



# 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

Can you believe the year is over? 2012 is here whether we are ready for it or not. 2011 wasn't a particularly good year with all the violence, job losses, financial set-backs, government collapses and everything else that occurred during the year. Many of us are ready for a new beginning, a fresh start, a new challenge; we just want to forget the past and move forward but forgetting the past is not always a good practice. I don't want to forget how God led Penny and I to Lake Gibson UMC or how He has provided for this church in unexpected and surprising ways or how God is working in the lives of those who attend this church and those in this community. I don't want to forget that the Advent Season we just completed is a reminder and a promise that Christ will again return to this earth for his people. I don't want to forget that God loves each and every one of us especially when things aren't going as well as they could. Even though I look forward to a new

year with new opportunities and challenges I do so with the past still in my mind. We have learned lessons from our past experiences that will help us in the future, our hearts are warmed and our memories restored as we remember the past. The past is not necessarily a bad thing just like the future may not be a good thing but the believer in Christ can say God is good all the time and all the time God is good. In this new year of 2012 let's agree to delve anew into the word of God seeking a freshening of the Spirit, drinking deeply of God and allowing Him to move us in the direction He wants this church and His people to go.

*HAPPY NEW YEAR*

Pastor Steve

### Children's Home:

We want to thank everyone who donated gifts for the Angel Tree this year. We had 75 names from the Children's Home and we were able to fulfill all of them plus extra donations for the cottages.

This year the Day on Campus is March 17, 2012. This is the day everyone is invited to go to the Children's Home and see where it is located, go into the cottages and also meet the kids along with the people who work there. You will also have a box lunch served to you after watching a program with some of the kids along with hearing some testimonials from some adults who once lived at the Children's Home. If you are interested in going, please contact us at 858-0400.

Thank you

*Karen & Jeff Acor*



The best performers this season hands down were “The Cherubs” It is wonderful that our church can help support such a wonderful ministry as teaching children about Jesus.

Our dancers and drama team certainly bring meaning and enthusiasm to our Cantata.

It is a blessing to listen to beautiful prelude, offertory and postludes by Rowena and Glenda.

The choir director was so thrilled with the attendance and performance of the our talented choir.....by the way our choir is having another **fund** raiser....and we are asking for your help to make 2012 a Happy New Year by participating in our talent show..

**Event:** Spaghetti Dinner or Meatball Sub also included salad, beverage and dessert.

Tickets are a real bargain @ \$7.50 each.

**Time:** Saturday, January 21, 2012 @ 5 pm

(we have to get the choir home early since they are singing at the 8 am service)

**Place:** Family Life Center @ Lake Gibson UMC

The theme will be “**Jesus is the Light of the World**”. Gene will give the cat a pill *again* since it gets funnier each time he does it. Any skit, song, poem etc. is welcomed and appreciated so please contact Debbie Moore at church or by phone: 863-221-1096 to be listed on the program. We have the daring duo Steve Dorman and Tim Ogden already practicing. Praise team is committed to some hand clapping –foot stomping good time songs.

Perhaps Elvis will appear.

If you have a business that would be willing to post a flyer in the window please get one from Debbie Moore.

We would **love to have volunteers** to sell tickets and help with other projects.

Special thanks to Gail and Jerry Bishop for hosting the choir party and giving a tour of the club house. We are very appreciative of Beverly and Eric Hines duet , David Hess solo and of our trio Lydia McKinney, Bob Wenger, and David Hess that sang “Silent Night” in German for us Christmas Eve. *We are deeply grateful for all the cards, gifts, and flowers from our choir and church family. THANK YOU!!!*

We wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year!!!!!!!

## NOTICE

The monthly activities calendar can be viewed by clicking on the [calendar](#) link button on [www.lakegibsonumc.com](http://www.lakegibsonumc.com) website



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### 2012 DATES

Mon, Jan 2-play day 2-6pm  
Tue, Jan 3-back to school  
Sat. Jan 14-Winter Jam, noon-11:30pm, \$13  
Mon, Jan 16- no school- Webster or beach  
Mon, Jan 23-no school-  
Sat, Jan 28th-Youth Sun prac 10-noon?  
Sun, Jan 29th- Youth Sun. 7:15-noon  
Sun Feb 5th-Super Subs, 7:30am

GAME TIME PARTY @ my house  
Sat Feb 11th-Love boat prep, 10am  
Sun Feb 12th-Love boat, movie @ 3pm  
& dinner @ 5-9+pm. (acct \$)  
Mon, Feb 20th-no school, ???  
Spring Break-March 12-16, TBA  
Good Friday, Easter April 6 & 8

***Acquire the Fire April 20-21***

# COUPONS



Commissaries overseas accepts expired coupons up to six months past expiration.

Approximately every two months, I will send collected coupons to a collection site for mailing overseas. Please turn in your trimmed unused manufacture coupons to Sarah Schiemann or put into the designated box in the narthex. Remember it will take 2 to 3 months to collect and get to the troops so give only recently expired or non-expired coupons.

Our first mailing will be at the end of December.

Trimmed Printed internet manufacture coupons also accepted.

NO store or restaurant coupons please.

## 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](http://www.honorinc.org) or call 816-2779

1/23 Homer and Jan Burr



### Birthdays

1/1 Jamie Collins

1/2 Joe Moon

1/8 Stella Eismann

1/12 Elaine Woodruff

1/12 Todd Bower

1/14 Buju Grant

1/15 Joe Stowe

1/20 Bob Blead

1/21 Flo Butler

1/21 Shirley Lux

1/22 Kim Whidden

1/22 Jo Collier

1/25 Elizabeth Chambers

1/26 Marge Egolf

1/27 Ruth Zona

1/27 Gene Wileman

1/27 Linda Alvarez

1/27 Chuck Rienks

1/29 Bob Clarke

1/30 Marge Willnow

1/31 Jackie Webb



*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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