



# 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

The General Conference (GC) of 2012 is wrapping up as I write this letter. GC is the only body within the United Methodist Church that can speak for the UMC and it is the only body that can change policy per se; but the GC only meets once every four years. If you have watched the web-cast or attended some of the meetings I commend you on your interest in the affairs of the church. To say we are a diverse church is an understatement. People from every continent are members of the UMC. As such there are many voices and concerns within the framework of the UMC. Unfortunately at GC many of the minority voices were featured which lead to the majority feeling ridiculed and inferior. Many of those voices said the majority were wrong if they did not agree with the minority's beliefs. This brings me to my point in this letter – we as a Church and we as Christians must know what we stand for and whose we are.

While we want to welcome all peoples into the fellowship of Christ and freely acknowledge and proclaim that Jesus Christ died for all mankind and loves all of humanity – including and especially sinners – there are some things that just cannot go on within the Church and it still be the Church. When people ask the Church to justify sin or accept within their ranks those that have a belief that is contrary to scripture it is the right and responsibility of the Church to say NO. We must stand for SOMETHING or we will fall for anything. The United Methodist Church's Discipline contains our Articles of Belief and our Constitution. When we are asked to go against these things we are asked to go against God and his Word. It seems to me that society is changing the Church instead of the Church changing society. The youth just led a worship service with the theme, "Normal is not enough". That is a theme the Church would do well to adopt. We are the Church, the Body of Christ, God's LOVE in action but that also means we have standards and responsibilities and those standards are not to be normal but we are to be sold out and fully committed to Jesus Christ. We are called to be a HOLY people; a people who are like God not like society. Have we forgotten this? It

seems like many of us have; we want to blend in or at least not stand out in the crowd. Jesus stood out in the crowd, Jesus stood out on the cross and Jesus stands out today and calls us to come unto Him and be His people. When we do that we are standing out from the crowd and agreeing to live by the Word of God – that's different than the society. This means we don't fit in with society in many of their beliefs. We are in the world but not of it – why can't we get that. Our citizenship is in the Kingdom of God not the kingdom of this world – that means we are different. Let's embrace that difference, stand up for it, hold our head high and if others cannot accept this let them go their way in peace. We will still love them and recognize their value as a person and the fact that God loves them if they choose to go another way but they cannot be a part of our body if they go against our core beliefs. Those seeking to justify these beliefs should remember that Jesus forgives sin but there is another command which follows that forgiveness demonstrated in the Gospel of John chapter 8. When the woman was caught in the act of adultery after her accusers had left Jesus said to her, "You are forgiven now go and sin no more", Jesus did not justify sin, He forgave it and instructed her to stop sinning. I don't know about you but when I accepted Jesus I knew I was going to have to give up some things such as drinking, cussing, and fighting and I knew it was so I could be a follower of Christ. I also knew it may not be easy but with the Holy Spirit's power I would keep on trying until I either won the battle or Jesus called me home. The bottom line in my reasoning is this: Don't claim to be a follower if you don't want to change to be like Jesus. I'm just saying – take it for what it's worth.

Pastor Steve

**Take Me Out To The Ballgame**  
**& Leave The Fiasco to F.C.S.C.E.!**



**Tampa Bay Rays**  
**2012 Schedule**

**Can't Miss Out!**  
**Reserve your Game Choices Now!**

DATE	TEAM	DEPARTURE
Sat. May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Atlanta Braves	1:45 PM
Sat. June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Detroit Tigers	4:45 PM
Sat. July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ecstn Red Sox	4:45 PM
Sat. Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Baltimore Orioles	4:45 PM
Mon. Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	New York Yankees	11:45 AM
Wed. Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ecstn Red Sox	4:45 PM

Round trip transportation from Sam's club on North 95 in Lakeland & 20 or more - your pickup spot. Refunds will be made if bus is not filled.

**TICKETS & BUS: \$50**  
**BUS Only: \$30**

For ticket purchase or more information, please call:

**863-450-7134**

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School will be out in a month and it will be time for the summer program again at the Children's Home. We will again be collecting items to take up to the Children's Home the kids can use during the summer. We will have a box in the Narthex beginning May 20th for any donations.

Some of the items we can use are sports equipment, pool items, scrapbook items, gift certificates from Wal-Mart & Sports Authority.

Thank you


Karen & Jeff Acor



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The Youth have just finished a life-changing weekend at Acquire the Fire, 22 from our church joined up with 60 from Venice Bible Church for a great weekend (you could hardly tell we all slept here at church that Friday night!). We hope we relayed some of the messages and emotions that we experienced at ATF during this past Youth Sunday.

We have 8 campers signed up for Warren Willis camp in Leesburg this summer, 5 who have not attended before. Thanks for all the "Odd Job" supporters who help send us to these kinds of events, you make it all possible!

Pastor Steve is leading a confirmation class with 4 returnees and 4 new youth, confirmation Sunday will be May 20th. We are also looking forward to graduation Sunday on June 3.

Thanks again for all your love and support, the Youth



# May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>            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</p>	<p><u>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u>            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            9:30 am Staff Meeting            5:30 pm Pre School Board Meeting            6:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting            6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal            7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p>2            6:30 am Mid Week Devotions            10:00 am Chapel Pre School            12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>3            10:00 pm Cherub Choir            7:00 pm Volleyball            7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>4            9:30 am UMW Board Meeting</p>	<p>5            12:00 pm Music Department Barbecue</p>
<p>6  <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>  <b>12:00 CHUCH COUNCIL MEETING</b></p>	<p>7            9:30 am Intercessory Prayer            10:30 am Heart to Heart            7:00 pm Trustees            6:00 pm Girl Scout</p>	<p>8            6:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting            6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal            7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p>9            6:30 am Mid Week Devotions            10:00 am Chapel Pre School            10:30 Ruth Circle of Love            12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>10            10:00 pm Cherub Choir            7:00 pm Volleyball            7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12            8:00 am UMM Breakfast</p>
<p>13  <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b></p>	<p>14            9:30 am Intercessory Prayer            7:00 p.m. Finance</p>	<p>15            9:30 am Staff Meeting            6:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting            6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal            7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p>16            6:30 am Mid Week Devotions            10:00 am Chapel Pre School            12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>17            10:00 pm Cherub Choir            7:00 pm Volleyball            7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>18            5:30 pm Boy Scouts Lock In</p>	<p>19            Boy Scouts Lock In</p>
<p>20  <b>CONFIRMATION CLASS RECOGNITION</b></p>	<p>21            9:30 am Intercessory Prayer            7:00 pm Staff Parish</p>	<p>22            9:30 am Staff Meeting            6:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting            6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal            7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p>23            6:30 am Mid Week Devotions            10:00 am Chapel Pre School            12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>24            10:00 pm Cherub Choir            7:00 pm Volleyball            7:00 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28            9:30 am Intercessory Prayer</p>	<p>29            9:30 am Staff Meeting            6:00 PM Girl Scouts Meeting            6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal            7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p>30            6:30 am Mid Week Devotions            10:00 am Chapel Pre School            12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>31            10:00 pm Cherub Choir            7:00 pm Volleyball            7:00 pm Bible Study</p>		

## NOTICE

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

5/4 Roy and Sue Bodemer

5/6 Todd and Yvonne Bower

5/14 Gerry and Sandy Standfield

5/18  
Shirley



Paul and  
Lux

5/25 Mert and Sonny Davis

5/28 Randy and Kaye Fields



### Birthdays

5/2 Dale Gower

5/4 Vera Ridley

5/7 Steve Schertzer

5/8 Barbara Cornell

5/12 Jean Welch

5/13 Jean Gower

5/13 Sandy Armentrout

5/14 Dorothy Burns

5/14 Adam Yagecic

5/18 Kim Watson

5/19 Irene Herzog

5/19 Karen Moore

5/19 Sharon Vojtko

5/21 Ken Wooden

5/23 Brian Stafford

5/25 Jerry Bishop

5/26 Shirley Aust

5/29 Keith Patterson

5/29 Randy Moore, Jr.

5/30 Steve Polk

5/31 Bill Aust



### 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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