



# THE GOOD NEWS

## Lake Gibson Methodist Church

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



*August 2024*

### Pastor's Desk

Wow! We have made it more than halfway through 2024. 2025 will be here before we know it.

I will admit that singing William W. Walford's "Sweet Hour of Prayer" in worship as a kid was not my favorite song. Praying for a whole hour didn't sound "sweet" in a little kid's mind. Over the years, I've learned that the meaning is deeper. For example, when you replace the word "hour" for "Opportunity", it may help it make sense.

Do you find the opportunity to pray "sweet" to you? Do you feel drawn to your "Father's throne" to "make all my wants and wishes known"? Do you "cast on Him my every care"? Think about the words. Do you long and love to pray?

This month we will explore the Lord's Prayer. Prayer is a big part of our daily walk with our Heavenly Father. Prayer connects us to God. Prayer isn't a one-way conversation but, our God talks to us back, sometimes in ways that we weren't expecting. Prayer is a spiritual discipline that helps to strengthen our faith and relationship with God.

We may often hear or say "I don't know how to pray". Jesus gives us the components to pray effectively. The Lord's Prayer is recited almost every week in our church services. It's ingrained in us. We can recite it with ease without much thought. But, if someone asked you what the Lord's prayer is, could you tell them about it?

Over the next few weeks, we will dive into the Lord's prayer. We will find the meaning of this invocation that our Lord teaches his disciples.

Pastor Robert L Rember Jr



### Prayer Ministry



It is summertime and the temperatures are high. We do need lots of drinking water to meet our body's needs. But as we are drinking water from a well let us be reminded of Jesus and His "living water" for our spirit; given to us by Jesus.

John 4:14 says "But the water I give them takes away thirst altogether. It becomes a perpetual spring within them, giving them eternal life." NLT

John 7:38-39: "If you believe in me, come and drink! For the scriptures declare that rivers of living water will flow out from within." (When He said, "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into His glory.)

Let us spend more time in prayer and devotion with Jesus and receive more of the "living water" to live in His spirit for eternity.

Have a good rest of the summer. Thank you for taking time while enjoying the summer to pray for others.

May God bless you always.  
Prayer Ministry- Fran

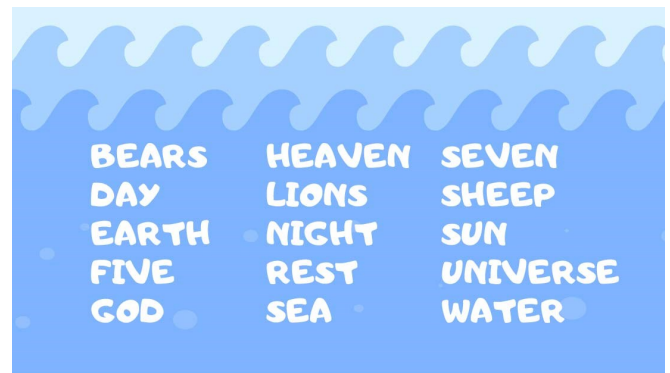
### Lake Gibson Methodist Women in Mission

Have you ever been called an angel? Please come to our next circle meeting and find out why. Join us on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 10 AM in the FLC. We will be discussing Chapter 4 and Chapter 5 (2 chapters), so come and be ready for a great discussion!

A group of ladies will go out for lunch afterward, so come and get to know more about our organization and the ladies of our church! We would love to have you!

## Genesis: The Creation Word Search

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## Church Wind Insurance Options

When Lake Gibson Methodist Church left the United Methodist denomination, among other actions, we had to acquire insurance from another source. We were able to purchase coverage through ChurchInsure. They found companies who would provide the coverage for our buildings and contents (\$6,390,000) permitting us to proceed with our disaffiliation.

Unfortunately, when we acquired the original insurance, no coverage for wind (hurricane) was available. Since then, the Global Methodist Church has proposed two means by which we could acquire wind insurance, should we so desire.

The first is a Group Insurance policy with a 5% deductible (up to \$319,500 should the entire campus be destroyed – otherwise, 5% against the value of each damaged structure). Our maximum yearly cost is estimated to be \$25,570.

The second is a Group Captive Insurance Company. In this case, collectively, participating GMC churches form a firm which administers investments of the collected funds and purchase 3rd party insurance to cover losses over a certain amount. This is similar to what the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church did in organizing their insurance program. In essence, the GMC would be partially self-insured through the Captive Insurance Company with backup from 3rd party firms. When church hurricane losses within the state are low, the investments will continue to provide additional income, lowering rates the following year. When church hurricane losses are high, some portion of the principal, less reserves, will be paid out. Once the 3rd party insurance deductible is reached, the supplemental insurance will come into play. The initial first year contribution to the Group Captive Insurance Company is estimated to be \$31,950. Over time, we anticipate that the cost will reduce each year.

Alternatively, we could choose to not be insured for wind losses.

The Church Council met on 15 July, listened to possible actions, and chose to seek participation in the Group Captive Insurance Company. The question is “How will we finance this initial insurance outlay?”

While we could pull it all from our General Funds, this would likely impact our programs in the future.

We have proposed to take \$22,870 from our Insurance Deductible Reserve fund. This was originally established to cover the 5% deductible we would have had to cover under our UMC insurance policy which did cover wind (hurricane) damage. This would zero out this designated fund.

The remaining \$9,080 would come from our operating funds (unless other contributions were made to cover this expense).

The Florida Conference of the Global Methodist Church has made the proposal and requested feedback as to each church’s desire. We have told them that we would be willing and able to participate in the Group Captive Insurance Company. The ball is now in their court to implement a program.

## August 2024 Financial

This year, we have had a number of anomalies within our church's budget. As of July 6th, we have spent \$49,283 on the refurbishment of the parsonage and sanctuary. We anticipate that we are nearly finished with these one-time outlays. Fortunately, approximately \$40,000 was given as reserved gifts (sometime referred to as designated gifts) specifically for this purpose.

Below are two charts which have been shown in the past. It was determined that the second chart was not properly reflecting some of our numbers. This has been corrected and gives us a more favorable picture of our financial standing.

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

#### Data Entry

**Current Year** 2024

**Current Budget** \$283,019

| Month        | Actual 2021 | Actual 2022 | Actual 2023 | 3-Yr Total | 3-Yr \$ Avg Monthly | 3-Yr \$ Avg Cumulative | Actual 2024 |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| January      | \$41,469    | \$45,644    | \$45,864    | \$132,977  | \$44,326            | \$44,326               | \$32,809    |
| February     | \$26,633    | \$26,373    | \$11,416    | \$64,422   | \$21,474            | \$65,800               | \$19,554    |
| March        | \$23,181    | \$43,835    | \$22,184    | \$89,200   | \$29,733            | \$95,533               | \$21,722    |
| April        | \$24,073    | \$23,275    | \$22,778    | \$70,126   | \$23,375            | \$118,908              | \$17,550    |
| May          | \$26,093    | \$18,433    | \$20,719    | \$65,245   | \$21,748            | \$140,657              | \$43,036    |
| June         | \$15,866    | \$18,293    | \$10,979    | \$45,138   | \$15,046            | \$155,703              | \$19,742    |
| July         | \$23,104    | \$22,512    | \$20,367    | \$65,983   | \$21,994            | \$177,697              |             |
| August       | \$20,877    | \$19,894    | \$20,050    | \$60,821   | \$20,274            | \$197,971              |             |
| September    | \$21,208    | \$16,749    | \$15,415    | \$53,372   | \$17,791            | \$215,761              |             |
| October      | \$20,238    | \$19,161    | \$19,902    | \$59,301   | \$19,767            | \$235,528              |             |
| November     | \$18,325    | \$15,192    | \$14,614    | \$48,131   | \$16,044            | \$251,572              |             |
| December     | \$25,183    | \$22,293    | \$21,559    | \$69,035   | \$23,012            | \$274,584              |             |
| <b>Total</b> | \$286,250   | \$291,654   | \$245,847   | \$823,751  | \$274,584           | \$274,584              | \$154,413   |

### Monthly Budget Monitoring Based on CGP Goals

**Current Year** 2024

**Current Budget** \$283,019

| Month     | % Needed Monthly | \$ Needed Monthly | Received Monthly | % Needed Cumulative | \$ Needed Cumulative | Received Cumulative | Status Ahead or (Behind) | % Ahead or (Behind) |
|-----------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| January   | 16.14%           | \$45,687          | \$32,809         | 16.14%              | \$45,687             | \$32,809            | (\$12,878)               | -28.19%             |
| February  | 7.82%            | \$22,134          | \$19,554         | 23.96%              | \$67,821             | \$52,363            | (\$15,458)               | -22.79%             |
| March     | 10.83%           | \$30,647          | \$21,722         | 34.79%              | \$98,468             | \$74,085            | (\$24,383)               | -24.76%             |
| April     | 8.51%            | \$24,093          | \$17,550         | 43.30%              | \$122,561            | \$91,635            | (\$30,926)               | -25.23%             |
| May       | 7.92%            | \$22,416          | \$43,036         | 51.23%              | \$144,978            | \$134,671           | (\$10,307)               | -7.11%              |
| June      | 5.48%            | \$15,508          | \$19,742         | 56.70%              | \$160,486            | \$154,413           | (\$6,073)                | -3.78%              |
| July      | 8.01%            | \$22,670          | \$0              | 64.72%              | \$183,156            | \$154,413           | (\$28,743)               |                     |
| August    | 7.38%            | \$20,896          | \$0              | 72.10%              | \$204,052            | \$154,413           | (\$49,639)               |                     |
| September | 6.48%            | \$18,337          | \$0              | 78.58%              | \$222,390            | \$154,413           | (\$67,977)               |                     |
| October   | 7.20%            | \$20,374          | \$0              | 85.78%              | \$242,764            | \$154,413           | (\$88,351)               |                     |
| November  | 5.84%            | \$16,537          | \$0              | 91.62%              | \$259,300            | \$154,413           | (\$104,887)              |                     |
| December  | 8.38%            | \$23,719          | \$0              | 100.00%             | \$283,019            | \$154,413           | (\$128,606)              |                     |

**Totals** \$283,019

## 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.

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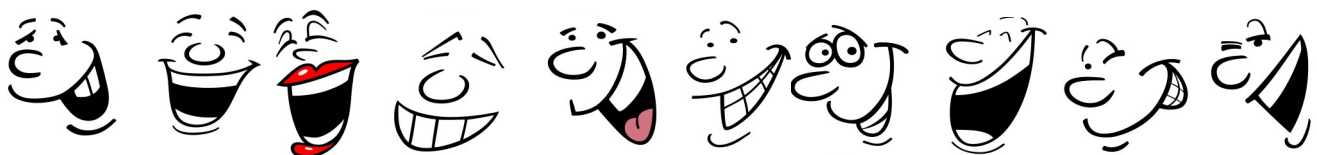
## "Prayer Request"

A businessman needed a million dollars to close an important business transaction. He went to church to pray for the money.

He knelt and started praying next to a man who was praying for a hundred dollars he needed to pay an urgent debt. The businessman took out his wallet and pressed the hundred dollars into the other man's hand.

Overjoyed, the man got up and left the church.

The businessman then closed his eyes and prayed, "And now, Lord, that I have your undivided attention...."





### July Birthdays

8/10 Rosita Stafford  
8/12 Danny Hughes  
8/18 Mike Stafford  
8/20 Joyce Webb  
8/28 Sandy Stanfield  
8/31 Lou Webb

### July Anniversaries

8/5 Acor, Jeff & Karen  
8/8 Fuqua, Kenneth & Bonnie  
8/14 Clarke, Robbin & Noel  
8/19 Schmidt, Robert & Abba  
8/21 Bernat, John & Anne  
8/21 Stafford, Mike & Rosita  
8/23 Huven, Jim & Dottie

August Calendar as of 7/30/2024

# August 2024

| Sun  | Mon                             | Tue                        | Wed   | Thu  | Fri | Sat   |
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|  |                                 |                            |   | 1<br>9am - Community Food<br>1pm - ALBOH Board                 | 2   | 3<br>9am - Hope House<br>1pm - Praise Team  |
| 4<br>10:30am - Sunday<br>Service<br>Communion Sunday       | 5<br>2pm - Trustees @<br>Church | 6<br>11am - Staff Meeting  | 7<br>9am - Chapel Pre<br>School<br>10am - Women in<br>Missions<br>6:30pm - Chior (S)<br>6:30pm - Hope House | 8<br>9am - Community Food<br>Pantry                            | 9   | 10<br>9am - Hope House<br>10am - SPPR       |
| 11<br>Harvest Sunday<br>10:30am - Sunday<br>Service        | 12<br>1pm - Finance Meeting     | 13<br>11am - Staff Meeting | 14<br>9am - Chapel Pre<br>School<br>10am - Merry Matters<br>6:30pm - Choir (S)<br>6:30pm - Hope House       | 15<br>9am - Community Food<br>Pantry<br>5pm - Ladies Night Out | 16  | 17<br>9am - Hope House<br>1pm - Praise Team |
| 18<br>10:30am - Sunday<br>Service                          | 19<br>2pm - Church Council      | 20<br>11am - Staff Meeting | 21<br>9am - Chapel Pre<br>School<br>6:30pm - Choir (S)<br>6:30pm - Hope House                               | 22<br>9am - Community Food<br>Pantry                           | 23  | 24<br>9am - Hope House                      |
| 25<br>10:30am - Sunday<br>Service - Newsletter<br>Deadline | 26<br>10am - WIM Leadership     | 27<br>11am - Staff Meeting | 28<br>9am - Chapel Pre<br>School<br>10am - Merry Matters<br>6:30pm - Choir (S)<br>6:30pm - Hope House       | 29<br>9am - Community Food<br>Pantry                           | 30  | 31<br>9am - Hope House<br>1pm - Praise Team |