

# Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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*Dear Church Family,*

***“Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. (Zechariah 10:1 NIV)***

I ran across an article on the Internet that says, “If you want to understand the ways of the Lord, plant asparagus.” (<https://www.gardenindelight.com>)

Each year, spring begins on either March 19, 20, or 21 (This year 2023 March 20<sup>th</sup>). Then autumn begins six months later. The start to both these seasons is called an equinox, which means “equal night” in Latin. On both these days, daylight and nighttime occur for equal lengths of time. What’s more, when the spring equinox occurs in the Northern Hemisphere, the autumn equinox occurs in the Southern Hemisphere (and vice versa).

Our two other seasons, summer and winter, begin with a solstice. On these days at noon, the sun is at its highest or lowest point in the sky. This marks the longest and shortest lengths of daylight each year respectively. These seasons, marked by the movement of the sun, moon, and stars, remind us that God placed them in the solar system for this purpose. They are not arbitrary events. Like a most-reliable clock, he designed these seasons to occur for as long as the Earth remains. He is the one who created the seasons.

But back to the asparagus. “Early in spring, the asparagus bed is just a bed, a plain patch of dirt. But leave for a weeklong trip, and upon your return you may find the tender spears have shot up to over three feet tall! Where there had been nothing, now triumphant stalks stand proud and graceful, bursts of life from barren ground. Amazing! These are not precious little tips peeking through the soil, but stems strong and plentiful, a full plot reporting the week of warming weather.” There is nothing new in this story, especially if you are a seasoned gardener, but it springs up two points: First, that we can hear spring stories like this – seeds sprouting, bare trees leafing out, flower buds swelling to bloom – but when we see them, when they are our personal experience and when we personally stand in awe at their appearance, that is another matter altogether. We know; we believe! Life has burst up from the sleeping soil before our very eyes and sends joy, resilience and wonder surging through our soul.

Secondly, that the garden stewards the story of spring, the resurrection story: What was dead comes back to life. The moment simply speaks to us of Jesus’ resurrection, an event the returning array of asparagus imprints on us with a deeper intensity. The bare plot turned vegetable crop shows us new birth and a living hope, a graphic and delicious account of death to life.

Over and over the spring garden proclaims the way of God’s salvation; new shoots and vibrant leaves keep us in the company of the redemption story, reminding us that God has blessed us with his salvation.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Chuck*

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## LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Leadership Council Report for February 13, 2023

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, Warwick Andrews, Pastor Chuck Smith, Bill Bush, Jack Tyler and June Freeman. A quorum was present.

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

**Opening Remarks:** “Thought to Ponder” – “The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity” – a quote from Leo Tolstoy was provided by Fred Pontesso.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the January 9, 2023 council meeting were approved by acclimation.

### **Commission Reports:**

**Financial Update** – Warwick Andrews reported that our income for 2022 totaled \$179,000 and the budgeted forecast was \$183000. Income for the month of January 2023 was about \$2000 less than expenses for the month. Warwick brought up looking into taking a portion of our assets currently held in the savings account and placing them in a 1yr. CD since interest earnings on these instruments are now in the 4% range. He will look into earning rates from the bank and the council will discuss this again at the next meeting. Warwick also had a meeting with Debbie Reed, office administrator, about the format and presentation of our income and expenses, balance sheet and comparisons of budgeted vs. actual expenses. Some revisions are being made in the reports so that they are easier to read and analyze. Debbie asked that we remind parishioners that before she can issue a check for any expenses,

she must receive a signed and approved “disbursement request form”. These forms are available at the office. Warwick brought up the fact that some of our parishioners are not attending church in person due to physical limitations. Warwick made a motion (1) that we purchase 8 chairs with arms on them to help those with mobility limitations and set up a designated area for these in the sanctuary. Funds for this purchase would come from the designated Building Fund. Motion was seconded by Bill Bush. After a vote by council, motion carried.

**Stewardship** – Warwick Andrews had nothing new to report other than to state that donations are on track with commitments.

**Building and Grounds** – Bill Bush stated that the new computer is installed and in use by the office staff. The old computer is being reviewed by an IT professional for its functional capacity. New cleaning supplies have been purchased including a new mop! Bill provided an update on his research of the cost of replacing the front doors to the sanctuary. His second quote was more expensive than the first one but was more comprehensive. He will continue to research the replacement cost. Chuck Smith suggested that once we have the best bid, we ask the building owner to either pay for it or share in the cost of the new doors.

**Faith in Action** – Jan Robbins was unable to attend and had no report.

**Worship Commission** – Genie Carroll reported that all positions on her commission are filled and provided a reminder that the Gospel Sing Along will take place on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 3PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bill Bush provided the banner that will be placed along Lohman Ford Road for advertising of the event. Parishioners are reminded to invite their friends and

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neighbors to the free event. Chuck Smith provided a preaching schedule for February through April. There will be an Ash Wednesday service at 6PM on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be no church service on March 5<sup>th</sup> due to the Lago Vista Primavera Bike Race being held on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Chuck presented information on the special Good Friday Service to be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> - "The seven last words of Christ". A discussion was held and a decision was made to purchase a large banner to advertise this service to the community and it will be held in the Fellowship Hall. He stated that we would again have an Easter Sunrise Service at Hancock Park and stated that it was very well attended last year. He suggested that we post more signs along Lohman Ford Road and in busy areas around town.

**Pastoral Relations** – Jack Tyler had no report but offered to remind parishioners at Sunday's service not to use church office supplies or equipment for personal reasons.

**Ministries Commission** – June Freeman reported that her team provided food and beverages and set up the Fellowship Hall for the memorial service for Beth Kiker. Her team will also provide set up and refreshments for the Gospel Sing Along on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Christian Woman's Fellowship will donate the funds to pay the musicians for this event. June and Chuck have also been discussing a "Lunch and Movie" event presenting the movie "The Shack". More to come on this event next month. Parishioners are encouraged to ask their friends and neighbors to attend this event once the date is set. Chuck Smith has also looked into the cost of having golf type T-shirts made with our church name and logo in them.

**Old Business** : None

**New Business:**

**Membership Audit Roll** – The current membership roll has 92 members (91 members and 1 associate member). Letters were sent to members who had been inactive for over 1 year. There was no response from 9 members. Other members either could not be contacted or are inactive for other reasons and the total of all is 18. A motion was made by Warwick Andrews (2) to remove the 18 people from our membership rolls. Motion was seconded by June Freeman. After the council vote, motion carried. After this change our membership rolls will total 73 plus one associate member for a total of 74.

**Future Topics:**

Next Council meeting to be held on March 13, 2023.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:48PM.



The primary function of ushers/greeters is to welcome the congregation and visitors as they arrive, as well as passing out bulletins.

A warm, friendly smile reveals the church's personality and makes people feel welcomed.

If you are interested in being a Greeter/Usher

**Contact Lance or Carolyn Bass at  
lance.bass2604@gmail.com**

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# LENTEN *Schedule*



February 22, Ash Wednesday  
Worship 6:00 p.m. at Lakeside Worship Center



February 26, 1st Sunday in Lent  
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center



March 5, 2nd Sunday in Lent  
NO WORSHIP SERVICE/La Primavera Bike Race



March 12, 3rd Sunday in Lent  
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center

March 19, 4th Sunday in Lent  
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center



March 26, 5th Sunday in Lent  
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center



April 2, Palm/Passion Sunday  
Worship 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Worship Center



April 7, Good Friday Service  
Worship 7:00 p.m. at the LCF Fellowship Hall



April 9, Easter Services  
Sonrise Service 7:00 a.m. at Hancock Park  
(weather permitting)

Regular Easter Service 10:30 a.m.  
at Lakeside Worship Center

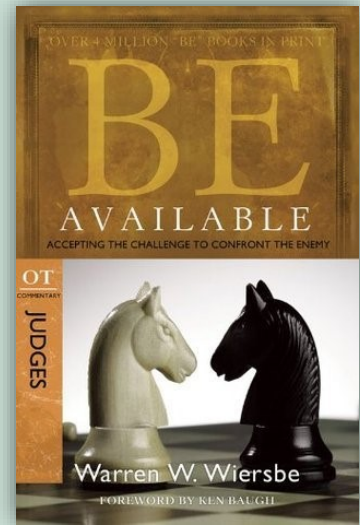
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A new study on the book of  
**Judges**  
began on December 7, 2022.  
The bible study meets in the  
LCF Fellowship Hall  
at 9:30 a.m.

Please contact  
Sharon Snower if you are  
interested  
at [snow1025@twc.com](mailto:snow1025@twc.com).

All ladies  
are welcome to attend!



## 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:

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!



**Worship Service  
Flower Donations**

There are several dates available if you are interested in donating \$25.00 for flowers in honor of a special event or in memory of someone for the Sunday Worship Services.

If you are interested sign up on the flower chart in the back of the Worship Center or contact the church office.

**Sunday Worship  
Cancelled**

**On March 5, 2023**

**Due to  
La Primavera Bike  
Race**



**Food Donations**



Remember that there is a receptacle at the back of the church for non-perishable food items which are always in need and will be donated to Hill Country Community Ministries.

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 the form out, fold it up and place it in the tithe baskets as they are passed around or you may return the form to the church office.



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Pictured right are  
Pastoral Relations Committee members  
from left to right:

Janet Cason  
Lance Bass  
Chair - Jack Tyler  
Edwina Woolsey

Not pictured are: Don Killough and  
Ginny Parish



Lakeside Christian Fellowship  
Choir hard at work rehearsing (Pictured  
top left) along with our  
beloved pianist Cindi Brewer (Pictured  
top right).

Choir Members pictured on the left  
from left to right are:

Back row: Lisa Weaver;  
Warwick Andrews; Jack Tyler;  
Rodger Elliott; Sara Bush;  
Guest, Karen Bray

Front Row: Fran Pontesso;  
Ginger Halsted; Paula Tyler;  
Judy Guthrie; Bonnie Walker  
(Not Pictured: Christine Chapman;  
William Bush; Dick and Wilma Sanders)

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On Sunday, January 29, 2023,  
immediately following the Worship Service,  
Lakeside Christian Fellowship hosted their first  
5th Sunday Potluck of the year!  
The potluck was well attended and the food was outstanding!  
Just look at the dessert table!



Rev. Chuck Smith and Nalda Daigle



Minister of Music, William Parcher and  
Pianist, Cindi Brewer



June Freeman with Fran and Fred Pontesso



Paula Tyler, Mary Ann Childs and Betty Houghton



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Wayne and Bonnie Walker



Sara and Bill Bush



Vickie and Rodger Elliott



Jack and Paula Tyler



Glynda and Joe Wolverton



Warwick Andrews and Judy Guthrie



Gene and Laurie Glass

LCF Members  
enjoying their  
potluck luncheon!

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**A FEW  
MORE  
THINGS!**

**A NOTE FROM REGINA HOLMES:**

The celebration for Rev. John Hagee's 65th year of ministry will be held on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cornerstone Church in San Antonio.

You may view it on YouTube or streaming. The celebration features special guests including the Gaither Vocal Band.



The sculptures above were created by our very own Ginger Halsted's son Randy Halsted. The sculptures are displayed in the Lago Vista common areas. The puzzled heart sculpture pictured left was created while Randy was on crutches after a scaffolding accident at the address that the sculpture is named after. The pieces have been displayed at the Cedar Park Sculpture Garden and a separate piece has been purchased to be a permanent part of the Cedar Park Sculpture Garden!

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Welcome new member, Beverly Lee, to our church family. Beverly and her husband John attended our church on a regular basis. After John passed, Beverly decided to join the church on February 5, 2023, stating “It felt like home to her.” Beverly is involved in the Lago Vista Women’s Club and the Lago Vista Garden Club. She also teaches art classes, watercolor painting and paper crafting, at the Lago Vista Library.

### **BEV OLSON’S 90th BIRTHDAY BASH!**

You have all meant so much to our family and we would like to include you in our celebration along with any others in your fellowship that would like to celebrate with us.

The Olson kids (Steve, Julie, Brad, Brian) are looking forward to celebrating Mom’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 7. In fact we have already started the celebration.... warranted when one turns 90. We are putting together a Birthday Greeting box to present to Bev on her birthday. If you would like to send Bev a birthday card or a memory that we could put in the Birthday Greeting box, that would be great.

Please send whatever you like to:

Julie Scales  
107 Crockett Road  
Cedar Park, TX, 78613  
Attn: Bev Olson

Feel free to send an email greeting, if you prefer, and we will print it out and put it in the Birthday Greeting box. Please send an email greeting to:

[Steveolson4127@gmail.com](mailto:Steveolson4127@gmail.com) or [juliekos@aol.com](mailto:juliekos@aol.com)

Thank-you,  
Steve  
847-502-6467 (text)







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



# March 2023

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
<p>For more information visit the LCF website at <a href="http://www.lakesidechristians.org">www.lakesidechristians.org</a></p>						
			<p>1                      Women's Bible Study                      9:30 AM                      @LCF Fellowship Hall</p>	2	3	4
<p>5  <u>Worship Cancelled</u>                      Due to La Primavera Bike Race</p> 	<p>6                      8:00 AM                      Coffee Klatch                      @LCF Fellowship Hall</p>	7	<p>8                      Women's Bible Study                      9:30 AM                      @LCF Fellowship Hall</p>	9	10	<p>11                      SET CLOCKS                      AHEAD 1 HOUR!</p> 
<p>12                      9:30 AM                      Choir Practice @ WC                      10:00 AM                      Meet and Greet @ FH                      10:30 AM                      Worship Service @ WS                      Live Streaming                      Daylight Savings Time</p>	<p>13                      8:00 AM                      Coffee Klatch                      @LCF Fellowship Hall</p> <p>2:00 PM                      Leadership Council Meeting                      @LCF Fellowship Hall</p>	14	<p>15                      Women's Bible Study                      9:30 AM                      @LCF Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>16                      Alzheimer Group                      10:30 AM                      @LV Library</p>	<p>17  </p>	18
<p>19                      9:30 AM                      Choir Practice @ WC                      10:00 AM                      Meet and Greet @ FH                      10:30 AM                      Worship Service @ WS                      Live Streaming</p>	<p>20                      8:00 AM                      Coffee Klatch                      @LCF Fellowship Hall</p> <p>10:30 AM                      CWF                      @LCF Fellowship Hall</p>	21	<p>22                      Women's Bible Study                      9:30 AM                      @LCF Fellowship Hall</p> 	23	24	25
<p>26                      9:30 AM                      Choir Practice @ WC                      10:00 AM                      Meet and Greet @ FH                      10:30 AM                      Worship Service @ WS                      Live Streaming</p>	<p>27                      8:00 AM                      Coffee Klatch                      @LCF Fellowship Hall</p>	28	<p>29                      Women's Bible Study                      9:30 AM                      @LCF Fellowship Hall</p>	30	31	



Joe Wolverton .....	8
Wayne Nash .....	17
Dorothy Gudgell.....	18
William Bush.....	22
Ginger Halsted.....	23
Jean Dunham.....	29



Lance & Carolyn Bass  
March 1

Jim & Nancy Wood  
March 6

William and Linda Summers  
March 10

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

## Prayer Corner

<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/prayer/prayers-for-lent-pray-for-strength-from-temptation.html>

**O Christ, Son of God,  
for our sake you fasted forty days  
and allowed yourself to be  
tempted.**

**Protect us so that we may not be  
led astray by any temptation.  
Since man does not live by bread  
alone, nourish our souls with the  
heavenly food of your Word;  
through your mercy,**

**O our God, you are blessed and  
live and govern all things,  
now and forever. Amen.**

February 23, 2022

YTD Offerings.....	\$18,996.50
YTD Expenses.....	\$27,399.76

# Lakeside Christian Fellowship

## Worship Location

1922 American Drive, Lago Vista

## Office

1924 American Drive, Lago Vista

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Rev. Chuck Smith, Minister of Outreach & Ministries

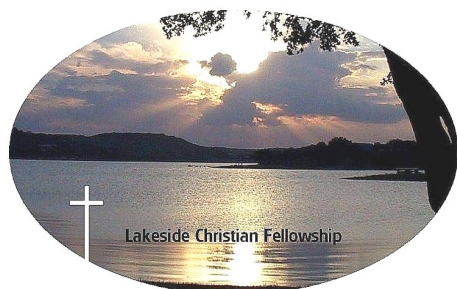
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