



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



March 2012

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From the Pastor's Desk

I frequently listen to the Joy FM radio station. They just held a half marathon (13.1 miles) fund raiser to help raise awareness concerning the problem of human trafficking for the sex trade in Florida. LGUMW are sponsoring a seminar on that same topic Saturday, March 3rd. The Joy FM event exceeded the expectations of the station and they were talking about how so many different people came together to help them reach the goal. It occurred to me that people were doing whatever was necessary – cooking, passing our water, registering runners, decorating places, arranging sponsors, providing transportation or lodging – whether that was their area of expertise or not. They were many different denominations involved in this event from many different churches; there was probably even some non-Christians in the event just because the issue is near and dear to them.

I began thinking about the church and how wonderful it would be if the local church could pull together the way people did for the Joy FM event. The local church could accomplish much if it would ever catch on to the fact that they have a purpose in life; to bring God glory and tell others about the Gospel. Unfortunately many in our society today think that the church exists only for them and their needs. Many people have what is being called a “consumer attitude” toward church. “Consumer attitude” means you look for the church that best gives you what you want – the music you like, the flavor of coffee you prefer, the teaching style you are most comfortable with; and

if they don't you go find one that does; but is that really being the church? The Apostle Paul made it pretty plain in his letter to the Corinthians that the church was a body made up of many different parts with Jesus being the head.

In today's society we think that salvation is for the individual – it saves a single person's soul and that is all it does. While it is true salvation save a soul what we forget is that once that person is saved they are then part of the church and they are to help the church reach others for Jesus Christ. In other words we are saved in order to reach out to others – therefore salvation while it greatly affects an individual it is to enhance and help the community. The early church understood this; why don't we? Or as I have heard some church leaders say concerning church members –“It's not about you it's about others”. If we really believe this we will realize the goal of reaching others for Christ is more important than what we like or dislike. It also means every time something doesn't go our way we don't pout and go home mad but we pull together understanding the importance of saving souls and getting them involved in this war that is being waged for the souls of mankind. How do you view your salvation in light of this teaching and are you contributing to the solution or are you part of the problem?

Pastor Steve

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

Roland Atelier Organ

by award winning Organist ***Stan Koyama***.

March 11, 2012 @ 3pm 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.

Day on Campus

This year the day on campus for the Children's Home is March 17, 2012. This is your opportunity to see the campus, meet some of the kids individually and see their cottages. You will be able to take a tour of the whole campus along with going into the various buildings on campus such as the education building, chapel. The kids will welcome you to their cottages, give you a tour and answer any questions you may have. A box lunch will be provided after a program. If you would like to go please let us know, you can call and leave a message at 858-0400. Please let us know by March 8th.

Karen & Jeff Acor



Meeting Opening-Chair, Mike Stafford, opened our meeting at 9:04 AM with an analogy with a prayer.

Purpose of Church Council

- Mike read what the church council should be working toward from The Book of Discipline, paragraph 252. "The church council shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources ... also provide for administration of its organization and temporal life ... envision, plan, implement and annually evaluate the mission ;and ministry of the church."
- More than just meetings, but caring out the plan. We are called to be in faithful ministry making disciples for Jesus to transform the world, be action oriented
- We need to determine what God's will is us as individuals and this church, not what makes our congregation comfortable

Gary Patterson moved to restructure the Church Council to have representatives of: Lay Leader, SPPR, Finance, Trustee, Treasurer, Lay Delegate, UMM, UMW, UMY, Pastor, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Worship, 4 at large members, as well as the church council chair. Beverly Hines 2nd, PASSED.

Some info from the church training in Brandon on January 28th:

- Ushers are vital to building relations and making people welcome.
- Our zip code shows the population of our church neighborhood to be mostly older, retirees, and 35 year olds of lower income.
- Conference is open to lending a hand to the local churches.
- Communication, both print and electronic should be easy to read and user friendly

Policies passed in each committee will be noted in a binder in the office. Please email minutes to office and include a separate sheet with your policy change, to be included in this Policy Binder.

Old Business----None

New Business

- Trustees would like to add 2 new members for 2012: Rick Mueller and Todd Bower. Steve Polk moved to add these 2 names to Trustees, Tom Burns 2nd, PASSED.
- Working to fill the youth representative
- Custodian has been hired, Jose Cordona, (husband of preschool worker) waiting for his paperwork to be processed.
- Finance report enclosed. We had a small percentage of our budget supporting ministries. Wayne Wesley moved to adopt the Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church Financial Controls, Policies and Procedures. Tom Burns 2nd, PASSED
- Carol Davis moved to accept the Child/Youth Protection Policy Template and the Covenants. Linda Alvarez 2nd, PASSED.

Committee Reports

- Trustees, Tom Burns, are working on an inventory for the church. Workmen's comp insurance is being worked out.
- UMW, Joanne Mickle, new cabinet in the narthex is from the UMW, THANKS! They would like plexiglass for the top. After rummage sale, they will be getting new shelves in narthex as well. Saturday, March 3 at 10:30am, unit meeting will be on human trafficking. FL ranks 2nd in nation in human trafficking.
- Holy Week: Palm Sunday one service @ 10am, UMM's living last supper during church, Good Friday, 7pm here, Easter Sunday morning service @ 7am, breakfast @ 8:15ish, cantata service @ 10am.
- Please use the proper forms for communication, bulleting inserts, announcements, newsletter, etc.

Mike offered us a salt covenant proposition. Mike read from Luke 1: 71-79, paragraph 129 in the book of discipline, and working together as members of the body, being a reflection of Jesus for our church family and the world.

Pastor Steve closed the meeting reminding us that not only do we have a salt covenant but a blood covenant as well!

Respectfully, Lee Mueller

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

COUPONS FOR TROOPS

Thank you for all the donations of coupons. Thank you to Rosanne Stafford and Barbara Gunter for their help in preparing the coupons before we give them to George Band for mailing.

He is sending them to six different bases - 3 in the Atlantic Theater and 3 in the Pacific Theater.

Rosanne, Barbara and I give 3 to 7 hours each per week toward working on these coupons. Your help would be appreciated by trimming all coupons before leaving them at the church.

We also welcome donations toward the cost of mailing these coupons.

Sarah Schiemann

Craft Workshop:

Thursday, March 29, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. we will work on crafts and friendly fellowship in Classrooms 1 and 2 in the Family Life Center. Bring any crafts you are working on or learn a new craft or cake decorating. We will continue crocheting or knitting plastic tote bags. We can use tan or brown colored plastic bags, like Publix bags. Bring to Sanctuary Collection Box or Workshop. We will be making flower topped cupcakes. Come and join in the FUN!

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





March 2012

| | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <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 7:00 pm Volleyball 7:00 pm Bible Study</p> | <p>2 9:30 am UMW Board</p> | <p>3 10:30 am UMW Unit Meeting</p> |
| <p>4 COMMUNION</p> | <p>5 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 6:00 pm Girl Scout 6:30 pm CPR Renewal for Pre School 7:00 pm Trustees</p> | <p>6 9:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Pre School Board Meeting 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p> | <p>7 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p> | <p>8 7:00 pm Volleyball 7:00 pm Bible Study</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10 8:00 am UMM Breakfast</p> |
| <p>11 3:00 pm Choir Concert</p> | <p>12 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 6:30 pm CPR Renewal for Pre School 7:00 pm Staff Parish</p> | <p>13 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p> | <p>14 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p> | <p>15 7:00 pm Volleyball 7:00 pm Bible Study</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> |
| <p>18 10:00 am Homecoming Worship Service/ Pot Luck</p> | <p>19 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 6:00 pm Girl Scout 7:00 pm Finance</p> | <p>20 9:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p> | <p>21 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p> | <p>22 7:00 pm Volleyball 7:00 pm Bible Study</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> |
| <p>25</p> | <p>26 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 6:00 pm Girl Scout</p> | <p>27 9:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p> | <p>28 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p> | <p>29 7:00 pm Volleyball 7:00 pm Bible Study</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31 11:00 am UMM Bar-B-Que</p> |

**United Methodist Women Unit Meeting
March 3, 2012 at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary
An informational talk concerning**

*Human Trafficking in Florida, Polk County and I-4 corridor
Will be presented by Rev. Lee Lallance*

Rev. Lallance is the chaplain for both the Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Lakeland Police Dept. Lee also uses his many other talents in the music field as Director of Music & the Fine Arts, at First United Methodist Church, here in Lakeland.

All men, women and youth are invited.

Please call Ruth Zona @ 859-5967 — Lou Webb @ 853-1846 — JoAnn Mickle@255-8391
If you plan on attending - we need to have the number for the lunch being served after the meeting

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| 3/1 Justin and Mollie Oliva |  | 3/18 Ken and Sue Hawthorne |
| 3/11 Eric and Beverly Hines | | 3/23 Brad and Ann Fox |
| 3/14 Charles and Ann Rienks | | 3/31 Ken and Doris Wooden |
| 3/18 Ed and Susan Chambers | | 3/31 Bill and Jackie Webb |

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|  | Birthdays | 3/9 Balee Marsh | 3/19 Wanda Stowe |
| | | 3/10 Susan Schweikert | 3/19 Audrey Jenks |
| | | 3/12 Dane Hawthorne | 3/19 James Vividor |
| | | 3/12 Russ Harwell | 3/20 Wendy Jones |
| | | 3/13 Frankie Hooks | 3/21 Ann Phinney |
| | | 3/13 Dwight Kitchens | 3/22 Cyndee Arnett |
| | | 3/14 Robert Evans | 3/24 Edie Custer |
| | | 3/14 Sierra Fountain | 3/25 Tony Acosta |
| | | 3/18 Abhyona Grant | 3/31 Ann Reinks |



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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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