

# Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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## **Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good; His love endures forever. Psalm 107:1**

This Thanksgiving season, I want to share with you the amazing story of the way God used an Indian named Squanto as a special instrument of His providence.

Historians say that around 1608—more than a decade before the Pilgrims (who called themselves “Saints”) landed in the New World—a group of English traders, led by a Captain Hunt, sailed to what is today Plymouth, Massachusetts. When the trusting Wampanoag Indians came out to trade, Hunt took them prisoner, transported them to Spain, and sold them into slavery.

But God had an incredible plan for one of the captured Indians—a boy named Squanto. Squanto was bought by a Spanish monk, who treated him well and taught him the Christian faith. Squanto eventually made his way to England and worked in the stable of a man named John Slaney. Slaney sympathized with Squanto’s desire to return home, and he promised to put the Indian on the first vessel bound for America. In 1619—ten years after Squanto was first kidnapped—a ship was found. Finally, after a decade of exile and heartbreak, Squanto was on his way home.

But when he arrived in Massachusetts, more heartbreak awaited him. An epidemic had wiped out Squanto’s entire village. Surely, he asked why God had allowed him to return home, against all odds, only to find his loved ones dead. A year later, the answer came. A shipload of English families arrived and settled on the very land once occupied by Squanto’s people in what is now Plymouth. Squanto went to meet them, greeting the startled Pilgrims in English. According to the diary of Pilgrim Governor William Bradford, Squanto “became a special instrument sent of God for our good . . . He showed us how to plant our corn, where to take fish and to procure other commodities . . . and was also our pilot to bring us to unknown places for our profit, and never left us till he died.”

When Squanto lay dying of a fever, Bradford wrote that their Indian friend “desired the Governor to pray for him, that he might go to the Englishmen’s God in heaven.” Squanto bequeathed his possessions to his English friends “as remembrances of his love.” Who but God could so miraculously weave together the lives of a lonely Indian and a struggling band of Englishmen seeking religious freedom? It is like the story of Joseph, who was also sold into slavery—and whom God likewise used as a special instrument for good.

While you’re enjoying turkey and pumpkin pie, share with friends and family the Indian side of the Thanksgiving story. Tell them about Squanto, the “special instrument sent of God”—who changed the course of American history. Story credit to Charles Colson, Prison Fellowship Ministries.

With Love, Susan

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## LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

### Leadership Council Report for September 12, 2022

The leadership council meeting was called to order at 2:05PM by moderator Fred Pontesso. Council members present were Fred Pontesso, Judy Guthrie, Donna Nash, June Freeman, Wilma Sanders, Genie Carroll, Chuck Smith, Rodger Elliott, Don Killough, Jack Tyler, Ginger Halsted, Bill Bush, and Susan Galvan. A quorum was present.

**Invocation:** Pastor Chuck Smith opened with a prayer

**Opening Remarks:** "Thoughts to Ponder" – Fred Pontesso offered a quote - "Thank God for what you have, Trust God for what you need"

**Approval of Minutes:** August minutes were approved by acclamation as corrected. (1) A correction was made to the Pastoral Search report section to state that Susan Galvan has been chosen by the committee to fulfill the position of Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care.

#### **Commission Reports:**

Financial Update – Genie Carroll reported that year to date expenses were over the budgeted amount by a little over \$6000 but income is sufficient to cover the expenses.

Stewardship Commission – Don Killough reported that 8 Stewardship Books were in circulation among the congregation. Two books have already been returned completed. A total of 47 families will receive the Stewardship books and some members will be receiving information by mail. There are two more weeks for the books to remain in circulation.

Building and grounds – Bill Bush reported that the new water meter system is being monitored and there are no more water leak issues and everything else appears to be in good order. He asked about interest in having another

"clean up day" this fall and all council members agreed this is a good idea so a date will be set for October or November to gather volunteers to help with clean up and any minor repairs needed to the building and grounds.

Faith In Action – Wilma Sanders reported that she has spoken to the LVISD Superintendent who stated that there does not appear to be an immediate need for any school supplies so they discussed the potential need for food and assistance for families around the holidays. The council discussed that we could possibly give out more gift cards for food for needy families at Thanksgiving and we would again ask members of the congregation to donate \$25 to purchase gift cards for this purpose.

Worship Commission- Ginger announced that the choir is back singing as of September 4<sup>th</sup>. Mary Ann Childs continues to set up and prepare for communion Sunday. Ginger also stated that there is still a struggle to obtain volunteers to be ushers. She added that Bill Parcher would love to help out as a guest minister by giving more sermons.

Pastoral Relations – At the previous council meeting job descriptions for our pastors were distributed to council members and were approved by the council. Chuck Smith has requested that his job description be revised. Jack Tyler made a motion (2) that the previous job description for the Minister of Outreach and Ministries be rescinded and re-written. The job description for The Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care will remain as previously approved. Don Killough seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion carried. The Pastoral Relations committee will meet again and revise the job description for the Minister of Outreach and Ministries. Jack Tyler then made a motion (3) that the Pastoral Search Commit-

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tee be dissolved as their mission was completed. Bill Bush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Due to questions being raised by members of the congregation regarding the required procedure for hiring a new minister, a timeline of events was presented to the council by Parliamentarian, Donna Nash about the hiring of the Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care, Susan Galvan. The Time Line of Events for "Calling A Pastor" as written in our By-Laws is attached to these minutes for all to review. (Attachment #1)

Ministries – June Freeman reported that the Gaither Concert is sold out but there are still tickets available to attend the Lago Vista Players presentation of Arsenic and Old Lace on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> where we have two tables reserved for our church members. She reported that the quarterly Potluck luncheon will now take place on October 9<sup>th</sup> after the church service. Susan Galvan requested that during the Potluck the participants discuss their future vision for our church. June also stated that although the Meet and Greet is being well attended, there is still a struggle to obtain willing volunteers to provide breakfast treats, cookies, or pastries for this meeting. June made a motion (4) that we change the name of the "Activities Center" to "Fellowship Hall". Genie Carroll seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Outreach – Chuck Smith reported that the average attendance for August is 44 "on site" and another 43.66 households viewing on line. There are also others viewing our website averaging 37.6 per week. We do have a 'QR Code' Box that shows on the viewing screen only during our tithing time for people to donate if desired. Chuck then reported that Linda Harding is no longer able to handle "Operation Shoe-

box" which our congregation has participated in for many years in support of "Samaritans Purse" which provides gifts for needy children that might otherwise get nothing at Christmas time. Wilma Sanders graciously volunteered take on the responsibility that Linda previously handled. Shoeboxes and instructions for filling them will be available shortly. Please consider assisting with this endeavor.

#### **Old Business:**

Building security - In June Regina Holmes visited the council meeting to discuss the Gaither Concert but also stated her concerns about Security of our church. The council decided that doors would remain closed and watched during the meet and greet time prior to the beginning of service and that the ushers would stand both at the entrance to the sanctuary and by the door leading into the activities center and office. Both doors would be locked during the church service. Today Susan Galvan stated that her husband Blue would be sitting at the back of the church during the service to monitor any activity at the back doors and check to make sure all doors are locked. We have an alarm in place that is monitored at all other times.

Long Range Planning Committee – At the August council meeting Fred Pontesso introduced the need for a Long Range Planning Committee to assess future needs of the church. A motion was made and passed at that time to form this special task force per article 9 of the By Laws. At today's council meeting Fred introduced Edwina Woolsey who has agreed to lead this task force whose main function will be to grow the church. Genie Carroll moved (5) to appoint Edwina Woolsey as the Long Range Planning Committee chairman. Motion was seconded by Ginger Halsted. Motion passed.

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#### **New Business:**

Ministries Position – June Freeman. It was brought to the attention of the Council by Parliamentarian Donna Nash that the By Laws needed to be amended to add the Ministries Position to the Leadership Council and this required posting and a vote by the congregation. Donna will present the first reading of the job description for this position at the service on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The second reading of the position will be included in the October Ripples and an official vote from the congregation will be taken at the Annual Church Meeting on October 23, 2022.

New Leadership Council Nominations – Attached to these minutes (attachment #2) is a list of the proposed new council members for 2023. Jack Tyler moved (6) to accept this proposed list of nominees. Motion was seconded by Ginger Halsted. Motion passed. These proposed candidates will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and will also be included in the October Ripples. An official vote will take place at the annual Church meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The new council positions will take effect on January 1, 2023.

A request has been made of our church as well as others in our community to assist the LVISD Elementary School PTO in their need to raise funds for updating their technology, provide improved literacy materials, fund field trips, purchase theater equipment, add a new playground, and provide equipment for field day needs. A sponsorship costs \$500 and provides a lot of community exposure for our church. A motion was made by June Freeman to take

\$500 from the Power of One fund to purchase a sponsorship on the name of the church. Motion was seconded by Ginger Halsted. Motion carried.

#### **Future Topics:**

The next council meeting will be held on October 10, 2022.

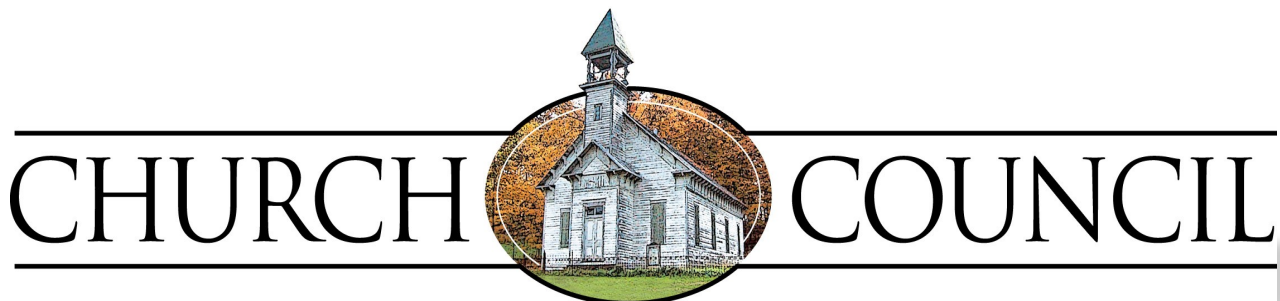
#### **Adjourn:**

Fred Pontesso moved to adjourn the council meeting at 3:40PM (8). Ginger Halsted seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned.



**November 6, 2022**

**Set clocks back one hour  
on Saturday night,  
November 5, 2022!**





## Annual Congregational Meeting Notice

The annual Lakeside Christian Fellowship Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 30, 2022**, following morning worship.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- 1) Approve the 2023 Operating Budget.
- 2) Election of Officers and Chair persons.
- 3) Election of Nominating Committee.
- 4) Vote on Changes to By laws.

Under By laws and before the articles add the LCF mission statement: “A family of faith connecting people to Christ and to each other!”

By law reading #1 -

\*\*\*Article III. The Leadership Council

\*add Ministry Coordinator

3.1 Membership. The Leadership Council consists of the Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, and chairperson of Building and Grounds, Faith in Action, Pastoral Relations and Personnel, Stewardship, Worship Commissions and “Ministry Coordinator”. The pastor(s) are ex officio, non-voting members.

By law reading #2

\*\*\*Article IV. Nominating Committee

4.2 The Nominating Committee shall:

d) The positions for which the Nominating Committee shall recommend candidates include:

- 1) Members of the Leadership Council

\*add - i) Ministry Coordinator

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By law reading #3

\*\*\* Article VII. Ministries

\*add Ministries Coordinator

7.2 Election. Candidates for “Ministry Coordinator” and Chairpersons of Ministries shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by a majority vote by the congregation to serve the term specified. Nominations from the floor are allowed, provided that nominee is duly qualified and has given prior consent. When two (or more) persons are being considered for the same office, a secret ballot shall be used.

7.3 Term of Office. The “Ministry Coordinator” and Ministry Chairpersons shall be elected to serve a one year term of office beginning on January 1. The “Ministry Coordinator” and Ministry Chairpersons may serve successive terms but may not be reelected after serving three years except after a lapse of one year.





## List of Leadership Nominees for the Year 2023:

### Commissions:

Moderator - Fred Pontesso

Treasurer/Stewardship -  
Warwick Andrews

Secretary - Judy Guthrie

Building and Grounds - William Bush  
with assistants Rodger Elliott and  
Chip Hamilton

Faith in Action - Jan Robbins

Worship - Genie Carroll

Pastoral Relations - Jack Tyler  
Members

- \* Janet Cason
- \* Lance Bass
- \* Ginny Parish
- \* Don Killough
- \* Edwina Woolsey

### Ministries:

- \* Coordinator - June Freeman
- \* New Member Chair - Regina Holmes
- \* Congregational Chair - Open
- \* Fellowship - Gene and Laurie Glass
- \* Volunteer Resource - Wilma Sanders
- \* Historian - Dave Freeman

### Nominating Committee for 2023

- \* Donna Nash
- \* Dawn Thompson
- \* Linda Brown
- \* Christine Chapman
- \* Paula Tyler
- \* Ginger Halsted



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## Pack a Shoebox Gift for a Child in Need

Shoeboxes are available at LCF.

Please return Shoeboxes to  
Wilma Sanders or the church office by  
October 30, 2022.

**Don't forget to include your check for  
\$10. made out to Samaritan's Purse**  
to cover shipping and handling.

For more information:  
Contact Wilma Sanders  
at (228)-806-5088



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Visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ) to learn more about how God can use a gift-filled shoebox given in Jesus' Name to transform a child, their family, and their community.

VIEW SOLICITATION DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE ONLINE AT [SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE](http://SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE).



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If you would like to help sponsor a Lago Vista family Thanksgiving dinner, please fill out this form and return it the church office by November 13, 2022. Thank you!

*Lakeside Christian Fellowship will be working with the Lago Vista School District to provide grocery shopping gift certificates to 20 Lago Vista families for their Thanksgiving dinners.*

*Yes!, I wish to sponsor one family Thanksgiving dinner!*

Those who bring  
thanksgiving as their  
sacrifice honor me.

Psalm 50:23



\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

**\$ 25.00 Suggested Gift**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

**\$ 25.00 Suggested Gift**

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Christian Women's Fellowship will be hosting a potluck on December 5, 2022 in the LCF Fellowship Hall from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm.

Bring your favorite dish to share and join us as we celebrate getting together once again!



**Help Us "Spruce" Up the Church!**

We will be decorating the Worship Center and Fellowship Hall on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 9:30 am.

The gentlemen will be sprucing up the outside while the ladies decorate inside. Snacks will be provided! We would love for you to join us! The more the merrier!

Join us on December 18, 2022 from 3 - 5 pm for a Christmas Carol Sing Along! Raise your voice in heavenly praise and join in on the fun! Who doesn't love to sing Christmas Carols? We hope to see you there!





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**Fun was had by ALL at the  
Gaither Vocal Band  
Something Good is About to Happen Tour 2022  
on October 15, 2022. Thanks to Regina Holmes  
for organizing such a wonderful event!**



**The Bus Riders  
and  
Concert Goers!**





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



# NOVEMBER 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
30 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ AC 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC Congregation Meeting	31 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center	1	2 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	3	4	5 Set clocks Back 1 Hour 
6 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ AC 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC Live Streaming	7 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center	8 Election Day 	9 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	10	11 Veterans Day 	12
13 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ AC 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC Live Streaming Deadline for Thanksgiving Drive	14 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center 2:00 PM Leadership Council @ LCF Activity Center	15	16 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	17 Alzheimer Group 10:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	18	19
20 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ AC 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC Live Streaming	21 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center 9:30 AM Church Decorating And Clean Up Day	22	23 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center 	24 Happy Thanksgiving  Office Closed	25	26
27 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ AC 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC Live Streaming	28 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center	29	30 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center			
				For more information visit the LCF website at <a href="http://www.lakesidechristians.org">www.lakesidechristians.org</a>		



Fran Pontesso .....	5
Joan Neely .....	6
Jean Hemer .....	8
Laurie Glass .....	11
Beth Kiker .....	11
Janet Cason .....	13
Nancy Meierhoff.....	14
Dorothy Dickinson....	20



Wayne & Bonnie Walker  
November 29

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

## Prayer Corner

*Prayer: 365 Days of Prayer For Christian That bring calm  
and peace*

*Lord,  
Your grace alone  
can make me stand.  
Let this day start and end  
without a harsh word  
spoken to hurt others.  
Make me aware of  
your everlasting love to me, and  
your forgiveness  
in everything that I say and do,  
no matter how unkind it could often be.  
Make it possible Lord  
for me to become a loving disciple  
following your laws,  
giving thanks,  
as I share my blessings with others.  
Amen!*

October 27, 2022

YTD Offerings.....\$147,562.00

YTD Expenses.....\$151,266.00

# Lakeside Christian Fellowship

## Worship Location

1922 American Drive, Lago Vista

## Office

1924 American Drive, Lago Vista

512-267-1700, [lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com](mailto:lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com)

## Mailing Address

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Rev. Susan Galvan, Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care

Rev. Chuck Smith, Minister of Outreach

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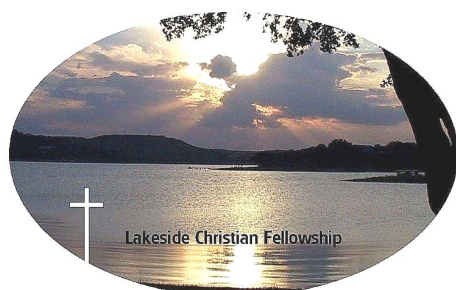
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