

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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WHAT A BLESSING TO BE PART OF THIS FAMILY

Almost everybody wants to belong, to be a part of a family. When I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, I became a part of God's family, the family of believers. This has become one of the greatest blessings of my life. I have had the privilege of traveling and living in many places around the world. I have found connections with God's family everywhere I have been, even when we didn't speak the same language. I have had the privilege of preaching or ministering in Germany, Austria, South Korea, Belgium, the Netherlands, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq, Qatar, Uzbekistan, and various places within the United States as I served as a Chaplain in the US Army. I have served with people from many different Christian denominations. I have pastored many and various people in many churches and chapels around the world and have found a deep and precious love and appreciation for God's people. I have found the family of God to be some of the best people in the world.

Looking back on my life with God, I recognize my many failures and short-comings and the grace and mercy God has extended to me throughout my life. I can assure you that I am not perfect and neither are most of the people who are part of the family of God. If we were, we wouldn't need Jesus as our Savior. God enables us to love one another in ways that we could never have done otherwise. The family of God comes from various backgrounds. Some of us come from wealthy backgrounds and some of us have grown up extremely poor. Some of us are highly educated and some of us lack education. There are some that have common sense and others that do not. We come from many different racial backgrounds yet now we are part of the same family. We are talented and gifted in many ways. Some can sing, teach, pray, read, write and preach. Some are good at giving comfort or encouragement. Some are very good at organization and bookkeeping.

The church needs people from different backgrounds and with different talents and gifts in order to be complete. Everyone of you is of value to the family of God and the ministry we are called to fulfill. If everyone of us were the same in the church we could never fulfill our purpose. Romans 12:4-5 *"For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."* I thank God for each and every one of you and invite you to join us as we seek to follow God's leadership and His calling for our church in service and spiritual growth.

We all have been brought here to Lakeside Christian Fellowship at this time to fulfill a purpose. The greatest purpose we can fulfill is to love Christ and to love one another. What a blessing it is to be called by God to salvation and to be a part of His family. Jesus has made all the difference in our lives!

WHAT A BLESSING TO BE PART OF THE FAMILY OF GOD!!!

Come and join our family too.

Love in Christ, *Brother Paul*

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LAKE SIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Leadership Council Report for August 7, 2023

The Leadership Council meeting was called to order at 2:02PM by moderator Fred Pontesso. Council members present were Fred Pontesso, Judy Guthrie, Donna Nash, Genie Carroll, Warwick Andrews, Jack Tyler, and June Freeman. Pastor Chuck Smith also attended. A quorum was present.

Invocation: Pastor Chuck Smith opened with a prayer

Opening Remarks: "Thoughts to Ponder" – Fred Pontesso shared a quote by Gail Lynne Goodwin stating "What you get from life will be in direct proportion to what you give to life".

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 12th meeting were approved by acclamation.

Commission Reports:

Financial Update- Warwick Andrews reported that our income is slightly less than our monthly expenses but the church secretary stated that there are several parishioners who tithe for the entire year in December. Our treasury is still financially healthy.

Stewardship Commission – Warwick Andrews reported that the Stewardship Campaign is organized and all dates are in place. Stewardship moments will be shared by parishioners on each Sunday during the month of August. There are 7 distribution areas and all shepherds are in place except one. Stewardship books will be handed out to shepherds at the August 27th service. Books will be distributed to all parishioners by an assigned shepherd and shepherds will return them to the church office by September 20th. As has always been in place, tithing pledges are submitted in sealed

envelopes and no one has access to any tithing information except the church secretary.

Building and Grounds – The new front doors for the sanctuary are here and ready to be delivered. An installer is yet to be confirmed by the committee but the doors should be in place soon. Funds for purchase and installation of the doors come from the building fund which can only be used for either improvements or repairs to the church building or they can be used to help fund the purchase or construction of a new church building.

Faith In Action – Jan Robbins has resigned as chair of this commission due to family obligations. We are seeking another parishioner to fill this position. For more information about this commission, please contact Donna Nash or Fred Pontesso.

Worship Commission - Genie Carroll was present but had nothing to report.

Pastoral Relations - Jack Tyler reported that he has submitted budget numbers for forecasted salary increases for staff for next year.

Ministries - June Freeman reported that her committee will be making the preparations for the Celebration of Life party for Darrell McClaid to be held at the Vista Villas Community room on September 16th. Her committee will be providing finger foods at the request of the family who will pay for the expense of food and refreshments. Our annual church picnic will be held in the Fellowship Hall on October 29th instead of the fifth Sunday potluck which would normally be held on this date. The church will provide the main course (yet to be determined) and refreshments and parishioners are asked to provide a salad or a dessert.

Outreach – Chuck Smith stated that the Alzheimer's Group is still meeting but the Cancer group is not yet back but is ready to start up

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again once a meeting day and date is set. The Men's breakfast meeting will be on hiatus for a month until Pastor Chuck is able to return from his surgery. They will tentatively regroup on 9/11. The Lago Vista Women's Club Health and Wellness group is meeting in the Fellowship Hall twice monthly on the first Saturday at 9AM and the 3rd Tuesday at 6PM.

Old Business: None

New Business: Regina Holmes visited the Council today to suggest that our church take part in a Lions' Club program to be initiated called "Life in a Bottle". This is a bottle that will be distributed in the community and will contain a form people fill out with all their emergency contact information, medical POA, next of kin contacts, prescriptions taken and other information that may be necessary for EMS or others to have if there is a medical emergency where a team must enter a home to assist someone who is alone and unconscious. This bottle would be kept in the person's freezer. (the reason the bottle would be kept in the freezer is in case of a fire, the refrigerator is usually still standing) The City of Lago Vista has offered to print all forms, and the Lions Club will provide refrigerator magnets and front door stickers to alert a medical team or others that there is a "Life Bottle" in the home. This will be a community wide effort and Regina suggested that Lakeside Christian Fellowship assist in distributing the bottles to local households. A discussion was held by the council and a motion was made by Jack Tyler (1) that Lakeside Christian Fellowship support this program by assisting with distribution of bottles. Motion was seconded by Warwick Andrews. A vote was held and motion carried.

Don Lowry, the pastor of the Living Waters Church also visited the council today. His small church had been holding their services on Sunday afternoons at St. Peters Episcopal Church which will be closing on 8/31/2023. He requested the use of our Fellowship Hall to hold their services in the future on Sundays at 2:30PM. A discussion was held and the council approved of them gathering at Lakeside Christian Fellowship on Sunday afternoons starting in September.

Future Topics: The next council meeting will be held on September 5th

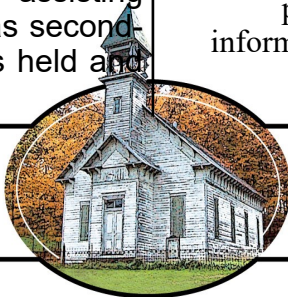
Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:25PM.



LCF hosted the Lago Vista Women's Club Health and Wellness SIG Group in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

The group meets one Saturday and one Tuesday a month and you must be a member of the LVWC to participate. You can find out more information on the Lago Vista Women's Club website.

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Week 1 - August 6, 2023
Judy Guthrie



Week 3 - August 20, 2023
Janet Cason

**A Big Thank
You
to all of our
Stewardship
Speakers
for sharing
their
Spiritual
Messages
and the
importance
of
Stewardship
during
the month of
August!**



Week 2 - August 13, 2023
Regina Holmes



**Week 4 - August 27, 2023
Fred Pontesso
LCF Moderator
gives the final
Stewardship Message
before the
Stewardship Drive officially
begun.**

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**LCF Treasurer and
Stewardship Chair -
Warwick Andrews**

The LCF Stewardship Drive began on Sunday August 27, 2023 and will continue until September 24, 2023.

Please review the budget and carefully determine your pledge for the year 2024. Your financial commitment to the church provides for the operation of the church as well as charitable contributions which support our community.

Please keep these thoughts in mind when you are determining your pledge.



Lakeside Christian Fellowship is extremely blessed to have such a devoted and caring "family". Brother Paul Rodgers said a blessing over the 2023 Stewardship Shepherds.



Stewardship Chair Warwick Andrews with Stewardship Shepherds - Christine Chapman; Ginger Halsted; Linda Brown; Brother Paul Rodgers; Jack Tyler; Judy Guthrie and Donna Nash. Not pictured are Ginny Parish and Wilma Sanders.

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On Sunday July 30, 2023, the 5th Sunday, after a Worship Service of Song and Scripture headed by our Minister of Music Bill Parcher the members of LCF enjoyed a 5th Sunday Pot Luck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall!



**A huge Thank You to the LCF Hospitality Committee:
Laurie Glass, Regina Holmes, Christine Chapman and June Freeman
for organizing and overseeing this wonderful event!**



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**LCF Supports our local Hill Country Singers Annual Gala.
It was a fun filled evening with island themed décor, food and music!**



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Pastor Chuck Smith is doing well after surgery in August to restore his "Heart". All of the prayers were greatly appreciated!



Brother Paul Rodgers with daughter Amy and family at Sunday Worship on August 13, 2023.



Thank you to William Bush our Building and Grounds Chair with assistant Jack Tyler for helping with ordering and installing the new Worship Center doors! What an improvement!

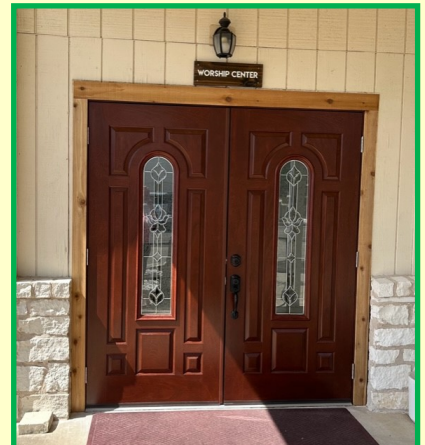


Worship Center doors Before And After.

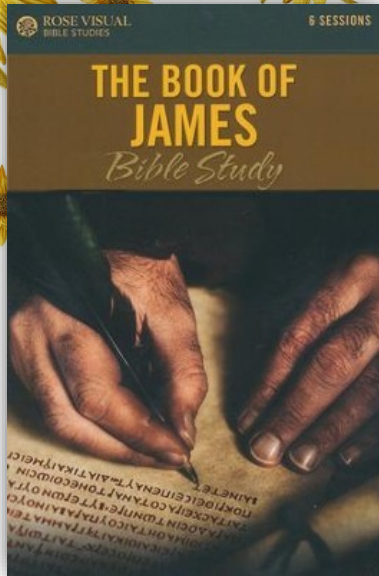
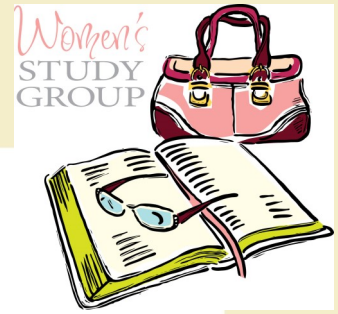
WOW!

What a difference a door makes!

**Psalm 24:7
"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting Doors; and the King of Glory shall come in."**



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Join us each Wednesday at
9:30 a.m. for
Women's Bible Study
in the LCF Fellowship Hall.
A new study is beginning
September 20, 2023 on
"The Book of James".
For additional information
Contact Sharon Snowden at
snow1025@twc.com

**Welcome Back
Choir!**

**LCF Choir
Rehearsals
begin on
September 3, 2023
At 9:30 a.m.
In the Worship
Center!**



Choir Season Begins

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



September 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
27 10:30 AM Worship Service @Worship Center Streaming STEWARDSHIP DRIVE BEGINS	28	29	30 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall	31	1	2
3 9:30 am Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet & Greet @ LCF Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC & Live Streaming	4 	5 2:00 PM Leadership Council Meeting @ LCF Fellowship Hall	6 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall	7	8	9
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24 9:30 am Choir Practice @ WC 10:00 AM Meet & Greet @ LCF Fellowship Hall 10:30 AM Worship Service @ WC & Live Streaming STEWARDSHIP DRIVE ENDS	25 8:00 AM Coffee Klatch @ LCF Fellowship Hall	26	27 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM @LCF Fellowship Hall	28	29	30
				<p>For more information visit the LCF website at www.lakesidechristians.org</p>		



Nan Knapp.....	4
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Margy Burchette.....	18
Ginny Parish.....	18
Wilma Sanders.....	24
Warwick Andrews.....	27



Steve & Elyse Ernst
September 25

Wayne & Donna Nash
September 29

To be included, please send
your information to:

lakesidechristianfellowship@yahoo.com



Prayer Corner

God,

from whom all good things come,
you shower us with blessings and you make
us stewards of your world;
give us generous hearts,
make us cheerful givers,
filled with desire to see the dawning of the
Kingdom of your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen!

Episcopal Diocese of Washington



August 31, 2023

YTD Offerings \$92,707.00

YTD Expenses.....\$107,893.00

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