

Lakeside Christian Fellowship Ripples



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Dear Church Family,

First of all, Happy New Year. Emma and I pray that your Christmas holidays went well. Ours was at sea going on our very first cruise. While this was written before we left, I can envision a voyage that was uneventful, but it will be good to be back home.

The Christmas season is not over and in reality it never should never be over. Christians should be striving to be like the one who was born 2020 years ago and whose birthday we just celebrated. The events of Exmas as I spoke of on the first Sunday of Advent are over – the trees and decorations to be put away for another year yet the events of Christmas last all year long. Christmas is never over in the lives of Christians around the world.

Some of us like to make resolutions in January and if you have may you resolve to make those resolutions come to fruition. However one resolution we should make is to continue to live as Christ would have us to live. Wishing for Peace on Earth and love for others do not only come during the Christmas season, but should be all the year long.

I thank you for all that you have done to help bring the Kingdom of God to Earth in 2015 and may all your lives be filled with God's richest blessings during the coming year.

The link below is a wonderful cover of "Let There Be Peace" recording by Vince Gill. The video tells the story as Vince sings:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPH4LRASWbo>

God Bless,

Emma and Chuck

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LET THERE BE CHRISTMAS

A CANTATA BY
JOSEPH M. MARTIN

*Presented by
Lakeside
Christian Fellowship
Chancel Choir*



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William Parcher, Director
Karen Adams, Accompanist
Rev. Rick Waters, Narration



Guest Artists
Sybi Ward, Harp



December 13, 2015 ~ Lakeside Christian Fellowship Chancel Choir



Health Watch

How to Calm a Cough



A nagging cough can be miserable – especially at night. Web MD tells us what to look for in a cough medicine, plus natural remedies that can help.

Why We Cough

Coughing is what you do when something bugs your throat, whether it's dust or postnasal drip. Coughing also helps clear your lungs and windpipe. Many coughs, like those from cold and flu, will go away on their own. If yours comes from a more serious medical condition, you need to treat the cause. Whatever the reason, if coughing's driving you crazy, there are ways to feel better

Treating a Cough at Home

Drink plenty of fluids or use a cool-mist humidifier or vaporizer to soothe an irritated throat and loosen mucus. Prop your head up on extra pillows at night and have a little honey before bed. Studies show honey can help ease a cough. Don't give honey to children under 12 months.

Calming a "Wet" Cough

If you're coughing up mucus, look for a cough medicine that says "expectorant." That loosens mucus to help you cough it up. If you're coughing up a lot of mucus, check with your doctor to see what the best cough medicine is for you. Also, talk to your doctor before using cough medicine for serious conditions like emphysema, pneumonia, chronic bronchitis, or asthma. Don't give cough and cold medicine to children under 4.

Calming a "Dry" Cough

You may get a dry cough with a cold or the flu or if you breathe in something irritating like dust or smoke. A cough "suppressant" helps stop your urge to cough. Plus, it can help you sleep better. Cough drops -- or even hard candy -- can stop that tickle in the back of your throat. Don't give cough drops to children younger than 5

Cough Medicine and Children

Never give cough medicine to children younger than 4 because it can have serious side effects. For children 4 to 6 years old, ask your doctor before

giving any cough and cold medicines. They're safe after age 6. For children 1 and up, try 1/2 to 1 teaspoon of honey to help them cough up mucus.

Will Antibiotics Stop a Cough?

Usually, no. That's because most coughs are caused by viral infections like cold or flu and will get better in a week. Antibiotics only work on infections caused by bacteria. If your cough isn't better after a week, see your doctor to make sure it's not caused by a bacterial illness like a sinus infection or pneumonia. If it is, you may need an antibiotic.

Coughs From Allergies and Asthma

Allergies can make you sneeze, cough, or both. An antihistamine may help. Some newer ones at the drugstore won't make you sleepy. If you're also wheezing -- where your breath sounds like whistling -- you may have asthma and need to see your doctor.

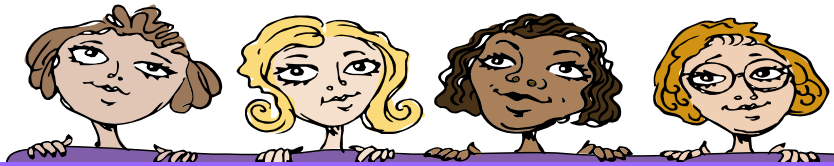
When to Call the Doctor for a Cough

For a long-lasting cough, call your doctor if:

- You have a deep cough with lots of mucus or the mucus is bloody
- You're wheezing, short of breath, or have a tight chest
- You have a fever that doesn't go away after 3 days
- Your child has the chills or nighttime coughing fits
- You're still coughing after 7 days without getting better



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Lakeside Christian Women's Fellowship

The Christian Women's Fellowship was called to order by President, Donna Nash, at 10:40 a.m., Monday, December 14, 2015 at the Bluebonnet Room. She gave interesting information about this day in history, and Elaine Bhonn gave the devotional.

The program, entitled "World Christmas Programs" was given by Fostelene Halcom, who reported to the group that she had been a French and Spanish teacher at the high school level for several years. She started her program by giving the early history as to the church fathers chose December 25th as the date of Jesus' birth. Although people dispute this as the actual date of his birth, she pointed out that later research showed that possibly from the time of Mary's conception to late December was about nine months. She also said that the Christians in the west part of the world celebrated around that time, while the eastern Christians celebrated on January 6th; thus, the 12 days of Christmas!

She reviewed traditions in Scandinavia first, with extensive information about their traditions; for example, one tradition being that on Christmas morning the oldest daughter of the family dresses up in a white dress with a red sash, and then all the children of the town dressed in white and have a parade celebrating the St. Lucia festival, also known as the "Festival of Lights," with the girls all in white and carrying candles and wearing crowns. The boys are also dressed in white and wear red-peaked hats and parade through the town with music and great festivities.

She then turned her attention to the French and the Germans in the area of

Strasbourg with information about how the Christmas tree became a tradition. Either December 6th or 8th is celebrated as St. Nicholas Day, when the children get their first gift of the season, and they follow the Advent calendar. Some famous French Christmas Carols are "He Is Born, the Divine Christ-Child," "O Holy Night," and "Jeanette Isabella. The French love roasted chestnuts for Christmas, and Fostelene said she tried some but found that she did not like the taste at all.

She then turned to Italy, for Saturnalia, which was originally a pagan feast, including public gambling, weeks of festivities, exchanges of small gifts, including such things as an original poem someone might write about a friend.

Jan Robbins then told about the Christmas traditions in Ireland, where they start the season out by cleaning out their houses and whitewashing them. They celebrate mostly in pubs and hotels, she added; they observe the Advent calendar; and they have the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. The tradition is to use holly with red berries rather than trees, the schools are closed, there are lots of celebrations and much shopping. They also enjoy little plays and pantomimes, and often the men and women exchange rolls and dress in costumes. They celebrate St. Nicholas Day on December 6. On the 24th they put candles in all the windows and set out a loaf of bread, in case

Mary and Joseph come to their house. The custom is that they allow in anyone who comes to their door that night. A major celebration is the Wren Boys Procession, involving a wren in a bush held on a long pole which is paraded through the streets, because the wren is an important bird.

An interesting Gallic tradition on December 6th is Gallic Women's Day, when the women do nothing and the men do all the housecleaning, cooking, and other household chores, so the women spend their free time thinking of chores for the men to do! That one sounded pretty interesting to the audience.

She finished with Germany, when on December 6th, a small blonde girl named Christkind is the primary character, and she often passes out gifts. But there is also a dark side to their celebration. On December 6th, the children put their shoes outside their bedroom door before they go to bed. During the night their shoes are filled with either gifts or lumps of coal, depending on how good or bad they had been. In fact, part of the tradition is that a monster, Black Peter, also visits the houses and may do monstrous things!

She gave an appeal to the ladies to go to the New Braunfels Christmas celebrations, which honor German traditions, including their beautiful glass ornaments, and also boasting the state's oldest bakery and hardware store.

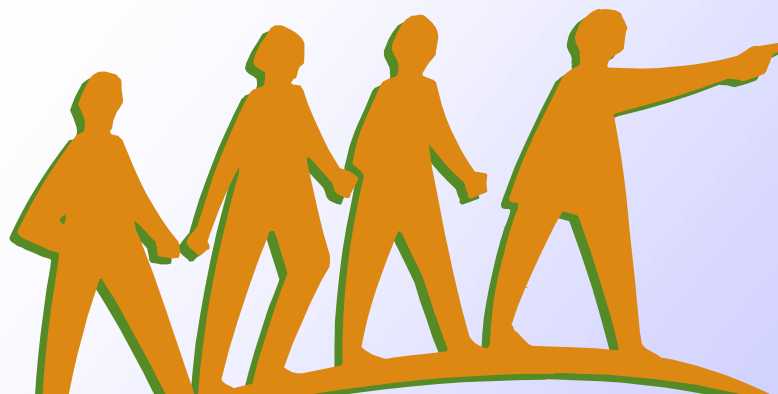
Due to the late hour, the business meeting was quickly reported on, and then the meeting adjourned for a pot luck lunch, with the hostesses being Dayle Aulds and Elaine Bhonn.



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LAKESIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Leadership Council Report for December 14, 2015

The Council met on Monday, December 14, 2015 with all members present. The meeting was opened with an invocation, the Moderator's Opening Remarks and approval of the November Council minutes.

The meeting turned to New Business, in which Dave Broker gave a showing of the new WEB site he has been creating for the church. After review and discussion, the Council decided to continue to use the current WEB site, updated and with full-time maintenance on it. Those decisions will be made in January, 2016.

The Financial Update was given by Scott Cameron & was approved by the Council. The church continues to do well in its income and payment of expenses & income exceeds expenses at this time. The report was accepted.

There was no current Stewardship Commission update. The Building and Grounds update was given by Rodger Elliott, in which he announced that the two lease agreements with the landlord have been completed and signed for 2016. He also reported on the success of the Worship Center floor cleaning project.

Under Faith In Action June Freeman reported that the church purchased twenty \$50 gift cards from Lowe's and gave ten of them to the counselor at the primary school and ten of them to the counselor at the middle school. These counselors determined who

would receive the gift cards, and all were given out to needy families for Thanksgiving.

Ginger Halstead reported that all activities under Pastoral Relations were being taken care of for the end of the year.

Under the Worship Commission, Rodger Elliott was especially grateful to Jean Scholes and Huguette Loftis for taking the training to become the new communion servers for the church.

There was no Outreach & Ministries report in the absence of Chuck Smith.

Dan Olson closed the meeting by showing examples of companies he has found that offer substantial discounts on office supplies cleaning supplies, and other items, to non-profit organizations. Our church is eligible to join such companies if we choose.

The meeting adjourned at 4:13, and the next meeting will be January 11, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dayle Aulds



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Men's Breakfast Group

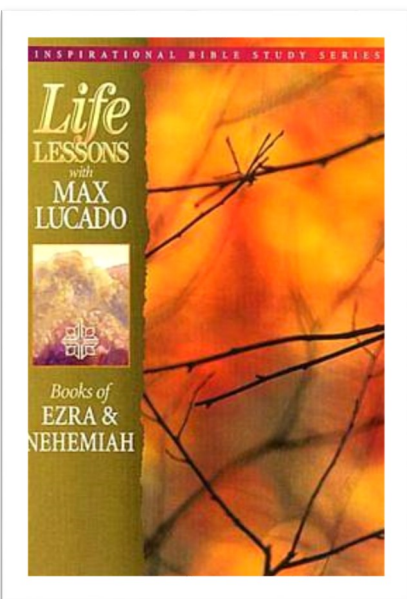
On Tuesday December 1, Trey Cox of Edward Jones Investments was the guest speaker at Men's Breakfast. He talked about the subject of "Retirement: making your money last". He discussed: 1) plan for the expected (budget), 2) prepare for the unexpected, 3) money withdrawal strategies from 401-K funds, 4) importance of staying on track (annual review). He answered a number of questions from those attending. Trey is available for consultation about managing our assets during retirement. The next meeting of Men's Breakfast will be on Tuesday January 5, 2016 at 8:30 AM at the Point Venture Community Center. Men's Breakfast also made a donation of \$400 to Blue Santa. Clyde Hance and Dan Olson shown presenting check to Danny Miller, Police Chief of Lago Vista.



LCF Women's Bible Study

The Lakeside Christian Women's Fellowship will start a new 12 lesson Bible study on January 6th, entitled "Life Lessons" written by Max Lucado on the Old Testament historical books of Ezra and Nehemiah, who left Babylon for the reconstruction of Jerusalem.. God shows his mercy to every generation. He compassionately restores his people. No matter how difficult our present "captivity", we

are never far from his love and mercy. This inspirational author guides you through God's word of insights and applications that will encourage you and deepen your faith walk. Books cost \$ 7.00. Please register to reserve a book by contacting Lil Burch or Donna Nash. All women of the area are most welcome to join the study each Wednesday at 9:30 am in the Bluebonnet Room, Boggy Ford & American Drive. Hope to see you there!



Women's Bible Study



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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 2016 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!



“Remember, sir, that which you render unto God is deductible from that which you render unto Caesar.”



Lakeside Christian Fellowship Library

The library is located in the back of the Re/Max office building. We have several boxes of books to unpack and organize. If you are interested in helping with this project contact the church office at 512-267-1700. When the library is organized, it will be available for members to check out books for reading.



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



Please remember
that all church
activities should
be scheduled on
the master
calendar in the
church office.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center	4	5 8:30 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ PV Clubroom	6 9:15 AM CWF Bible Study @ Bluebonnet Room	7 10:30 AM Alzheimer's Support Group @ LV Library	8	9
10 10:30 AM Worship Service @ Worship Center	11 3:00 PM Leadership Council Meeting	12 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast/Bible Study @ Worship Center	13 9:15 AM CWF Bible Study @ Bluebonnet Room	14 6:30 PM Cancer Support Group @ LV Library	15	16
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For more information visit the LCF website at
www.lakesidechristians.org

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Jay Meierhoff	3
Armor Lee Gardner	7
Jean Sholes	8
Rodger Elliott.....	8
Victoria Elliott	13
Dan Olson	17
Jack Currier	21
Cleta Brewster.....	31

Birthdays &



Anniversaries

Bob & Edwina Woolsey 1/13

If you would like your dates to be included please send your information to the church office!!

E-Mail to Linda at:
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Prayer Corner By Dayle Aulds

All prayers are edited and adapted from *Everyday Prayers*, by Scotty Smith

A Prayer About "Blessing" God

"To Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy-to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!" Amen. Jude 24-25

Heavenly Father, while many clamor about and try to "claim" more blessings from You, may this be a year in which we come alive to the multiplied blessings you're already lavished upon us in the gospel. Already You have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Already we are completely loved by you because of Jesus' completed work on our behalf. As the year progresses, open the eyes of our hearts to see all these glorious riches more clearly and enjoy them more fully. All year long You'll be at work preparing us for the day when we come into your glorious presence.

We're confident and grateful as we face that day, because You have promised to complete the good work of the gospel you've begun in us.

In Jesus' Holy Name. Amen.

December 2015

Average Sunday Attendance.....	98
Membership.....	138 (90 families)
YTD Offerings.....	\$176,843.
YTD Expenses	\$172,086.

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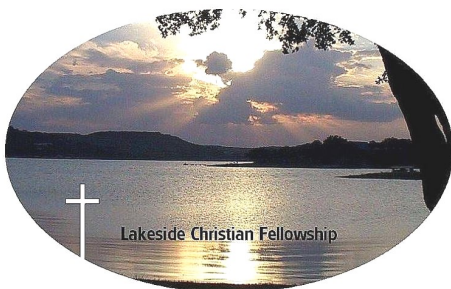
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