



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

November 2012

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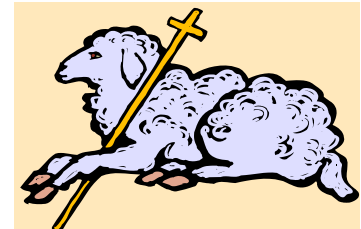
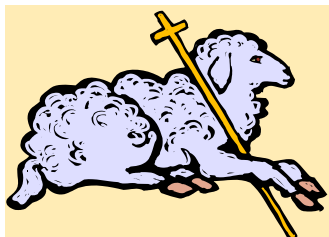
Thoughts from the Pastor

The Holiday Season is upon us, ads are already promoting things we must have to enjoy life, stores are decorating for the season and hiring extra help and Thanksgiving is fast approaching. The usual custom is to rush from one of these holidays to the other with our list of things to do and perhaps we may slow down after the big meal of the day when we take a nap or watch a ball game but is that how we should approach this time? Our world and the society of today operate 24 hours a day seven days a week. We have instant communication with e-mail, Skype and cell phones; if we don't receive an answer within 15 minutes we are frustrated. What would happen if we intentionally turned off our electronic devices and had face to face communication with our family and friends during this Holiday Season? Could friendships be renewed, could a new appreciation of our family occur, could we show someone we care by taking the time to listen or share with one another?

We have compromised with society in many areas of our lives. The world has transformed All Saints Eve into Halloween, Thanksgiving has become a food feast and football game day and Christmas is all

about gifts and a man in a red suit. This year I challenge you to set aside time and mediate and commune with the living, loving God who died on a cross for mankind, to thank Him for all the blessings we have. Make no mistake-even the least of us on this earth have been blessed through Jesus' life, death and resurrection but too often we look at blessings as being comparative to what others have and we don't have. Instead look at the opportunity you have in life to glorify this wonderful God we serve and enjoy the time we have to witness His beautiful creation. Think of the love this God showed by stepping down from glory into a human body, the one who is infinite took on flesh and bone stepping into this world to say – I Love You!!! Then He died on a cross to pay for my sin and your sin but that is not the end of the story. He rose from the dead to show us there is life after death and He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Worship Him this Holiday Season and give Him the glory. Thank God for the breath we have and the life we enjoy.

Pastor Steve



NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We will be producing a new pictorial directory.

Lifetouch Photographers will be taking pictures on November 29th, 30th and December 1st, 2012.

We will be signing up for pictures Oct 21st thru Nov 25th between the 2 services on Sundays.

Hope all of you can be in our new directory. We need volunteers to take pictures of shut ins, activities, committees and also someone to do the final layout of directory.

And questions – call Jo Ann Mickle @ 255-8391

From your Board of Trustees:

The latest thing added to the records room is the banners that were in the choir room.

The Air Conditioner account is growing, it is \$1840.00, (thru 10/14/12) every little bit helps, God bless you.

We have had a problem with someone turning on the irrigation around the office, and it has run all night twice. If you see anyone around the building's at night call the law.

One of the two wheel dollies (the one with the wide blade) has come up missing. We needed it to move some chairs and could not find it.

We will reinstate the policy of anything removed from the church grounds must be signed for in the office, and also when it is returned, so that we can call for whatever it is if we need it.

We are planning a work day November 3, 2012, 9 AM till done, hope to be done by noon. Plan on cleaning the gutter from Family Life Center to Sanctuary, trim the tree by Family Life Center and office, fill holes in road, and spread mulch.

Items needed wheel barrels, shovels, rakes, tree and hedge trimming tools and people.

If some one has a pressure cleaner and would be able to come clean the sidewalks that would be nice.

The rebate for energy efficient lights for the sanctuary was \$259.98

If money could talk

At the end of their lives, a 100-dollar bill, a 20-dollar bill and a one-dollar bill met at the shredder.

The 100 said, "I've seen the whole world. I've been on cruises in the Caribbean, safaris in Africa and vacations in Europe."

The 20 said, "I haven't done quite as well, but I've been to Atlantic City, Disneyland and Starbucks." They both turned to the one-dollar bill and asked, "How about you?"

Not wanting to be outdone, the one-dollar bill said, "I've seen the whole country, as well. I've been from church to church to church "

Then the 100 asked, "What's a church?"

We will be helping the Children's Home with our annual Angel Tree. Please help us by taking an angel from the tree and purchasing the gift listed on the angel. If you do not know what the item may be, please give us a call. If for some reason you can not find the item, you can always purchase a gift card. Please return your angel by the 28th of November. We will be taking the gifts up to the Children's Home on the 2nd of December.



If you have any questions, please give us a call at 858-0400.

Thank you

Karen & Jeff Acor

LGUMC JUBILEE HOMECOMING

March 9 & 10, 2013

Put these dates on your calendars now.

Lake Gibson United Methodist Church will be 50 years old in 2013.

The Homecoming Committee is busy planning a Jubilee weekend.

The weekend will start on Saturday morning, March 9th, with fellowship and games in the FLC and outside with lunch at noon.

Saturday dinner at 5 PM will be a cook out followed by

50 years of music & memories in the sanctuary.

Sunday morning, March 10th, will be highlighted by a combined service at 10 AM with witnessing and worship. Our guest speaker is a former member who is now a minister.

Stay tuned for more clues to his or her identity.

If you have any old pictures or special memories, turn them in to the church office. Also, names and addresses of past members who should be invited would be helpful. Formal invitations will be coming in the near future.

Write down these dates and we will see you in March.

LGUMC Jubilee Homecoming Committee



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November

1-Thur, NO vball, charge conference @ Kathleen, 7pm
 3&4-Sat & Sun, leadership retreat
 7-Wed, Potluck & youth, 6-8:30pm
 8-Thur, vball, 7-10pm
 10-Sat, pix scavenger hunt 6-10pm
 11-Sun, youth, 6-8:30pm
 14-Wed, Potluck & youth, 6-8:30pm
 15-Thur, vball, 7-10pm
 18-Sun, Church @ 10am, potluck after;
 make pie dough, 6-8:30pm
 20-Tue, make pies, 9-noon?
 21-Wed, make pies, 9-noon? NO YOUTH TONITE
 22-Thur, THANKSGIVING, NO VBALL
 25-Sun, youth 6-8:30pm
 28- Wed, potluck & youth, 6-8:30pm

December

1-Sat, Youth Sunday practice, 10-noonish
 2-Sun, Youth Sunday, 7am-noonish
 2-Sun, LG Audio sings, 2ish
 2-Sun, Everybody night, 6-8:30pm
 5-Wed, potluck & make candy & fudge, 6-8:30pm
 6-Thur, vball??, 7-10pm

8-Sat, Cmas fair, 8:30am-4pm
 9-Sun, youth, 6-8:30pm
 12-Wed, potluck & youth, 6-8:30pm
 13-Thur, vball, 7-10pm
 15-Sat, Spud lunch prep, noon-3pm
 16-Sun, Cantata @ 10am, Spud lunch after, 8am-1pm, leader-
 ship?? 6-8:30pm
 19-Wed, potluck & youth, 6-8:15pm
 20-Thur, vball, 7-10pm
 21-Fri, LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, youth cmas party, 6-10pm
 23-Sun, Church @ 10am, NO YOUTH
 24-Mon, Cmas Eve service, 6pm
 25-Tue, CHRISTMAS, Happy Birthday Jesus
 26-Wed, NO YOUTH
 27-Thur, VBALL???, 7-10pm
 30-Sun, Church @ 10am, NO YOUTH

January

Watch for a Spy Hunter, Frisbee Golf, and Winter Jam

February

Watch for Super Subs and Super Bowl party (Go Pack GO!) and Love Boat

March

Watch for Homecoming Weekend, Spring Break, and Easter



Thanksgiving is just around the corner-- let the Youth take care of dessert for you. Once again we will be baking Pumpkin, Pumpkin Lite, Apple, and Pecan pies for your enjoyment. Prices remain at one pie for \$9, or three pies for \$25. Schedule to pick your pies up on Tuesday afternoon before 2pm, Wednesday morning after 9am, or Wednesday afternoon before 2pm. Order yours through the bulletin on Sundays, call the office at 863.858.5431, or Lee at 863.944.5010.



Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming Youth Events:

Spud Lunch after the Cantata-December 16
 Thanksgiving Pies-Tuesday or Wednesday, November 20 & 21
 Christmas Pointsettas
 Super Subs-Sunday, February 3
 Love Boat-Movie & Dinner, Sunday, February 10

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

www.lakegibsonumc.com

11/10 Bob and Barbara Gunter

11/18 Joe and Pat Moon

11/18 Ed and Cyndee Arnett

11/20 Jerry and Gail Bishop



11/24 David and Karel Knox

11/27 Richard and Ann Kneeland

11/27 Jack and Lisa Curtiss



Birthdays

11/3 Bret Fox

11/5 Gail Smith

11/10 Gary Jones

11/10 Jean Wesley

11/10 Bobby Courtney

11/11 Mary Futch

11/13 Don Chandler

11/15 Judy Chandler

11/17 Lydia McKinney

11/17 Beckie Haubry

11/18 Bob Beniston

11/19 John Travis

11/19 Nathen VanZile

11/24 Christian Smith

11/24 Mackenzie Smith

11/24 Marilyn Warnack

11/27 Brad Fox

11/27 Donna McKnight

11/28 Gene Vandervort



*Lake Gibson United Methodist Church shares
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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