



The Good News

*Our Mission in making disciples for Jesus Christ is...
to instruct Heads to know God's Word
to nurture Hearts to grow in God's Love
to offer Hands to show God's Grace
in our community and church family.*

Lake Gibson United Methodist Church



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***Pastoral letter will return to this spot next month when
Pastor Steve Polk returns from Summer Studies at Duke***

Vacation Bible School

First 60 children to register will receive a prize

August 8th—12th

Monday thru Friday

6:00 pm—8:30 pm



Pre registration
August 7th
from 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Or call church
office 858-5431



We want to thank everyone who donated to the Summer Quest and

Fill the Bus for the Children's Home.

They were very grateful as always for all donations.

If you would like to see the Children's Home please mark your calendars for the next

Day on Campus on March 17, 2012.

This is the day they open their campus for visitors, you will be able to see the cottages
where the kids live along with meeting and talking to the kids there.

Karen & Jeff Acor



August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 8:00 am Chapel Worship 8:45 am Fellowship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Youth Leadership weeks 1 and 3 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study week 2 and 4	1 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer	2 9:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	3 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	4 5:00 pm Pre School Board meeting 6:00 pm VBS Meeting	5	6
<<<<< YOUTH SUMMER CAMP - LEESBURG >>>>>						
7 <u>COMMUNION SUNDAY</u> 2:00 pm VBS Sign up	8 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Finance	9 9:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	10 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	11 7:00 pm Volleyball	12	13 8:00 UMM Breakfast
<<< VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL >>>						
14	15 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Staff Parish	16 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	17 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	18 7:00 pm Volleyball	19	20
21	22 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	23 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	24 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	25 7:00 pm Volleyball	26 Youth Lock-in	27 11:00 am UMM Bar-B-Que
28 12:30 pm Church Council	29 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Trustees	30 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	31 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	<u>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u> 4:45 pm Youth Band Practice 5:30 pm Jr. Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir 6:00 pm Youth Group		

GET YOUR DEPARTMENT or MINISTRY INFORMATION OUT THROUGH THIS NEWS LETTER EACH MONTH TO THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION !

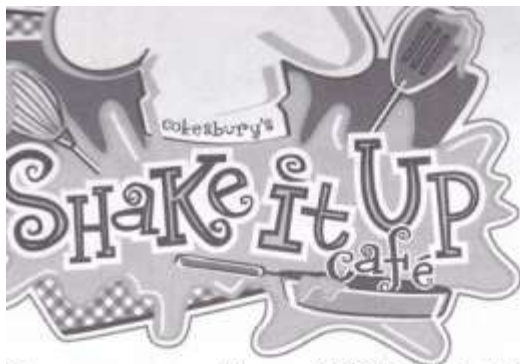
E-mail to: dheishman@verizon.net by the 20th each month.

For our May Youth Sunday, many of you went on a Prayer Journey with us. One of the stations of our Prayer Journey was to write a Thank You note to God. The cross at the front of the sanctuary, filled with notes of Thanks to God was a powerful sight. I'd like to share the things that our congregation family are thankful for.

THANK YOU GOD FOR:

Life, family, love, freedom ... the love, friends, tears, and everything that made me stronger ... life ... all you do for us ... Jesus who died for my sins ... protecting my family & allowing second chances ... the good people at special places showing their grace through all their powerful works and keeping God in the hearts and minds of all the children of the world ... God's love, family, my church, my job, good friends ... children, love, hope ... family, friends, the seasons, love ... everything each day ... this great country and those who are serving to protect it, also for those who have died protecting our freedom ... family, children, & grand children ... Jesus who provided me eternal life through His death and resurrection, thank you for all my many blessings ... love, Jesus, forgiveness, friends, family ... my good health, healing of family members, friends, church, Pastor Lamar ... my son ... everything! Too much to list, but God knows all ... my husband, children and grands ... Donald ... everything Jesus-we don't deserve it but you still give it to us ... bringing me back to my family, Please accept my soul for it is yours to hold and take, watching over my family and friends ... the beauty and glory of the day and family ... letting me wake up and live another day, putting me back on track, just being you ... everything every day, I love you, praise God ... Vanesa ... Christian friends ... my healthy family & friends, grad school, my friends and family who are more like Christ than me & live their lives as an example to others ... family & friends, Jesus died for our sins & came to save the world, good health ... my family, my soon-to-be son that will be here in July ... loving me & bringing me through all my hard times ... Clayton ... kids & grandkids ... your presence in my life, the beautiful earth you have created, America, opportunities to serve, my family ... my family, friends, having a roof over my head, having a job, being able to work with these youth ... the abundance of life in the youth of our church & in the faithful supporters of LGUMC ... my wonderful healthy family, my health, my many blessing, the sun, moon & earth, for everything ... for life itself ... helping me get to this point in life ... life & friends ... God, Jesus, my wife, my life ... my children & family, love, health ... family & Christ, friends ... all the blessings in my life-my children, family, friends, and your grace ... my family, church, friends, love from above, life, youth ... your grace, love & gift of Jesus ... always knowing our needs & coming through for us, Jesus we love you ... food to eat every day, 2 wonderful parents, a great relationship with my sister, and many close friends ... all my family & friends, being there for us in good times and bad ... family ... this day, this church, my family ... you are amazing, you are always in my heart no matter what, I love you ... family, church, home, health ... God, family, friends, home, church ... all the blessings of my life ... family, friends, church, community, life, wealth, good health ... what you do for me ... all that you've done for me and will do ... all you give us ... Ron coming into my life ... the blessings of each day, the freedom to worship, these youth & pray the best for them ... my health, my wife, my family, my salvation, Jesus, the Bible ... being able to serve Lake Gibson UMC for 17 years, my family, the coming of our grand baby girl, Charlotte Grace ... for my life ... friends, family, my freedom, love, for others ... a wonderful family, our struggles to make us stronger, mom, health, military, police, EMS, wonderful sons, your love to help us ... life and all the wonderful people who surround me ... all living things around me, my family, my life, all things ... You, and the3 ability to love and be loved ... my husband, family & faith in our Lord Jesus Christ ... the knowledge to discern good and evil, the ability to love, learn, and lead ... salvation and eternal life through Christ ... my children, a means to provide for them, my church, my friends, my home & food, my relationship with you God ... the strength Thou has given me each day to do what has to be done, the many blessing Thou has given me, my family and friends ... my good life ... Youth in Student Rooted Ministry, Youth praise team-past & future, my Lord Jesus, my wife & children ... salvation, my family, our life in Lakeland, Lake Gibson church ... support & love of my family ... my children ... Jesus, love of family, husband & children, life ... my children, a means to provide for them, our home, food, & weeds, our church, our friends, the opportunity to have a relationship with You ... my family, my church family, my faith in God ... my family & child, everything, God's gift of eternal life, your Son & His love ... a loving husband & family and for all your gifts to us ... good health, my family, our good life ... everything you have done in my life ... the love of Jesus & my family & friends, good health ... Good, husband, family, job ... God, my family & friends, my church, gracias a Dios ... being with me always, my family, the love you have for all of us ... creating me, husband, children, mother, sister, babysitter, by blessed friends ... helping me to do the right thing ... being here and being part of my church, which I love ... my family & that you have kept them healthy & to follow you ... your son Jesus ... every new day God allows me to wake up and enjoy ... guidance & protection in Jesus' name ... this wonderful Youth service ... being you ... everything each day ... my husband ... our family, all the nice weather, our daughter & all the things she does for us, the great husband I have ... family, friends, freedom, faithfulness, forgiveness, forever ... family & friends, the many blessings He has given us, the many answered prayers ... education, opportunities to do work that I am passionate about, the love of others ... life, loved ones, freedom ... my wonderful fiancé, my family, my future family, my health, my home, my life, my job, my faith, my compassion ... my grandson to-be, Cayden, continued healing of the cancer ... Youth & Youth leaders, family, the freedom to worship ... family & friends, our church, Jesus Christ's example He has set for us.

That's quite a list—with some consistent threads of God, Jesus, family & friends. We can so often let ourselves be surrounded by negativity, but this list helps us realize just how much we have to be thankful for!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
August 8—12
MUSICAL MENU

In our exciting *SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ*, musical Chefs cook up a sizzling-hot theme song — "SHAKE IT UP!"

Groups dining in our Café will choose from the following musical menu:



LET'S GET COOKIN......an up-tempo song with *FIVE SECRET INGREDIENTS* for carrying out God's recipe.

I'M READY......Using *SECRET INGREDIENT #1*, kids see the importance of being ready for God at all times.

GIVE IT AWAY......Using *SECRET INGREDIENT #2*, kids get ideas for sharing their blessings with others.

TODAY IS THE DAY......Using *SECRET INGREDIENT #3*, kids find freedom when they believe in God and live for Jesus.

I WILL REMEMBER YOU......Using *SECRET INGREDIENT #4*, kids sing the true meaning of Holy Communion.

EVERYBODY CELEBRATE......Using *SECRET INGREDIENT #5*, kids jump, shout, and dance as they celebrate God forever!

SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 22

Here's a little school humor:

Teacher: Tommy, your essay about your dog is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Tommy: Ma'am, it's the same dog.

THANK YOU FOR SPECIAL MUSIC DURING JULY:

While the adult choir took a short summer break, we were blessed with solos and duets by the following musicians. Thank you for sharing your talents!

Bill Anderson (accompanist), George Gribble, Beverly Hines, and Claudia Moore.

DEBBIE'S DAB

God's ministry to the homeless... Through George Gribble... Cross of Christ...

Before you begin with they only buy cigarettes and beer read from

Proverbs (Contemporary English Version) **Chapter 31**

6 Beer and wine are only for the dying or for those who have lost all hope. 7 Let them drink and forget how poor and miserable they feel. 8 But you must defend those who are helpless and have no hope. 9 Be fair and give justice to the poor and homeless.

I once read to solve a problem put a face on it. You have no doubt as I have seen the faces at a distance.

Let me bring you a little closer to a few of the homeless.

Jason is a young man who will not let go of his detrimental lifestyle even though he has a loving wife.

Bo is also a young man. He is ready to fight the world if need be but very intelligent and polite.

Mark has gout but works when he is able. Kat (nick name for Kathy) is with Mark and has been baptized by George.

Juanita 59 years old. Homeless because husband died and had no insurance...she managed for a few months to pay the bills but could not continue. Has three children. Oldest daughter has MS son had neck broken lives in Eloise with an elderly woman and she does not know where youngest daughter is. She was hit by a car on 98 North and is waiting an insurance settlement. She can not get her social security check because she had to close out her bank account due to having her credit card stolen. She has to have her birth certificate to open a new account and it cost over \$20.00. Recently out of the hospital with no money to pay for prescriptions. (a very kind nurse gave \$20.00 dollars) Prescriptions were over \$150.00. She was able to get two of them filled.

There is Dallas who has a job but not enough income to get established. He has a portable shower which he carries 5 to 7 gallons of water to in order to shower. His brother has emphysema and his sister in law just had a breast removed due to cancer. The only thing Dallas has asked for is prayer for his brother and sister in law.

There is Paul. He is connected with the Baptist church and helps the others get medical supplies such as aspirin, ointments, band aids, etc....

"Bear" Garry Douglas Smith goes to Publix and brings carts back if people allow him to and does not ask but accepts tips when offered.

Lee is a black gentleman who works wherever he can.

Busby came to church June 26th. He tries to protect and help Kathy Jo.

Kathy Jo Gibson who has been to church twice says she made some bad choices. It was after her father died that she became homeless. The estate is in probate. She once taught school for 7 years. She has a generous heart.

The list can go on but the recurring them is "when I lost my _____" mom, husband, parents...

Where would you be without family ties? Yes, they sometimes bind but other times anchor.

My own life is a testimony to the power of God's grace and merciful love for I was hopelessly lost having been raised with alcoholic mother and abusive step-father. I was a stranger and God's people took me in...taught me, helped me, healed me, cleansed and forgave me.

Please pray for George and his team that the gospel of Jesus Christ will be given to those who have lost all hope. Who drink and forget how poor and miserable they feel.

George has been called to defend and offer hope. Pray that God will show you how to be fair and give justice to the poor and homeless.

George begins at 6 pm Thursdays at Walgreen's drug store on 98 N. and has established several stops where people look forward to prayer and a hot homemade meal. This is not an official ministry of Lake Gibson Church. God has called George to this ministry and if you would like to be a part of it through prayer or donations of food, clothes, or money please contact:

George Gribble

1425 Ritter Road #9

Lakeland, FL 33810

8/2 Don and Diane Eshelman
 8/5 Jim and Sandy Armentrout
 8/5 Jack and Shirley Patterson
 8/8 Ken and Bonnie Fuqua
 8/15 Wilbur and Frankie Hooks
 8/21 Mike and Rosita Stafford



8/21 John and Anne Bernat
 8/21 Don and Judy Chandler
 8/26 Bob and Frankie Jean Bailey
 8/27 Mike and Jan Booker
 8/30 John and Joann Collier



Birthdays

8/2 Caroline Albritton
 8/3 Wes VanZile
 8/8 Wilbur Hook

8/10 Rosita Stafford
 8/10 Phyllis Michael
 8/11 Joe Mullen
 8/14 Althea Holt
 8/15 Phillip Webb
 8/18 Mike Stafford
 8/20 Ann Hobson

8/22 Edwin Vividor
 8/23 Ed Egolf
 8/24 Ardys Chapman
 8/24 Jane Fortin
 8/26 Jared Arnett
 8/26 Marge Ford
 8/27 Cory Mueller

H.O.N.O.R.

HELPING OUR NEEDY ONES RESPECTFULLY, INC.

"Why spend your money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Isaiah 55:1-2

Helping Our Needy Ones Respectfully, Inc., a faith based ministry dedicated to providing free minor home maintenance and repairs for elders age 60 and above, is staffed by volunteers and funded by donations.

Bookmarkers with 6 different designs may be found in the Narthex. Won't you please choose one or more of these markers and make a donation to HONOR? Your dollar will be spent on "bread" so that we can labor to assist an elder.

If you need assistance from HONOR or would like to sign up as a team member, go to our website www.honorinc.org or call 816-2779



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 and supports the love of Jesus Christ.*

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The Good News is a monthly church newsletter bringing the "Good News" to members and friends of Lake Gibson United Methodist Church. We welcome your suggestions and comments. Please send to :

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