



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

Ezek. 36:26 A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

We are creatures of comfort, aren't we? We have air conditioning in our homes and automobiles to keep us cool in hot weather and some of us have pools to cool us off. Many of the complaints dealing with churches have to do with the temperature of the buildings. If something causes us to get out of our comfort zone we complain. When the seat belt law was first passed there were many complaints because it was uncomfortable to have that belt across your chest. Yeah, we like things the way we want them and do not want to change. But God demands that we change; He demands we get a new heart and a new spirit – a heart and spirit like His.

I'm not sure if you know it but receiving a new heart is not comfortable; not only is your chest split open but there is much pain and discomfort as you recuperate from the surgical procedure. There is a rehab and exercise routine, the change of life-style and diet and the anti-rejection medicines to be taken for life. Nope, it is not comfortable but it is desirable compared to the alternative of death; isn't it? Of course

it is. The same is true spiritually as God creates new creatures of us.

God is asking us as Christians and as his Church to be transformed into His image. That means we must give up our image and adopt His. This is uncomfortable and it takes time before the new way becomes ingrained into our lives. I ask you in this newsletter to be willing to allow God to transform you to the person God wants you to be. This means you and the church will change but it will be a good change.

Think of it like this; as long as we are being the community God has called us to be, reaching people and changing lives things will be "under construction" so to speak. This means there will be times when things are not as we are used to; there will be times of discomfort but when the new gets here we will be amazed at how everything fits together and how God is glorified in it. Rejoice instead of complaining when you feel discomfort because it means God is at work in you and the Church to make us into His beautiful creatures.

Pastor Steve



Staff wishes Pastor Steve -HAPPY BIRTHDAY-May 30,2012

Church Council Meeting Minutes -----May 6, 2012

Meeting Opening-Chair, Mike Stafford, opened our meeting at 12:15 with a prayer and an article about Japan's future and how US has not followed the same path to some extent because of our churches. Our ministries do matter.

Mike had February minutes and a May calendar for us. Rosanne Stafford moved, Carol Troup 2nd, APPROVED.

Calendar-May

Mother's Day-Rosita is working on it. Carnations for moms-13th

Boy Scout Lock-in May 18th

Four people will be attending the Lay Speaker Class May 18-19 in Winter Haven.

Confirmation class recognition May 20th

Preschool Graduation May 20th

June

Graduation Recognition June 3

Father's Day 17-Rosita will work on that.

VBS- 18-22- as an incentive, George Band will give the church \$1 for average attendance-if 100 children, \$5/child. He will also print posters for Rosanne Stafford to distribute.

Annual Conference-13-16

July

4th July 1-special music, one service at 10am with picnic to follow.

Finance-Wayne Wesley-working on current 2012 property and liability of \$13,000+, paid ½ so far and will be paid hopefully in June.

Trustees-Tom Burns-inventory has been made current. We've had surveys done for electricity usage and property size concerning insurance. We have 23± air conditioners, all older and not energy efficient. Small classroom in FLC will be turned into a records room.

SPPR-Carol Davis-we will have Pastor Steve for another year. They are working on a Personal Policy and job descriptions, and making sure that credentials are up to date for child/youth protection policy. SPPR and Finance are considering switching Monday meeting times-this switch would help expedite decisions being made and brought to Church Council.

Caring and Sharing-Ann Fox, they will be tweaking the lists to try and build encouragement within the group.

Youth-Lee Mueller, Odd Jobs are funding youth accounts, camp scholarships, mission trips, and slush fund. 8 campers going to Leesburg this year, 5 who have never been. We've been delivering meals on Wednesday night to those who have been ill or in hospital. Planning summer activities tonight.

HONOR-Sandy Standiford-HONOR is alive and kicking working throughout Polk County to help our elderly who are in need.

UMW-JoAnn Mickle, thanks for all your donations to the rummage sale—about \$2700 was raised.

March 9 & 10-50th homecoming! Save the date.

Next Church Council meeting to be announced.

From the Board of Trustees ...

We would like to thank Brad Fox for the excellent job he has done for many years keeping the Air Condition units running at a very low cost.

Unfortunately the years are catching up to us, during our inventory it has been discovered that 3 of them are 12 years old, 11 the manufactures date can not be read and the rest are 23 years old.

The Trustees are gathering information about replacing them, and possibly replacing or rearranging and cleaning the duct work.

We will accept any suggestions or help from anyone, thank you.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Report by George Band's son, who is an Air Conditioner Engineer.

Sanctuary - 4, 12 year old units still working good. Would be more efficient with new units, improvements could be ceiling fans for better air flow.

Pre School - 3 units 20 plus years old - need to be replaced. Ceilings fans would increase air flow. Duct work needs to be inspected and possibly needs to be replaced or rerouted.

Office - 1 unit 12 year's old - ok for a while.

FLC - Big problems, 20 units, 23 years old, and poorly designed, Need an engineer to tell us what kind of system to put in.

Report by Lakeland Electric.

Sanctuary - replace all lights with spiral florescent, would save on electric and air conditioning, because the 10 lights in the sanctuary put out over 250 degrees of heat each. Ceiling fans and more insulation would also help.

Pre School - replace AC units as soon as possible, replace lights with florescent, add more insulation and digital/programmable thermostats.

FLC - Replace AC units and 82 gallon hot water heater with a 30 gallon or smaller. Also more modem stove, freezer, more insulation and digital/programmable thermostats. FLC is the biggest problem money wise, from Oct 09 to Mar 2012 the lowest bill was \$559.39 and the highest was \$1,185.41. Average is \$855.92. The reason for this is because this bldg is on the demand program. We need to reduce usage by at least 50 KW.

Lakeland Electric offers a rebate on replacing light bulbs - they will rebate 1/2 up to \$1,000.00 per account. They also have a program fot replacing AC units, and a service rebate that would cover the office.

As we get more information, we will keep you informed.

Take Me Out To The Ballgame

& Leave The Fassel to F.C.N.C.E.!



Tampa Bay Rays

2012 Schedule



Don't Miss Out!

Reserve your Game Choices Now!

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

Round trip transportation from Sam's club on South 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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A non-profit 501(c)(3) faith-based ministry dedicated to providing free
home maintenance and minor repairs to elders age 60 and above.
Please see www.honore.org



FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST
CHILDREN'S HOME

School will be out this 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 have a box in the Narthex 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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3-Sun, Graduate service & lunch @ 10:30am
4-Mon, LG graduation, 8pm
6-Wed, LAST POTLUCK, youth, 6-8:30pm
7-Thur, LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, vball, 7-10pm
10-Sun, youth 6-8:30pm
13-Wed, NO POTLUCK, youth, 6-8:15pm
14-Thur, vball, 7-10pm
15-Fri, Play Day, 4pm-midnight with neighbors, tell your friends
17-Sun, FATHER'S DAY, NO LEADERSHIP
18-22MON-FRI VBS, 5:30-9pm
21-Thur, NO VBALL VBS
24-Sun, youth 6-8:30pm
27- Wed, youth, 6-8:30pm
29-Fri, disc golf, 8:30-5pm
30-Sat, Lee & Rick' anniversary

JULY

1-Sun, 4th celebration, 10am, picnic potluck after
4-Wed, NO YOUTH

5-Thur, vball, 7-10pm
8-Sun, youth, 6-8:30pm
11-Wed, youth, 6-8:30pm
12-Thur, vball, 7-10pm
VENICE either 13&14 or 20 & 21 TBA
15-Sun, Leadership, 6-8:30pm
18-Wed, youth, 6-8:15pm
19-Thur, vball, 7-10pm
22-Sun, leadership, 6-8:30pm
25-Wed, youth 6-8:30pm
26-Thur, VBALL, 7-10pm
28 Sat, Youth Sunday practice 10am-noon
29-Sun, YOUTH SUNDAY 7am-noon
Everybody nite, 6-8:30pm
30-AUG 4, CAMP leave @ noon

AUGUST

5-Sun, leadership 6-8:30pm
7-Tue, Tubing 5am-8:30pm
8-Wed, youth, 6-8:30pm
9-Thur, vball, 7-10pm

12-Sun, youth, 6-8:30pm
15-Wed, youth, 6-8:30pm
16-Thur, vball, 7-10pm
17-Fri, Pool Day, noon-6pm
19-Sun, leadership, 6-8:30pm
21-Tue, 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL
24-Fri, lock-in time TBA
26-Sun, Youth, 6-8:30pm
29-Wed, youth, 6-8:30pm

September

2-Sun, Labor Day w/e, no meeting
3-Mon, Labor Day
5-Wed, youth 6-8:30pm
6-Thur, vball, 7-10pm
7&8-Fri, NIGHT OF JOY time & \$ TBA
9-Sun, youth, 6-8:30pm
12-Wed, POTLUCK BEGINS, 6-8:30pm

30-Sun, YOUTH SUNDAY



June 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 UMW Board Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3 COMMUNION AND GRADUATION SUNDAY</p>	<p>4 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 10:30 am Heart to Heart 7:00 pm Trustees</p>	<p>5 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p>6 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline <u>LAST POT LUCK</u></p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 8:00 am UMM Breakfast</p>
<p>10 9:30 am Finance and Trustees Meeting in Sanctuary</p>	<p>11 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Finance</p>	<p>12 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p>13 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>14</p>	<p>15 6:00 am Donuts with Dad (Pre School) 4:00 pm Youth Play Day</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>ANNUAL FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE</p>						
<p>17 FATHER'S DAY Blood Mobile</p>	<p>18 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer</p>	<p>19 9:30 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>20 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</p>						
<p>24</p>	<p>25 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer</p>	<p>26 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721</p>	<p>27 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions 10:00 am Chapel Pre School 10:00 am Worship Committee Meeting 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

NOTICE

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

6/3 Bill and Shirley Aust

6/10 Randy and Karen Moore

6/12 Bert and Jane Fortin

6/13 Tom and Irene Herzog

6/15 John and Anne Joyce

6/17 Robert and Lisa Evans

6/24 David and Maureen Meyer

6/24 Larry and Gail Smith



6/25 Jeff and Donna McKnight

6/26 Tom and Betty Fischer

6/27 Steve and Sue Shelton

6/28 Edwin and Kristina Vividor

6/30 Don and Sue Heishman

6/30 Rick and Lee Mueller

6/30 Tim and Kim Watson



Birthdays

6/1 Tom Burns

6/1 Pat Moon

6/1 Joyce Ringland

6/6 Scott Shelton

6/10 Rusty Collins

6/11 Tyler McNight

6/11 Tom Fischer

6/14 Johnathan Drummond

6/17 Frank Sage

6/18 Gary Coats

6/19 Walt Leineweber

6/19 David Meyer

6/23 David McPherson

6/24 Meghan Maxon

6/26 Bill Brito

6/30 Barbara Gunter



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