

From the Pastor's Desk

I'm sure you have either read or heard that the Mayan calendar predicts the end of the world occurring on December 21st of this year. If you believe this you can save money by not buying Christmas gifts. I just read that in a small commune in France, located at the foot of an inverted mountain called "Pic de Bugarach," over 20,000 new age believers have gathered. These folks think that this mountain is a place where aliens come and go and that these aliens will come and rescue the earthlings gathered near this place from the world ending apocalyptic event. Of course this is not the first nor do I believe it will be the last prediction about the end of the world.

I cannot begin to tell you when the world will end -Jesus Himself said only the Father knew the time but I can tell you how you can escape doomsday and that is the essence of the "Easter Story." The empty grave of Jesus Christ tells us that there will be an end to suffering and death and that there is a hope that extends beyond this life. The empty tomb shows us that Jesus is the creator and sustainer of life - how else could He have taken his life up again after the Romans snuffed it out if He wasn't the one with au-Jesus' statement to Nicodemus thority over it? summed up in John 3: 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life" is the only sure way of escaping the real doomsday coming to mankind.

The real apocalyptic event will be standing before the judgment throne of God and answering the question, "What did you do with my son, Jesus Christ? Did you believe in Him whom I sent or did you reject Him? Is your name found in the Book of Life?"

If you have never asked Jesus into your life I urge you to do so now!

To those who have already received Jesus as Savior and Lord, Easter is a time of glorious celebration. After recalling the agony of the cross we rejoice in the victory of Christ over sin and death and in His offer of eternal life to His followers. In our world we have often witnessed the joyous celebrations fans of sports teams throw when their team wins a national championship. Those same teams must start all over next year and try to win it again. Jesus and the empty tomb are a victory for all the ages never to be topped. This Easter Season let's rejoice and celebrate the immense victory God gave mankind through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Happy Easter

Pastor Steve and Mrs. Penny

UMW SPRING RUMMAGE SALE FRIDAY AND SATUDAY APRIL 20 –21

Thanks to all that have already donated items for the April Rummage Sale.

We will be emptying the shed on Wednesday evening April 19th after pot luck. Setting up and marking will be on Thursday April 19th at 8:00 AM to ??. Please bring a sandwich and drink for lunch. If you are bringing items on Thursday, please have there by 10:00 AM.

Our sale will be Friday April 20th 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Saturday April 21, 8:00 AM to noon.

If you have large items to be picked up, call JoAnn Mickle at 863-255-8391. I can arrange for pickup. Any help Wednesday evening, Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be greatly appreciated: men, women and youth. Any questions call Me.

Thanking you in advance JoAnn Mickle UMW President

COUPONS FOR TROOPS

The response to the coupon collection for our overseas service families has proven quite successful. We joined Mary Beth Kuhlman and George Band who started this program in Foxwood Lake Estates. So far we jointly have been able to send coupons with a value of \$12,977.96. This is a total of 8,400 coupons. We still have an estimated 15,000 plus coupons to process and ship. The goal is to process and ship 6,400 coupons per month. Each box shipped contains approximately 1600 coupons and costs \$5.15 to mail. Thank you for money donated recently but as you see this is an on-going project with on-going expenses. Monetary donations are always welcome.

As a reminder we collect "manufacturer's coupons" that have an expiration date - no "store" coupons. The troops overseas can use these coupons up to 6 months past expiration date. Please only include trimmed coupons that have not expired or have expired within the previous month of when you give them to us. We have a lot of sorting to do to include knowing the total value of those being sent in order to complete the post-office forms. All of this takes time.

CAN YOU FIND 16 BOOKS OF THE - BIBLE HERE?

"I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was Lulu, kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to the numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really hard ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them. And there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea, so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of the books in the Bible in this story.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PALM SUNDAY LIVING LAST SUPPER AN COMMUNION SUNDAY	2 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 10:30 am Heart to Heart 6:00 pm Girl Scout 7:00 pm Trustees	3 9:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Pre School Board Meeting 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	4 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School	5 10:00 pm Cherub Choir 7:00 pm Volleyball 7:00 pm Bible Study	6 OFFICE CLOSED 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service	7 2:00 pm Easter Egg Hur
8 Sonrise Worship Servi 8:30 Breakfast 10:00 am Combine Worship Service	9 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Finance	10 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	11 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 10:30 Ruth Circle of Love 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	12 10:00 pm Cherub Choir 7:00 pm Volleyball 7:00 pm Bible Study	13	14 8:00 am UMM Breakfast
15	16 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout 7:00 pm Staff Parish	17 9:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	18 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline Empty shed for Rummage Sale	19 8:00 am Rummage Sale Set Up 10:00 pm Cherub Choir 7:00 pm Bible Study	20 8:00 am Rummage Sale	21 8:00 am Rummage Sale
22	23 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer	24 9:30 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	25 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	26 10:00 pm Cherub Choir 7:00 pm Volleyball 7:00 pm Bible Study	27	28
29 YOUTH SUNDAY	30 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 6:00 p.m. Girl Scout	SUNDAY SCHEDULE 8:00 am Traditional Worship Service 8:45 am Fellowship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm Youth Leadership weeks 1 and 3 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study week 2 and 4	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			

NOTICE

The monthly activities calendar can also be viewed by clicking on the <u>calendar</u> link button on <u>www.lakegibsonumc.com</u> website

4/2 Phil and Lou Webb

- 4/2 Adam and Samantha Yagecic
- 4/4 Larry and Linda Smucker



4/22 Ken and Paula Drummond

4/24 Bill and Lydia McKinney

4/25 George and Nita Davis



Birthdays

- 4/1 Gail Bishop4/1 Billy Jones
- 4/4 Chad Bledsoe
- 4/9 Richard Kneeland
- 4/9 Tyler Jacoby
- 4/10 Bonnie Fuqua
- 4/10 Anna Mae Gribble
- 4/10 Richie Kneeland
 4/11 Nola Osborn
 4/11 Dorothy Spadafora
 4/14 Mary Mason
 4/14 Susan Chambers
 4/15 Kyle Fox
 4/15 Randy Moore
 4/15 Alison Oftedal
 4/16 Sarah Schiemann
 4/17 Anne Joyce
 4/17 Susannah Wesley
 4/17 Gwen Allen

4/18 Jacob McKnight 4/20 Ed Hall 4/20 John Joyce 4/20 Homer Burr 4/20 Ayashia Drummond 4/21 Tom Rogers 4/26 Nita Davis 4/27 Bud Frederich 4/29 Harrison Payne 4/29 Ray Welch 4/30 Agnes Siegel 4/30 Gage Mueller



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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