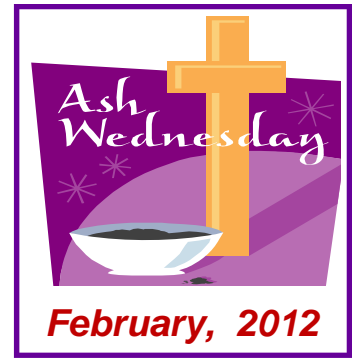




The Good News

*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

If you have listened to the news, read a paper or been on the internet recently you know that America is preparing for a Presidential election. It is assumed that the sitting President will represent his party in the election; - so the race at this time is for the opposing party and independents. This means that all those not registered as Republicans are just interested bystanders right now since they can't vote yet. The race for the Republican nomination is interesting in many ways but it is also disgusting in many ways. Personal beliefs of faith are one part of the discussion about the candidates and those beliefs are important since many decisions are made based upon the moral principals a person has and those morals are greatly influenced by a person's faith. But have you noticed how many of the ads and debates center around the supposed mistakes or errors candidates may have made in the past? Isn't that just like our society - to hold us accountable for our past performance?

What if God chose His people by the same method we are using to choose a President? None of us could stand before God because we have all fallen short - yes even your preacher would be condemned by his past actions - just as you would be. God would have to start all over because He would find none worthy of being His people. As our Wednesday night study of James reminded us this week we all make mistakes. Praise God!!! He accepts us as we are with all of our warts and ugliness, all of our sins and evil thoughts and short comings and He takes us in, forgives our sin when we repent and confess it to

Him and then He cleans us up by giving us a bath in the blood of Jesus and breathing a fresh breathe of life into our nostrils with the Holy Spirit.

If God does that for us what should we do for our fellow man? Should we also be slow to condemn and quick to forgive just as God is? Should we, especially as Christians, focus on the positives and what God can and will do in a person's life rather than bringing up past mistakes?

How different would our election process be if we only allowed the candidates to focus on what they could do for the country instead of focusing on the past mistakes of others? I for one would sure like to try it; how about you? Rejoice that God has forgiven your sins and cast them into the deepest ocean; they are as far from you as the east is from the west and now you stand before Him in the righteousness of Jesus Christ - perfect as His child. He has a bright future planned for you because you are his child - no matter who wins the election. We are Christians first before we are anything else.

Pastor Steve

Plan now to attend a Free Organ Concert presented on our new

Roland Atelier Organ

by award winning Organist **Stan Koyama**.

March 4, 2012 @ 4pm in the sanctuary
with refreshments following in the family life center.

Stan Koyama was born and raised in San Francisco, where he began organ lessons at the age of seven, and through high school, he continued organ and music studies with Hal Shutz of South San Francisco. He graduated from San Francisco State university with a Bachelor of music. He has performed pop organ concerts and conducted organ clinics all over the continental US, Honolulu and Alaska. Since 1996, he has performed concerts and conducted clinics in England, Wales and Europe.



In England, Stan was named "International organist Extraordinaire" by Organ Keyboard Magazine.

In 1980, Stan won the Grand Prize at the Yamaha National Electone Festival and went on to compete at the Yamaha International Electone Festival in Tokyo. He moved to South Tampa in 2004, and In 2005 Stan was hired by Central Music in Clearwater, FL, where he teaches classes, seminars and private organ lessons and has students from around the world.

International students have come to Florida to take lessons from Stan and Several of his organ students have won scholarships and prizes. One of them also competed at the Yamaha international Electone festival in Tokyo.

2012 COUPLE'S RETREATS

Singles are also welcome at these Retreats

Sponsored by the Florida Conference
United Methodist Men

March 9-11, 2012

"Living By Faith"

March 23-25, 2012



John Riley

Debbie Nelson



**Retreat
Leaders**



Charlie Reeb

Roger Watts



Lenee Schroeder

Music Leaders

Ross Kimura



**For reservation information
Contact Don or Sue Heishman 858-9631**

NOTICE

The monthly activities calendar can also be viewed by clicking on the [calendar](#) link button on 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



Messages

from
Where?

Do you receive calls from 863 853-1625?

This phone number is an additional line in the church office set up to receive faxes and send messages with the **Phone Tree** calling system.

Phone Tree is an efficient way to call everyone to remind them of meetings, events, and time changes for Sunday services. So don't ignore that call, you don't want to miss anything. If you are not receiving messages from the church **Phone Tree**, please call the church office, 863 858-5431, to verify your phone number.

Craft Workshop:

Once a month through the summer, we will meet to work on crafts. On Thursday, February 23 we will meet from 9 a.m. to 11a.m. in Classrooms 1 and 2 in the Family Life Center. The crafts can be something you are already working on or finish up crafts that are not finished in the craft closet. You may want to introduce a new craft to everyone else. We are always looking for something new to make for our Holiday Craft Sale. We may be working on a recipe book for the church also. Bring your recipes you may want enter into the Lake Gibson United Methodist Church Cookbook.

If you have any questions, please call Ann Fox, 863 604-0194



2011 I.R.S. Contribution Statements: All financial statements for 2011 have been handed out or mailed. Any questions, please call Ann Fox at 863-604-0194.

Offering/Contribution Envelopes: We will resupply your offering envelopes as needed. You may use any envelope in your pack for any week since the contributions are automatically designated for the Sunday they are given.

Please request envelopes by calling the church office at 858-5431.

2/1 Gene and JoAnne Wileman		2/27 Creon and Rita Fredrikson
2/7 Henry and Ruth Zona		2/27 Joseph and Claudia Moore
2/11 Bud and Carol Davis		1/23 Homer and Jan Burr

	<h2>Birthdays</h2>	2/3 Nick Koppenhofer	2/16 Wayne Wesley
		2/4 Sandi Harwell	2/16 D.K. Harwell
		2/5 Emma Crosswell	2/17 Bill Anderson
		2/6 Edward Chambers	2/18 Tom Herzog
		2/6 Kristina Vividor	2/20 Bonnie Waugaman
		2/6 Yvonne Bower	2/21 Courtney Wilkinson
		2/9 Ed Arnett	2/22 Stephen Chambers
		2/10 Betty Jennings	2/22 Bill Webb
2/3 Rosanne Stafford		2/15 Logan Oliva	2/23 Rita Fredrikson
2/3 Betty Bruno		2/16 Trevor Watson	2/26 Linda Imel
2/3 Chris Fortin			
2/3 Dara Brock			
2/3 Tim Watson			
2/3 Carol Troup			



*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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February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>SUNDAY SCHEDULE 8:00 am Traditional Worship Service 8:45 am Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am A More Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm Youth Leadership weeks 1 and 3 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study week 2 and 4</p>		<p>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE 4:45 pm Youth Band Practice 6:00 pm Pot Luck 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>1 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>2 7:00 pm Volleyball 7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>3 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting 3:30 pm Cherub Choir</p>	<p>4 9:00 am Church Council Meeting</p>
<p>5 COMMUNION SUNDAY</p>	<p>6 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 6:00 pm Girl Scout #356 7:00 pm Trustees</p>	<p>7 9:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Pre School Board Meeting 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p>8 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>9 7:00 pm Volleyball 7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>10 3:30 pm Cherub Choir</p>	<p>11 8:00 am UMM Breakfast</p>
<p>12 BOY SCOUTS SUNDAY 3:00 pm Movie 5:00 pm Love Boat</p>	<p>13 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Finance</p>	<p>14 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p>15 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>16 10:00 am Worship Team Meeting 7:00 pm Volleyball 7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>17 3:30 pm Cherub Choir</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 6:00 pm Girl Scout #356 7:00 pm Staff Parish</p>	<p>21 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p>22 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>23 7:00 pm Volleyball 7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>24 3:30 pm Cherub Choir</p>	<p>25 11:00 am UMM Bar-B-Que</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer</p>	<p>28 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Pre School Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p>29 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p>			