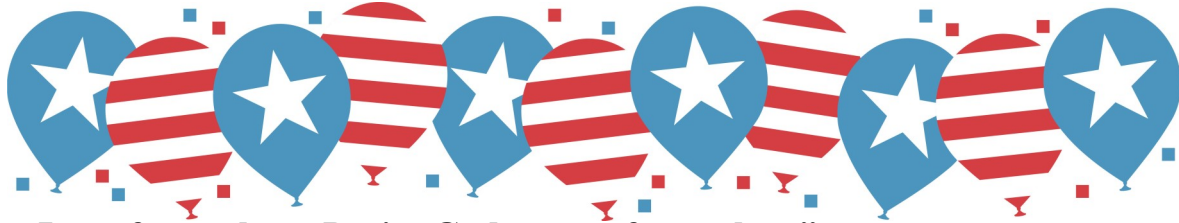


Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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“Free at Last, free at last. Praise God we are free at last.”

The very first thing I want to write is Happy Fourth of July to each and everyone. We are fortunate to live in a country that values the freedom of its citizens. Those of us who were born here are the luckiest people in the world. We didn't earn the right nor was it something that we did to earn the right. It is by birthright. Sometimes we hear of people who want to tear down the very foundation that this country was created for. I'm like most of you who may wonder why we cannot get along – in the words of Stephen Covey, “to agree to disagree agreeably.” I pray for our country and its leaders each day. We live in the greatest country and I thank God for that.

Saint Paul writes in Galatians that as Christians while there are a lot of things that we can brag or boast about, there is only one thing that we can truly boast or take pride in and that's the cross of Jesus Christ. He writes, “May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.” He was addressing the fact that there were many Jews who said that any Gentiles who had been baptized in the name of Jesus had also to obey the Laws of Moses which required physical circumcision as a sign of belief. Paul said that was not the case, the belief in the atonement of Jesus Christ and baptism was all that was needed.

As we celebrate the liberties and freedoms that this country has for us, always remember that it's not what we need to do to gain salvation but what has already been done for us through the cross of Jesus Christ and that he is alive today. We are truly free from sin and death through Jesus Christ and that we can truly boast about.

God Bless You and this Great Nation!

Pastor Chuck Smith

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LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Leadership Council Report for June 12, 2023

The leadership council meeting was called to order at 2:04PM by Moderator Fred Pontesso. Council members present were Fred Pontesso, Judy Guthrie, Warwick Andrews, June Freeman, and Jack Tyler. Also present were Pastor Chuck Smith and Music Minister Bill Parcher. Bill Bush attended briefly by phone but presented his report by email. A quorum was present.

Invocation: Pastor Chuck Smith opened with a prayer.

Opening Remarks: “Thoughts to Ponder” – Fred Pontesso stated “Do something today that your future self will thank you for”.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 8th council meeting were approved by acclamation.

Commission Reports:

Financial Update – Warwick Andrews reported that our net income is down year to date by \$19,000 but our church treasury is still financially healthy. Warwick made a motion (1) that he investigates putting an additional \$50,000 from our money market into another 12 month CD since rates are averaging close to or slightly about 5% interest. The money market earns a minute amount of interest that is less than .002%. Jack Tyler seconded the motion. A vote was held and motion carried. Warwick will report back to the council the exact amount of interest the CD will earn before transferring any funds to it.

Stewardship Commission - Budget preparation sheets for the 2024 calendar year were passed out to each commission chairman. Completed budgets are to be returned to the church office

by no later than 7/20/2023. The commission will then meet in August to compile the church budget for 2024 and present it to the council at the August meeting.

Building and Grounds - Bill Bush reported that arms have been fitted to 11 chairs which are now in place in the Sanctuary. The lock on the fireproof file cabinet in the office has been replaced. The faded LCF advertising sign that was in Jonestown has been removed. The signs are leaning against the wall next to the men’s restroom in case they can be remade for future use. The new external doors to the sanctuary are on order. Delivery is expected around mid-July. The building owner said they will look into equipping the doors with “magnetic locks” that will provide additional security. Bill has received two quotes for installation of the doors. Another small item to be determined is a delivery charge for the doors. A new wi-fi router was installed after the power fault so devices accessible over the internet had to be reconfigured for the new router. Pastor Chuck and Rodger Elliott reconnected the Govee temperature sensors and Bill reconnected the Flume Water Meter so that all devices are back on-line and visible over the internet. Also, our piano has been re-tuned. Bill Bush has truly been busy even though he has been going back and forth from Lago Vista to New York. Thank you, Bill!

Bill provided an update on the work of the Long Range Planning Team which consists of Bill Bush, Edwina Woolsey, Lance Bass, Chip Hamilton and Advisor Chuck Smith. The team met on 6/5/2023 to continue their work on constructing a survey/questionnaire to be distributed to the congregation. Feedback an-

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swers from the survey will assist the team in building a Plan of Action for LCF over the next 3 to 5 years. All information and feedback from the surveys will be reviewed and approved by the Leadership Council prior to its use. The survey/questionnaires will be lengthy so they will be presented to the congregation in 4-6 partial releases. The surveys will contain a Letter from the Pastor; an introduction; vision and mission statements; table of goals, objectives, and actions; and an appendix with a summary of survey results and possibly a summary of community demographics.

Faith In Action - Jan Robbins was not present and no report was provided.

Worship Commission – Genie Carroll was not present so no report was given

Pastoral Relations – Jack Tyler provided an updated Job Summary for the church Pastor and his Employment Contract for the council's review. After review by each member, Jack made a motion (2) that the Council approve these documents. Motion was seconded by Warwick Andrews. A vote was held and motion carried.

Ministries – June Freeman reported that July 30th is a 5th Sunday and a potluck luncheon will be held after Bill Parcher's gospel service. Bill Parcher will create a form to be included in the next several weekly bulletins for the congregation to request their favorite hymns to be sung during the time that the choir will on vacation through August.

Old Business – Included in report from Building and Grounds.

New Business – The council discussed two suggestions from the suggestion box. One had already been addressed and the second one was a suggestion to hold a church garage sale.

The council's concern with a garage sale was how to dispose of unsold items. As an alternative, June Freeman mentioned considering a church bake sale. Debbie Reed will be on vacation from August 5-12th and September 11-17th. During these times Linda Anderson will be handling office duties. Warwick Andrews suggested that any people inquiring at the church office for financial assistance be referred to the Hope Center for help since most churches in our community support this center. A discussion was held and all council members agreed. Warwick Andrews made a motion (3) that two signs are posted in the windows of the Sanctuary doors and the office doors stating that "no cash is held on these premises" and "anyone in need of financial aid should go to the Hope Center located on Dawn Drive". Motion was seconded by Judy Guthrie. A vote was held and motion carried. Pastor Chuck Smith stated that our church has been given permission from Enrique Lopez, owner of the lots at the corner of American Drive and Highland Lake Drive, to place a large sign containing information on the church and service times on the corner which can be seen from all directions. Some clean up work on the site must be done before a sign can be installed.

Future Topics – Next council meeting will be August 14, 2023. **No council meeting will be held in July.**

Adjourn -Council meeting was adjourned at 3:33PM.



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POP AND DROP



Wayne and Donna Nash visited Clyde Hance (90) in Boerne, Texas.



Clyde sends his love to all at Lakeside Christian Fellowship!



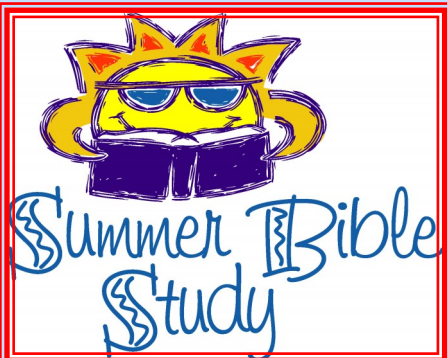
Give a warm welcome to Maryilyn Hamblin! She joined our church on Sunday, June 25, 2023! She is a resident of Lago Vista. We are so happy to have her be a part of our church family!



Even though the price of the Altar Flowers has increased, the donation amount will remain the same at \$25.00. The flowers will be used 2 weeks in a row, keeping the donation cost the same.

Altar Flowers

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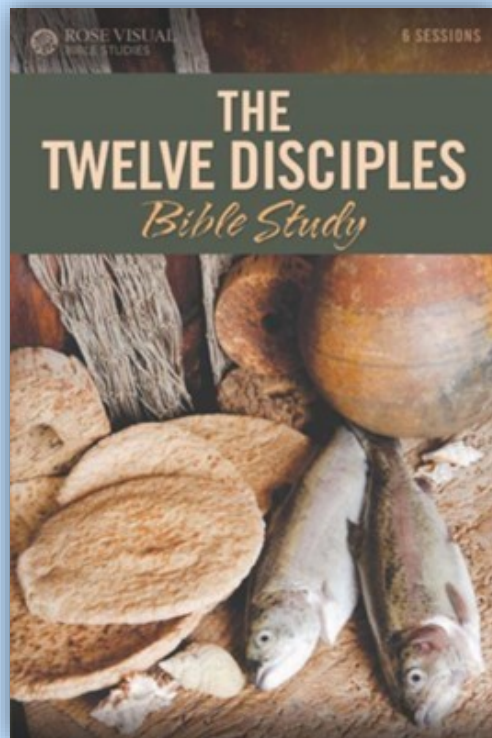


Join us each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. for
Women's Bible Study
in the LCF Fellowship Hall.

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".

For additional information Contact Sharon Snowder
at snow1025@twc.com



LCF will be having
their

**5th Sunday Potluck
On July 30, 2023**

**Immediately
following the
10:30 Special
Gospel Singing
Worship Service
led by our
Minister of Music
William Parcher.**

**Bring your favorite
dish to share!**

All are welcome!

**Invite your friends and
neighbors!**

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

July  **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
						1 
2 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ LCF Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center & Live Streaming	3 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall	4 	5 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @ LCF Fellowship Hall	6	7	8
9 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ LCF Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center & Live Streaming	10 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall NO COUNCIL MEETING	11	12 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @ LCF Fellowship Hall	13	14	15
16 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ LCF Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center & Live Streaming	17 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall	18	19 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @ LCF Fellowship Hall	20  Alzheimer Group 10:30 AM @LV Library	21 BUDGET SHEETS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO CHURCH OFFICE!	22
23 10:00 AM Meet and Greet @ LCF Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center & Live Streaming	24 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall	25	26 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @ LCF Fellowship Hall	27	28	29
30 	31 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall			For more information visit the LCF website at www.lakesidechristians.org		



JULY BIRTHDAYS

David Freeman.....	1
Sara Bush	2
Deborah Reed.....	7
Genie Carroll.....	10
Dick Sanders	14
Gloria Hammonds	16
Emma Smith.....	20
William Parcher.....	21



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

David & June Freeman
July 19

Chuck & Emma Smith
July 20

Dick & Wilma Sanders
July 23

Please send your information to:
lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com



Prayer Corner

<https://christian.net/resources/fourth-of-july-prayers/>

A Fourth of July Prayer for America

**Dearest God,
we lift up this prayer to You in
gratitude for this grand occasion.
Thank You for blessing our nation
with the joy of freedom, as we are
only able to live so freely because of
You.**

**True freedom is only found through
You,**

**and we wouldn't be here today
without Your holy guidance.
Please watch over us, our loved ones,
our neighbors, and every other
American – that we may all have a
safe and blessed Fourth of July that
places You at the center of everything.**

**May we never forget that it is You
whom we celebrate every day of our
mortal lives until we are ultimately
reunited in Your kingdom.**

Amen.

June ,2023

YTD Offerings	\$59,511.00
YTD Expenses	\$82,218.00

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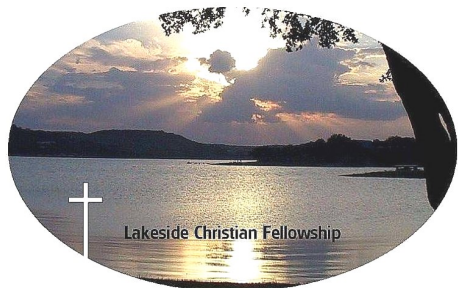
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