

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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Dear Church Family,

Deb reminded me that I needed to write something for the Ripples. To which I said, “Oh, I do?” She said, “Yes.” To which I replied, “What’s the deadline?” and heard “Tomorrow.” I want to thank God for her because she always keeps us all on point, especially me.

New year – new start. As I researched what I was going to write, the Apostle Paul came to mind as he reflected on what I believe the eight characteristics of Jesus Christ. In his letter to the church in Philippi, he wrote in Philippians 4:8: “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”

And as I did think about such things, I began to see that we all should take on these characteristics unto ourselves in the coming year and continue living out his life in us forever.

Jesus himself says that “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, “What is truth?” God’s natural law is truth. The Bible is God’s word and is true. Jesus is the true vine. So fill yourself in God’s truth and when you do you cannot help but find truth.

Nobleness means having qualities that people admire. Many of you serve the church in capacities beyond measure and give of yourself daily. Continue to do so and take God’s message beyond the church’s walls to the street – to your neighbors.

What ever is right and pure – Love that knows no bounds comes from God is right and stems from truth and grace. The love of God and the grace of Jesus is right. Purity comes from Christ alone. Recognition of His presence will propel us to new heights because it’s His righteousness alone that makes us pure!

Excellence means “of extremely high quality.” Ecclesiastes nine tells us “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.” We all know excellence when we see it so not only are we asked to think of excellence, but we are called to strive for excellence in everything we do.

Finally, praiseworthy is defined as “laudable: deserving and worthy of praise.” The seven characteristics of Christ are all praiseworthy. They are as the dictionary defines laudable.

“Jesus is true. Jesus is noble. Jesus is right. Jesus is pure, Jesus is lovely, Jesus is admirable, Jesus is excellent and finally, perhaps most importantly, Jesus is infinitely and eternally praise worthy. Traits and characteristics of our Lord and Master that we should strive to match in our everyday lives.

God Bless,

Rev. Chuck Smith

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LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Leadership Council Report for December 12, 2022

The leadership council meeting was called to order at 2:01PM by moderator Fred Pontesso. Council members present were Fred Pontesso, Judy Guthrie, Donna Nash, Wilma Sanders, Warwick Andrews, June Freeman, Don Killough, Bill Bush, Jack Tyler, and Ginger Halsted. A quorum was present. Rick Waters and Jan Robbins were present as guests.

Invocation: Guest Rick Waters opened with a prayer

Opening Remarks: A thought to ponder was provided by Donna Nash. She quoted a passage from the book of James chapter 3:1 stating that “those who aspire to a leadership position are held to a higher standard. Their works and their words carry a great weight”

Approval of Minutes: A review of minutes by Bill Bush of an executive session held November 30th required a small change which has been made. Jack Tyler moved to approve the minutes of the November 14th meeting and subsequent executive session held November 30th as corrected and December 4th called meeting. (1) Motion was seconded by Wilma Sanders. Motion carried after the council voted.

Commission Reports:

Financial Update – Net income is slightly less than expenses year to date. Warwick Andrews suggested that we add an additional check signer to our bank accounts to cover an event that could take place where two of the three authorized signers are out of town at the same time and the check requires two signatures. A motion was made by Warwick Andrews to add an additional check signer for the 2023 calendar year. (2) Motion was seconded by Ginger Halsted. A vote was held and motion carried. Warwick also suggested several improvements that

could be made to the church. Warwick made a motion (3) that we select three top improvements that the church building needs and research the cost of making these improvements with approval of the landlord. Funds for making these improvements would come from the building fund. Bill Bush seconded the motion. After a council vote, motion carried. Warwick researched having our finances and reports audited by an independent CPA firm. After a discussion with a local accounting firm, he was told that a complete financial audit could be extremely costly and was told that the tax laws are constantly changing so we would be best served to continue with our annual financial review that is currently being completed by an experienced accountant who donates their time to provide this service.

Stewardship Commission – Don Killough reported that there are still five families who have not replied to their stewardship request. Since this is Don’s final month as Stewardship Chair, his position will be assumed by Warwick Andrews in 2023. Warwick will follow up on the remaining members who have not responded to the pledge requests.

Building and Grounds – Bill Bush reported that Rodger Elliott will be purchasing the new computer this week for the office and installing Windows 10 on the second computer that we will be keeping. These new changes will be implemented for use as of January 2023.

Faith in Action- There are no real updates other than to report that we gave 33 gift cards from Lowes Grocery in the amount of \$50 each to Lago Vista ISD student families so that they could have food to feed their families at Thanksgiving. Additionally, our very generous parishioners filled 30 shoe boxes for the Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Child project.

Worship Commission – Ginger Halsted reported that Bill Parcher will lead the Christmas Caroling Sing Along on Sunday, December 18th from 3-5PM

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in the Fellowship Hall. Bill Bush and Jack Tyler have volunteered to move chairs and tables around on Saturday, December 17th at 2:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall in order to prepare for Sunday afternoon's event. Hymnals from the Sanctuary will be provided from which the songs will be chosen. Ginger also reported that Bill Parcher will lead our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service taking place from 5-6PM on December 24th and Donna Nash will lead our Christmas Day Service.

Pastoral Relations – Jack Tyler reported that there is no new activity from this group. The Pastoral Search committee had been disbanded after the hiring of Susan Galvan so a new committee must be formed to find a replacement. He discussed the distribution of the “Love Gift” among staff members. Jack made a motion (4) that the donations be divided equally among the staff members. Ginger seconded the motion. A vote was held and motion carried.

Ministries – June Freeman stated that the Ministries team will provide cookies, punch, tea, and egg nog for The Caroling Sing Along event on December 18th. She stated that we still need to fill the position of “Minister of Congregational Care”.

Old Business: There was nothing brought up to discuss in old business.

New Business: Rick Waters has offered to give the sermon on Sunday January 1st and will help with pastoral care during this time. He stated that there is currently a shortage of available pastors to fill in from Pastoral Supply and that we should be contacting the Austin Seminary to invite guest seminarians to give a sermon on Sundays. Contact is being initiated by the Pastoral Relations Chair. Bill Bush made a motion (5) that we offer Chuck Smith the position of “interim pastor” following his current job description. This position would continue

until a new minister is found and hired. At that time his position would be reviewed by the council. Motion seconded by Wilma Sanders. Motion carried. Warwick Andrews made a motion (6) that we move the Leadership Council Meeting to the first Monday of each month beginning in January, 2023 so that minutes of the meetings can be provided in the Ripples the same month. Wilma Sanders seconded the motion. After the council voted, motion carried. Ginger Halsted made a motion (7) that we pay Bill Parcher \$500 for his preaching service during the month of December. Bill Bush seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Future Topics: An Executive Session will be held by the council on Friday, December 16th at 9:30 AM. The next council meeting will be held on Monday, January 2nd, 2023

Adjourn: A motion to dismiss the meeting was made by Ginger Halsted (8) and seconded by June Freeman. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 4:34PM.



We are in need of ushers and greeters for our Sunday Worship Services. If you are able to help out sign up on the sheet hung in the back of the Worship Center or contact: Lance or Carolyn Bass at 817-907-6204 or 214-801-6343 or you may contact the church office.

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LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Leadership Council Report for January 9, 2023

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, Genie Carroll, Warwick Andrews, Pastor Chuck Smith, Music Minister Bill Parcher, Jan Robbins, Jack Tyler, Bill Bush, and June Freeman. A quorum was present.

Invocation: Donna Nash opened with a prayer

Opening Remarks: No “thought to ponder” was shared today

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 12, 2022 council meeting were approved by acclimation.

Commission Reports:

Financial Update – Warwick Andrews stated that the report is delayed until next month as year end close out of books by our office staff is needed to complete the report.

Stewardship – Warwick Andrews reported that no response was received from the 5 families who were not available during the stewardship campaign. An analysis of current membership is taking place.

Building and Grounds – Bill Bush reported that the new computer equipment is ready to be installed and this will take place as soon as the office personnel are ready to have all files transferred to the new computer. One old computer will be kept for possible miscellaneous use in other areas and the second will be used for items such as creating bulletins and flyers. Genie Carroll has offered her old computer to the church if there is another need for its use. A discussion was held regarding use of building funds to upgrade the church. Both Bill Bush and Warwick Andrews have researched the cost of replacing the doors into the sanctuary. More research

on cost needs to be completed. Chuck Smith will contact the building owners for authorization to replace the doors. Warwick Andrews provided a list of suggested improvements to the church. These are as follows: New double doors to the Sanctuary; replace light fixtures and fans; repaint inside of the Sanctuary; carpet the aisles and area covering the Altar and Podium (an alternative could be new flooring); update our sound system; contact a structural engineer regarding removal of central pillars and obtain a cost and assessment of work involved to do this. Bill Bush would like to develop a comprehensive list of all repairs, replacements and upgrades needed for our church. We need to look for a Long-Range Planning Chair to handle this type of need and to develop ideas to help grow our membership. Bill will contact a church member who would be good in this position to chair or research our options for church improvements.

Faith in Action – Jan Robbins has contacted the Hope Center on Dawn Drive as they are in need of donations and serve only our local Lago Vista community. She would like to take canned goods to the Hope Center and the committee agreed that in the future, all canned goods donated would go to this location. The Hope Center will also give our church community recognition for our actions. The Christian Woman’s Fellowship has collected 217 pairs of socks (WOW) and part of these socks along with cold weather clothing that has been donated will be delivered to Hill Country Community Ministries by Jan Robbins. Some of the socks will be taken to nursing homes by Sharon Waters. Thanks to everyone for your gracious generosity to those in need! The Christian Woman’s Fellowship has funds in their treasury and voted to use some to purchase a large microwave for the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

Worship Commission – Genie Carroll reported that we are still planning on having the Gospel Music Sing Along on February 25th at 3PM. This is a free

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event and it is hoped that church members will invite their friends and neighbors to attend. Bill Bush has offered to handle publicity for this event. Genie also reported that Lance and Carolyn Bass have offered to take charge of ushers/greeters for our Sunday services. Ushers are needed so please sign up on the clip board at the back of the church. Genie reported that Chuck Smith will be leading the services on January 15th and 22nd and Bill Parcher will lead on January 29th. Mary Ann Childs will continue to take care of altar flowers each week. Sign ups are also needed to donate flowers and a form is located on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Mary Ann and Ginger Halsted will handle communion preparations each month.

Pastoral Relations – Jack Tyler had no report.

Ministries – June Freeman reported that Christine Chapman has agreed to be the Congregational Care Minister. June also stated that we will continue to have our potluck lunches on the 5th Sunday of each month and the first will be held on January 29th.

Old Business: Chuck Smith is working on updating our website and will also add the weekly bulletin to the website to assist those watching remotely. He brought up the need for someone to run the PC during the Sunday service. Bill Bush made a motion (1) that we contact Connor Tiller and offer him \$50 per month to manage the PC for our remote viewers at each weekly church service. Jack Tyler seconded the motion. A vote was held and motion carried. Connor was contacted and has agreed to accept this responsibility. Chuck Smith reported that our average attendance for December in the church was 37. Average of those watching on You Tube was 57. Average total viewership-94. The average number of visitors to our website on Sunday or the following Monday is 48. On Christmas Eve there were 25 people in attendance (14 members and 11 guests). Christmas day attendance was

99 including those present in the Sanctuary and those watching on You Tube.

New Business: Warwick Andrews stated that we need to have a Suggestion/complaint Box posted in our church for input from our congregation members. The council agreed that this was needed. Warwick will take charge of creation and placement of this box.

Future topics: The next council meeting will be held on February 13, 2023.

Adjourn: Warwick Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:40PM. (2) June Freeman seconded the motion. Motion approved.



*Flowers -
One of God's most beautiful
gifts to us!*

**Remember your loved ones.
Celebrate a special occasion.
Rejoice in our church.
Donate \$25.00 for the altar flowers to
be used during our worship service.
If you would like to provide flowers for
a Sunday service, please sign up on the
Flower Chart posted on the bulletin
board in the Worship Center and
contact Mary Ann Childs at
(512) 517-3231 to place your order.
Let the church office know if you would
like something printed in the bulletin
for your special occasion!**

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The Lakeside Christian Fellowship 2023 Leadership Council



Top row from left to right:

**Minister of Music, William Parcher; Moderator, Fred Pontesso;
Treasurer and Stewardship Chair, Warwick Andrews;
Building and Grounds, William Bush; Pastoral Relations, Jack Tyler and
Minister of Outreach, Rev. Chuck Smith.**

Bottom row from left to right:

**Parliamentarian, Donna Nash; Secretary, Judy Guthrie;
Worship Commission Chair, Genie Carroll; Ministries Coordinator, June Freeman;
and Faith in Action Chair, Jan Robbins**

Not pictured are Building and Grounds, Rodger Elliott and Chip Hamilton

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We want to hear from you!
There is a suggestion/complaint form in the back of the Worship Center for anyone wishing to fill one out.
You may fill it out, fold it up and place in the tithe baskets as they are passed around or you may return to the church office.



5th SUNDAY POT LUCK
will be held on Sunday, January 29 immediately following the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.
Guests are welcome.
Bring a dish to share hot or cold.
(We can keep things warm.)
Drinks will be provided.
We hope to see you there!

Lakeside Christian Fellowship will be hosting a Gospel Sing-A-Long on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the LCF Fellowship Hall.

Raise your voice in praise in this fun event!
Bring a friend or neighbor!

Don't be shy! Come and join us, you'll be glad you did!



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Top picture: Faith in Action Chair, Jan Robbins delivered pantry items to the Hope Crisis Center in Lago Vista for our local community needs. Jan is pictured with the crisis center's volunteers.



Bottom picture: Jan Robbins is pictured with a volunteer at Hill Country Ministries, where she delivered clothing and coats to help keep those in need warm during the winter months.



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Lakeside Christian Women's Fellowship 2023

CWF has happily begun a small-scale restart as of January 2023 and we want to welcome all women of the church as well as friends and neighbors to join us.

Meetings are scheduled for the **third Monday** of each month starting at 10:30 a.m. in the LCF Fellowship Hall. If you plan to attend, please bring a sack lunch and a drink. Our tentative program is:

2/20 - Speaker Daphne Zuniga, Director of the Northlake HOPE Center will be discussing their mission and how LCF can participate, contribute, and/or help.

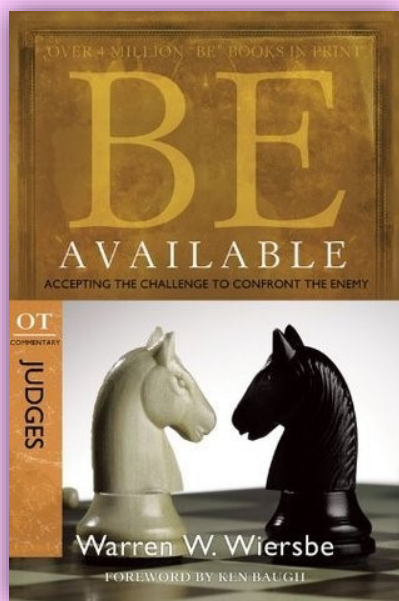
3/20 - Kay Payton will give her testimony and a musical presentation.

4/17 - The group will be doing a Diamond Dot "Last Supper" craft project.

5/15 - The group will have a Purse Auction and Pot Luck.

If you would like additional information, please contact Donna Nash at 512-636-5947 or Edwina Woolsey at 512-541-8806.

We are looking forward to sharing this "reboot" of the love and fellowship we have with one another and with our friends in the community. We hope that you will join us and BRING A FRIEND!



A new study on the book of Judges began on December 7, 2022. The bible study meets in the LCF Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.

Please contact Sharon Snowder if you are interested at snow1025@twc.com.

All ladies are welcome to attend!.



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Christian Women's Fellowship donated 217 pairs of new socks to nursing homes and charities in our local communities.

The label to the left was attached to the sock deliveries.



Christian Women's Fellowship members pictured left to right are: Donna Nash; Sharon Waters; Genie Carroll; Christine Chapman; Gloria Hammonds; Jan Robbins; Edwina Woolsey and Fran Pontesso.

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Sharon Waters delivering numerous pairs of socks donated by the Christian Women's Fellowship to area nursing homes.



Auberge Memory Care



New Hope Manor



Sagebrook



Cedar Point at Cottonwood



Isle of Cedar Park
Alzheimer Unit

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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 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall	2 	3	4
5 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ FH 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC Live Streaming	6 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall	7	8 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall	9	10	11
12 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ FH 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC Live Streaming	13 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall 2:00 PM Leadership Council Meeting @ LCF Fellowship Hall	14 	15 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall	16 10:30 AM Alzheimer Group @ LV Library 	17	18
19 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ FH 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC Live Streaming	20 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM CWF @ LCF Fellowship Hall 	21	22 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study LCF Fellowship Hall 	23	24	25 
26 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ FH 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC Live Streaming 1st Sunday in Lent	27 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall	28	For more information visit the LCF website at www.lakesidechristians.org			



Frank Robbins.....	1
Sue Thompson	4
Sharon Killough	5
Jim Wood	9
Fred Pontesso.....	14
Frank Smith.....	20
Mary Ann Childs.....	22
June Freeman.....	24
Cindi Brewer	25

Prayer Corner

Source: <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Prayers-for-Love#1158>

“Prayer of Thanks For God’s Steadfast Love”

I praise and thank You Father, for Your steadfast love towards me. Thank You, Lord, for Your never-failing faithfulness, comfort and grace which is new every morning and refreshed every day. Thank You, that You are a God Who cares for each and every one of Your children and graciously carries and tends for all who trust in You.

Though I am poor and needy, thank You, Father, that You hear and answer my cries. You send help in time of trouble, provision in time of need, strength when I am weary and comfort when I am in distress. Thank You, that You carry me in Your everlasting arms of mercy and grace and I praise Your holy name that Your grace is sufficient for all my needs, and made perfect in my weakness.

Heavenly Father, Your steadfast love towards me is very precious and I love You, and yet my love is very weak. I pray that You would help me to love You more and more with every passing day. In Jesus' name I pray,

Amen.

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

lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com

January 26, 2023

YTD Offerings \$9,033.50

YTD Expenses \$13,004.94

Lakeside Christian Fellowship

Worship Location

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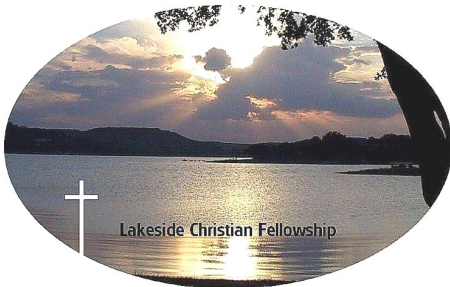
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