



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



September 2013

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From the Pastor's Desk

I am learning a lot about the expense and time involved in the upkeep of a pool. While it is a pleasure to jump in the cooling water on hot summer days (especially after mowing the yard), calming to sit in the shade and hear the ripple of the water and to enjoy the laughter of grandchildren playing in the pool; it takes time and attention to keep the water clear and safe to swim in. The filter must be cleaned each week and replaced at regular intervals, the water must be tested regularly, whether it looks fine or not, chlorine and chemicals added as needed, the bottom and sides of the pool have to be scrubbed and vacuumed to keep the algae and dirt out of the water and still there are times when special steps must be taken to keep the water clean and safe (like when a mustard bloom occurs). In the winter care must be taken so the lines do not freeze and many people allow their pool to go dormant during the winter to save on expenses yet this means at the beginning of summer they must work hard to prepare it for use. Penny and I choose to keep the pool up even though we will not swim it in the winter we enjoy looking at it.

This is all a lot like our relationship with the Lord. We must also diligently tend to it on a regular basis and take certain steps to keep that relationship in the proper perspective.

This would include Bible reading, prayer, meditation, regular attendance in a fellowship group and other things. We would also have special times when we may need to participate in intense Bible studies or attend special conferences and training events to stay close to the Lord. Yet, I am afraid most of us only pay attention to the upkeep necessary with God when we need Him. We want the presence of God when we are in tight spots but ignore Him when things are going well.

It has been my observation that most people just take their relationship with God for granted until they need Him. Labor Day is a symbol of our nation returning to the seriousness of school and work. It is used to refocus our attention to the task at hand and call us from the lazy days of summer vacations. Perhaps if God's people would also refocus on their relationship with him, being attentive to stay close to Him and continuing to learn of His ways, never allowing this relationship to go dormant, taking whatever steps is necessary to stay in God's perfect graces; our lives would more accurately reflect God to our neighbors and give us a more perfect peace in the midst of the storms of our world.

Pastor Steve

ANNUAL
Holiday Craft Fair
Saturday, December 7 from 9 a.m. ---2 p.m. in the FLC

Craft Workshops for September

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, and 24th from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
in the FLC, Classrooms 1 and 2. We will skip Tuesday, September 17.

If you know anyone who may want to rent a 10' x 10'
space for \$15 each, please let them know about our Fair.

We cannot provide tables this year,
but have plenty of chairs for sitting.

For more information please call

Ann Fox at 863 604-0194 or email at annfox27@gmail.com



SOME NOTES FROM MARINA

**Monday 9/2 Office will be closed for Labor Day
9/6 @ 7pm in the FLC.**

**Theater & Dinner – “She Dances when No One is Looking on”
Tickets are 10.00 signup sheet in the Church Office**

**9/8 we will be going back to 2 services.
9/8 Blood Mobile will be here once again.
9/11 Wednesday Bible Study & Potluck will commence.**

**D.A. Collinsworth Truth Factory will be here on:
9/13 @ 7pm----- 9/14 @ 7pm ----- 9/15 @ 6pm**

9/22 one service UMW Sunday

**Improve your Game Strength with training at a
United Methodist Men's Retreat**

Life Enrichment Center

Fruitland Park, FL

October 4-6, 2013

**with Bishop Ken Carter ,
“Miracle on The Hudson”
survivor, Dave Sanderson,
Rev Dale Locke**

**Get in
The Game!**



October 18-20, 2013

**with Riley Short ,
John Riley
and fresh Bible
insights from
Dr. David Brazelton**

Contact Don or Sue Heishman for more information and registration

863-858-9631 or check out www.ummconf.org

She Dances when No One is Looking



Starring

Joey Ross * Stevie Ross * Tyson Everett * Glen Thomas * Saundee Sheffield * Kayla Sperlak
David Collinsworth (Director) * Stephanie Sharpe (Asst. Director)

A Play By
D.A. Collinsworth & Caitlyn Dobbins

She Dances when No One is Looking

September 6th

At:
At: Lake Gibson United Methodist Church
424 W Daughtery Rd,
Lakeland, FL 33809
Time 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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Starring

Dino Padgett * Barbara Ferritt * Brandon Sharpe * Michael Stewart * Tyson Everett * Fred Capel * Brindy Matos
Wayne Lotz * Sean Broecker * Autumn Thomas * Kayla Sperlak * Jacob Blair * Jared Shipley * Hunter Thomas
Daniel Eri * David Collinsworth (Director) * Brandon Sharpe (Asst. Director)

A Play By D.A. Collinsworth

BET ON JOB

September 13th at 7:00pm
September 14th at 7:00pm
September 15th at 6:00pm

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9/16 Thomas & Dorothy Burns
 9/16 Pastor Steve & Penny Polk
 9/21 Robert & Patricia Gilmore



9/27 Harold & Betty Burness
 9/28 William & Olga Anderson
 9/29 Dale & Jean Gower



Birthdays

9/1 Gloria Laube	9/6 Kenneth Fuqua Sr	9/17 Jocelyn Escobar
9/2 Michael Booker	9/6 Robert Wenger	9/17 Blanche Lennon
9/3 Paula Drummond	9/8 Donald Eshelman	9/18 Shirley Patterson
9/4 Harild Burness	9/9 Travis Watson	9/19 Jarica Arnett
9/4 Jo Anne Wileman	9/10 Joyce Scott	9/20 Gail Patterson
9/6 Charles Alvarez	9/13 Diane Eshelman	9/23 Samantha Yagecic
9/6 Creon Fredrikson Jr	9/13 George Gribble	9/24 Carol Davis
	9/13 Lois Teske	9/27 Creon B Fredrikson III
	9/14 Martha Sue Heishman	9/27 Jack Patterson
	9/14 Claudia Moore	9/27 Lawrence Smith
	9/16 Gregg Hall	9/30 Lyla Jane Winstead
	9/16 Helen Vandervort	



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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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