

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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Spring,

“For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.”

What you’ve just read are two of the almost 100 quotes from the Bible regarding Spring – the first from the Song of Solomon and the second from the Old Testament book of Hosea. (Song of Solomon 2:11-12 and Hosea 6:3)

Spring has arrived! As the days begin to warm, I often sit on my back patio with my eyes closed feeling the warmth. Relaxing I began to think about new beginnings both spiritually and physically. The earth renews itself every year and God tells us that we should renew ourselves – rededicating ourselves to his service and in so doing our days seem brighter. Our mood lightens.

You’ve heard the phrase Hope Springs Eternal. I believe that spring generates a new energy – an emphasis on the hope that we have in Christ Jesus. Dr. Anthony Scioli in the latest issue of Psychology Today magazine writes that with the increased light and heat that “we speak of virtual spring fever.” Our serotonin in our nervous system gets a jolt just from the increase in light and the subsequent warming of our bodies by the sun.

Dr. Scioli continues, “Like spring, hope is a potent ally in sustaining health and recovering from illness. This is because hope is made collectively from the same bio-psycho-social stuff that investigators have separately associated with well-being (perceived control, social support, self-regulation and spirituality.)”

Spring calls us back to nature, fills our sails with warmer winds, soothes our weary bones, and lifts our spirits. Spring is the time of year when newness is buzzing, energy levels are picking back up, and you’re more than ready to get busy.

Take some time to sit quietly while letting the warmth of God’s love caress you as you renew your spirit for the days to come.

To everything there is a season!

God Bless,
Pastor Chuck



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LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Leadership Council Report for March 13, 2023

The Leadership Council meeting was called to order at 2:09PM by moderator Fred Pontesso. Council members present were Fred Pontesso, Judy Guthrie, Donna Nash, Genie Carroll, Warwick Andrews, Bill Bush, Jack Tyler and June Freeman. A quorum was present. Bill Parcher attended as music minister.

Invocation: Warwick Andrews opened with a prayer

Opening Remarks: "Thoughts to Ponder" – Donna Nash read Psalm 148-"Praise the Lord"

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 13, 2023 council meeting were approved by acclamation.

Commission Reports:

Financial Update – Warwick Andrews went over our financials and had spoken to Security State Bank about interest earnings on our money market account and asked about their CD rates which were currently averaging a little over 4% for a 9 month CD. He suggested we move some of our funds into a CD to produce additional income. Jack Tyler made a motion (1) that we move \$100,000 of funds from the surplus budgeted funds in the money market account into a 9 month CD. Bill Bush seconded the motion. A discussion was held and then a vote by the council and the motion was approved. Warwick will present this decision to the congregation at the end of the month when he gives a brief report about the financial review and will make a few other suggestions for how we can increase our donations. Warwick also reported that Sue Thompson, who is a parishioner and also a retired accountant, is currently

working on the annual audit of our books and will also do a financial review at the same time.

Stewardship – Warwick had nothing new to discuss.

Building and Grounds – Bill Bush reported that the new office printer is installed and working properly. The old printer has been moved to storage. Some individual contributions paid for the new printer. Bill has done research on obtaining 8 new chairs with arms on them for our sanctuary as was discussed at the February council meeting. After contacting the manufacturer of the Sanctuary chairs, he obtained a quote of the cost for these additional ones and the manufacturer is not able to match the fabric of the current chairs but will find out how close they can come to the current color and pattern. The chairs will cost approximately \$800 and funds will come from the Building and Grounds fund for payment. Shipping was very expensive so a few members have volunteered to go to the manufacturer in Gainesville, Texas to pick them up when ready. Bill provided an update to his research on replacing the front doors of the sanctuary and was able to obtain a satisfactory quote from Home Depot for around \$2800 which does not include installation. The current building owner will be contacted to see if they will share in this expense and also provide the installation of the new doors. Bill made a motion (2) that we purchase the doors from Home Depot for \$2800. Warwick seconded the motion, after a council vote motion carried.

Faith in Action – Jan Robbins was not present. No report given.

Worship Commission – Genie Carroll reported that the cost of altar flowers that we have obtained for some time from HEB is going up from \$25 to \$40 per week. Mary Ann Childs is pur-

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suing bids from other florists to see if the cost can remain the same or at least less than \$40 each week.

Pastoral Relations – No Report

Ministries – June Freeman reported that she has filled 1.5 tables for the play and dinner on April 1 (“Post Mortem” by Lago Vista Players). She has 4 tickets remaining. She added that April 30th is the 5th Sunday of the month and there will be a potluck lunch held in the Fellowship Hall after the service. June needs a little help to prepare the room and set up for the luncheon so if you are available to help please contact her. Please bring your favorite salad, casserole, dessert, meat dish etc..

Old Business: The membership roles have been updated per the audit discussed at the February meeting. New membership totals 73 active and 1 associate member.

New Business:

Suggestions found in the suggestion box need to be signed by the sender so that if an explanation or response just needs to be sent to the sender, this can be done by the council.

Quick Books software needs updating – A council member will be contacting Debbie Reed to discuss the needs in this area and a decision as to software needed and the cost for this will be discussed by the council at the next meeting.

Bill Parcher has offered to do a Music Recital for the public to be held in the Fellowship Hall and he also suggested that we create a “Cards Night” (or afternoon) and invite the public.

These are both ideas to bring more people to our church and provide recognition in the community and also earn a little money to help boost our treasury. Other ideas from parishioners are welcome and encouraged.

Future Topics: Next council meeting will be held on April 10, 2023

Adjourn: The council meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM



**The Alzheimer's
Caregiver Group
Meets the 3rd
Thursday of every month
@ 10:30 AM
in the Lago Vista Library.**

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**The Seven Last Words
Lakeside Christian Fellowship
April 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
LCF Fellowship Hall
1922 American Drive, Lago Vista**

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**LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
WILL BE HAVING A “SONRISE” SERVICE
AT HANCOCK PARK IN LAGO VISTA
BEGINNING AT 7:00 AM
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 9, 2023!**



Lakeside Christian Fellowship Easter Service in Hancock Park

**We would love
for you to come
out and join us!**



**Signs will be
placed around
town to help
guide you to
the park.**

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What an anointing!

A sight to behold!

A photographer captured the breathtaking moment lightning struck the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro on Friday, February 10, 2023.

The once-in-a-lifetime photograph, which has gone viral on social media, shows a bolt of lightning hitting the head of the nearly 100-foot-tall statue — the largest depiction of Jesus in the world.

Fernando Braga captured the stunning scene when a sudden thunderstorm hit the coast. He then [posted the photo on Instagram](#). “DIVINE LIGHTNING !!! IT’S FRIDAY!!!” Braga wrote in Portuguese. He said he snapped the photo around 6:55 p.m. Friday, using a Nikon D800 camera.

Christ the Redeemer, which has been named one of the [seven modern wonders of the world](#), towers over Rio de Janeiro at over 2,000 feet on Corcovado Hill. Built in 1931 with 700 tons of concrete, the statue has become an emblem of the city as well as a national symbol for Brazil.

If reports are to go by, the structure was hit by lightning **twice before, in two decades, in 2008 and 2014**. As per the records, when the statue was hit for the first time, it remained unscathed. In 2014, the thumb of Christ was, however, damaged by the strike, which was later repaired.

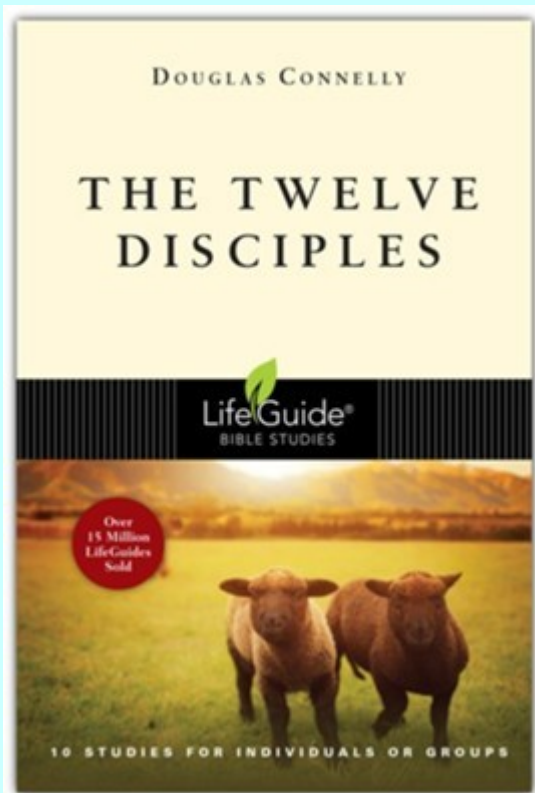
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Lakeside Christian Women's Bible Study

has named themselves **WOW**, which means **“Women of the Word”** and have adopted the scripture **Isaiah 40:8**, **“The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever.”**

Join us each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the LCF Fellowship Hall. The new study began on March 29, 2023. We will be watching season 3 of “The Chosen” and then following up with a book lesson from “The Twelve Disciples”. The cost of the book is \$8.50. Contact Sharon Snowder at snow1025@twc.com for a copy of the book or additional information.



Lakeside Christian Women's Fellowship 2023 Schedule

LCWF meets on the third Monday of the Month at 10:30 a.m. in the LCF Fellowship Hall.

If attending, bring a sack lunch and a drink.

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.

You may contact Donna Nash at 512-626-5947 or Edwina Woolsey at 512-541-8806 for additional information. All women are invited to attend!

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Baseball Anyone?

Lakeside Christian Fellowship is once again going to attend the Round Rock Express game on **Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7:05 p.m.**

The ticket cost is \$15.00 per person and we will meet up at the Lago Vista Library for those that wish to carpool.

Please contact Laurie Glass for tickets or additional information at 512-569-9464.

The Lago Vista Players

are offering a \$2.00 off discount per ticket to the mystery play and dinner show, "Postmortem" on **April 1, 2023.**

The discounted price per ticket is \$33.00.

If you are interested in attending or would like additional information, contact June Freeman at 512-434-9072.



5th Sunday Pot Luck

will be held on **Sunday, April 30, 2023,** immediately following a special Worship Service with William Parcher.

Bring your favorite dish and a written copy of the recipe if you would like to share!

Tea, coffee and water will be provided.

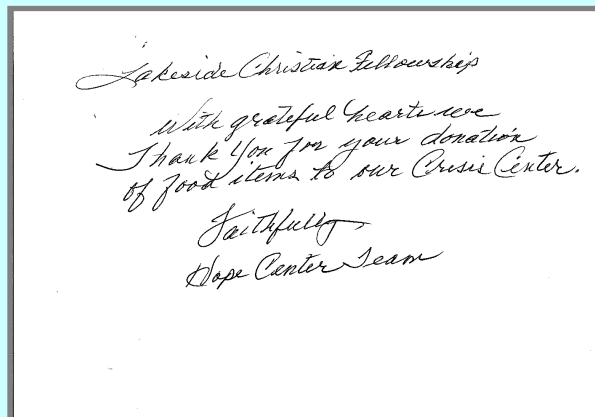
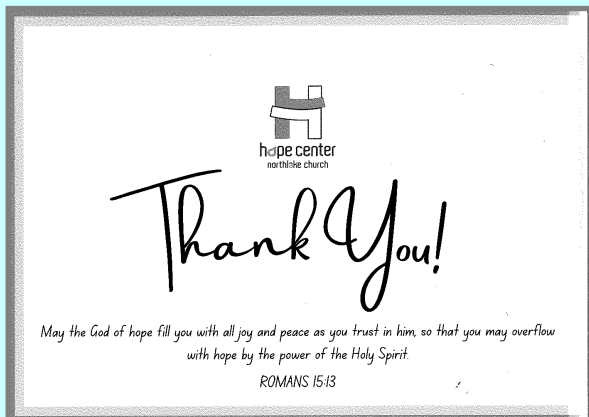
Invite a guest, there is always plenty of food!

Contact June Freeman at 512-434-9072 if you are able to help set up.



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Faith in Action



Chiefs win “Souper Bowl”! Pictured are from left to right, Rev. Chuck Smith, Jack Tyler, Regina Holmes and Fred Pontesso loading Jan Robbins’ car with canned goods and pantry items to be delivered to the Hope Center on Dawn Drive. A copious amount of goods was delivered on February 13, 2023.

Faith in Action has provided 23 bags of coats and clothes to Hill Country Christian Ministries during the months of January, February and the beginning of March.

Please donate to the Power of One for grocery gift cards to be given to needy families for Easter dinners.

From your Faith in Action Chair,
Jan Robbins

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Gospel Sing A Long

On Saturday, February 25, 2023, Lakeside Christian Fellowship hosted a Gospel Sing A Long. The music and talent were outstanding and a wonderful time of praise and song were had by all. Thank you to Cindi Brewer, William Parcher, the LCF Choir and guests for putting on such a wonderful event!



Pianist, Cindi Brewer and Music Director, William Parcher with the LCF Choir and Guests

Back Row from Left to Right: Guest Doug Adashefski; Bill Bush; Jack Tyler; Rodger Elliott and Warwick Andrews
Front Row from Left to Right: Guest Lisa Jackson; Fran Pontesso; Christine Chapman; Judy Guthrie; Guest Cyndi Alba; Sara Bush and Ginger Halsted



Soloist; William Parcher



William Parcher; Joey Alba; Lisa Jackson
and Cyndi Alba



Duet: Cyndi and Joey Alba



Quartet: William Parcher; Bill Bush;
Doug Adashefski; Rodger Elliott



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Cyndi Alba; Rodger Elliott

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A BIG THANK YOU:

To Cindi Brewer and William Parcher
for putting on this wonderful event!

To all of the guest performers that
participated!

Lisa Jackson; Doug Adashefski;
Cyndi and Joey Alba and the LCF Choir

To all of the wonderful people that came out
to support this spiritual and fun-filled event!



Pastor Chuck gave the closing comments and prayer.

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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
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2 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ FH 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WS Live Streaming <i>Palm Sunday</i>	3 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall	4	5 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall	6	7 Good Friday Service 7:00 PM @LCF Fellowship Hall <i>Good Friday</i>	8
9 7:00 AM Sunrise Service @ Hancock Park 10:30 AM Easter Worship Service @ Worship Center & <i>Easter Sunday</i> Streaming Live	10 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall 2:00 PM Leadership Council Meeting @LCF Fellowship Hall	11	12 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall	13	14	15
16 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ FH 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WS Live Streaming	17 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM CWF @LCF Fellowship Hall	18 	19 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall 	20 Alzheimer Group 10:30 AM @LV Library	21	22
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30 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ FH 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WS Live Streaming 5th Sunday Pot Luck	<p>For more information visit the LCF website at www.lakesidechristians.org</p>					



Jan Robbins	04
Eleanor Smith.....	10
Christine Chapman.....	16
Nancy Wood.....	23
Glynda Wolverton.....	27
Bonnie Walker	29



Brett & Cindi Brewer.....	19
Ray & Lil Burch.....	19

If you would like to be included please send your information to the church office!!
lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com

Prayer Corner

A Prayer of Freedom and Hope Through Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross

Father, Help us to embrace and enjoy the life you've given us to live. We are not accidentally here on earth! Each day we awake to breathe, you faithfully meet us with purpose. We lift our anxiety and worry to you, today, as we seek to embrace your peace and promises. We confess our tendency to condemn, criticize, and compare instead of embracing the peace and blessings you have showered over our lives. During trying seasons and relatively easy days, help us to see and remember you in all situations. We never know what our world is going to throw at us, but you do. You never change.

Holy Spirit, faithfully nudge and reminds us that we are children of God, freed from the chains of sin by Christ's sacrifice on the cross, and resurrection and assertion to heaven where He is seated by the Father.

Bless our minds to remember and embrace the freedom, hope, joy, and peace we have in Christ.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

[Meg Bucher](#)

March 30, 2023

YTD Offerings.....	\$27,965.50
YTD Expenses	\$40,896.00

Lakeside Christian Fellowship

Worship Location

1922 American Drive, Lago Vista

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1924 American Drive, Lago Vista

512-267-1700, lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com

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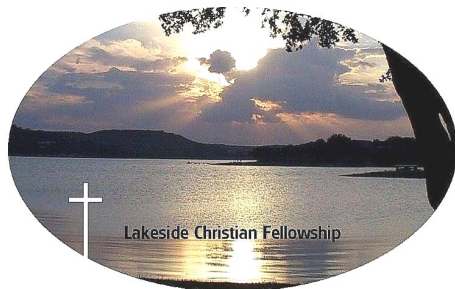
Rev. Chuck Smith, Minister of Outreach & Ministries

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