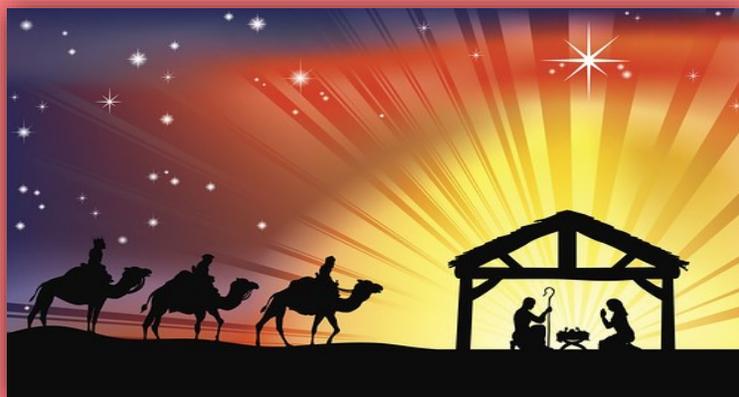
**Of course one of the greatest gifts we give to those we care for and those we barely know is our presence and our love. This is what God has given us in Jesus Christ, His presence and His love.**

**The Waters are so grateful to God for the people in this Church who have given so much of their presence and love in the ministry of our fellowship.**

**One of the most recognized slogans in advertising is “WHEN YOU CARE ENOUGH TO SEND THE VERY BEST” from the Hallmark card company. This is what God did for us that first Christmas and we would do well to follow His example by sharing our faith and love this Advent Christmas Season.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**Rick and Sharon Waters**



## LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Leadership Council Report for October 11, 2021

The Leadership Council meeting was called to order at 1:55 pm, October 11, 2021 by Moderator Donna Nash. Council members present were Donna Nash, Virginia Halstead, 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 – An invitation was extended to Leadership nominees for 2022 to attend the meeting. Attending and welcoming Fred Pontesso, Dave Farwell & Page Massey.

**Approval of Minutes:** (1) Minutes were approved by acclamation for the September 13, 2021 meeting.

### COMMISSION REPORTS

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

**STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION :** Dan Olson reported 44 households in the Stewardship Pledge Drive responded. The pledges were \$158,504. The Budget was presented in two forms, \$210,306. and \$199,426. After much discussion Ginger Halstead moved (2) the budget proposal \$199,426 be accepted. It was 2nd by Wilma Sanders. Motion passed. Donna Nash will be meeting with Sue Thompson for her guidance on the financial budget. Updating the new Membership Directory is in process. It will be presented at the annual meeting to the members.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS:** LCF water bill increased. Rodger Elliott will talk to the landlord about leaking toilets. Plans and a proposal were presented to place a sign and cross on the building for “Lakeside Christian Fellowship”. Genie Carroll moved (3) that the sign be ordered not to exceed \$2000. Ginger Halstead 2nd. The motion passed.

Dave Freeman will check with the city on sign restrictions and approval. The cameras in the sanctuary have been moved and relocated to show wider screen coverage.

**FAITH IN ACTION:** Wilma Sanders presented the school supplies to the LV schools for children in need. Ms. Sanders will be placing the barrels at the back of the sanctuary for members to place donated canned goods in for Hill Country Ministries. She will make an announcement to remind members.

**WORSHIP COMMISSION:** Chairperson Virginia Halstead reported that the choir will resume practice and begin to perform in November.

**PASTORAL RELATIONS:** Executive session was requested.

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES:** Pastor Chuck reported the Alzheimer’s Support Group is presently meeting. The Cancer support group will stay on hold. Live streaming and Facebook boosts have been successful.

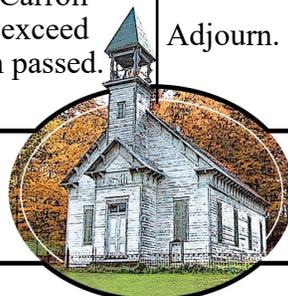
**OLD BUSINESS:** Moderator Donna Nash reminded and requested all leadership members to write a brief report on their job completions and performances from 2021, what they have done and suggestions for change. This report will be due by the year end December meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Suggestions and plans for 2022’: 1) Have a B&P night Bingo & Popcorn Social. 2) Restarting the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck Brunch Social.  
Annual Meeting October 24, 2021 - All Chairs have a brief summary of this year’s accomplishments.  
Future Topics: Next Meeting November 15, 2021 @ 2 PM.

Adjourn.

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CHURCH



COUNCIL

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## LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

### 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting for October 24, 2021

Moderator Donna Nash called the meeting to Order at 11:20 AM.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Chuck Smith gave the invocation.

A quorum was established.

**WELCOMING REMARKS:** Council Moderator Donna Nash welcomed all present. Ms. Nash reported on the progress and changes made by LCF with the renewal of the building lease. The expansion of using the entire Building, the activities being offered and rooms being utilized was noted.

The Status of the Church reflected 115 members of 78 families. There has been a loss of 6 members, 7 members passing away and 3 new members joining.

\* A handout including Budget, Nominees & Bylaws changes was distributed. A new "Fall Directory 2021" of members was also passed out at this time.

**FAITH IN ACTION:** Wilma Sanders reported on the monies and gifts donated to the community including; school supplies, gift cards to the First Responders during the pandemic, donations to Hill Country Ministries, food and clothing to the Jonestown Community Center and many more.

**BUDGET AND SALARIES:** David Freeman reported on the Salary increases for the Pastors and staff ranging from 3.0% - 4.7%.

**2022 BUDGET & STEWARDSHIP:** Dan Olson & Sue Thompson gave a report. The drive included 59 households. 44 pledges were submitted. The pledges were \$158,504. at the time of reporting. The proposed budget was 199,426. Laurie Glass moved (1) to accept the 2022' budget, Page Massey 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion carried. (\*see attached)

**BUILDING & GROUNDS:** Rodger Elliott reported on the workings and improvements made to the new building. He also noted what was involved with the online streaming and taping currently being

done for the Sunday Worship Services.

**ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS:** Donna Nash thanked all members who have served in the past and read the list of names presented by the nomination committee and approved by the leadership council. No nominations from the floor were noted. Sue Thompson moved (2) to accept the list of nominees for Officers, Commissions, Pastoral Relations, Ministries, and Historical as presented. Warwick Andrews 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion carried. (\*see attached)

**ELECTION OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE:** Donna Nash thanked the current Nomination Committee and read the list of names presented as replacements. Lance Bass moved (3) to accept the list of nominees for the Nomination Committee as presented. Laurie Glass 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion carried. (\*see attached)

**APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL BY-LAWS:** Donna Nash thanks Dan Olson for his guidance and institution of the original bylaws written for LCF. Changes to included \*9.2 adding a Parliamentarian, 5.3, 6.3, 7.3, 8.3 Terms of office, and 5.6 signers on the account. Jean Mangum moved (4) to accept the bylaws as presented. Linda Harting 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried. (\*see attached)

**CLOSING REMARKS:** Moderator Donna Nash thanked everyone for attending and their participation in the decisions for our Church's new year 2022'.

Closing prayer was given by Pastor Chuck Smith. Meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Submitted by Donna Nash in absence of Secretary Jean Sholes.

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# CHURCH



# COUNCIL

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## 2021 Advent ~ Christmas Calendar



**Sunday, November 28**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**10:30 am Worship**

FIRST SUNDAY OF  
*Advent*

**Sunday, December 5**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**10:30 am Worship**



SECOND SUNDAY OF  
*Advent*



**Sunday, December 12**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**10:30 am Worship**

THIRD SUNDAY OF  
*Advent*

**Sunday, December 19**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**10:30 am Worship**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
*Advent*

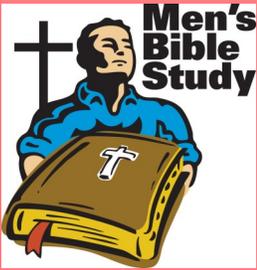


**Sunday, December 26**  
**First Sunday after Christmas**  
**10:30 am Worship**

**Sunday, January 2**  
**Epiphany Sunday**  
**10:30 am Worship**



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## ~ Lakeside Men's Bible Study ~

**Men's Bible Study is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month.** The men will meet at 8:00 am in the LCF Activity Center for a light breakfast with the study to begin at 8:30 am.

We are taking a look at Old Testament- particularly The Torah (1st five books of the Old Testament) and studying "Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes - A study of the scriptures Jesus read."

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

## Lakeside Christian Women's Bible Study

The group is currently reading "A Study of Angels". This book written by Edward P. Myers, and contributes to the understanding of important biblical doctrine. It discusses the origin, nature, activities & destiny of angels. Who are these intriguing, powerful warriors and servants of God the Bible calls angels? This is fascinating and informative reading that will help you realize that you are not alone in this world. Five chapters have been completed, with 8 remaining.

**HOLIDAYS REQUIRE A FEW DATE  
CHANGES TO OUR WEEKLY  
WEDNESDAY MEETINGS.**

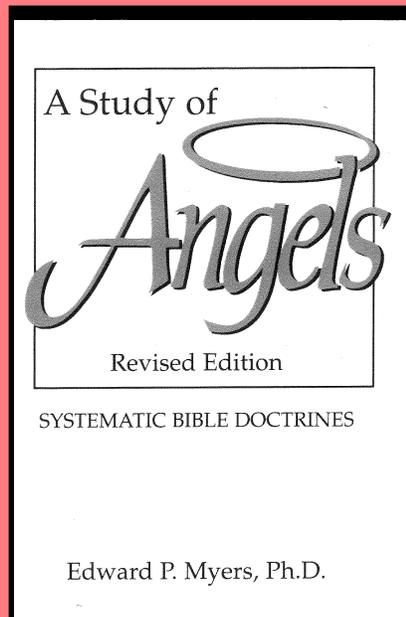
**NO STUDY on DECEMBER 22nd.**

ON DECEMBER 15th we will study chapter #11 followed by a POT LUCK LUNCH in the Activity Meeting Room.  
ON DECEMBER 29th, chapters 12 & 13 will complete the book.

A second book on Angels has been selected for the next study beginning in January 2022.

All women are invited.  
You'll be glad you attended.

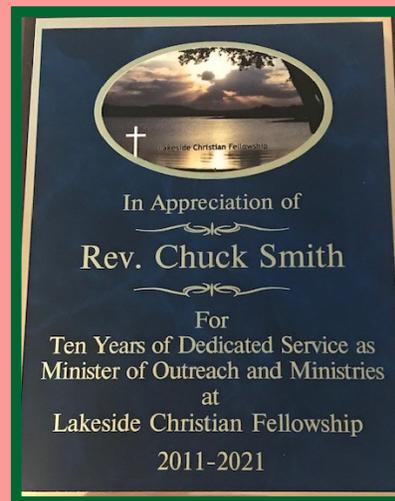
For information on Women's Bible Study contact:  
Lil Burch@ 512-267-2278  
email: [raylilpv@aol.com](mailto:raylilpv@aol.com)



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**Lakeside Christian Fellowship is so excited and happy to have our Choir back!**

**We welcomed back the sound of “Heavenly Voices” which filled our Sanctuary on Sunday, November 14, 2021.  
What a joyful and blessed noise!  
Praise be to God!**



**Congratulations to Reverend Chuck Smith for his 10 years of dedicated service to Lakeside Christian Fellowship as the Minister of Outreach and Ministries!**

**A job well done!**

**An appreciation ceremony was held on Sunday, November 14, 2021 during the Worship Service.**

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## Christmas Decorating!

This year we had Ginny Parish back on the ladder hanging Chrismons on the tree in the Sanctuary with Sarah Bush, Ginger Halsted, and Judi Stonedale assisting. Sharon Waters, Regina Holmes and Laurie Glass tied strings on Angels for the 2nd tree located in the Activity Center while Fran Pontesso and Debbie Reed fluffed and decorated the tree. Wilma Sanders was busy unwrapping and sorting each Christmas wreath. Laurie Glass was also a ladder climber this year hanging the beautifully decorated wreaths made by the ladies of the Church several years ago. Ginger & Paula Tyler set up the Nativity scene in front of the alter ready for worship.

A huge thank you to the 20 volunteers who came out for our Annual Cleanup Day and for putting up Christmas decorations.

Fun was had by all.  
Mission accomplished.  
Thanks to all who participated.  
Donna Nash



Donna Nash put together a wonderful lunch for the whole crew after all of the work was finished!



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## Cleanup Crew

First of all, of course, Rodger Elliott did a lot of work cleaning the outside walls and ceiling of cobwebs and general grime as well as removing the specs of concrete off the front doors before Monday, because he had a conflict at the time of the event.

Linda Harting cleaned sticks from the beds.

Pastor Rick raked and cleaned the side lawn and then did some mowing on the North side of the building. Also he hauled the mower back to the shed.

Pastor Chuck mowed on the back side of the building along the walkway as well as weed eating and leaf cleanup.

Jack Tyler cleaned the stone beds in front and also scrubbed the remaining stains on the office doors. He also scrubbed the old adhesive off the glass of the office doors.

Fred Pontesso was outside sweeping and cleaning.

Warwick brought his shop vac and cleaned the front driveway and walks.

I mostly had fun watching all those listed above working but also did some raking and mowing.

Best,  
Bill Bush



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# Pop and Drop

Thank you to Edwina Woolsey for the flowers that were donated on Sunday, November 14, 2021 for the Worship Service and then to the Pop and Drop Ministry. The flowers were donated in remembrance of Bob's Birthday!



A special thank you to Wilma Sanders and to the LCF Family! Wilma was able to deliver 29 Lowe's Grocery gift cards at \$50. each to Mr. Darren Webb at LVISD on November 17, 2021 due to your generous donations.

The gift cards are for student's families in need of a little extra help for their Thanksgiving Day Meal.

Lago Vista ISD is very grateful, as always, for the continued blessings from LCF.





## Health Watch



### 8 CDC Health Tips for a Safe and Healthy Holiday

Preparing for the holiday season makes the experience more enjoyable

The holidays are a great opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends, to celebrate life, to be grateful, and to reflect on what's important. They are also a time to appreciate – and safeguard – the gift of health.

“The holiday season is a time to reflect on family and friends, but don't forget to take time to care for yourself,” said CDC Director Robert R. Redfield, M.D. “We wish you a healthy and happy New Year, and send along some reminders on how best to keep you and your family well this winter.”

Here are some holiday tips to support your efforts for health and safety during the season.

#### Eat Healthy and Be Active

It can be challenging to eat healthy and stay active during the holidays. [Healthy eating is all about balance and moderation](#). Holiday parties and big family meals may tempt us away from our healthy eating habits. Allow yourself to have your favorite foods but stick to smaller servings and balance them with healthier options. Choose fresh fruit as a festive and sweet substitute for candy. Limit fats, salt, and sugary foods and drinks.

Staying active can help you keep a healthy weight during the holiday season. Look for opportunities to work [physical activities](#) into your holiday: Go for a stroll after a family meal, [take a walk at the mall](#), or dance to your favorite holiday music. Aim to get at least 150 minutes a week of physical activity. For example, that could be at least 20 minutes a day or 30 minutes five days a week. It's important to move more and sit less.

#### Get Your Flu and Covid Vaccination

[Influenza](#) (flu) is more than a cold, or even a “bad cold.” It can result in serious health complications like pneumonia, bacterial infections, hospitalization, or death. Few people get vaccinated against flu after the end of November even though flu activity peaks between December and February and can last as late as May. If you didn't yet get a [flu vaccination](#) this season, it's not too



late! [CDC recommends](#) that everyone age 6 months and older get vaccinated now if they have not already been vaccinated this season.

Flu vaccination can reduce your risk of getting sick with flu and can prevent serious flu complications. [Flu vaccine has other benefits, too](#), including being life saving for children, protecting pregnant women and their babies, and reducing the risk of heart attack in people with heart disease.



#### Food Safety

[Food poisoning](#) can ruin even the most festive celebrations. Each year, an estimated 1 in 6 Americans get sick from eating contaminated food.

Take simple steps to protect your family's health when you prepare and serve [holiday meals](#) such as: [Wash your hands](#) and work surfaces before, during, and after preparing food, and before eating.

- Keep raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs separated during preparation.

Cook food at the [right internal temperature](#) to kill harmful germs. Use a food thermometer to check. Refrigerate perishable foods, including leftovers, within two hours of buying or cooking.

#### Handwashing

Handwashing is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs and to keep kids and adults healthy, especially during the winter months. Evidence shows handwashing can help prevent 1 in 5 respiratory illnesses like the cold or flu, so understanding how and when to wash hands is critical for staying healthy. CDC's newest handwashing campaign – “[Life is Better with Clean Hands](#)” – includes resources and educational materials to help spread the word about the importance of healthy hand hygiene. If soap and water are not available, you can use an alcohol-based [hand sanitizer](#) that contains at least 60% alcohol.



#### Cold Weather Safety and Home Heating

Outdoor activities during cold weather can expose



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you to several safety hazards, but you can [take steps to be prepared](#) while getting the exercise you need. Start by wearing warm clothing, a wind-resistant coat or jacket, mittens, hats, scarves, and waterproof boots. To protect from [hypothermia](#), don't forget to dress in layers. Additional safety precautions when participating in outdoor recreation include: always carry a cell phone, work slowly when doing outside chores, sprinkle cat litter or sand on icy patches, and take along a buddy and an emergency kit.

Have your heating system, water heater, and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year to [keep your family safe](#) from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Install a battery-operated or battery backup CO detector where it will awaken your family at night if the alarm is triggered. Each year, more than 400 Americans die from unintentional CO poisoning not linked to fires, more than 20,000 visit the emergency room, and more than 4,000 are hospitalized.

#### Cope with Stress

Everyone—adults, teens, and even children – experiences stress from time to time. Feeling emotional and nervous or having trouble sleeping and eating can all be normal reactions to stress. Learning [healthy ways to cope with stress](#) and getting the right care and support can help reduce stressful feelings and symptoms. For more information, see [Suicide Resources](#) for articles, publications, and additional resources.

#### Travel Safety

Winter storms and cold temperatures can be dangerous. [Stay safe and healthy this winter by planning ahead](#). Whether you're traveling across town or around the world, ensure that your trip is safe:

- Get your car ready for cold weather before winter arrives.
- Don't drink and drive – and don't let others drive when they've been drinking.
- Wear a helmet when riding a bicycle or skateboarding to help prevent head injuries.

[Wear a seat belt](#) every time you drive or ride in a motor vehicle, and always [buckle your child](#) in the car using a car seat, booster seat, or seat belt appropriate for their weight, height, and age.

Before traveling abroad, check out health and [safety risks at your destination](#). Don't forget to get needed [vaccinations](#) at least 4 to 6 weeks before you leave to ensure protection by the time you travel. CDC's latest traveler's health updates include information about [measles](#) and [malaria](#). For more information see [Traveling Abroad for the Holidays](#).

Anyone traveling more than four hours, whether by air, car, bus, or train, can be at risk for [blood clots](#). Blood clots can form in your legs during travel because you are sitting still in a confined space for long periods of time. Protect yourself during the holiday travel season by moving your legs frequently, know the [symptoms of blood clots and when to get help and if you are at risk for blood clots](#) talk to your doctor.

#### Prevent Injuries

Injuries can happen anywhere, and many occur around holidays. Take these steps to avoid common injuries:

- Use step stools instead of climbing on furniture when hanging decorations.
- Leave fireworks to the professionals.
- Wear a helmet when riding a bicycle or skateboarding to help prevent the most serious types of head and brain injuries.

Prevent chain saw injuries by wearing proper protective clothing and glasses. Always operate, adjust, and maintain chain saws according to manufacturer's instructions.

Most residential fires occur during the winter months. Keep candles away from children, pets, walkways, trees, and curtains. Never leave fireplaces, stoves, or candles unattended.

[Carbon monoxide poisoning](#) is 100% preventable. Don't use generators, grills, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning devices inside your home or garage. Brighten the holidays by making your health and safety a priority.

These tips will help keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy—and ready to enjoy the holidays.



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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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	2 Alzheimer Group 10:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	3	
5 10:30 AM Worship Service @Worship Center & Live Streaming	6 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center	7 	8 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	9	10	11
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19 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center & Live Streaming	20 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center	21 Winter Begins 	22 Women's Bible Study <u>NO STUDY</u>	23 <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>Christmas Holiday</b>	24 	25 
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				For more information visit the LCF website at <a href="http://www.lakesidechristians.org" style="color: white;">www.lakesidechristians.org</a>		



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Mike and Theresa Sholes  
12/8

Bonnie & Sid McClung  
12/10

Fran & Fred Pontesso  
12/22

To be included, please send  
your information to:  
[lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com](mailto:lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com)

## Prayer Corner

*Prayer: 365 Days of Prayer*

Creator of all, God of love,  
The darkness that has shrouded  
the earth

Has become brighter given by the  
bright light of your promises.

Grant us to become  
Followers of your light  
As we follow your will  
And shed your light to the whole  
world.  
Amen!



November 24, 2021  
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YTD Offerings .....\$180,603.00  
YTD Expenses.....\$175,249.00

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*Wishes You a Merry Christmas!*

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