

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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One Nation, Under God

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

This phrase as part of the Pledge of Allegiance is one that almost every American has heard at one point in their lives. I, like many of you, first learned this pledge when I was a child in school. We recited it every morning in class, at class assemblies and as part of school and city gatherings.

During this celebratory month of the birth of our nation, we need to step back, pause to remember that we were a nation founded under God.

The pledge itself originated in the Civil War. The focus was on creating rituals for the kids to perform to promote patriotism.

The founding fathers believed that religious rights were inherently given by God and not by the government. So, as a nation that was literally built on the pursuit of religious freedom, America has always prided itself on allowing its people to express themselves religiously any way they want to.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s message rings true. "When the architects of our Republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir...I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.'"

Not only does the phrase, "One Nation, Under God" carry weight in the birth of America, but also in its reform.

Every single day during the school year, over 60 million students recite the Pledge of Allegiance with this phrase included. "On Nation, Under God" is the centerpiece of patriotism in America. It's a call for unity, a commitment to maintaining freedom for every single citizen.

I thank God for his love, mercy and grace. I thank God for being able to live in this nation. I thank God for all of you – "One nation, under God, His church Lakeside Christian Fellowship."

God Bless!

Pastor Chuck Smith

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LAKE SIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Leadership Council Report for May 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The leadership council meeting was called to order at 2:00PM by Moderator Fred Pontesso. Council members present were Fred Pontesso, Donna Nash, Judy Guthrie, Wilma Sanders, Genie Carroll, Rodger Elliott, Chuck Smith, Don Killough, Jack Tyler, and Ginger Halsted. A quorum was present.

INVOCATION: : Pastor Chuck Smith opened with a prayer.

OPENING REMARKS: Thoughts to ponder – Thoughts to Ponder – “It is better not to do ordinary things but to do extraordinary things in an ordinary way”.

APPROVAL OF LCF MINUTES: A motion was made by Jack Tyler to accept the April 11th council meeting minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Genie Carroll. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Income is in line with the budget and net income year to date is positive.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION: An opening in this position became available and Don Killough was asked by moderator Fred Pontesso to fill the position. Don accepted the offer. A motion was made by Jack Tyler to accept Don Killough into the Leadership Council. Motion was seconded by Rodger Elliott. Motion carried.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Rental Lease – The lease was returned to the owner for some revisions. Chuck Smith to contact

office manager regarding status of receipt of revised lease. A quote of \$650 was received for the cost of paint for striping our parking spaces. No decision has been made to move forward with the striping. No action has been taken regarding repair/replacement of our building entry sign. A cost estimate for repair along with plans must be submitted to the City of Lago Vista for their approval.

Water Problem – A water bill was received from the City of Lago Vista for over \$700 for the month of March. It was discovered that a leak in one of the toilets caused the huge charge. Bill Bush purchased a Flume Product that allows us to monitor our water usage daily. Bill donated the cost of this tool. The toilet was repaired, and the bill was challenged with the City but any adjustment to the charge was denied. The City is allowing this excessive charge to be paid out over a 12 month period. The council elected to accept this method of repayment.

FAITH IN ACTION: No extra needs have been identified in the community.

WORSHIP COMMISSION: Hymnals – The 80 new “Worship and Song” books have been received and our office manager added a label to each book showing these were purchased by the Memorial Fund. A discounted purchase price was obtained. Communion Preparation has been handled by Jean Sholes for many years and she has decided to retire from this duty. Mary Ann Childs has graciously offered to take over the responsibility. The choir will take a vacation break during the months of June-August. Special music will be prepared and presented at services during this time.

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PASTORAL RELATIONS: Our current staff is still in place, and everything is running smoothly.

Search Committee – A viable candidate for a second Pastor to support Pastor Chuck has been found. Details of a visit to our church are being worked out. The candidate has agreed to part time service. More information will follow soon. Another local experienced Pastor has offered services on an as need basis as a visiting Pastor to help out when Chuck is unable to attend. The search committee will contact this person to obtain more background information. Pastor Rick Waters' Retirement Reception – A slide show is being prepared to show at the reception and Bill Parcher is putting together special songs also to be played at the reception.

MINISTRIES COMMISION – June Freeman not in attendance. The church picnic was attended by 38 parishioners. Much fun and lots of delicious food was enjoyed by all. There were many extra baked potatoes, and they were delivered to the Police station and Fire department where receipt was much appreciated.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES: Chuck Smith reported that both the Alzheimer's Support Group and the Coffee Klatch are going strong. Chuck has also let many people in the community know that our Activities' Center is available for use by the community. Some interest has been expressed.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS: No Report

FUTURE TOPICS: The next council meeting will be held on June 13th at 2PM

The council meeting was adjourned at 3PM.



The primary function of ushers/greeters is to welcome the congregation and visitors as they arrive, as well as passing out bulletins.

A warm, friendly smile reveals the church's personality and makes people feel welcomed.

If you are interested in being a Greeter/Usher
Contact the Church Office at
512-267-1700

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POP AND DROP



Get well wishes sent to
Ray & Lil Burch
and
Burt & Margy Burchette from
the Pop and Drop Ministry!

If you would like to be a part
of this wonderful ministry,
contact Donna Nash at
hilltophappiness@gmail.com



**The Alzheimer's
Caregiver Group Meeting
has changed venues!
They now will meet
every 3rd Thursday
of the month
@ 10:30 AM in the
Lago Vista Library.**

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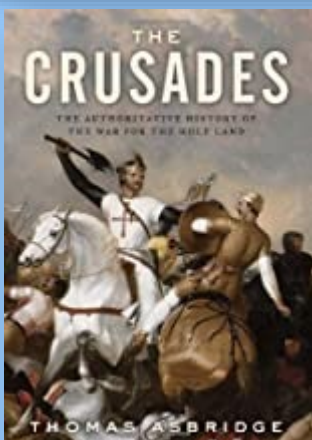
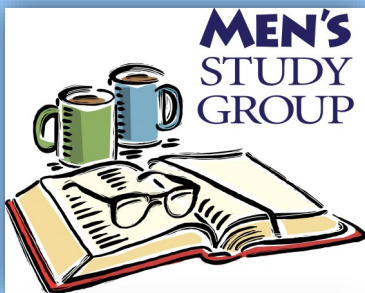
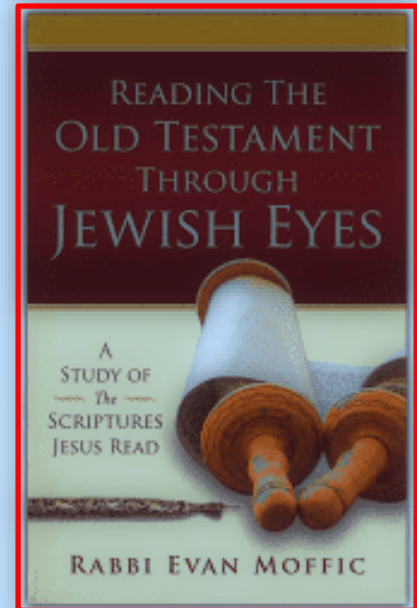
**Our study began on
May, 11, 2022.**

We are studying

**“Reading The Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes” by
Rabbi Evan Moffic.**

**If you are interested in this study of the scriptures
Jesus read**

**contact Donna Nash at
hilltophappiness@gmail.com.**



**The Men's Bible Study, “A Look at the Crusades” began
on Tuesday, June 14 in the LCF Activity Center.**

**For those wanting a light breakfast (breakfast tacos)
we gather beginning at 8:00 a.m.**

**The Bible Study begins at 8:30 a.m. and will go for
an hour perhaps an hour and a half.**

**All men are welcome to attend this fascinating look that
still has ramifications in the Middle East today.**

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

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PASTOR RICK'S LAST SERMON & RETIREMENT CELEBRATION



On May 29, 2022, there were approximately 100 in attendance to say farewell to Pastor Rick!



Pastor Rick's last sermon!



The choir and pianist sang joyful praises!
Pictured left to right: Worship leader, Ginger Halsted;
Music Director, William Parcher; Front Row: Paula Tyler;
Judy Guthrie; Lisa Weaver; Fran Pontesso; Wilma Sanders;
Christine Chapman and pianist, Cindi Brewer.
Back Row: Dick Sanders; Rodger Elliott;
Jack Tyler and Warwick Andrews



Pastor Rick giving thanks and praise to wife Sharon for all of her patience and support!

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Thanks to hospitality committee members Gene and Laurie Glass; Carolyn Bass; June Freeman; Paula Tyler and Regina Holmes for a job well done!

LCF's WONDERFUL hospitality committee put together a fabulous reception for Pastor Rick's retirement!



Moderator Fred Pontesso presented a generous "Love Gift" and Rev. Chuck Smith presented Pastor Rick with a beautiful inscribed clock from the LCF congregation and friends!



Donna Nash presented to Sharon Waters on behalf of the Women's Bible Study Group a beautiful plaque.



It's time for Sharon and Rev. Rick Waters to cut the cake!



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**FRIENDS AND FAMILY GATHERED TO GIVE
THANKS AND GOOD WISHES TO
PASTOR RICK AND SHARON WATERS!**



Beth Kiker and Jean Mangum



Sharon Waters



Jay and Nancy Meierhoff



**Dick and Wilma Sanders with family
and friend of Rick and Sharon Waters**



Charlie and Nan Knapp



Dr. Edward and Shirley Sherwood



**Joe Wolverton
Don and Sharon Killough
Gail McMahan and Husband
Burt Burchette and Susan Galvan**



**Mike and Theresa
Sholes**



**Nalda Daigle
Amparo and Marc Giller
Fran and Fred Pontesso
Frank and Eleanor Smith**

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LCF Music Director and the LCF Choir sang heavenly praises in honor of Pastor Rick Waters!



A spectacular slide show of Pastor Rick's 50 years of ministry was enjoyed by the guests. Thanks to Rev. Chuck Smith, Sharon Waters and Burt Burchette for putting it together!



**Thanks to
Bill Bush and Jack Tyler
for giving the sign outside
of the Worship Center
a much needed
Makeover!**



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

July  **2022**

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 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ LCF Activity Center 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center & Live Streaming	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM @LCF Activity Center	6 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	7	8	9
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17 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ LCF Activity Center 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center & Live Streaming	18 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center	19 Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM @LCF Activity Center	20 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	21  NewsLetter DEADLINE Alzheimer Group 10:30 AM @LV Library	22 BUDGET SHEETS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO CHURCH OFFICE!	23
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David Freeman.....	1
Sara Bush	2
Genie Carroll	10
Dick Sanders	14
Gloria Hammonds	16
Joy Webb	16
Emma Smith.....	20
William Parcher.....	21



David & June Freeman
July 19

Chuck & Emma Smith
July 20

Dick & Wilma Sanders
July 23

Pease send your information to:
lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com

Prayer Corner

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/inspiring-fourth-of-july-prayers.html>

Prayer For a Strong Nation

Thank you that in our nation today, we are free to worship. We are free to pray. We are free to read your Word. We are free to speak. We are free to share. For this, we are incredibly grateful. Yet, we understand how quickly these freedoms can be taken away. Give us an increased awareness of the spiritual battle we're in.

Help us to stand strong in you and for your purposes.

Thank you that as believers, we can be assured, you will never leave us, and are with us always, in this life, and the next.

Thank you for your truth that says, who the Son sets free is free indeed! We know that in you alone, true freedom is found. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

(by [Debbie McDaniel](#))

June 30, 2022

YTD Offerings\$108,746.00

YTD Expenses\$93,307.00

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Worship Location

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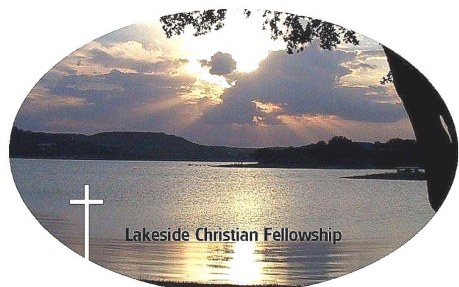
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