

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



MAY 2023

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First of all, I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart, for the confidence that you have placed in me as Pastor at Lakeside Christian Fellowship. We've been through quite a lot in the last few months. Rev. Dennis Henderson, in a sermon recently here at Lakeside said that often times we just have to trust that God knows what he's doing even though we don't understand. I did a lot of soul searching as I'm sure that you did as well. Those times are behind us as we look forward with God's grace to the future.

Bill Bush, Lance Bass, Edwina Woolsey and Chip Hamilton have begun work on a strategic plan for our church. This is a monumental task that is before them. Keep them in your prayers and look for communication between them and you for you have a huge part to play in growing the church. We have a unique role in the furtherance of God's kingdom that requires your prayers and your input. Help us create and grow programs that meet the unique needs in Lago Vista, Point Venture, Jonestown and the surrounding area. Your input is vital.

I was sitting on my back porch the other day and thinking about our unique roles at Lakeside. The weather was warm with a slight breeze. Despite the pollen, I love this time of year which signals a renewing of the earth – a growing as the trees turn and the grass and yes the weeds begin to sprout. It brought to mind that wonderful feeling that sweeps through. People are invigorated with a new sense that renewal – of rebirth.

That's what I felt in the stillness of the day. That all is good and God is in control and with the celebration of Easter – the resurrection and God's victory over death that we have been renewed by his spirit. That despite what goes on around us, we have no fear because he lives.

Robert L. Sande wrote these words, "Prayer is the key to Heaven but faith unlocks the door. Have faith when you speak to the Master. That's all He asks you. For Prayer is the key to Heaven. But faith unlocks the door."

God Bless,

Pastor Chuck

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LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Leadership Council Report for April 10, 2023

The Leadership Council meeting was called to order at 2:04PM by moderator Fred Pontesso. Council members present were Fred Pontesso, Judy Guthrie, Donna Nash, Genie Carroll, Warwick Andrews, Chip Hamilton, Pastor Chuck Smith, Bill Bush, Jack Tyler, and June Freeman. Bill Parcher attended as Music Minister. A quorum was present.

Invocation: Bill Parcher opened with a prayer.

Opening Remarks: "Thoughts to Ponder" – a quote presented by Fred Pontesso - "We please Him most not by frantically trying to make ourselves good but by throwing ourselves into His arms with all our imperfections and believing that He understands everything – and still loves us" - A.W. Tozer

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 13th council meeting were approved by acclamation.

Commission Reports:

Financial update – Warwick Andrews reported that the 9 mo.CD for \$100,000 was opened at our bank and is earning interest at the rate of 4.1% which will add approximately \$3000 additional funds to our bank account when it matures on Christmas Eve. Sue Thompson has completed the financial review of our books for the year of 2022 and her report was provided to the council. All financials and bookkeeping records are in proper order and no errors were found. A copy of her report is available upon request. As a retired CPA she very generously volunteers her time to do this review. Warwick made a motion (1) that we present her with a gift as a thank you from the congregation. Motion was seconded by Genie Carroll. A vote was held and motion carried.

Stewardship Commission – Warwick Andrews had nothing to report.

Building and Grounds - Bill Bush reported that there is a revised lower cost of \$2619 for the new front doors of the church which does not include the cost of installation. An installer will be coming out this week to do all the measurements for the install and will then quote us a price for this work. The building owners will be present when the installer gives his bid and they have agreed to share in the cost of this work. At this point we do not know how much they will contribute to both the doors and the installation. Adding new front doors to the church not only improves the appearance of the church but also is necessary for security of the church. Bill Bush has also made some other minor repairs to some trim areas around the doorways in the church where there was wood rot that appeared. Bill also gave an update on the 8 new arm chairs that we are purchasing for the Sanctuary. The manufacturer has found the fabric swatch that was used on the other chairs so construction will begin and we will have these chairs in three to four months. They won't exactly match our current chairs since the fabric on our current chairs has faded over the years.

Faith in Action – Jan Robbins was not present at the meeting so there was no report.

Worship Commission – Genie Carroll reported that a new form has been prepared – "Order of Worship" to give to all guest pastors to assist them in leading the service. She also stated that there has been an increase of \$15 per week in the cost of the Altar flowers which now cost \$40.00 per week. After a council discussion, it was decided not to try to make the

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flowers last for two weeks so fresh flowers will be purchased each week. Flowers will now be purchased locally from Audra's Petal Shop. Genie also reported that Lance and Carolyn Bass have volunteered to take charge of obtaining ushers for each week. Their help is truly appreciated.

Pastoral Relations – No report

Ministries – June Freeman reported that the Hill Country Singers will be performing on the evenings of April 27th and 28th and the afternoon of Sunday the 30th. They have given our church a huge discount (half price) to have a half page add in their program. She showed us a mock up of the add which is impressive. June reminds everyone of the 5th Sunday potluck to be held on Sunday April 30th in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service. The council discussed and decided that our annual church picnic would be moved to the fall in celebration of the church's birthday. Ideas were discussed about other events we might have to encourage others in our community to visit our church. Pastor Chuck suggested sponsoring a movie and popcorn afternoon or evening in the parish hall open to the public. We encourage putting other event ideas in the Suggestion Box at the back of the church. (This box is not just for complaints). Pastor Chuck provided statistics for our Easter Services. The Sunrise Service had 11 attendees. It was cold and drizzly so attendance was low. The 10:30 service had 49 in attendance and 22 viewing the live stream. There were 16 additional people viewing the Stream later in the day. This is 87 total viewership which is good. The website was visited by 73 viewers as of 7:30 AM on Monday. Chuck thanked Bill Bush, Rodger Elliott and Rick Waters for their help with the Sunrise Service. There were 49

people who attended the beautiful and very moving Good Friday evening service of the "Seven Last Words of Christ".

Old Business: Quickbooks has been updated and the cost of this update was already a budgeted item in our financials. Quickbooks information is backed up on the Cloud and is also backed up internally.

New Business: There were no new suggestions in the Suggestion Box. The council discussed the need for a Marketing/Advertising/Public Relations Specialist to handle all things necessary to provide more exposure for our church in the community. The Long-Range Planning Commission will address this need as they work on our five-year plan for growing the church. If there is an interested member among our parishioners who would like to have the marketing position, please contact any council member for more information. It was brought up that Cindy Brewer gives a lot of extra time to our church by providing piano and organ accompaniment at additional services and events and she put in a huge amount of work to plan and put together the Gospel Sing Along in October. A motion was made (2) by Bill Bush to pay Cindy \$300 for all her additional time on the Gospel Sing Along. The motion was seconded by Warwick Andrews. A vote was held and the motion was carried. It was also decided that any payment for services for future special events would be discussed individually by the council prior to the event.

Future Topics: The next council meeting will be held on May 8, 2023.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:35PM

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

Remember your loved ones, celebrate a special occasion, rejoice in our church by supplying the flowers for 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!

The flower cost has increased in price.
Contact the office for more information.



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

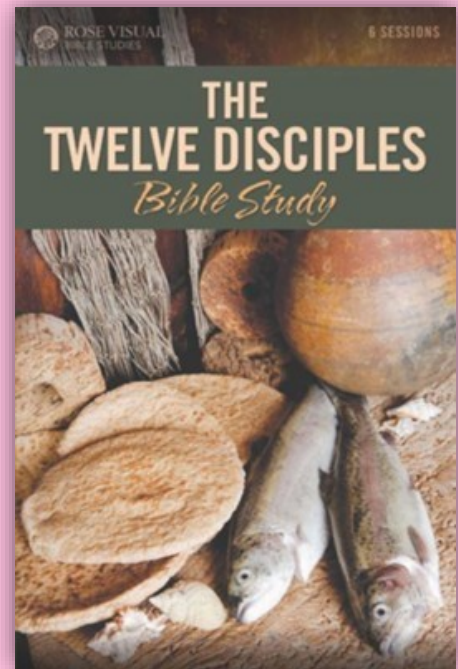
A warm, friendly smile reveals the church's personality and makes people feel welcomed.

If you are interested in being a Greeter/Usher you can sign up on the sheet provided at the back of the church hanging by the doors or you may contact Lance or Carolyn Bass at lance.bass2604@gmail.com or call 817-907-6204.

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Join us each
Wednesday at
9:30 a.m. in the
LCF
Fellowship Hall.



The new study began on March 29, 2023.
We are 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.

Fun and Exciting News from Lakeside Christian Women's Fellowship 2023

On Monday, May 15 from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm in
the Fellowship Hall, LCWF will be having a
Purse Auction and Salad Luncheon.



1. Bring a purse or two to auction. If you want, include a surprise(s) inside.
2. Bring a salad (your choice) to share.
3. BRING A FRIEND to share the fun and our LOVE with!

You may contact Donna Nash at 512-636-5947 or
Edwina Woolsey at 512-541-8806 for
additional information.

All women are invited to attend!

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Pop and Drop



Thank you to Judy Guthrie for the April 23 flowers for the Sunday Worship Service and to Wayne and Donna Nash for the April 16 flowers.

The flowers were then donated to the Pop & Drop Ministry giving 8 homebound or ill health related families a smile and uplifted joy!

Flowers were “pop and dropped” to Dick and Jean Hemer to brighten their day!

If you have any small vases to donate to the “Pop and Drop Ministry” Contact Donna Nash

**@
512-636-5947**

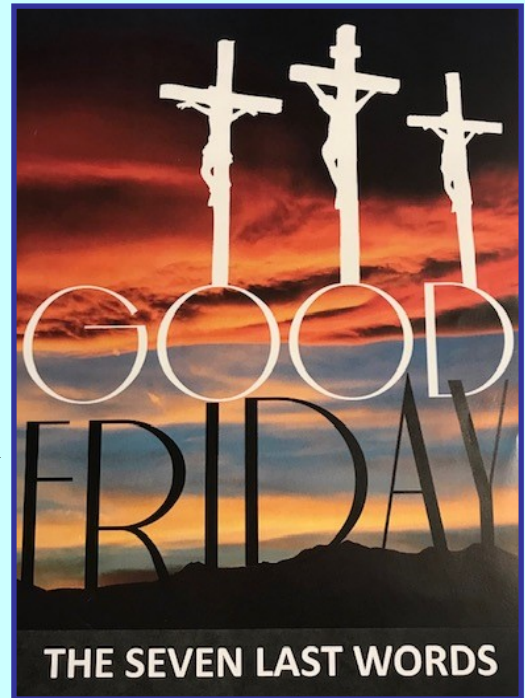


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Good Friday At Lakeside Christian Fellowship

LCF had approximately 40 in attendance for the Good Friday Service!



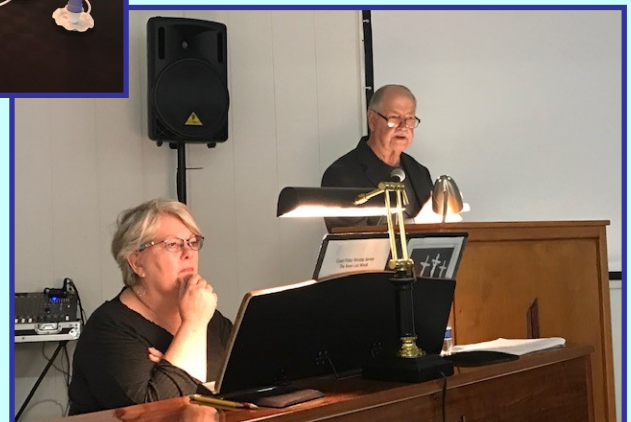
Minister of Music, William Parcher with accompanist, Cindi Brewer



Reader, Donna Nash



Reader Warwick Andrews with Cindi Brewer



Rev. Chuck Smith with accompanist Cindi Brewer

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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 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall	2	3 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall	4 	5	6
7 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ FH 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WS Live Streaming	8 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall 2:00 PM Leadership Council Meeting @LCF Fellowship Hall	9	10 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall	11	12	13
14 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ FH 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WS Live Streaming 	15 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM CWF @LCF Fellowship Hall	16	17 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall	18 Alzheimer Group 10:30 AM @LV Library 	19	20
21 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ FH 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WS Live Streaming	22 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall	23	24 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall	25	26	27
28 9:30 AM Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ FH 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WS Live Streaming	29 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall 	30	31 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall			
				<p>For more information visit the LCF website at www.lakesidechristians.org</p>		



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BIRTHDAYS

Bonnie McClung	6
Beverly Olson	7
Linda Brown.....	9
Dick Hemer	13
Lauraine Lee	13
Rev. Rick Waters	20
Lil Burch	24
Elaine Bhonn.....	27
Ray Burch	31



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ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Glynda Wolverton
May 6

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

Prayer Corner

<https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/prayer/4-prayers-for-forgiveness-for-sin-healing-and-others.html>

Heavenly Father,

I praise you for your great mercy.

Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to die on the cross for my sins. Thank you for shining your light into my heart and giving me the gift of eternal life. I praise you for your steadfast love and faithfulness to me.

Lord, forgive me for the many times I come to you in prayer, forgetting the mercy you have already shown me.

Renew in my heart a deep sense of gratitude for the forgiveness I have in Christ.

Forgive me for all the times I withhold compassion and forgiveness from others.

Would you work in my heart and make me more like you?

Lord, give me the grace I need to see the people in my life through your eyes. Pour out your compassion into my heart that I may reflect it to others today.

Guide my feet in the way of peace.

Amen!

([Betsy de Cruz](#))

April 27, 2023

YTD Offerings..... \$37,885.00

YTD Expenses..... \$53,510.00

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