



# THE GOOD NEWS

## Lake Gibson Methodist Church

*To be a joyful church family that is crucial to our community*



### Faith Responders

A new ministry partner of the Florida GMC We are excited to announce the establishment of a new Extension Ministry of the Global Methodist Church based in Florida! Faith Responders is a non-profit disaster relief and recovery ministry whose vision is empowering and equipping local churches to share the restorative love of God through disaster response and recovery.

The ministry was birthed following the Hurricanes of Ian and Idalia which prompted a response led by local congregations to help survivors in their communities. Faith Responders offers training and education for churches and individuals interested in developing or strengthening a Disaster Response Team or Rebuild Mission Team. You can find out more about Faith Responders by visiting their website at: [www.thefaithresponders.org](http://www.thefaithresponders.org) by emailing Executive Director, Pastor Laura Lambert at [laura@thefaithresponders.org](mailto:laura@thefaithresponders.org), or by visiting our booth at Annual Conference. We look forward to seeing you there! Sign up for our newsletter at <https://forms.gle/L4j2XLJZWHD65cL48>

Many Blessings,

Laura

Faith Responders

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Mike Stafford

## **MIRACLES OCCUR WITH FAITH**

We are going through many changes in our church right now but with Faith we will pull through and come out a stronger church. Our prayers are heard. Case in point, Kristie has had some good news on her housing Situation (finally). We are all very happy for she and Lexie.

As Paul wrote to the Galatians (3:11) “The Righteous Man Shall Live by Faith”:. Let us all strive to live by Faith and the miracles will come.

Blessings,

Barb Allen-Coil

## **Food Pantry Volunteer**

Ever felt hungry? No, really gut wrenching hungry! Hopefully, we never find ourselves in such circumstances. But... this does not mean that others do not.

Our LGUMC Food Pantry is open for two hours each Thursday offering hope for many of those in need. We provide a full bag of groceries monthly and baked products weekly (courtesy of Publix). Our congregation helps stock our food pantry through purchases and donations.

But, we are always in need of persons to assist in issuing and sometimes carrying bags to cars during this two hour period. Volunteering for one or two two-hour periods per month would be a worthwhile means of helping our neighbors. We would like to have multiple teams rotating weeks throughout the month. To volunteer, contact either the church office at 863-858-5431 or Ann Johnson at 863-450-2765. Dwight Kitchens

## February Calendar as of 1/31/2024

Abbreviations: FLC - Family Life Center; ZVC - Zoom Video Conference, O-Office, S-Sanctuary

(Entries marked with \* repeat every week and are only listed on the first occurrence)

### Date    Day

1	Thursday	<b>Food Pantry*</b> , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC;
2	Friday	
3	Saturday	<b>Hope House*</b> , 9am-1pm, FLC
4	Sunday	<b>Sunday School classes*</b> , 9:15-10:15 am in <b>Family Life Center (FLC)</b> ; <b>Worship Service* and Communion</b> , 10:30 am; <b>Publix bakery goods*</b> in FLC for needy; <b>Movimiento Misionero Mundial Pentecostal Church*</b> , 10:30 am, FLC upstairs; <b>New Testament Christian Church*</b> , 1:30 pm, Sanctuary
5	Monday	<b>Trustees</b> , 2pm, FLC
6	Tuesday	<a href="#"><u>Staff Meeting*</u></a> 11am, O; <a href="#"><u>Youth Group*</u></a> 6:30-8pm; <a href="#"><u>FLC Upstairs</u></a>
7	Wednesday	<a href="#"><u>A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel*</u></a> 9:00 am, Sanctuary; <b>Women in Missions</b> , 10am, FL, <b>Choir Practice*</b> , 6:30 pm, Sanctuary, <b>Hope House*</b> , 6:30pm-9pm, FLC
8	Thursday	<b>Food Pantry*</b> , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC; ALBOH Board Meeting, 2pm, FLC
9	Friday	
10	Saturday	<a href="#"><u>Hope House*</u></a> , 9am-1pm, FLC; <b>SPPR Meeting</b> , 10am, FLC
11	Sunday	<b>Harvest Sunday</b> (canned and boxed foods for our food pantry) <b>Sunday School classes*</b> , 9:15 - 10:15 am in <b>Family Life Center (FLC)</b> ; <b>Worship Service*</b> , 10:30 am; <b>Publix bakery goods*</b> in FLC for needy; <b>Movimiento Misionero Mundial Pentecostal Church*</b> , 10:30 am, FLC upstairs; <b>New Testament Christian Church*</b> , 1:30 pm, Sanctuary
12	Monday	<b>Finance Meeting</b> , 1pm, FLC
13	Tuesday	<b>Staff Meeting*</b> , 11am, O; <b>Youth Group*</b> , 6:30-8pm; FLC Upstairs
14	Wednesday	<a href="#"><u>A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel*</u></a> , 9:00 am, Sanctuary; <a href="#"><u>Merry Matters craft group</u></a> , 10:00am-noon, FLC Classrooms; <a href="#"><u>Ash Wednesday Service</u></a> , 5:30 pm, Sanctuary, <a href="#"><u>Hope House*</u></a> , 6:30pm-9pm, FLC
15	Thursday	<b>Food Pantry*</b> , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC; <b>ALBOH Board Meeting</b> , 2pm, FLC
16	Friday	
17	Saturday	<b>Hope House*</b> , 9am-1pm, FLC
18	Sunday	<b>Sunday School classes*</b> , 9:15 - 10:15 am in <b>Family Life Center (FLC)</b> ; <b>Worship Service*</b> , 10:30 am; <b>Publix bakery goods*</b> in FLC for needy; <b>Movimiento Misionero Mundial Pentecostal Church*</b> , 10:30 am, FLC upstairs; <b>New Testament Christian Church*</b> , 1:30 pm, Sanctuary
19	Monday	<b>Admin Council Meeting</b> , 1pm, FLC
20	Tuesday	<b>Staff Meeting*</b> , 11am, O; <b>Youth Group*</b> , 6:30-8pm; FLC Upstairs
21	Wednesday	<a href="#"><u>A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel*</u></a> , 9:00 am, Sanctuary; <b>Merry Matters</b> craft group, 10:00am-noon, FLC Classrooms; <b>Choir Practice*</b> , 6:30 pm, Sanctuary, <b>Hope House*</b> , 6:30pm-9pm, FLC
22	Thursday	<b>Food Pantry*</b> , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC;
23	Friday	
24	Saturday	<b>Hope House*</b> , 9am-1pm, FLC
25	Sunday	<b>Sunday School classes*</b> , 9:15 - 10:15 am in <b>Family Life Center (FLC)</b> ; <b>Worship Service* and Communion</b> , 10:30 am; <b>Publix bakery goods*</b> in FLC for needy; <b>Movimiento Misionero Mundial Pentecostal Church*</b> , 10:30 am, FLC upstairs; <b>New Testament Christian Church*</b> , 1:30 pm, Sanctuary
26	Monday	<b>Women in Missions Leadership</b> , 11am, FLC
27	Tuesday	<b>Staff Meeting*</b> , 11am, O; <b>Youth Group*</b> , 6:30-8pm; FLC Upstairs
28	Wednesday	<a href="#"><u>A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel*</u></a> , 9:00 am, Sanctuary; <b>Merry Matters</b> craft group, 10:00am-noon, FLC Classrooms; <b>Choir Practice*</b> , 6:30 pm, Sanctuary, <b>Hope House*</b> , 6:30pm-9pm, FLC
29	Thursday	

## Financial Update for February

Yes, we are still solvent. No, we did not raise the funds we originally thought we would require. Thankfully, Pastor Rob, as a retired pastor, saved us significant funds over his six month tenure in salary (\$11,000), housing allowance (\$11,000), retirement contribution (\$4,200), and health payments (\$7,704), for a total of \$33,904 saved. Again, we “Thank” Pastor Rob for his unselfishness toward Lake Gibson Methodist Church.

For 2024, we see a different picture. We will hopefully have a new pastor by the time you read this in February. We will again require significant funds to be expended for pastoral care. This is our largest budget item.

Our apportionments last year were approximately \$23,000. Under the GMC, these will drop to \$6,103. This will be a savings of \$16,8967. In contrast, last year our Property and Liability Insurance policy cost us \$25,619 under the conference while this year our independent policy will cost \$26,131 without named storm coverage (hurricanes). This is the reason we continue to have a Insurance Reserve Fund to help support repairs required by storm damage.

### Three-year Congregational Giving Profile (CGP) Template: Monthly Version

#### Data Entry

Current Year **2023**

Current Budget **\$313,092**

Month	Actual 2020	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	3-Yr Total	3-Yr \$ Avg Monthly	3-Yr \$ Avg Cumulative	Actual 2023
January	\$19,250	\$41,469	\$45,644	\$106,363	\$35,454	\$35,454	\$45,864
February	\$26,344	\$26,633	\$26,373	\$79,350	\$26,450	\$61,904	\$11,416
March	\$31,430	\$23,181	\$43,835	\$98,446	\$32,815	\$94,720	\$22,184
April	\$48,131	\$24,073	\$23,275	\$95,479	\$31,826	\$126,546	\$22,778
May	\$25,816	\$26,093	\$18,433	\$70,342	\$23,447	\$149,993	\$20,719
June	\$25,894	\$15,866	\$18,293	\$60,053	\$20,018	\$170,011	\$10,979
July	\$20,865	\$23,104	\$22,512	\$66,481	\$22,160	\$192,171	\$20,367
August	\$22,494	\$20,877	\$19,894	\$63,265	\$21,088	\$213,260	\$20,050
September	\$25,185	\$21,208	\$16,749	\$63,142	\$21,047	\$234,307	\$15,415
October	\$20,998	\$20,238	\$19,161	\$60,397	\$20,132	\$254,439	\$19,902
November	\$25,284	\$18,325	\$15,192	\$58,801	\$19,600	\$274,040	\$14,614
December	\$26,088	\$25,183	\$22,293	\$73,564	\$24,521	\$298,561	\$21,559
<b>Total</b>	\$317,779	\$286,250	\$291,654	\$895,683	\$298,561	\$298,561	\$245,847

As seen above, we were raised significantly less than we desired. In order to maintain programs, it is unlikely that we can withstand at \$67,245 loss next year. Now that we have the year-end figures for 2023, we will have a new budget developed for 2024. I anticipate that the total will be less than that of 2023, but not by a significant amount.

## Monthly Budget Monitoring Based on CGP Goals

**Current Year**                      **2023**

**Current Budget**                **\$313,092**

Month	% Needed Monthly	\$ Needed Monthly	Received Monthly	% Needed Cumulative	\$ Needed Cumulative	Received Cumulative	Status Ahead or (Behind)	% Ahead or (Behind)
January	11.88%	\$37,180	\$45,864	11.88%	\$37,180	\$45,864	\$8,684	23.36%
February	8.86%	\$27,737	\$11,416	20.73%	\$64,917	\$57,280	(\$7,637)	-11.76%
March	10.99%	\$34,412	\$22,184	31.73%	\$99,330	\$79,464	(\$19,866)	-20.00%
April	10.66%	\$33,375	\$22,778	42.39%	\$132,705	\$102,242	(\$30,463)	-22.96%
May	7.85%	\$24,589	\$20,719	50.24%	\$157,294	\$122,961	(\$34,333)	-21.83%
June	6.70%	\$20,992	\$10,979	56.94%	\$178,285	\$133,940	(\$44,345)	-24.87%
July	7.42%	\$23,239	\$20,367	64.37%	\$201,524	\$154,307	(\$47,217)	-23.43%
August	7.06%	\$22,115	\$20,050	71.43%	\$223,639	\$174,357	(\$49,282)	-22.04%
September	7.05%	\$22,072	\$15,415	78.48%	\$245,711	\$189,772	(\$55,939)	-22.77%
October	6.74%	\$21,112	\$19,902	85.22%	\$266,823	\$209,674	(\$57,149)	-21.42%
November	6.56%	\$20,554	\$14,614	91.79%	\$287,377	\$224,288	(\$63,089)	-21.95%
December	8.21%	\$25,715	\$21,559	100.00%	\$313,092	\$245,847	(\$67,245)	-21.48%

**Totals**                                      **\$313,092**

### GUARDIAN AD LITEM CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, thank you for the generous donations of Christmas gifts for teens in the care of Guardian Ad Litem. The teens are in great need of their basic necessities and most of them asked for shoes, food, gift cards, and hoodies.

Thanks to the help of Lake Gibson United Methodist Women in Faith (before name change) and donations from others we were able to provide gifts for twenty-six children.

Thank you and God bless you,

**Beverly Henrich**

## Financial status of A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH)

I have heard that some of our church members are concerned about A Little Bit of Heaven Child Enrichment Center financial relationship with our church. Starting in 2015 we have been self sufficient. We pay our share of electricity, water, phone, refuse, taxes, etc.. plus giving the church \$500 monthly ( like rent). We even have our own copier. We pay 100% of our payroll. The staff clean our facility, thus no custodian fees. We paid 100% on a new roof and playground plus paid for repair bills when indicated. We paid for new floors, two new bathrooms, new front door and security system.

These past two years we were awarded several large financial grants to improve our educational material, and provide bonuses for our staff. We have a small private program for the after school children that we give 10% of our proceeds to the church.

We do some fund raisers that are mainly supported by our parents but open to all who wish to participate.

I hope I have answered your concerns. Please see me after church if you have any other questions.

Sarah Schiemann, Chairperson of ALBOH Board



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

# *A Little Bit of Heaven's Preschool Popcorn Fundraiser*

*January 22nd - February 14th*

**There are many toppings to choose from...**

- M&M's
  - Skittles
  - Reese's Pieces
  - Gummy Worms
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- Salted Peanuts
  - Gold Fish
  - Pretzels
  - Marshmallows

**All order forms and money must be turned in to the front office by February 8th.**

POPCORN WITH TWO TOPPINGS \$7

.50 CENTS EXTRA PER ADDITIONAL TOPPING

PLAIN POPCORN \$3



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR POPCORN FUNDRAISER TO  
RAISE MONEY FOR A NEW VAN.



## MISSION MOMENTS

The Sox Drive in December was again a big success. 224 pair of socks faithful. They were donated by the Lake Gibson Methodist faithful. They were bagged and labeled then hung with care. Almost every day they needed to be restocked. The few adult leftovers were given to Hope House Mobile, while the children's will be donated to Padgett Elementary School as soon as school resumes. A big thanks to all who donated and to Dwight Kitchens for the labels. It is comforting to know that many feet were kept warm over those cool nights.

I wish you all God's blessings for the new year. If there is a project you want help with or want us to know about, please email or call me. I will try to be a faithful and wise servant (Matthew 24:45.)

Linda J. Alvarez





## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Ann Johnson is asking for the following items for the food pantry (open every Thursday):

**Major Need For Peanut Butter**

**Jelly, Pasta, Rice-a-Roni**

**Spaghetti Sauce and paper bags**

Thank you for your giving natures to help others.

## Volunteer Coordinator

Yes, we are doing some reorganizing under the umbrella of the Global Methodist Church. One task is to identify positions for which we need volunteers. The Church Council is working on this issue.

Additionally, we need assistance in keeping track of people willing to help with various functions. You could be that person. It will not be a strenuous job. Mainly a pencil and paper task with some phone calls required. If you can help, please, call the church office at 863-858-5431.

Dwight Kitchens

## Prayer Ministry February 2024



“Then another angel with a gold incense burner came and stood at the altar. And a great quantity of incense was given to him to mix with the prayers of God’s people, to be offered on the gold altar before the throne. The smoke of the incense, mixed with the prayers of the saints, ascended up to God from the altar where the angel had poured them out.” Revelations 8:3-4 NLT

When we think of our prayers being ascended into heaven and how they are received and entered into God’s presence; we can’t help but wonder what happens from there. We discover gold bowls full of prayers mixed with incense; every prayer prayed, kept safely in heaven’s throne room: for eternity. That is how much God values our prayers. These prayers may be answered in the lives of our descendants when exactly needed. They may be prayers just prayed or prayers from past generations. Prayers can outlive those who uttered them. God loves us that much to hold our prayers dear to Him to be answered at the right time.

Thank you, Father, for fulfilling our needs through eternity and making praying the center of our lives today. Amen

Prayer Ministry-Fran

## New Lake Gibson Nametags



We now have a choice of two sizes of nametags. Personally, I prefer the larger tag as it is easier to read (top tag). The graphic on the top and bottom tag is not fully enclosed. The tags, regardless of size, should include the graphic from the center tag which is fully enclosed (we found a better graphic)..

The cost for new nametags is \$8 for either size with a magnetic backing. Should you desire a pinned backing, the cost is only \$7.

You may find an order form at either

[Name Badges – Lake Gibson Methodist Church \(lakegibsonumc.com\)](https://lakegibsonumc.com/contact-us/name-tags/)

<https://lakegibsonumc.com/contact-us/name-tags/>

### Lake Gibson Methodist Women In Mission

Ladies you are cordially invited to our next book study on February 7, 2024. We will meet in the FLC ,rooms 1 & 2. at 10:00 and will be discussing Chapter 11, *Speak Up*. We only have 3 more chapters before we start a new study so come and be a part of the decision making and learn what exciting new things are happening for the ladies of Lake Gibson Church! Pat Moon

## THE FUTURE OF THE SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

The Lake Gibson Methodist Women in Mission will begin accepting donations for our Spring Rummage Sale in **FEBRUARY**. Due to the lack of helpers and the limited amount of storage space some changes in our collection procedures have been made. **Beginning on February 2** a scheduled drop off time will be held at the old shed located off Platt Street behind Little Bit of Heaven and the Family Life Center. *(watch for the yellow arrows)*

**TUESDAY 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**FRIDAY 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**ONLY.**

We will no longer be able to accept donations dropped off at the FLC, left at the office OR put into the trustee shed. **Any donations found left in any of these places will be disposed of properly.** Your co-operation with this will be greatly appreciated. This will be strictly adhered to so please make every effort to comply.

**ALL DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE DESIGNATED LOCATION by:**

**SANDY STANFIELD (863-859-1505) or**

**LYNN MESKE (863-858-3589)**

**If you have any questions! please feel free to give one of us a call.**

**Our spring sale is scheduled for Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> 9am-3pm and Saturday 13, 9am-2pm.** Prior to the sale there will be scheduled days for pricing, sorting, washing and organizing sale items in the FLC. The more organizing done before the actual set up the easier the set up will be! This is important work and is required for a successful sale. It requires a lot of helping hands. Are your hands available? Do you have a few hours with no pressing matters to attend to? Would you be interested in getting on an e-mail list or receive a text message when those days or even a few hours are scheduled? PLEASE contact Lynn or Sandy to let them know. Please join us in fellowship and laughter as we meet this challenge head on.

Lynn Meske

## **Editorial Policy**

The articles contained in *The Good News* express the opinions of their authors, and do not necessarily reflect policies of the Methodist Church or of Lake Gibson Methodist Church.

The purpose of the newsletter is to foster better communication of ideas and opportunities for worship and service among LGMC members and friends as we seek to share God's love and make disciples of Jesus Christ. All members and constituents are encouraged to write articles and share their thoughts and photos with the congregation.

Barb Allen-Coil, Editor

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER  
IN THE ADOBE ACROBAT PROGRAM. MY COMPUTER  
IS CURRENTLY HAVING DIFFICULTIES WITH THIS PROGRAM.**

**THANK YO U**

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**Kristie Otte, Dave McPherson, Bob Siegel, Stacie Sullivan and Bruce D**, Audio/Visual Team



### **February Anniversaries**

Zona, Henry and Ruth                      2/11  
Vanderheyden, Jack & Laurel              2/12

### **February Birthdays**

Lonnie Brady                      2/2  
Carol Troupe                      2/3  
Tim Watson                      2/3  
Lou Tindall                      2/4  
Sharon Moake                      2/6  
Edison Arnett                      2/9  
Betty Jennings                      2/10  
Jimmie Gunther                      2/11  
Geraldine "Geri" Mayo                      2/11  
Logan Oliva                      2/15  
Trevor Watson                      2/16  
Wayne Wesley                      2/16  
William Anderson                      2/17  
Mary Lou Barrell                      2/17  
Tom Herzog                      2/18  
Brandon Oliva                      2/21  
Courtney Wilkinson                      2/21  
Larry Gitt                      2/26

