



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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From the Pastor's Desk

The Apostle Paul writing in Ephesians chapter 2 tells us how we are dead in our trespasses and says that we follow the passions of our flesh and are children of wrath and then verse 4 begins BUT GOD.... This past month our country and world has been rocked with devastation as innocent people have been injured and killed, towns have been leveled, families torn apart and fear has run rampant. It happens every day on a smaller scale as a Doctor delivers bad news, a pink slip comes with the paycheck, or the words heard over the phone are, "We're getting divorced". When these things occur we often lose hope, become disillusioned, despondent even frustrated, angry and vengeful. We forget "BUT GOD". Man failed but God chose Noah, the people were enslaved BUT GOD called Moses, the world was lost BUT GOD sent Jesus. Throughout history we can see BUT GOD moments. The church was failing BUT GOD spoke through Luther, Wesley, Graham and recently Stanley. In your own life I am sure you can see BUT GOD times. You should have failed BUT GOD intervened with strength, mercy, grace and forgiveness. While the world and our society may not be in a good place God is still here. Let us look for a BUT GOD intervention. Let us pray BUT GOD break into our life, BUT GOD change our country, BUT GOD change me and use me to show your love to all those in need. It is not about us, BUT GOD. Just as Ephesians reminds us that we were sinners BUT GOD who is rich in mercy and out of His great love gave us Christ Jesus. Look for and show others those BUT GOD moments in our lives, theirs and the world.

Pastor Steve

Get Ready! Get Set! Go!!!

In June we will begin our Crafts and Cookbook Meetings. Date and time will be in the June newsletter and bulletin. Start collecting your favorite recipes for the cookbook if you haven't already contributed. Add brief comments about "Where did you get the recipe?" or "Do you have a low calorie, or low fat or sugar free or adaptable of a recipe?", or "special memory about the recipe". Search for some fresh ideas for crafts? We just need to spruce up what we already have with new stuff. Plan now for our Holiday Fair on Saturday, December 7, 2013. If you have any questions, call Ann Fox 604-0194.

Need offering envelopes?

Call the Church Office, 858-9296, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
or leave a message on the phone.
If you tell Ann Fox, she forgets. Thanks, Ann Fox

SOME NOTES FROM MARINA

1. Sample of item which will be included in Sunday Bulletin giving you an opportunity to remember a loved one in some special way



Remembering My Loved One

Name: _____

Date of Death: _____

Remembered by: _____

2. If anyone has keys either to the Office, Sanctuary or FLC they must come in to the office and sign a 2013 form and get the new security codes for the office and sanctuary. (Codes are for approved key holders)
3. Blood Pressure checks will be May 19th in the FLC.
4. One Service on May 26th it's a Remembrance Service.
5. Office Closed for Memorial Day on May 27th.

From your Board of Trustees:

Remember Policy on keys, everyone needs to renew their signature every year, if you have not done so please do so as soon as possible.

If you have keys, you need to know that the Security code's will be changed on May 1, 2013

You will need to check with the office Starting May 29, 2013 for correct code.

Tom Burns,
Chairperson, Trustees,

2nd Mile Giving

1st Quarter 2013 - Total \$1,051.00

- New Church Development (#6535- \$75.00)
- New Church Starts (#6562- \$225.00)
- Wesley Foundation (# 6577-\$76.00)
- Clergy Support (#6511-\$200.00)
- Property/Liability Insurance (#7683 \$400.00)
- Any Apportionment (#75.00)

Designated Liability Giving

1st Quarter 2013 – Total \$3,380.00

- A/C Replacement Fund (#2343 - \$345.00)
- Church Van (#2312 - \$3,035.00)

A big **Thank You** to everyone who has gone the extra mile in supporting the Apportionments. Apportionments are still up for “Adoption” if you are interested. If you have questions about adopting an Apportionment contact the church office (863 858-5431) Another big **Thank You** to all of you who support LGUMC in your giving of **Time, Talent and Resources.**

Thank you
LGUMC Finance Committee

5/4 Roy & Sue Bodemer		5/14 Gerry & Sandra Stanfield
5/5 James & Terry Fielding		5/25 Merton & Sonya Davis
5/5 Dick & Wanda Lammey		5/28 Randy & Kaye Fields
5/6 Todd & Yvonne Bower		

	Birthdays	5/9 Steven Schertzer	5/19 Karen Moore
		5/12 Jean Welch	5/19 Sharon Vojtko
		5/13 Sandy Armentrout	5/23 Brian Stafford
		5/13 Jean Gower	5/25 Jerry Bishop
		5/14 Dorothy Burns	5/29 Randy Moore
		5/14 Robert Herrick	5/29 Keith Patterson
		5/18 Kimberly Watson	5/30 Pastor Steve Polk
5/7 Steve Schertzer	5/19 Irene Herzog		



Lake Gibson United Methodist Church shares and supports the love of Jesus Christ.

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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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