



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.*



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Thoughts from the Pastor

*In his paraphrase titled **The Message**, Eugene Peterson translates Ephesians 1:4-6 this way:*

Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.

Do you remember what it feels like to be in love? Remember how your loved one's face would light up when you walked in the room, the way you did not want to and would not hang up the phone but just listen to each other breathing till you fell asleep, the excitement you felt as you got dressed for a date or that electric shock you felt as you held hands. If you have never experienced this think about the excitement you felt as you prepared to travel to your favorite amusement park or play in the big game. We can all relate to that extra burst of energy and the thrill we felt at those times when we were experiencing something we love.

For me to read the verses above give me a thrill and I feel the electric shock in my body as I think God – the awesome power that created the universe and all

that is within it, the One who breathed breath into mankind; had me in His mind before he created the earth. God loved you and me and thought about us before He ever said, "Let there be light." All of creation is for the support and enjoyment of mankind. WOW!!! Doesn't a God like that deserve our love and devotion? A God like that can be trusted and obeyed in all things. No wonder Paul wrote in Romans 8: 35-36:

38 I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.

God created us in love, has responded to us in love, shown us love through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, loves us in spite of how we may respond to Him and constantly has His arms open for us to come to Him. WHAT AN AWESOME GOD THIS IS. He is truly a God of Love. Be excited, thrilled and thankful that God loves you; You are His child; You are valued beyond life itself by your Creator God. Praise the Lord!!!

Pastor Steve

From Your Board of Trustees

Latest on AC units - We have had an AC Engineer inspect the Family Life Center.

He is working up a plan for updating the Air Conditioning of the Family Life Center in the most efficient way. His plan will be arranged so that the work can be done in sections rather than all at one time.

Concerning the files we found - We have been through all of the files eight years and older, and removed permanent records, and those that need to be shredded. Next we will set up seven year and permanent files.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank the youth for their help in getting rid of the old files.

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

"The Five-Finger Prayer"

(Author Unknown)

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "the least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinky should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the summer program. We are in now collecting school supplies for the kids. We will be taking the school supplies up to the Children's Home on August 5th. As always the Children's Home appreciates all the supplies as they have over 100 kids they need to provide for.



If you would like to help out throughout the year they can always use everyday items such as hand sanitizer, kleenex, baby wipes, batteries, bar soap, shampoo, wrapping paper etc.

Thank you

Karen & Jeff Acor

Sign up for one of the - **Men's Annual Spiritual Retreats-**
October 5-7 October 12-14 October 19-21

Lift your Spiritual Awareness and Joy by attending this exciting and challenging weekend with other Men from the Church and around the Conference. Experience some new and exciting speakers and music which have been added to past popular favorites, plus

Bible Studies led by Rev. David McEntire and Dr David Brazelton, which will have your spirits lifted and challenged.
 Contact Don or Sue Heishman at 863-858-4985

Find full information and register at www.ummflconf.org



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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

AUGUST ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - NOT AVAILABLE

8/2 Don and Dianne Eshelman
 8/4 Gary and Cathy Jones
 8/5 Jim and Sandy Armentrout
 8/5 Jeff and Karen Acor
 8/6 Jack and Shirley Patterson
 8/8 Ken and Bonnie Fuqua



8/15 Wilbur and Frankie Hooks
 8/21 Mike and Rosita Stafford
 8/21 John and Ann Bernat
 8/21 Don and Judi Chandler
 8/26 Bob and Frankie Bailey
 8/27 Mike and Jan Booker



Birthdays

8/1 George Band
 8/8 Wilbur Hooks

8/10 Rosita Stafford
 8/10 Phyllis Michael
 8/15 Philip Webb
 8/18 Mike Stafford
 8/18 Cathy Jones
 8/20 Ann Hobson
 8/22 Doug Harwell

8/23 Ed Egolf
 8/26 Jared Arnett
 8/26 Marge Ford
 8/27 Cory Mueller
 8/28 Sandy Standfield
 8/31 Mary Lou Webb



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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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