



# 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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## From the Pastor's Desk

Penny and I love living in Lakeland. If we desire to eat out there are many restaurants to choose from and an equal number of small cafes within driving distance of our home. If we need an item of clothing there is more than the Wal-Mart store here to shop for the needed item. If we were to purchase a new vehicle there are many colors and styles to choose from; there are more dealers in the area than just a Ford dealer. I have often heard the adage: "Variety is the spice of life." While I will agree that having choices and trying different things makes life interesting a controversy has grown out of this attitude in religion. We tend to think that a variety of religions is a good thing and I am afraid that this idea is leading many sincere people down the wrong road to eternal destruction.

The American notion that each person is entitled to their own belief and that each of these beliefs is equally valid is a false idea.

Jesus Christ is the only person that lived a completely sinless life and was not tainted by original sin because of his "immaculate conception".

Jesus Christ is the only perfect Son of God and the only one qualified to pay the ransom for those who believe in Him; anyone else would have to pay for their own sin, which we cannot do.

Jesus Christ is the only person to have been resurrected from the dead and He now sits at the right hand of God. Other religions will take you to their god's tomb and tell you what a great god they serve but Christianity worships a risen Savior with an empty grave.

It may be politically incorrect but Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life and no man comes to the Father except through me." We may not like this statement and some people may reject it but that doesn't make it any less true. Some people don't like the fact that what they eat causes them to gain weight but it is true whether they agree with it or not.

As your Pastor I tell you in love that the truth of the matter is: There is no way to obtain eternal life but through faith in Jesus Christ. I remind you that Christianity is the only religion that is based solely on the work of God and not the work of man. Salvation was and is God's idea and anything or any religion that says otherwise is false. If you are depending on anyone other than Jesus Christ for eternal life you are lost. Put your faith in Jesus and rest in his calling.

Shalom,

Pastor Steve

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

E-mail to: [dheishman@verizon.net](mailto:dheishman@verizon.net) by the 20th each month.



# September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><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</p>			<p><u>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u>            4:45 pm Youth Band Practice            5:30 pm Jr. Choir            6:00 pm Pot Luck            7:00 pm Adult Choir            7:00 pm Youth Group</p>	<p><b>1</b>            5:00 pm Pre School Board meeting            7:00 pm Volleyball</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b>            COMMUNION SUNDAY</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>  <u>LABOR DAY</u>            9:30 am Intercessory Prayer</p>	<p><b>6</b>            9:30 am Staff Meeting            7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal            7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p><b>7</b>            6:30 am Mid Week Devotions            10:00 am Chapel Pre School            12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p><b>8</b>            7:00 pm Volleyball</p>	<p><b>9</b>            Rock the Universe</p>	<p><b>10</b>            8:00 am UMM Breakfast            Rock the Universe</p>
<p><b>11</b>            GRANDPARENTS DAY</p>	<p><b>12</b>            9:30 am Intercessory Prayer            6:30 pm Liturgical Dance            7:00 pm Finance</p>	<p><b>13</b>            9:30 am Staff Meeting            7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal            7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p><b>14</b>            6:30 am Mid Week Devotions            10:00 am Chapel Pre School            12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline  <u>6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Starts</u></p>	<p><b>15</b>            7:00 pm Volleyball</p>	<p><b>16</b>            6:00 pm Youth Lock-In</p>	<p><b>17</b>            2:00 pm Bret Fox and Sarah Shallcross Wedding Shower</p>
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>            9:30 am Intercessory Prayer            6:30 pm Liturgical Dance            7:00 pm Staff Parish</p>	<p><b>20</b>            9:30 am Staff Meeting            7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal            7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p><b>21</b>            6:30 am Mid Week Devotions            10:00 am Chapel Pre School            12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p><b>22</b>            7:00 pm Volleyball</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>            11:00 am UMM Bar -B-q</p>
<p><b>25</b>            UMW SUNDAY</p>	<p><b>26</b>            9:30 am Intercessory Prayer            6:30 pm Liturgical Dance</p>	<p><b>27</b>            9:30 am Staff Meeting            7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal            7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p><b>28</b>            6:30 am Mid Week Devotions            10:00 am Chapel Pre School            12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p><b>29</b>            7:00 pm Volleyball</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	

Church Council Meeting Minutes  
August 28, 2011

**Meeting Opening**-Chair, Ken Fuqua, opened our meeting with a prayer at 12:00pm and an opportunity to get some food. Pastor Steve Polk would like to see this Council work less with the nuts and bolts of the church and more with the vision of the church for the future, praying for God to give us direction for this church.

Minutes from the past meeting moved to be approved by Linda Alveraz, JoAn Beebe 2<sup>nd</sup>, minutes Approved.

Old Business

Charge Conference-LGUMC June 22, 2011-for Pastor Steve Polk's salary package  
LGUMC Child Protection Policy-has been reviewed and renewed back in January, 2011 and noted in these minutes today.

Committee Changes-

Finance-Karen Moore for Ann Rinks

PSPR-Joe Moon's vacancy will be filled with the 2012 class of new volunteers

Church Council-needs an Adult & Youth representative

Little Bit of Heaven will be under the umbrella of the church

New Business

Our financial books have recently been audited, we haven't received feedback yet, and will make adjustments as needed.

Drew VonPreysing was interviewed and approved to be our new Youth intern.

Bert Fortin moved to accept Drew, Jon Bernat 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved.

Charge Conference-Wednesday October 5, 2011 @ 7pm.

We will be hosting 3 other churches as well.

Nominations Committee will be making calls to fill volunteer positions for next year, pray about these new opportunities.

2012 Budget-will be reviewed and worked on to be presented at the September Church Council meeting.

Website- our church website needs a webmaster and updating.

Dwight Kitchens will talk with Don Heishman about this position.

We need to approve the 2012 pastor salary package for Steve: \$40,800 salary, \$17,000 housing, \$2400 reimbursable account.

Rosita Stafford moved to approve, Linda Collins 2<sup>nd</sup>, APPROVED.

Lightning Strike-

Church was hit by lightning August 17 about 5pm. Damages include the organ, replacement valued at \$47,500, a projector, some speakers, the computer and several minor items we don't have costs for yet.

We are behind on our liability & property insurance payments. We have been offered a payoff of \$30,000 for our past-due premiums of \$45,000, this payment will not affect on our lightning claim. Carol Davis moves to have Finance be looking at several ways of coming up with this \$30,000 by January 1, 2012, Faye Fields 2<sup>nd</sup>, APPROVED

Linda Alveraz moved to adjourn, John Bernat 2<sup>nd</sup>, Adjourned at 1:30pm

Next regular Church Council meeting will be September 25<sup>th</sup> after late service.

Respectfully, Lee Mueller

## NEED TO BATHE YOUR SOUL?

Come join our Choir for the twice-a-week washing. Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. is full of joyful noise. We would love to have you full-time or for

the C.E. (Christmas Easter) seasons.

*Our APPRECIATION goes to Sylvia Barrett and Kevin Courtney for a vocal duet in both services on August 28.*

*Now we look forward to a solo by Claudia Moore, accompanied by Bill Anderson on September 18.*

THANK YOU to our Adult Worship Team for taking the mantle again to lead Praise and Worship in our 10:30 a.m. Service, after a summer respite.



Our New Youth Band will be full of energetic worship to lead our fifth Sunday services, and they are in need of our continued support.

*We continue to PRAY and gather information for our organ repair or Replacement. Our insurance requires a \$5,000.00 deductible.*

MUCH GRATITUDE to Rowena for her faithful and excellent dedication to playing the organ for our worship services!

*From Oliver Wendell Holmes:*

**TAKE A MUSIC BATH ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK FOR A FEW SEASONS. YOU WILL FIND IT IS TO THE SOUL WHAT WATER BATH IS TO THE BODY .**

*Submitted by Debbie Moore*



## Vacation Bible School

How many people does it take to "Shake It Up" for Vacation Bible School? At last count it took 25 adults, 30 Youth, and 28 children-but there's always room for more! We had a blast dedicating the week to the children and learning about Jesus. If you couldn't make it this year, make plans to join in next year!



We want to thank everyone who donated items to help with school supplies for the Children's Home. We took up over ten boxes filled with supplies.

We also would like to remind everyone that you do not have to wait for the summer camp, school drive or Angel tree to donate to the Children's Home. If you have any items that you are not using such as bikes, games/toys, electronic items that you do not need anymore and do not know what to do with them, please donate them. You can bring them to the church office or contact us and we will make arrangements to pick up the items. They are also always in need of items such as toiletries, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, baby wipes, craft items.

Karen & Jeff  
858-0400

### **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S RETREATS**

Men's Spiritual Retreats    October 7-9, 2011 — October 14-16, 2011 — October 21-23, 2011  
Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park, FL — Contact UMM President for full details or  
log onto The Men's website at [www.ummflconf.org](http://www.ummflconf.org) for full Retreat schedule

Who do you say that I am?

A Living Sermon:

I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day.

I would rather one should walk with me than merely show the way

For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give.

But there is no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

Can others tell I am a Christian by how I live every day or do they have to ask me if I am a Christian?

Abba's Girl

9/8 Dominick and Betty Bruno  
 9/16 Tom and Dorothy Burns  
 9/16 Steve and Penny Polk  
 9/22 Bob and Flo Butler



9/25 Cecil and Elinor Henry  
 9/28 Bill and Olga Anderson  
 9/29 Dale and Jean Gower



## Birthdays

9/1 Gloria Laube  
 9/2 Mike Booker  
 9/2 Paula Dummond  
 9/4 JoAnne Wileman  
 9/5 Bill Holmes  
 9/5 Louise Twyman  
 9/6 Ken Fuqua  
 9/6 Charles Alvarez  
 9/6 Bob Wenger

9/8 Don Eshelman  
 9/9 Travis Watson  
 9/10 Joyce Scott  
 9/13 Diane Eshelman  
 9/13 Lois Teske  
 9/13 Geoge Gribble  
 9/14 Sue Heishman  
 9/14 Claudia Moore  
 9/16 Gregg Hall  
 9/16 Jim Armentrout  
 9/17 Patsy Lennon  
 9/17 Jocelyn Escobar  
 9/18 Shirley Patterson

9/19 Jarica Arnett  
 9/19 Jake Oppelt  
 9/19 Linda Collins  
 9/19 Gail Patterson  
 9/20 Clayton Loggins  
 9/23 Samantha Yagecic  
 9/24 Carol Davis  
 9/27 Jack Patterson  
 9/27 Larry Smith  
 9/27 C.B. Fredrickson  
 9/28 Virginia Haubry



*Lake Gibson United Methodist Church shares  
 and supports the love of Jesus Christ.*

### The Good News

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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