



# The Good News

*Our Mission in making disciples for Jesus Christ ...  
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

Bishop Ken Carter wrote a recent article in Duke University's e-magazine that got me to thinking. When society looks at the church they often see a tightly controlled, judgmental, hypocritical, diminishing, closed club where everyone looks and believes alike. While we must admit that many of these perceptions have merit we also acknowledge that is not what Jesus had in mind for His Body. So then: What does the church have going for it? What makes it different than the Elks or the Moose or the Kiwanis or any other civic minded club?

First we have the person of Jesus Christ. The church is built upon and rests on Jesus Christ the Son of God who became flesh, lived a perfect life, died an atoning death, was resurrected bodily and spiritually and now reigns at the right hand of his Father God and will come again one day to claim his Bride. While other organizations may be founded upon the principals of one man only Christianity has a God that died for mankind and rose again; only the church shows the word an empty grave to prove it has a living God.

Secondly we have the Holy Scriptures – The Bible; other clubs have their own books and writing but Christianity claims that the writings are sacred and come straight from the mouth of the one worshipped. We teach that these writings contain the information we need to order our lives in a meaningful and worshipful manner and that if we truly obey them we will be content.

Thirdly we have a sacred meal; we call it Communion, The Eucharist or The Lord's Supper. Our Lord instructed us to observe this rite and to celebrate the

giving of His life for the remission of sin when we partake of it. Much more is also packed into this meal with the Holy Spirit's presence so that the meal itself can comfort, restore, convict and bring peace to those who partake of it.

Lastly we have a fellowship of believers, the Church, who confess to put their trust in the three things above and live together in a brotherly love. We often fight over how the 3 things above work, how we are to live them out and what they mean and we often refuse to live together and/or accept other people's views about those things. Yet, the Church is what Christ has chosen to work in and through to reach a lost and hurting world, the Church is the organization he told the disciples to found and keep alive, the Church is the body that is to help those less fortunate and spread the Gospel around the world.

Perhaps we should rethink our commitment to the Church and remember it is not something to be taken lightly or flippantly nor is it to be ignored or forsaken. Our membership in it is a solemn spiritual matter that is truly a life or death matter. According to Jesus there is no such thing as lone Christians. Christians are to be in fellowship with one another.

Blessings,

Pastor Steve

# ANNUAL Holiday Craft Fair

Take A Break in October-Only 2 Craft Workshops  
October 8th and 22nd, Tuesday 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.



Thank you for working on your crafts at home to donate to the Holiday Craft and Gift Fair. Anyone willing to make your favorite recipe of jelly, jam, pickles or relish for the Fair, I have plenty of clean, ready to use canning jars (half pint, pint, quart)

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## **Preschool News**

***Our "A Little Bit of Heaven" preschool accepted its first group of children 8 years ago this month. Since then the enrollment has fluctuated between 37-52 children, with 41 currently enrolled.***

***An example of how time flies is that the first group of 4-year-olds are now either seniors in high school, or graduated last year!***

***Ileana Acosta has been the interim director for six months. She and Leslie Jiminez also shared the directorship for 18 months. Ileana is a native of Puerto Rico and moved to the United States in 2005.***

***We are fortunate to have her in this position, even if just temporarily.***

## **Coupons for Troops**

We are again collecting food and non-food manufacture coupons for our troops and their families that reside overseas. Their commissaries/exchanges will accept coupons up to 6 months past expiration date.

No store, restaurant, or computer coupons please. Do not wait for expiration date for those coupons you do not plan to use. It takes several months to sort and mail the coupons.

Please trim all coupons - do not leave any attached to other coupons. Please sort by food and non-food and put into designated shoe box in Narthex.

**Thanks** to all who contributed coupons last year and to those who helped us sort and prepare the coupons for mailing.

*Sarah Schiemann*

## **CARPET FUND**

### **RECEIVED**

**10,110.50 membership**

**5,000.00 matching**

**1, 200.00 already had**

**16, 310.50 Total**

**13, 571.65 Spent**

**2, 738.85 Balance**

### **SPENT**

**FLC carpet 9,576.93**

**Paint 637.38**

**Tile 114.66**

**Tile installed 502.30**

**Youth carpet 2, 350.00**

**Clean carpet 350.00**

**Total 13, 571.65**

**Youth Carpet Scheduled to be done soon.**

**Rest of rooms and hall upstairs and room 1 & 2 to  
be cleaned after 1 & 2 are painted.**

**Balance to be used for later cleaning.**

10/4 Charles and Linda Alvarez  
 10/9 Gene & Helen Vandervort  
 10/15 Mark & June Demaree



10/15 Jim & Marcia Lehner  
 10/30 Creon & Ginger Fredrickson



## Birthdays

10/2 Diana Lowery  
 10/3 Nick Stafford  
 10/5 Elinor Henry  
 10/5 Garnet Retter  
 10/5 Betty Williams  
 10/6 Timothy Welch  
 10/7 Franki Bailey  
 10/8 Tre Darius Davidson  
 10/8 Kenneth Hawthorne  
 10/9 Lee Mueller  
 10/10 Phyllis Michael  
 10/10 Tammie Schertzer

10/11 Elizabeth Fischer  
 10/11 Karel Knox  
 10/11 Marty Sargent  
 10/12 Karen Acor  
 10/12 Penny Polk  
 10/14 Joan Bejerle  
 10/14 Fran Mudge  
 10/14 Christine Tilton  
 10/15 Judith Atkinson  
 10/15 Robert Butlet  
 10/15 John Escobar  
 10/15 Mary Beth Kuhlman  
 10/15 JoAnn Mickle  
 10/18 Greta Adams  
 10/18 Evelyn Cowden  
 10/18 Marge Payne  
 10/19 Laurie Hillsgrove

10/20 Sylvia Barrett  
 10/20 Nancy Coggin  
 10/20 Jim Sargent  
 10/20 Ann Marie Swafford  
 10/20 Gail Travis  
 10/21 Charles Bingham  
 10/21 Kevin Courtney  
 10/21 George Davis  
 10/22 Ralph Curtiss  
 10/23 Clara Sawyer  
 10/26 Sue Hawethorne  
 10/26 Amy Schertzer  
 10/27 Brenda Fox  
 10/30 Janet Williamson  
 10/31 Mary Friend  
 10/31 Ethan Roberts



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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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