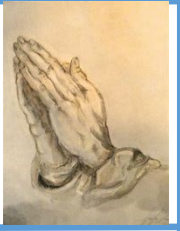




# THE GOOD NEWS

## Lake Gibson Methodist Church

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



## CAR SHOW FOR KRISTIE

### Keep Your Calendar Open

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, a local car group is donating all their Car Show registration fees to the rebuild of Kristie Otte's home. This gathering will be from 10 am – 2 pm in the Hooter's parking area ( [3400 US 98 North, Lakeland, FL 33809](#) ). Let us show our support by visiting and showing our appreciation to those participants.

### Child and Youth Protection Training

There will be a training/certification session taking place on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in classrooms 1&2.

This training is required for all volunteers that want to volunteer for any activities at our church that involve children and youth. I encourage anyone that wants to help in the nursery, Vacation Bible School and other activities please take the time to attend this training.

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### Our church website has new addresses

To insure that more people can reach the Lake Gibson Methodist Church, Inc.'s website, we've added three new ways to get there. Use any of the following three Uniform Resource Locators (URLs)

[LakeGibsonGMC.com](http://LakeGibsonGMC.com)

[LakeGibsonMethodistChurch.com](http://LakeGibsonMethodistChurch.com)

[LakeGibsonGlobalMethodist.com](http://LakeGibsonGlobalMethodist.com)

Each will take you to our church website.

## Using a Quick Response Code (QRC)

We are starting to include Lake Gibson Methodist Church's QRC within our weekly worship bulletin. These are generally accessible through your camera application on smartphones and tablets. If it does not read the QRC directly, it is likely that your camera application has the Scan feature turned off. Once the scan feature is turned on within your settings, your camera should read the QRC directly or provide you with a hyperlink, which when clicked, will open the web-page linked to the QRC (see the below example). Give it a try now to insure that your phone is setup to use this capability.



[https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZAP4/campaign/C-10F9B?access=tile\\_direct](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZAP4/campaign/C-10F9B?access=tile_direct)

This specific QRC takes you to the General Operating Budget line item. We encourage you to make your contributions primarily to this line item as it supports keeping the doors open. The Church Council can also move funds with the General Operating Budget to meet our immediate needs. There is also a clickable option which reads “ View other opportunities “. This option takes you to all our other reserved funds, often referred to as “designated funds” which can only support these specific programs. These cannot be reprogrammed without your permission.

Dwight Kitchens

## March Calendar as of 2/29/2024

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	Friday	
2	Saturday	<b>Hope House*</b> , 9am-1pm, FLC
3	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
4	Monday	<b>Trustees</b> , 2pm, FLC
5	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>
6	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
7	Thursday	<b>Food Pantry*</b> , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC; ALBOH Board Meeting, 2pm, FLC
8	Friday	
9	Saturday	<a href="#"><u>Hope House*</u></a> , 9am-1pm, FLC; <b>SPPR Meeting</b> , 10am, FLC; Emmaus Gathering, 3pm-8pm, FLC
10	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
11	Monday	<b>Finance Meeting</b> , 1pm, FLC
12	Tuesday	<b>Staff Meeting*</b> , 11am, O; <b>Youth Group*</b> , 6:30-8pm; FLC Upstairs
13	Wednesday	<a href="#"><u>A Little Bit of Heaven (ALBOH) Chapel*</u></a> , 9:00 am, Sanctuary; <a href="#"><u>Merry Matters craft group, 10:00am-noon, FLC Classrooms</u></a> ; <a href="#"><u>Ash Wednesday Service, 5:30 pm, Sanctuary</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>Hope House*</u></a> , 6:30pm-9pm, FLC
14	Thursday	<b>Food Pantry*</b> , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC; <b>ALBOH Board Meeting</b> , 2pm, FLC
15	Friday	
16	Saturday	<b>Hope House*</b> , 9am-1pm, FLC
17	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
18	Monday	<b>Admin Council Meeting</b> , 1pm, FLC
19	Tuesday	<b>Staff Meeting*</b> , 11am, O; <b>Youth Group*</b> , 6:30-8pm; FLC Upstairs
20	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
21	Thursday	<b>Food Pantry*</b> , 9:30 am-11:30 pm, FLC;
22	Friday	
23	Saturday	<a href="#"><u>Hope House*</u></a> , 9am-1pm, FLC; <a href="#"><u>Cantata Practice, 10am, S</u></a>
24	Sunday	<a href="#"><u>Sunday School classes*</u></a> , 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
25	Monday	<b>Women in Missions Leadership</b> , 11am, FLC
26	Tuesday	<b>Staff Meeting*</b> , 11am, O; <b>Youth Group*</b> , 6:30-8pm; FLC Upstairs
27	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
28	Thursday	Seder Meal 5pm-6:30pm
29	Friday	Good Friday
30	Saturday	<b>Hope House*</b> , 9am-1pm, FLC; <b>Cantata Practice</b> , 10am, S
31	Sunday	Easter 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

I would like to thank our entire church for the food donations in

February. Ya'll really came thru. Thank you very much.

We need soup (Aldi's works fine) and peanut butter and jelly.

Ann Johnson

Food Pantry Coordinator

#### Prayer Ministry March 2024

“Hear my prayer, O Lord! I take joy in doing your will, my God,  
for your law is written on my heart.” Psalm, 39:12 & 40:8 NLT 1996

As we look toward Jesus’s ascension to heaven, we wish to follow His  
teachings while Jesus walked the earth. The importance of prayer and  
love was always on His mind as it appears in scriptures and events in His  
healing and caring for those in need.

Lake Gibson prayer warriors and congregants are very dedicated to these teachings  
as we follow in Jesus’s steps. We give thanks to Jesus for the bond we share  
between He and anyone of us who seek him. We can go to Jesus in prayer;  
anywhere, anytime and find Him waiting for our connection with Him.

We give thanks to God for the sacrifice of His only son, Jesus Christ, and  
the forgiveness of our sins so we may spend eternity in heaven with our Savior.

Glory be to God. Amen.

Prayer Ministry –Fran

## Easter Egg Hunt

The church will be holding the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 10 AM until Noon. It is intended for children up to the age of 12. There will be two search areas, one for younger children within the ALBOH fenced playground and one on the rest of the property behind the FLC for older children. Activities include: the egg hunt, games (board games, putt-putt, bean bag toss, croquet), food (hotdogs, hamburgers and drinks), prizes and an opportunity for parents to take photos of their children with the Easter Bunny.

In addition to church families, we plan to invite children from the four elementary schools served by ALBOH for after-school programs. We envision this to attract a large number of participants and families.

**Approximately 10 - to 12 volunteers are needed to help hide the eggs, register the participants, supervise the search areas, staff the kitchen, assist in the game area (including playing / helping with the board games) in the FLC, and assist the Easter Bunny.**

**Once again, we are also asking for donations of non-meltable candies. Candies will be placed within plastic eggs. Individually wrapped miniatures like Tootsie Rolls, Starburst, Life Savers, etc. are the best choice.**

Please drop candies off at the Narthex or the church office. We would like to get the candies packed in the plastic eggs by March 16<sup>th</sup>.

If you are able to help in this important church outreach, please contact Mary or Joe Wallin or the church office.

Joe 609-462-1659

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Email: jwallin999@hotmail.com

Joe Wallin

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### LAKE GIBSON METHODIST CHURCH WOMEN IN MISSION

Ladies, you are cordially invited to our next circle meeting, Weds., March 6, 2024 in the FLC at 10 A.M. We will be discussing Chapter 12, "You Unleashed" from the book Help is Here. We will be finishing this book in April, and you will have the opportunity to purchase our new book, Angels: Gods Secret Agents by Billy Graham for \$8.20.

Join us and share with us what you have learned or any questions you may have about the Holy Spirit. Be prepared to join for lunch after the meeting.!

## 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

## Congratulations! ALBOH

After reviewing your Fall Inspection, we are thrilled to let you know that A Little Bit of Heaven Child Enrichment has achieved the Schools of Excellence status! Our goal at the Florida League of Christian Schools is to see each of our schools honoring God by representing His kingdom with the highest standards of excellence. The FLOCS inspection process is one way in which we can validate quality schools against a recognized set of quality standards that are respected by every agency within our state and much of our nation.

Your commitment to excellence in your center is evident in this great achievement. Your center is among the best in our entire fellowship of over 300 schools! We commend you and encourage you to keep up the excellent work that you are doing in your community!

Shortly you will receive the silver "Schools of Excellence" seal which you may proudly affix to your FLOCS Preschool Certificate in the appropriate box on the bottom.

We are honored to be affiliated with you and the ministry which God has given you. May God richly bless you for your faithfulness to educating children for His glory.

Please know that we are here to serve you in any way that we can. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices with any questions or concerns that you may have.

At your service,

Michael A. Burroughs

Executive Director

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## Willing to be Willing.....A Word from your Lay Leader

What a blessing it has been to see members of this congregation stepping out in faith to serve in unfamiliar ways. We have had volunteers agree to deliver the message from the pulpit on Sunday mornings, agreeing to be Liturgists, helping as ushers and working in the sound booth.

This past Sunday Bob Siegel delivered a message where he asked us, "Are you willing to be willing?"

What a deep and profound question. Have you ever noticed how hard it is to get people to volunteer to serve on a committee or assist with an event or project? Why is that? Many times it is because we are asking people to step out of their comfort zone and do something they have never done before. However, as Bob reminded us in his message, God does not call the equipped.....He equips the called.

Lake Gibson Methodist Church has many needs for members of our congregation to step out in faith and volunteer. We need volunteers to assist with our upcoming Rummage Sale, we need volunteers to help with our Vacation Bible School, we need volunteers to help out in the Nursery on Sunday mornings. We have needs for volunteers for our Easter Egg Hunt. We need help with our homeless outreach program. Hope House. We need volunteers to help with Sunday School, Bible Study, small groups.

Another point that Bob made in his message on Sunday had to do with our primary mission, which is to reach outside the church walls and take the Gospel to the people that do not know Jesus Christ. There are many ways to perform this mission and it does not require you to tackle strangers and beat them over the head with a Bible. The best way to introduce people to Jesus Christ is to just talk to them about who you depend on to handle the struggles you deal with in your own life. All you have to do is show the love of Jesus Christ through simple acts of kindness.

If you want to know how you can serve our Lord here at Lake Gibson Methodist Church, just reach out. We have a volunteer that has agreed to be our Volunteer Coordinator, Rosita Stafford. You can reach her by emailing her at [zita72866@gmail.com](mailto:zita72866@gmail.com) or call the church office at (863)858-5431.

Are willing to be willing? Please step out in faith and find an opportunity to make a difference.

May God Bless You!

Mike Stafford



### **March Birthdays**

Leon Rumohr	March 02
Jim Huven	March 03
Anne Bernat	March 04
Dick Shepherd	March 07
Ann Johnson	March 10
Sharon Shepherd	March 12
Frankie Hooks	March 13
Dwight Kitchens	March 13
Audrey Jenks	March 19
Wanda Lammey	March 19
Debbie McPherson	March 20

### **March Anniversaries**

Eric & Beverly Hines	March 11
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