

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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Now that we have entered the autumnal season, everyone has begun focusing on the exciting fall things they have in store. We're obsessed with pumpkin spice lattes, decorating with mini pumpkins, and the fall sweaters and colors we now get to wear. We think of the leaves changing color and the splendor of the mountains of this time of year. We welcome the cooler weather and consider it as a much needed reprieve from the harshness of summer's heat.

However, autumn also connotes a time of death, a time of ending, a season of finishing. The leaves and plants that once thrived during summer have now come to the end of their life. The heat, which once warmed our bodies and our landscape, has now turned cold and leads to the death of many living things. The bright, warm sunshine, which once heated the animals and plants in our ecosystem, is now replaced oftentimes by rain and cloudy days that hold a chill and dampness in the air. Autumn indicates the close proximity of the onset of winter, a time of death for nearly all plants and many animals in our world.

Autumn does still connote a time of beauty; it signals the rebirth that will occur once more after the old leaves and plants have died away. The old must die and pass away, so that in the spring the new will be able to be born and grow. The vibrant reds and yellows must fade to brown, so that the green may come once more.

In the same way, we have been called to a spiritual death that will lead to our rebirth. Just like with fall, we often get caught up in the unimportant aspects of spirituality and do not dwell on its true meaning. We become concerned with attending the perfect church, dating the perfect Christian partner, reading our Bible for enough time each day, and we forget that ultimately we have been asked to die to ourselves daily. The kind of Christian music we listen to has as much to do with true Christianity as drinking a pumpkin spice latte has to do with the true meaning of fall. Luke 9:23 says, "And he said to all, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'"

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Just as fall signals death and coming to the end of something, so we should consider this a time in our spiritual lives to die to ourselves and reach the end of ourselves. We must forfeit our lives, our sin, our independence, and learn to rely on Christ alone. Galatians 2:20 says, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

But what an amazing promise we have. If we do die to ourselves, if we are crucified with Christ, then we will receive a new life. We no longer live in the flesh, but by faith in Christ. Just as in the fall the old plants and leaves die in order to make way for new growth in the spring, we die to ourselves in order to make way for the new person Christ is cultivating in us. The sinful man and his desires must be put to death in order that the new man with the desires of the spirit may control our lives. So consider this time of death and rebirth as an opportunity to put to death the things of your flesh and embrace the things of the spirit. For just as the leaves of fall must die and pass away in order for the season to continue in their course, we cannot continue in our spiritual journey until we have truly crucified the desires of our flesh; it is a choice we must make daily, long after fall has ended.

Rev. Chuck Smith



A Sunday Pot Luck will be held on
October 9, 2022
in the LCF Activity Center immediately
following the Worship Service.

Join us in welcoming the new
Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care,
Rev. Susan Galvan and her husband Blue
and bring your favorite
"Pot Luck" dish to share!.

For more information contact June Freeman at
sfreeman12@austin.rr.com or 512-267-0809



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
- * Elyse Ernst
- * 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

If you are interested or would like to nominate someone for any of the positions, please contact the church office at 512-267-1700 or lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com.



Annual Congregational Meeting Notice

The annual Lakeside Christian Fellowship Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 23, 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.

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

By law reading #3

*** Article V. Fellowship Officers

*add 5.8 Ministry Coordinator

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The Ministry Coordinator works with the Chairpersons of New Members, Congregational Care, Hospitality/Fellowship and Volunteer Resources Ministries to encourage and coordinate their work so they can work as a team. He/She will also report information from these ministries to and from the Church Leadership Council.

By law reading #4

*** Article VII. Ministries

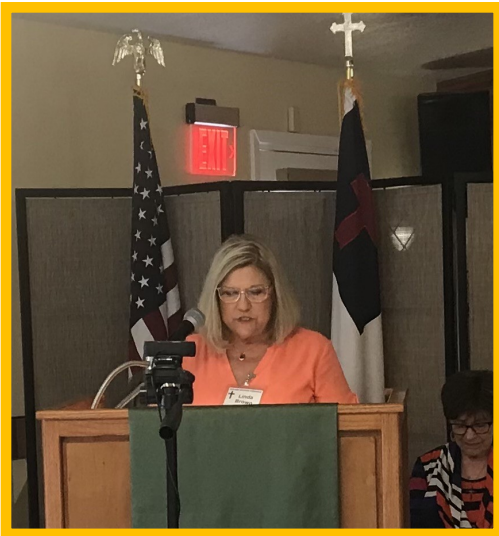
*add Ministries Coordinator

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.



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Linda Brown read the names of the candidates nominated for the 2023 LCF Leadership Council at the September 18, 2002 LCF Worship Service



Parliamentarian Donna Nash informed the congregation of the proposed by law changes; adding the position of Ministry Coordinator



The LCF 2022 Nomination Committee: Chairperson Donna Nash; Linda Brown; Dawn Thompson; Fran Pontesso and Christine Chapman

LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Leadership Council Report for August 8, 2022

The leadership council meeting was called to order at 2:00PM by moderator Fred Pontesso. Council Members present were Fred Pontesso, Judy Guthrie, Donna Nash, Genie Carroll, Chuck Smith, Jack Tyler, and Don Killough. A quorum was present. Susan Galvan was present as a visitor.

Invocation: Pastor Chuck Smith opened with a prayer

Opening Remarks: "Thoughts to Ponder"- Fred Pontesso shared a quote by Sally McClung: "I focus on Him, lifting up my need to Him. I choose to direct my attention to His goodness and mercy instead of concentrating on what I need."

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the June 13th meeting were approved by acclimation.

Commission Reports:

Financial Update – Expenses for July exceeded income by approximately \$2,900. Genie Carroll reported that our church has received a bequest from the Estate of Jack and Ginny Guthrie in the amount of \$69,500. These funds are available to support the operation of the church.

Stewardship Commission – Don Killough reported that the proposed budget for 2022-2023 church year has been prepared for review by the council. The shepherds are in place for the upcoming stewardship drive which begins on August 28th and speakers will be sharing information at each Sunday service in August. New letters have been prepared for the Stewardship books and were presented to the council for their review.

Building and grounds – Rodger Elliott and Bill Bush were not available to give an update but many thanks were given to Jack Tyler and Bill Bush for their work to clean, secure the structure, and improve the look of our entrance sign.

Faith in Action - Wilma Sanders was not available to report but shared by phone that school starts on August 17th and she will then be contacting the schools for their need of and donated school supplies.

Worship Commission – Ginger Halstead was not present. No report was given but Mary Ann Childs was commended for her dedication and help with preparation of holy communion on each first Sunday.

Pastoral Relations – Jack Tyler reported that the committee met and prepared new job descriptions for the MINISTER OF WORSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE and for the MINISTER OF OUTREACH AND MINISTRIES. Copies of these were presented to the council for review. Jack made a motion that the council approve of the new job descriptions. Motion was seconded by Don Killough. Motion was approved by the council. (1)

Search Committee – After many months of searching for an additional Pastor, the committee has selected Susan Galvan as Associate Pastor and the council voted and approved her appointment. A congregational meeting will be held after the service on August 21st at which time Susan will present a biography of her history as a Pastor and accept questions from the congregation. A vote will be held to accept Susan as Associate Pastor. It was suggested that this new position will become effective on

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September 1, 2022.

Ministries Commission – June Freeman was not present however Regina Holmes visited the council to give an update of the trip to see the Gaither Band Concert on October 15th. To date 42 of the 44 available tickets have been purchased for the event. The bus holds approximately 53 people so more tickets may be available for purchase if needed. Many people had inquired as to food being available during the trip to the concert since the bus will be leaving the library at 4PM on that date. Lakeside Subs has agreed to provide Sack Lunch Subs and donations from church members have been received to provide chips, cookies and bottled water for each lunch. This “lunch” will be sold to attendees for \$10. A hat will be passed to attendees during the trip for a tip to be given to the driver. Regina asked for the church to advance the funds for the purchase of the sub sandwiches. Funds will be repaid after collecting the cost from concert attendees. Genie Carroll moved to approve the church advancing the funds. Motion was seconded by Jack Tyler. Motion was approved by council. (2)

Outreach – Pastor Chuck Smith reported that 41 people were in attendance at the service on August 7 and 64 people saw the service on YouTube. The website has also been visited by 40 people. Average in attendance in the last month has been 35-40 people. A discussion was held about the ability to update electronics to enhance the sound when viewing on line.

Old business: None

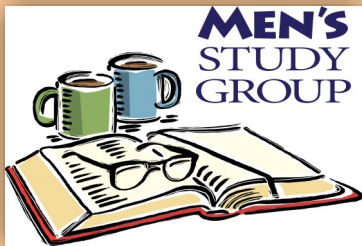
New Business: Fred Pontesso proposed that we establish a Long Range Planning Committee. The purpose of the committee would be to assess the future needs of the church. A potential chairman has been asked about interest in leading this committee. A motion was made by Genie Carroll to add this position to the Council. The motion was seconded by Don Killough. Motion was approved. (3)

Future Topics: The next council meeting will be held on September 12, 2022.

Adjourn: Jack Tyler moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:45PM. Motion seconded by Don Killough(4)



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~ Lakeside Men's Bible Study ~

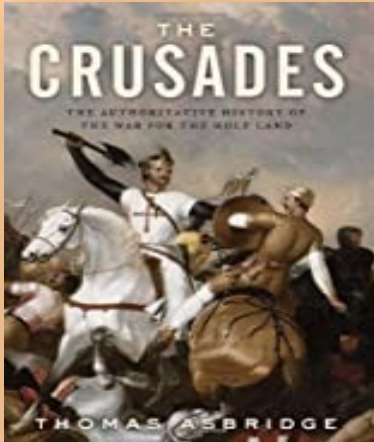
"A Look at the Crusades" is held every Tuesday morning in the LCF Activity Center.

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

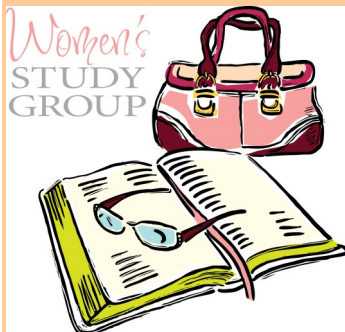
The Bible Study begins at 8:30 a.m. and will go for an hour perhaps an hour and a half.

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

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



Lakeside Christian Women's Bible Study

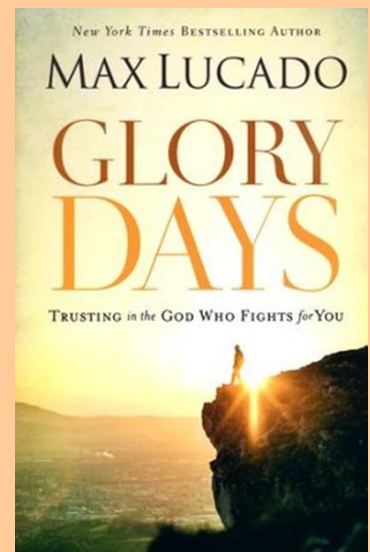


The Women's Bible Study is held every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the LCF Activity Center.

The women are studying "Glory Days: Trusting in the God Who Fights for You" by Max Lucado.

In this study we look at the book of Joshua to remind us that God fights for us! We can overcome, because He has already overcome!

All women are invited to participate in this study and learn how God fights for you!



For information on Women's Bible Study contact:
Sharon Snowden at
email: snow1025@twc.com

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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 to the back of the Worship Center, in the basket on the cabinet or to the Church Office no later than 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

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Pop and Drop



On September 4, 2022
the flowers were
donated by
Lakeside
Christian Fellowship
to the glory of God and
in honor of Labor Day



Thank you to Betty Houghton for the donation of the Altar Flowers for the
Sunday September 18, 2022 Worship Service to the Glory of God in honor of
her 85th Birthday! Happy Birthday Betty!

Pictured left are from left to right:
Eleanor Smith; Janet Cason and Betty Houghton

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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.
Thank you!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet & Greet @ LCF Activity Center 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center Live Streaming	3 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center	4 Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM @LCF Activity Center	5 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	6	7	8
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Nalda Daigle	1
Edwina Woolsey	4
Lance Bass	19
Paula Tyler	20
Elyse Ernst	22
Charlie Knapp	27
Chuck Smith	30



Dick & Jean Hemer
October 1

Jack & Paula Tyler
October 9

Richard & Linda Brown
October 19

To be included, please send
your information to:
lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com

Prayer Corner

<http://www.prayer-for-the-day.org/prayer-for-the-day-october/>

**Spirit of life,
I pray that thou wilt
continually live within
me. May my days be
spent neither in waste
nor idleness, but
planned to use, with the
best that is given me.**

Amen.

September 29, 2022

YTD Offerings.....\$134,557.00

YTD Expenses\$135,238.00

Lakeside Christian Fellowship

Worship Location

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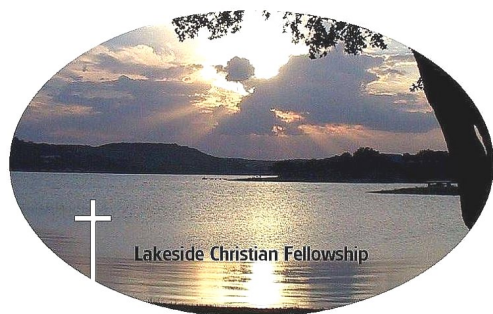
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