

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



MAY 2022

VOLUME X NUMBER 5

God Speed Pastor Rick!

At the end of this month, we will gather together to celebrate with Pastor Rick his fifty years of ministry to the Lord God. While it will be a time of celebration for me I will feel loss. A loss of a mentor, a loss of a confidant in ministry, and loss of a teacher of homiletics. But most of all I will experience a loss in the best ways of being a pastor of a church. I have learned so much under his tutelage and guidance that I will forever be grateful for.

Sharon shared with me pictures of Rick and articles regarding his ministry from the first appointment at Laird Hill United Methodist Church down through the years to his being the founding pastor of Lakeside in 2009. I knew Rick before he became the Pastor at Lakeside as he was my mentor in the Lay Minister program for the Southwest Texas Conference United Methodist Church. It was in those meetings that I learned from the most compassionate, loving man I know. I saw it in action over the last 10 years serving with Rick here at Lakeside.

Needless to say I will be calling on him from time to time to continue to help guide me going forward.

Rick, Emma and I love and value you and Sharon more than you will ever know. I wish you all the best and God speed you as you and Sharon venture into true retirement land.

Well done – good and faithful servant. Thank you for giving to the Lord!

Pastor Chuck

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LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Leadership Council Report for March 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The Leadership Council meeting was called to order at 2PM by Moderator, Fred Pontesso. Council member present were Fred Pontesso, June Freeman, Donna Nash, Genie Carroll, Bill Bush, Ginger Halsted, Rev. Chuck Smith, Rev. Rick Waters, Dave Farwell, Page Massey, Jack Tyler, and Judy Guthrie. A quorum was met.

INVOCATION: Rev. Rick Waters opened with a prayer.

OPENING REMARKS: Page Massey stated "What you think about, you bring about"

COMMISSION REPORTS

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Current income is supporting the expenses although donations are down from previous year to date.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION: Dave Farwell and Page Massey reported that the first "Meet and Greet" gathering was held on Sunday, March 13th at 10AM in the Activity Center and was well attended. Page presented a sign-up sheet for volunteers to sponsor future pre-service gatherings by providing food. Coffee and water will be provided by the Stewardship committee. There were some volunteers although many more are needed. Page inquired about a possible budget to cover expenses for these gatherings but no decision was made by the council. Dave and Page had two easels made to direct people to our church on Sundays. One was placed at the corner of Highland Lake Drive and American Drive and one was placed on Boggy Ford Road and American Drive. Dave and Paige have volunteered to continue to place these signs in the designated areas on each Sunday. Dave presented several ideas he has for attracting new members and retaining existing members to Lakeside Christian Fellowship. Ideas included "Ripples Rewards", "Attendance recognition awards" and sponsoring local sports teams. He spoke again about the need to create an additional council position

as a "Communications Manager" who would be responsible for promoting our church in the Northshore Community. No motion was made at this time but a discussion was held about adding our address to all church communications, adding our name, address and website to the Lago Vista/Jonestown Chamber of Commerce newsletter, possibly adding an article to the Northshore Beacon, and making sure that our name pops up on the Facebook Community Board. June Freeman stated she would add this need for a communications person to the new Volunteer Flyer that will be given out at church services and included in the next Ripples.

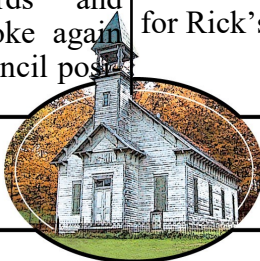
BUILDING & GROUNDS: Bill Bush made a motion (1) that "The building and grounds committee can access the Project Operating Fund for any needed repairs and purchases not to exceed \$1000 without council prior approval. Any expense exceeding this amount will require approval from the Leadership Council". Motion was seconded by June Freeman. Motion carried.

FAITH IN ACTION: Chair Wilma Sanders is still away so no report or actions were taken by this committee.

WORSHIP COMMISSION: Ginger Halsted reported that the piano in the sanctuary belongs to the Hill Country Singers and they would like to sell it to the church. She also reported that music is being selected for the Easter service.

PASTORAL RELATIONS: Jack Tyler reported that this committee had not met but the Pastoral Search committee had recently met and sent out letters of interest for a new pastor to two seminaries in Austin. One negative response was received to date. Both Chuck and Rick stated that they have made other inquiries among their personal contacts for Rick's replacement.

CHURCH



COUNCIL

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MINISTRIES: June Freeman reported that an updated Volunteer sheet will be attached to the next Ripples with a request that completed sheets be either returned to the church office or brought to the Sunday service. She has also inquired about the cost of signs to be placed around town advertising our Easter Sunrise Service. She obtained a cost of \$4-\$5 each for "yard sized" stake sign. The Council decided that these should not be date specific so they could be re-used in future years and authorized the purchase of 12 signs to be placed in high traffic areas around town on or about the weekend of Palm Sunday. June's committee also decided we should have a Fellowship Potluck luncheon at the Bar K Park Grand Pavilion at the end of April on either Saturday or Sunday the 23rd or 24th. The council agreed this was a great idea and a food menu will be selected and provided to church members. Our "Fifth Sunday Potluck" in May will be replaced with a Farewell Reception for Rev. Rick Waters. Details to follow.

OUTREACH: Pastor Chuck reported that the Alzheimer's Support Group continues to meet but the Cancer Support Group has not yet been started. Attendance at the Coffee Klatch is great but the Men's Bible Study group has low attendance and perhaps a different time of day should be selected to attract more attendance.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: It was discussed that the minutes would be sent to Fred Pontesso for review and approval or correction. Once minutes are finalized, they will be distributed by the council secretary with an email to all council members for their review before the final copy is sent to the office manager for inclusion in the Ripples.

FUTURE TOPICS: The next council meeting will be held on Monday April 11, 2022.

ADJOURN: Page Massey moved (2) to adjourn the council meeting at 3:55PM. Motion seconded by Jack Tyler. Motion carried.



**The Alzheimer's
Caregiver Group
meets every
1st and 3rd
Thursday
of the month
@ 10:30 AM in the
LCF Activity Center**



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 Betty Houghton at
512-267-4319

CHURCH

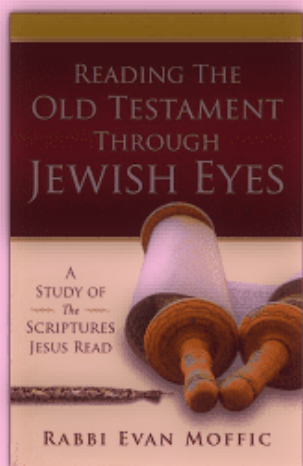


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There will be **NO BIBLE STUDY** on May 4, 2022 , instead we will be going to lunch and a movie.



Our next study begins on **May, 11, 2022**. We will be 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 Group

has completed their study and will be

taking a six week break.

Rev. Chuck Smith will announce when the new study will begin.

The new study, "The Crusades" covers a series of religious wars that began in 1095 lasting over 200 years and still reverberates to this day.

Contact Rev. Chuck Smith for more information:
512-922-6233.

Online Donations to Lakeside Christian Fellowship Church.


We have made it easier than ever to send your tithe and offerings to Lakeside without leaving the comfort of your home.

Your Leadership Council approved and sanctioned the use of online donations some time back. It took several months to search and find the best way to do that.

Thanks to Bill Bush we now have a donate button on our website: www.lakesidechristians.org to electronically provide a way to use a credit card or if you have a paypal account to donate. The process is simple and the church will pay the small service fee (unless you choose to add it to your donation).

The process is simple. Go to our website and look for the donate button on the home page, click on it and it will bring up the steps needed to make the donation. The page identifies Lakeside as the recipient and a place to select whether paying by credit card or your paypal account should you have one although a paypal account is not required to use the service.

We keep track of all records as we do and will send you a receipt for tax purposes at the end of the year. Also Bill has an article on the following page where you can have your donations subtracted from your gross income thereby reducing your income that is subject to taxes.


Donate to
Lakeside Christian Fellowship,
Inc. 


Lakeside Christian Fellowship is composed of people called by Jesus Christ to be His representatives in the world.

\$0.00
USD

Use this donation for
General Fund

☐ I'd like to add to my donation to help offset the cost of processing fees

☐ Make this a monthly donation 

 Donate with PayPal

Donate with a Debit or Credit Card

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New Options For Contributing To Lakeside Christian Fellowship

In addition to taking advantage the convenience and security of LCF's new online donation capabilities (at lakesidechristians.org/donations), those interested in donating with tax efficiency may want to consider a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** directly from their IRA.

What Is A Qualified Charitable Distribution?

In 2015, Congress permanently enacted the IRS QCD rule. For those older than 70.5, this rule allows traditional IRA owners to exclude their Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from their adjusted gross income as long as they give the money to a qualified charitable organization such as Lakeside Christian Fellowship.

And The Contribution Is Considered Part Of My Required Minimum Distribution?

Yes. If you're older than 70.5 and the charitable organization is qualified, as is LCF, under the IRS QCD rule, your charitable contribution is included in your annual RMD.

How Is Making a QCD Different Than Simply Deducting The Charitable Donation?

By reducing your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) by the amount of your QCDs, you may minimize other factors that are based on AGI, such as Medicare premiums. Also, because the Standard Deduction is based on age and filing status (not AGI), if you take the Standard Deduction vs. itemizing, the Standard Deduction reduces AGI in arriving at Taxable Income. So starting with a lower AGI may in-turn reduce your Taxable Income. The following example shows 2 scenarios that demonstrate this idea:

Scenario 1		Scenario 2	
Take full RMD and donate \$35,000 in cash		Donate \$35,000 of RMD directly to charity using a QCD	
Nonportfolio income:	\$50,000	Nonportfolio income:	\$50,000
Annual RMD:	+ \$110,000	Annual RMD:	+ \$110,000
QCD:	\$0	QCD:	- \$35,000
Pretax income:	= \$160,000	Pretax income:	= \$125,000
Itemized deduction:	- \$35,000	Standard deduction:	- \$14,250
Taxable income:	= \$125,000	Taxable income:	= \$110,750
Estimated taxes due:	\$24,021	Estimated taxes due:	\$20,601

How Do I Go About Making A Qualified Charitable Distribution?

The custodian of your IRA will provide a simple form which you can fill out to specify your IRA account, the donation amount, and the name of the qualified charity to which you wish to contribute. The forms are usually available online and require your physical signature.

A good reference describing the tax benefits of this approach can be found at:

<https://www.investopedia.com/articles/financial-advisors/032116/how-use-qcd-rule-reduce-your-taxes.asp>

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**The Church Picnic will be held on
May 1, 2022 @ noon
at the pavilion at Bar K.**

**The church will be supplying
baked potatoes and fixings. Bring your
favorite Pot Luck to share: salads, sides
or desserts. Bring a friend or neighbor
and come join us for a fun filled day!**



POP AND DROP



Thanks to Cindi Brewer for gifting the Sunday, April 2, 2022, flowers in observance of her brother's birthday to the glory of God then donating them to the Pop & Drop Ministry.

Visits were made to:

Joy Modawell

Karen Shockey (Anita Stovall's daughter) whom has cancer. Prayers for the family.

Gina and Gloria Hammonds - Gloria is doing very well and has returned to Bible Study.

Tom Gardner whom is very happy with his new facility and enjoys receiving and reading the monthly Ripples.

Janet Cason fell and bruised her face and broke her wrist and right arm.

The Pop and Drop flowers help to brighten someone's day!

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Lead Actress;
LCF Choir member Lisa Weaver



House Manager;
LCF member June Freeman



Photographer;
LCF member Dave Freeman



Lance & Carolyn Bass; Wayne and Donna Nash;
Gene and Laurie Glass



Ticket Sales; Phyllis Jordon and Betty Houghton



Pictured Above:
S. Harmon;
Richard & Linda Brown;
B. Austin;
Mary Ann Childs;
Ginger Halsted



Pictured Right:
Rev. Chuck & Emma Smith;
Bill & Sara Bush

**LCF gave a united presence in
supporting our local community theatre
at the Lago Vista Players performance on
Saturday April 2, 2022!**



Christine Chapman; Genie Carroll;
Rev. Rick & Sharon Waters; Judy Guthrie;
Warwick Andrews

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Wilma donated 15 Lowe's Grocery Gift Cards at \$50.00 each on behalf of LCF for the families needing a blessing for Easter.

Wilma Sanders with
Mr. Darren Webb,
Superintendent of LVISD.



**Edwina Woolsey
made
Easter Cross
Cookies
and baked good-
ies for the
Meet and Greet
on April 10 2022.**

**The Meet and
Greet
is held
every Sunday
morning from
10:00 -10:30 a.m.
before the
Worship Service.**

**Come and Join
Us!**



**June Freeman
helped with the signage for
advertising
the Easter Sunrise Service
at Hancock Park!**



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The Many Faces of Pastor Rick Waters!



Our Pastor's **RETIREMENT**

Mark your calendars for May 29, 2022! Rev. Rick Waters, our beloved Pastor is preaching his last sermon and then off to retirement!

Immediately following the Worship Service there will be a catered reception in the LCF Activity Center.

Please join us and say your farewells and congratulations to Pastor Rick!

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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 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ LCF Activity Center 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center 	2 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center	3	4 NO Study Movie and Lunch	5 Alzheimer Group 10:30 AM @LCF Activity Center 	6	7
8 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ LCF Activity Center 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center 	9 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center 2:00 PM Leadership Council @ LCF Activity Center	10	11 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	12	13	14
15 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ LCF Activity Center 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center & Live Streaming	16 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center	17	18 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center 	19 Alzheimer Group 10:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	20	21
22 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ LCF Activity Center 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center & Live Streaming	23 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center	24	25 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	26	27	28
29 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ LCF Activity Center 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center Pastor Rick Retirement luncheon immediately After Worship Service	30 	31				

For more information
visit the LCF website at
www.lakesidechristians.org



Bonnie McClung	6
Beverly Olson	7
Linda Brown.....	9
Dick Hemer	13
Rev. Rick Waters	20
Lil Burch	24
Elaine Bhonn.....	27
Ray Burch	31



Joe & Glynda Wolverton
May 6

Bill & Sandra Smith
May 12

If you would like your dates to be included, please send your information to the church office:

lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com

Prayer Corner

365 days of Prayer
For Christians That Bring Calm & Peace
By Oliver Powell

*Help us to make use of the gifts given to us.
Let us bring light, and with it, goodness to this world.*

Help us to see all of the good paths in our lives as we listen to Your words.

*Let us be a blessing to everyone around us.
Let us keep the human conscience alive and fill it with Your light.*

Help us to do what's right, regardless of rewards, since the only one that sees us is You, and that's the only thanks we seek.

Help us forgive and forget the misdeeds or wrongs of others, looking at things and people as they are, not as what they appear to be.

Help us bring more peace and love into this planet, rather than doing it in our own, personal world.

Amen!

April 28, 2022

YTD Offerings..... \$85,919.00

YTD Expenses..... \$63,227.00

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