



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

I've been thinking a lot about ministry lately; especially trying to determine what ministry is and what should it look like. I've been surprised by some of my findings. Ministry includes many things; in its simplest form I define ministry to be the acts of mercy, kindness and grace carried out because of the love of God acting in a person's life; those acts are to help other people. This means that at its root source each individual Christian performs ministry as they assist a neighbor, provide a meal to someone in need, visit the sick or homebound, babysit for a single mom, give someone a ride to the doctor or store and countless other seemingly small acts.

In every case we must give of ourselves and our resources, we must have a car and it must be in working order to give a ride to someone and likewise we must have the food to prepare if we take someone a meal. Resources are required to do ministry.

There is also the ministry of the local church and many things that go into being able to carry out that ministry. Financial resources are needed, a location to host events, advertisement of the events, the personnel (some may be paid staff and some volunteer) to put the event together and make it happen

and the procurement of material to carry out the task. For example recently we held Vacation Bible School here at LGUMC. That is a ministry to the children of our community and church. In order to perform this ministry we had to have a location (the church grounds and buildings), material in the form of curriculum, art supplies, refreshments, music, a sound system with video capabilities, costumes, backgrounds and many volunteers. Ministry doesn't always just occur – much of it takes careful planning both strategic and financial.

This means that the giving of financial support is an act of ministry. Generosity is listed as a fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5: 22 and we know we are all to be growing in the gifts of the Spirit. As dedicated, maturing Christians we need to be striving to minister to those in need whenever we can. Lake Gibson UMC is doing ministry work and it is affecting the lives of both our members and our community because of your support. Thank you for your past support and your future generosity to the Kingdom of God's ministry here at Lake Gibson UMC.

Pastor Steve.

From Your Board of Trustees

Latest on AC units - after the June 10th meeting. The air compressor for the biggest unit for the youth room went out. Fortunately we had enough to replace it for \$1355.00, a day later the fan on the 5 ton unit for the large area in the FLC burned out, we were lucky we have a 5 ton unit not being used because of other problems, so we took the fan off it and used it to replace the one that quit, for \$50.00, so all are working now but these are only patches.

Concerning the lights in the sanctuary - So far we have changed 37 bulbs. What we took out was using 4,550 watts. The ones that were put in will use 479 watts. That means a saving of 4,1071 watts. We still have 29 bulbs to change out.

An account has been started for new AC units, all help any size is needed. God bless you.

H.O.N.O.R.

HELPING OUR NEEDY ONES RESPECTFULLY, INC.

"Why spend your money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Isaiah 55:1-2

Helping Our Needy Ones Respectfully, Inc., a faith based ministry dedicated to providing free minor home maintenance and repairs for elders age 60 and above, is staffed by volunteers and funded by donations.

Bookmarkers with 6 different designs may be found in the Narthex. Won't you please choose one or more of these markers and make a donation to HONOR? Your dollar will be spent on "bread" so that we can labor to assist an elder.

If you need assistance from HONOR or would like to sign up as a team member, go to our website www.honorinc.org or call 816-2779

On the Lighter Side

The pastor decided one Sunday morning, realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, he just had to play golf. SO. ... he told the associate pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to say Mass for him that day. As soon as the associate pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish.

Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church! At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole.

IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE! Saint Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?" The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

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

Minister benefits (Helping Our Needy Ones Respectfully, Inc.) H.O.N.O.R.E.
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



July 2012

1 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Combine Worship Service 12:00 pm Pot Luck	2 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer 7:00 pm Trustees 12:00 pm Bulletin Deadline	3 9:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Pre School Board Meeting 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	4 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> <u>INDEPENDENCE DAYHOLIDAY</u> 6:30 am Mid Week Devotions	5 7:00 pm Volleyball	6	7
8	9 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer	10 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 7:00 pm Volleyball	13	14 8:00 am UMM Breakfast 2:00 Baby Shower
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29 YOUTH SUNDAY	30 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer	31 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal 7:00 pm Boy Scouts #721	<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	<u>WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</u> 4:45 pm Youth Band Practice 7:00 pm Adult Choir 6:00 pm Youth Group		

NOTICE

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

7/1 Doug and Sandi Harwell

7/4 Rob and Shirley Ashford



7/10 Matthew and Jamie Collins

7/30 Gary and Fran Mudge



Birthdays

7/1 Adam Schertzer

7/2 Maureen Meyer

7/4 Gary Mudge

7/4 Mary Bristol

7/6 Joyce Holleran

7/8 Deanna Jones

7/13 Brittney Evans

7/13 Lisa Evans

7/15 Mollie Oliva

7/15 Dorothy McGehean

7/16 John Bernat

7/17 Shelby Knox

7/18 Debbie Moore

7/19 Jeff Acor

7/20 David Knox

7/21 Julie Garzatto

7/22 Allison Wesley

7/23 Larry Smucker

7/24 Matthew Collins

7/26 Eric Hines

7/29 Vanesa VanZile

7/30 JoAn Beebe



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