



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

Well the Mayans were wrong; the world marches onward. Around the world the birth of Christ was celebrated with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services as well as private devotions with family and friends. For a brief period of time Christians were united in rejoicing the birth of a Savior. It did not matter what denomination, if any, you were, what political party you belonged to, how much money you had, what school you went to or anything else; all Christians focused on the birth of Christ. As we begin a new year will this unification last? If the past records are any indication the answer is a resounding NO! Congress is already back to squabbling about the fiscal cliff, denominations are already majoring on the minors pointing to what makes them the right choice while in individual churches each group is seeking to have it "their way".

In John 17:11 Jesus prays for his followers to be one just as He and God the Father are ONE. Jesus was in constant accord with the will of God and the Holy Spirit but unfortunately we today are not. Christians do not seem to be one in our churches or denomina-

tions. We are divided into Baptist, Pentecostal, Catholic, Methodist, Conservative, Liberal, Male, Female, Young, Old, Middle Age, Hymn Lovers, Praise Music Enthusiasts and many other things. If we could agree to focus on the points we agree on –our need of a Savior, Jesus being the Son of God, Jesus dying for our sin, rising from the dead, sanctifying us with His blood, eternal life coming for the believer only through faith in Jesus and that faith transforming our lives so that God's love is then seen at work in us and stop bickering about other things; would we have a greater impact on our communities? Could we then become the one Jesus wants us to be? For a New Year's resolution may I suggest that we look for ways to unify the people of God and our church. I believe we do that as we follow the instructions of Jesus to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbor as our self. Let's agree to try that this year.

Happy New Year 2013

Pastor Steve

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love... For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. Ephesians 4:2,4, NLT

LGUMC JUBILEE HOMECOMING

March 9 & 10, 2013

UPDATE ON PROGRESS FOR THE LAKE GIBSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

50 YEAR CELEBRATION.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE AND THE LGUMC JUBILEE HOMECOMING COMMITTEE IS HARD AT WORK MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR OUR BIG WEEKEND MARCH 9 AND MARCH 10.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS ANY OF THE EVENTS THAT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. IN JANUARY YOU WILL BE GETTING A REMINDER POST CARD AND YOUR SPECIAL INVITATION WILL BE COMING IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

A COMMITTEE IS PUTTING THE MAILING LIST TOGETHER, SO LET THE OFFICE KNOW OF ANY NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CURRENT OR PAST MEMBERS WHO SHOULD BE INVITED.

THE OTHER COMMITTEE THAT IS WORKING VERY HARD IS THE SATURDAY NIGHT 50 YEARS OF MUSIC AND MEMORIES COMMITTEE.

WE HAVE LINED UP A NUMBER OF CURRENT AND PAST MUSICIANS TO COME AND SHARE AT THAT SERVICE ON SATURDAY NIGHT MARCH 9TH.

WRITE DOWN THOSE DATES NOW!

YOUR LGUMC JUBILEE HOMECOMING COMMITTEE



Jeff and I want to thank everyone who helped us with the angel tree. We fulfilled 50 kids wishes along with providing items for the cottages where the kids stay.

If you would like to see the campus along with meeting the kids, please mark your calendars for March 16, 2013. This is the annual Day on Campus where you can see the campus, meet the kids and staff.

Karen & Jeff



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January - Watch for a Spy Hunter, Frisbee Golf, and Winter Jam

February - Watch for Super Subs and Super Bowl party (Go Pack GO!) and Love Boat

March - Watch for Homecoming Weekend, Spring Break, and Easter



NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We will be producing a new pictorial directory.

Lifetouch Photographers will be taking pictures on

November 29th, 30th and December 1st, 2012.

We will be signing up for pictures Oct 21st thru Nov 25th between the 2 services on Sundays.

And questions – call Jo Ann Mickle @ 255-8391

From your Board of Trustees:

We had a very successful work day, thank you everyone that came out to help.

There is an endowment for \$15,000.00 for the purchase of a vehicle. The Board has voted to purchase an eight passenger van for no more than \$13,000.00, using the balance for a sign and maintenance. The reason for this size was we only have the \$15,000.00 and any vehicle that holds 15 or more requires a CDL license, also any vehicle that has wheel chair access requires an attachment to the CDL license.

The insurance for vehicles other than 15 passengers is \$750.00 a year, the board feels the maintenance and fuel would be about \$300.00 a month, making a yearly budget of about \$4350.00. If you would like to help it would be greatly appreciated.

With this vehicle we could bring members to church each Sunday or to church functions. The Pastor could use it for trips to the hospital, or visiting purpose which would save on the gas allowance he is using, and many other church functions.

WE ARE NEVER TO BE WITHOUT HOPE --BECAUSE WE ARE NEVER WITHOUT HELP

HOPE IS THE BIRTHRIGHT OF THE CHRISTIAN

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ACTIVITIES CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE
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1/23 Homer and Jan Burr



Birthdays

1/1 Jamie Collins
 1/2 Joe Moon
 1/8 Stella Eismann

1/12 Todd Bower
 1/14 Buju Grant
 1/20 Bob Bleam
 1/21 Flo Butler
 1/21 Shirley Lux
 1/22 Kim Whidden
 1/22 Jo Collier
 1/26 Marge Egolf

1/27 Ruth Zona
 1/27 Gene Wileman
 1/27 Linda Alvarez
 1/27 Chuck Rienks
 1/29 Bob Clarke
 1/30 Marge Willnow
 1/31 Jackie 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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 and supports the love of Jesus Christ.*

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