

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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DROUGHT: PRELUDE TO RENEWAL

“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. That one is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

2 Chronicles 7:13-14

Drought is a time of the withering and decline of all forms of life that rely on water to survive, let alone grow and flourish. It is also a time of cleansing, a prelude to renewal.

Drought is not just a geophysical occurrence based on weather patterns and climate changes – it may also manifest as a condition of the soul, as a spiritual drought. The dryness of the soul emerges when we cannot receive or perceive the living waters of God’s love that flow to us and through us – forgetting that the love of God never recedes or dries up, no matter what conditions afflict us. We may feel abandoned, isolated, even shattered by life circumstances. We may be completely withdrawn into ourselves, seeking the self-protection of avoiding any more pain or loss. But the truth is that you are still immersed in those living waters no matter what you feel or tell yourself.

Never doubt the replenishing love that God has for you when you are in a spiritual drought in your own life, or impacted by the spreading dryness that is blanketing the world. Even when our heart is dry for Him, His heart is never dry for us.

Lakeside Christian Fellowship has deep roots into the living water of God’s love, even as drought takes its toll on the world around us. Our Fellowship is our spiritual oasis, sustaining us through hard knocks, painful losses and tough times...times of drought within and without. Remember, every drought ends. The patterns that steer the weather of life are constantly shifting and changing. Rain falls from heaven, as does grace, and the dryness softens to receive more. Dormant life stirs, revives, and peeks out – still uncertain that the drought is gone – slowly gaining the courage to fully emerge and vigorously grow.

We all know this by heart: 1. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. 2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. Psalm 23:1-2

Lakeside Christian Fellowship “is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream.” There is no spiritual drought in this Fellowship planted by the Lake. Our “leaves remain green” as we transition into our next season of growth and fruition. The life in Christ we share is evergreen, nourished by the Holy Spirit within each of us. Our still waters run deep. Our Shepherd watches over us. Trusting in the Lord, we are blessed.

With Love,
Susan

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LAKE SIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Leadership Council Report for June 13, 2022

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

Invocation: Pastor Chuck Smith opened with a prayer.

Opening Remarks: “Thoughts to ponder”- Fred Pontesso stated “Being negative only makes a journey more difficult. You may be given a cactus but that doesn’t mean you have to sit on it.” -Joyce Meyer

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 9th meeting were approved by acclamation.

Commission Reports:

Financial Update – May donations increased over April and income is in line with expenses. The on-line donation option is still being “tweaked” so it works properly.

Stewardship Commission – Don Killough issued outlines to all council members for 2023 Budget Planning and the 2023 Stewardship Drive. All budget worksheets and 2023 budget requests from commission/ministry chairs are due to the church office by July 21st. A draft of the proposed budget for 2023 will then be presented to the Leadership council at the August meeting. The stewardship drive will begin on August 28th.

Building and Grounds – No update. The rental lease with corrections to various items is still in the hands of the owner for signature. Many thanks were given to Rodger Elliott for the large projector screen mounted in the activities center that was used for Rick Water’s retirement reception and is now available for other uses by the church.

Faith in Action – Although Chair Wilma Sanders will be out of town in August when school begins, she will be in contact with the school district about their needs for supplies or other items for children without means and will present this information to the council for review and approval.

Worship Commission – Ginger Halsted stated that more ushers are still needed for the months of July and August and reminded the group that the choir would be out for the summer and would resume in September. She stated that church members had commented that no prior announcement had been made about our guest minister, Susan Galvan, for Sunday, June 12th.

Pastoral Relations – Jack Tyler recommended to the committee that we seek out an equipment operator/technician to manage the equipment for recording the church service on Sundays and put up the link for the service on the internet. He estimated this would be about a two hour time commitment each Sunday. A discussion was held among council members who agreed this was a definite need so Jack will pursue finding a possible high school or college student in Lago Vista for the position.

Search committee – There are now two candidates interested in the position of “co-Pastor” to assist Chuck Smith with services on a part-time basis. One of these candidates will be visiting our church and giving the sermon and communion on Sunday July 3rd.

Ministries – June Freeman stated that there were 72 people in attendance for Rick Waters’ retirement reception. Catering costs were estimated to serve 100 people. The costs totaled \$523 for food, flowers, cake and paper products. There was also a lot of food donated by church members. The reception was beautiful, and thanks were given to Chuck Smith for the wonderful video he presented following the life of Rick Waters through his years of service as a Pastor.

CHURCH



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Meet and Greet – More people are needed to set up t this event on Sundays and provide a small amount of cookies or breakfast pastries. Attendance is increasing each week at this gathering. It was decided by the council that the doors into the Sanctuary be closed on Sunday morning so all attendees will enter through the office doors into the activities center thus leaving the Sanctuary available for silent prayer prior to the start of the service. A sign will be posted on the door entering the sanctuary through the rest room/choir room area reminding people to be quiet as they enter the sanctuary.

The Gaither Vocal Band event – Regina Holmes visited the Council to present the idea of a church trip to see this wonderful Gospel Music Group on October 15th at Life Austin Church. A bus would need to be reserved which would hold 40-50 people and 40 tickets would need to be pre-purchased for sale to church and community members at the cost of \$50 each which would cover the majority of the cost for the bus and the concert. She requested that the church advance these expenditures as the concert would sell out quickly. Ginger Halsted moved that the church advance the cost of reserving the bus and purchasing the 40 tickets at a cost not to exceed \$2500 with funds being taken from the surplus budget fund. June Freeman seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion carried. (1)

Outreach – Chuck Smith stated that the Alzheimer's Support Group would be moving their meetings back to the Lago Vista Library on July 21st. This location is more centrally located for most attendees and will also then be posted on the library calendar which is printed on the insert with all water bills. Chuck stated that the previous Sunday service had 57 people in attendance and 26 viewing live on line for a total of 83 people. (not considering that more than 1 person might be viewing on line from one location). Thirty-seven more people viewed the service within the next 24 hours.

Old business: The previous large water bill that was received due to the toilet leak was being paid out over time. The new software that allows daily review of utility use will now be used to track electricity and water usage by the church.

New business: There will be no council meeting in July.

Future topics: The next council meeting will be held on August 8, 2022.



WE ARE IN NEED OF:

1. Ushers and Greeters for the months of October, November and December
2. Flower donations for October 23 and November 27
3. Volunteers to provide goodies for the Meet and Greet before Worship Service

Please contact the church office at 512-267-1700 if you are able to help!

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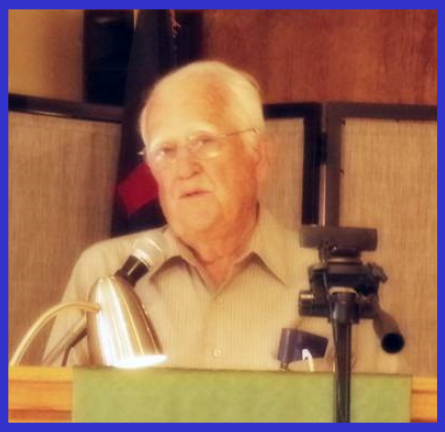
FAITHFUL
STEWARDS



**A Big
Thank You
to all of our
Stewardship
Speakers
for sharing
their
Spiritual
Messages
and the
importance
of
Stewardship
during
the month of
August!**



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**Stewardship Chair -
Don Killough**

The LCF Stewardship Drive began on Sunday August 28, 2022 and will continue until September 25, 2022.



Please review the budget and carefully determine your pledge for the year 2023. Your financial commitment to the church provides for the operation of the church as well as charitable contributions which support our community. This past year we have been able to help families in need with rent, groceries, gas and utilities and we always support our local school families in need with school supplies and gift cards for groceries over the holidays.

The Stewardship Books also include this year in addition to the pledge cards, a time and talent sheet and a membership status form. We have had some changes this year and are trying to update our membership records to start off the year 2023 with a clear picture of where our church stands. We would like each individual member to fill out and return the forms in the marked envelopes which are also included. Lakeside Christian Fellowship is extremely blessed to have such a devoted and caring "family". Please keep these thoughts in mind when you are determining your pledge.



Stewardship Chair Don Killough with Stewardship Shepherds - Genie Carroll; Ginny Parish; Jack Tyler; Books were blessed by Rev. Susan Galvan; Regina Holmes; Warwick Andrews and Linda Brown. Not pictured are Donna Nash and Wilma Sanders

**Meet New Member and
Newly Appointed
Minister of Worship and
Pastoral Care
Susan Galvan**

Rev. Susan E Galvan, M.A.
21506 Santa Domingo Lane
Lago Vista, TX 78645
(925) 989-1078



With a lifelong interest in human development and behavior as a foundation, I have worked as a professional counselor/facilitator, academic/professor, church minister, consultant/trainer and administrator/CEO.

I have initiated and developed a wide range of projects and programs, with a special emphasis on emergent models in the fields of psychology, education, and human development as well as personal and organizational transformation.

Professional

Galvanic Communications, LLC, Martinez, California, 2007 - 2015

Founder, CEO

Consultant and trainer in the skills and knowledge required to create and maintain professional "client relationships for life" as well as the holistic approach to financial planning.

Kinder Institute of Life Planning, Pleasant Hill, California, 2002-2007

Co-Founder, CEO

Created the Kinder Institute of Life Planning in partnership with George Kinder, CFP® to provide in-depth training and mentorship to financial planners seeking to integrate a "life planning" approach into their financial planning practice, focusing on specific skill sets and a methodology conducive to deepening trust and commitment. I presented workshops and trainings in the US, Australia, UK and the Netherlands. I've been extensively interviewed by radio and print media. I conducted webinars for the Financial Planning Association and podcasts for Financial Planning magazine. I've written articles and columns for journals and magazines. Co-author and writer of Lighting the Torch: The Kinder Method of Life Planning, published by FPA Press.

Unity of the Spirit, Orinda, California 1987 - 2003

Minister

Pioneered a new non-denominational church, serving as Minister for 14 years conducting Sunday services, giving sermons, administering communion, performing memorials and weddings, providing pastoral care, and teaching classes and workshops as well as leading retreats. My ministry included the design, implementation and management of the following projects:

- ❖ **CommUnity Counseling Center**, an intern training and supervision program for state licensure of Marriage, Family and Child counselors (as Executive Director) - for low-income counseling clients
- ❖ **Ministry Training Program**, designed, developed and partially taught a 2 1/2-year curriculum to teach and train men and women for ministry
- ❖ **Affordable Housing Program**, creation of a multi-million-dollar HUD-approved low-income housing program, involving property acquisition, rehabilitation and resale of homes to first-time buyers (as Executive Director)

John F. Kennedy University, Orinda, California 1/82-7/89

Assistant Dean, Department Chair

Originated, designed, developed and managed a fully-accredited Master of Arts degree program (Interdisciplinary Consciousness Studies), including curriculum planning, hiring and supervision of faculty and staff, admission of candidates, teaching, writing marketing and promotional materials, event management and budget management to \$700,000 annually. I supervised student writing projects, including Master's Theses, Final Projects, and Doctoral Dissertations. I also trained approximately 200 students in professional teaching skills for adults.

Educational

M.A., Interdisciplinary Consciousness Studies, 1981
B.A., History with English minor, 1963

John F. Kennedy University
University of New Mexico

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Your Ministries Team has been making plans for upcoming events by which we hope to strengthen the bonds of our congregation!

We would like to welcome newly appointed Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care, Susan Galvan and her husband Blue, by hosting a Sunday Pot Luck in the Activity Center immediately following the Worship Service on **October 2, 2022**. We hope to see everyone there to make their acquaintance in an informal manner.

Last March, the Lago Vista Players gave LCF a special discount to see “Exit the Body” by filling a table. We managed to fill 2 tables! They are offering this deal to us once again for the Saturday Dinner Show on **October 1, 2022**. Tickets will be discounted \$2.00 per ticket for a cost of \$33.00 per ticket for dinner and a show. Let me know if you would like to go and I will order the tickets. **I will need to know if you plan to attend no later than September 27.**

Regina Holmes has worked hard putting together a bus trip to “The Gaither Concert” on October 15, 2022..The outing has been received very well by our church family and we are all looking forward to it!

Just a word about our Meet and Greet on Sunday mornings in the Activity Center. Our strength in our church is the friendliness and caring of our people and that was why this gathering was suggested. The Sanctuary should be a quiet place where people can go to pray, reflect or meditate before the worship service. If you wish to converse with your fellow church members, please do so in the Activity Center. In order to continue to provide “goodies” for the Meet and Greet, we will need some additional volunteers willing to help out. Please let me know if you are interested.

Your Ministries Coordinator,

June Freeman

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POP AND DROP



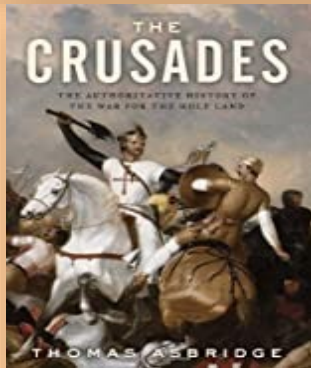
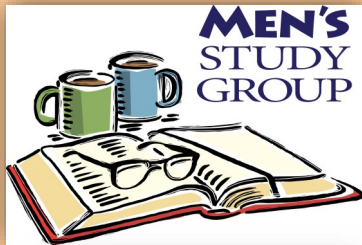
Congratulations to the Burchette's
on their 62 years of marriage!
Also a special "Thank You" to
Burt and Margy for donating
the flowers for the Sunday, August 21,
Worship Service and then to
the Pop and Drop Ministry!

If you are interested in being involved
in this wonderful ministry that let's
someone know that they are thought
of and brighten their day,
contact Donna Nash at
hilltophappiness@gmail.com.



Music Director William Parcher, Rodger Elliott, Lisa Weaver and Cindy Alba along with
pianist Cindi Brewer performed a beautiful quartet on Stewardship Sunday, August 28, 2022.

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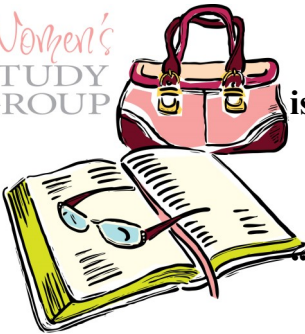
The Men's Bible Study, "A Look at the Crusades" is held every Tuesday morning in the LCF Activity Center. For those wanting a light breakfast (breakfast tacos) we gather beginning at 8:00 a.m.

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 for more information
@ 512-922-6233***

Women's
STUDY
GROUP

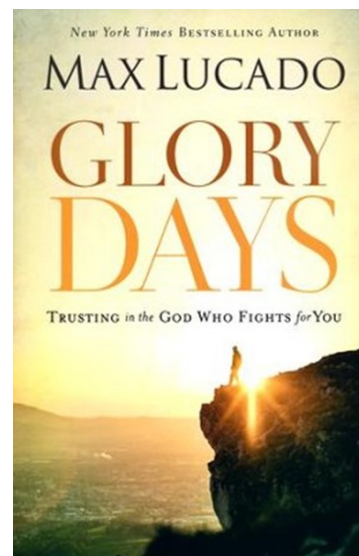


The Women's Bible Study is held every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the LCF Activity Center.

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 Snowder at
email: snow1025@twc.com

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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
28 10:30 AM Worship Service @Worship Center Streaming STEWARDSHIP DRIVE BEGINS	29 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center	30 Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM @LCF Activity Center	31 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	1	2	3
4 9:30 am Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet & Greet @ LCF Activity Center 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC & Live Streaming	5 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Activity Center 	6 Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM @LCF Activity Center	7 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Activity Center	8	9	10
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Steve & Elyse Ernst
September 25

Wayne & Donna Nash
September 29

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

Prayer Corner

365 Days of Prayer for Christians That Bring
Calm and Peace by Oliver Powell

*Lord, we come to Your presence
the way You've made us. Please
take away from us everything
that lowers ourselves.*

*Grant us Your Spirit's power, so
that our perspective and our
mindset can flourish, and our
viewpoints become more similar
to Yours.*

*Help us to keep our positivity,
while being appreciative and
supportive of others, as we look
upon, people
the same way You do.*

Amen!

August 31, 2022

YTD Offerings	\$126,538.00
YTD Expenses.....	\$120,260.00

Lakeside Christian Fellowship

Worship Location

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