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The Good



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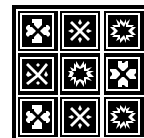
Craft and Bake Sale September 4 & 5

Friday, September 4 **8 a.m.- 4 p.m.**
Saturday, September 5 **8 a.m.- 1 p.m.**

Seasonal crafts, unusual wood
and gift items,
floral arrangements,
and delicious baked goods.



Tickets will be sold for the
beautiful queen size quilt.
(\$1 each, 6 for \$5, 13 for \$10,)



Come buy your Christmas gifts early and
pick up your sweets for your
Labor Day company!





Reverend Reflections by Jim Stovall

On the package of Extra Sugar Free gum is the following message: "In case of boredom, break wrapper." For some reason my mind's immediate response was to recover a vision of our Alpaca sitting in the barn chewing its cud. It is hard to see that or chewing gum as an answer to boredom.

One of the things we can observe in ourselves and others is that boredom reflects upon the nature and character of the person. Being alive, vital and engaged with existence is anything but boring.

Jesus once said, "I have come to bring life and to bring it abundantly." Jesus told stories and taught on a fairly constant basis. A biography is one of the means through which we enrich our lives. Biographies speak of great people who have given their lives to action, spirituality, and learning. Most often the subjects of biography are people who have made changes in their own lives and in the lives of others.

When people get bored easily it is usually true that they are boring people. That is, they are not engaged in living purposeful, meaningful lives. Service to God is something through which one might never be bored. Sometimes the Disciple gets tired and needs rest from serving and growing in interaction with God and others.

You are not a boring church, and not a boring people. Thanks to all the people who have dreams and hopes for the church and for themselves. Alive,

Reaching Out To Guests



The Sunday, September 20, 2009 Fellowship Dinner will be served at 11:30 a.m. in the Loehr Center following the 10:30 a.m. sanctuary worship.

The WLCC Evangelism Team is preparing to invite to the dinner, every guest that has visited our church this year. Many of our guests have returned to worship with us on numerous occasions; some have worshiped a few times, some only once.

Many of our members worship together here on a regular basis; some a few times. Some are waiting for the installation of a new minister before resuming worship on a regular basis.

In the meantime, the business of our church goes on thanks to our committed staff, the efforts of the General Board, and their focus on the operating matters of our church.

Here are a few essentials to think about as we prepare to welcome our guests at our door and at our upcoming Fellowship Dinner:

We must learn to know our guests by name.
Demonstrate courtesy in wearing name badge.
Become a friend....as in disciple.
Show the way....interest will grow naturally.

Please mark your calendar for this event.
Member support is essential for success.

Thank you!

Ed Mock/Shelby Conley
Evangelism Co-chairpersons

**Sunday, September 6
8:30 a.m.**

Don't miss our last outdoor service of the summer!



**Last
Outdoor
Worship
Service**

Treasurer's Mini Monthly Report

Interest Paid July 1-31, 2009	\$ 1,908.67
Debt Balance June 30, 2009	\$ 416,483.70
Principal Paid July 2009	\$ 5,805.81
Debt Balance July 31, 2009	\$ 410,677.89

Hillbilly Fair Float

The Anno Domini class needs help collecting cardboard for the float they will be building for the Hillbilly Fair parade on Saturday, September 19. You may bring your boxes to their classroom upstairs in Loehr Center.

They will be putting it all together on Wednesday, September 16 starting at 4 p.m. If you can lend a hand in construction, please stop by and join in the fun.

Stewardship

Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service

As Kent and I were taking our walk up and down these Missouri hills this morning, I found myself looking down at the road on my way up one exceptionally steep hill. It seemed like drudgery. My thoughts turned to negative thinking such as, "Will I make it up this hill? How much further?" I thought about all that "I" think is wrong in the world...etc, etc.

In our church as well as the church universal, it is not uncommon to once in a while get caught up in negative thinking, in the problems instead of the joys, in the failed attempts instead of the successes. During these times, service and stewardship of all kinds may become drudgery instead of an act of gratitude and giving.

Fortunately during our walk, it dawned on me to look up and see the beautiful world around me, to hear the birds singing good morning, to watch the squirrels scuffle from one tree to another, to wave at a neighbor as he drives by, to be able to walk, and to live in America. It's pretty hard to be grateful and also be negative at the same time. My experience teaches me that an attitude of gratitude is a conscious decision.

In the church as well, how much better to look up and see all the good that is going on around us! To replace negative thinking for the hope and promise that Jesus provides, which then leads to service to others. So many of you steadfastly serve WLCC with your prayers, presence, tithes and talents. I am grateful for you. Though my goal is not to single out any one person or group, today I feel compelled to acknowledge our youth and the many adults who sacrifice their time and efforts for this cause. I see this as just one of many wonderful examples of lifting up your head and doing service for the Lord with a smile and a willing heart.

Is sharing the good news of Jesus Christ part of your commitment to those around you and to West Lake Christian Church?

May His presence be very real to you today.

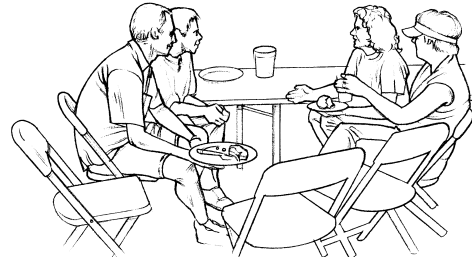
Mary Elliott



The church office will be open on Labor Day, Monday, September 7.

The church secretary will be on vacation September 11-18. There will be receptionists in the office from 9 a.m. till noon each day to help you.

The October newsletter deadline is Monday, September 21.

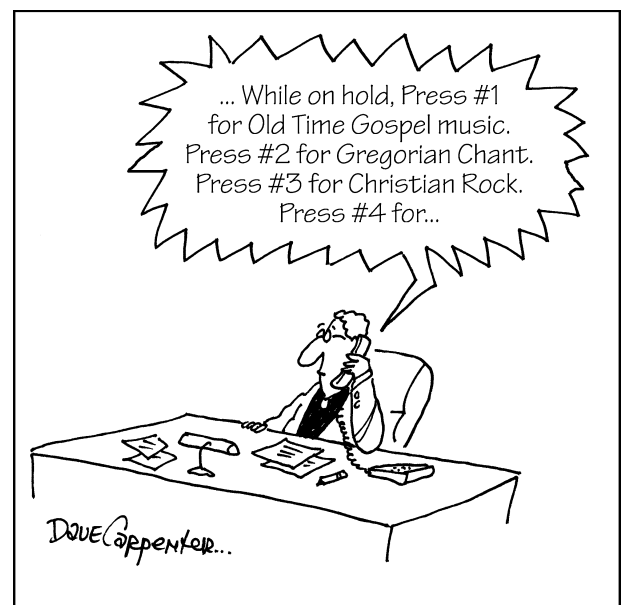


Fellowship Dinner September 20

Bring your favorite meat dish, vegetable, salad, or dessert to share at our monthly Fellowship Dinner immediately after worship on Sunday, September 20. Invite someone new to sit with you and come on down to Loehr Center for a wonderful meal and a time to visit with friends and family.

I am what I am

I am not what I ought to be.
I am not what I want to be.
I am not what I hope to be.
But still, I am not what I used to be.
And by the grace of God, I am what I am.
- John Newton



Laurie Care Center Worship September 27 — 2 p.m.

Come join the Elders in the Activities Room for a time of music, communion, and fellowship with our members and friends at Laurie Knolls and The Laurie Care Center.



CWF NEWS

Mary Cline, President

The year 2009 has been an interesting year for all of us. However, the CWF has kept working for our Lord in many ways as a "Mission Group." We wish to thank the church members who have supported our mission. The food donations for Community for Christ have been a blessing to many needy people and each of you are a blessing to our church and community. Thank you!

Many members do not realize that the Craft Ladies are very dedicated workers who, from March through August, come in each Monday morning and prepare for the annual Craft & Bake Sale. This year the sale will be held Friday and Saturday, September 4 and 5. They have made the crafts and we all need to help by donating baked goods. Again, thanks for helping in this endeavor! The money made from this sale goes into the CWF treasury to continue working for our mission.

Are you saving Best Choice UPC labels? This is a good way to help our church. We turn them in each December and receive \$30 for each 1,000 UPC labels, and in addition, the company donates an extra \$30 just for our work. Please keep us in mind and turn the UPCs in at the CWF box outside the church office.

Important Notice:
The September meeting of CWF will be held
at 1:00 p.m. in the church library.
Mark your calendar now!

Mother's Day Out Starts Up Again



West Lake Christian Church is very lucky to be the host building for Westlake Ministerial Alliance's Mother's Day Out program. This program provides an important service for children in our community. It provides a loving, stimulating environment for children, enabling family members to schedule doctor appointments, grocery shopping and social events. The director, Sue Boone, and teachers Carroll Rinker and Karen Pragman, as well as several church members who have lovingly worked with the children, can attest to the emotional and educational growth of children in the program.

Mother's Day Out will resume on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. The community based program welcomes children from 4 months through preschool ages for a low cost of \$10 per session. The director and teachers have many years of preschool and elementary teaching experience.

If you have children, grandchildren or neighborhood children in that age range, call the church office at 374-0647 for more information and to pick up enrollment forms.

LAMB HOUSE

Lake Area Ministries Benevolence



July 20, 2009

To: CWF

From: Lamb House

Lamb House has completed its fiscal year. Our information is as follows:

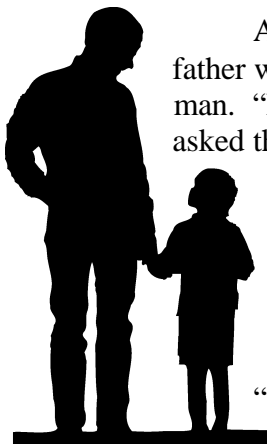
Individuals served	10,670
Agency expenses	\$ 35,148.43
Client expenses	\$139,512.03
Children's shoes	\$ 2,312.41

We have been able to help others because you have helped us. The women gave almost enough socks to go with each pair of shoes and **your continued effort to supply us with coupons has allowed us to earn enough money with donated clothes and coupon money to pay all of Lamb House expenses** so that we can maintain our pledge that 100% of all food and any monetary donation goes to others. God bless each of you.

The Lamb House Board of Directors
Pat Woodward, Manager

Keep cutting out grocery coupons and bring them to church to help this community ministry. It makes a big difference in the lives of many people in the Lake Area.

Thank God for Grandparents



A small boy walking with his grandfather was gently being tested by the elderly man. "How far are we from home?" asked the grandfather

"I don't know," the child answered.

"Well, where are you?"

"I don't know."

"Looks to me like you are lost.

Doesn't that worry you?"

"No, Grandpa," the boy responded,

"I can't be lost. I'm with you."

Grandpa chuckled and smiled.

Then he gently patted the boy on the head.

Like the boy who felt safe with his grandfather, we are not spiritually lost when we are with God, for God knows the way.

Grandparents Day
Sunday, September 13



Music makes a difference! Once again being valued as part of a well-rounded education, music touches the whole child and can make a positive impact on the child and family. Musikgarten is an early childhood music and movement curriculum created to nurture every child's inborn capacity for music, from birth to age 9.

JoyNotes Music Studio's Musikgarten classes begin this month. Registration is ongoing and an introductory special for babies is offered. Please call Joy Thomas at 374-1794 or visit www.joynotesstudio.com.



Free Demonstration class on Tuesday,
September 1 at 10 a.m.
at WLCC

From Our Parish Nurse
Betty Greenley



LRHS Parish Nurse Network
Wellness Tip of the Month

Animal Bites

Animal bites are more commonly caused by domestic animals, but can occur with wild animals. Dogs are more likely to bite, but a cat bite causes more infections. Wild animals and non-immunized domestic animals are more likely to carry rabies.

Symptoms

1. A break or cut in the skin with or without bleeding, which may be a puncture type wound.
2. Bruising and/or swelling in the area of the bite.
3. Bites from a bat may be so insignificant, that a person may not be aware they have been bitten.
4. Other diseases may also be transmitted by an animal bite, causing headaches and fever.

First Aid

1. Stay calm and keep the person calm.
2. Wash your hands before and after caring for the bite. Wear gloves if available.
3. If the wound is bleeding, apply direct pressure with a clean, dry cloth and raise the area until the bleeding stops.
4. If the area is not bleeding, wash it with mild soap and running water for 3-5 minutes. Then cover the bite with antibiotic ointment and a clean dressing.
5. All animal bites need to be reported to the nearest animal control center.

Contact a Medical Professional if:

1. The animal bite is from an unknown or wild animal.
2. The person has not had a tetanus shot in the last 5 years.
3. There is swelling, redness, pain or drainage from the wound.
4. The bite is on the face, neck, or hands.
5. The bite is deep or large, there are multiple bites, or the person has need of stitches.

Prevention

1. Do not pet animals without consent of the owner.
2. Do not provoke or tease animals.
3. Do not approach strange animals, no matter how cute.
4. Wild animals may protect themselves by biting or scratching.
5. Do not go near or try to catch the animal after it has bitten someone.
6. Call the animal control center.
7. Teach these things to your children.

Community Wide Circulation Day

Unity at the Lake is hosting its annual "Circulation Day." Everyone is invited to donate good useable household items; appliances, yard equipment, toys, books, furniture, kitchen utensils, tools, and more (no clothing or shoes, please.) These items will be shared with people in the community who need them. Bring your donated items to the Civic Center behind Osage River Restaurant on Friday September 25 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. The doors will open at 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 26, and the community is invited to take whatever they need—it is all free.

Call 374-8650 and ask for Judy Haines if you would like to volunteer to help with Circulation Day.

A NOTE OF THANKS...

West Lake Christian Church Family,

Thank you for your concerns, phone calls, and cards during my stay at the hospital and at home.

Love you all,

Judith Richardson

Thank you once more for inviting us to play and share our hand bell music. We have a special fund that we are working on for getting our "aged" hand bells cleaned and refurbished. The money will be a wonderful addition to our fund.

Thank you.

Jan Ellis and the Kent Hand Bell Ringers



With Deepest Sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Bob and Mary Thuresson upon the death of their son, Donald, on August 5, 2009.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jim Arnold and family upon the death of his uncle, Carl Lindsey, on August 13, 2009.



September

Birthdays




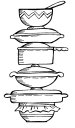


- 1..... Wanda Ferguson
- 2..... Fred Cline
- 6..... Bernie Steck
- 9..... Marcia Troutwine
- 10..... Marilyn Evans
- 10..... Patricia Summers
- 11..... Dustin Metcalf
- 16..... Elom Carlson
- 17..... Darlene Clark
- 17..... Sandy McKim
- 18..... Peggy Crockett
- 18..... Keith Robinson
- 19..... Emma Head
- 19..... Gil Hoch
- 19..... Sherry Nielsen
- 19..... Janet Ramsey
- 21..... Ashley Sudduth
- 24..... Christine Gibbs
- 24..... Carrol Lowrance
- 25..... George McGuire
- 28..... Barbara Cone
- 28..... Kendall Walters

September Anniversaries

- 3..... Jim & Judy Sutherlin
- 5..... Curtis & Diane Reams
- 6..... Russell & Margie Leaton
- 12..... Dean & Carrol Lowrance
- 14..... Butch & Peggy Ekena
- 18..... Ed & Nancy Milburn
- 23..... Kevin & Verna Flieger
- 30..... James & Christine Gibbs
- 30..... Jim & Luann Stovall

If your birthday or anniversary is not included, please notify the church office. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mbn	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p align="center"><u>Sunday Morning Schedule</u></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Bible Study 101 beginning Sept. 13 9:15 a.m. Joy Class, Telling the Biblical Story 9:30 a.m. Parables Class 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship</p>						
		<p>1</p> <p>10:00 Musi kgarten Demo class</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>5:30 Praise Team 7:00 Praise Service</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>8:00-4:00 Craft & Bake Sale</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00-1:00 Craft & Bake Sale</p> 
	←----- Set up	for Craft Sale	-----→	-----→		
<p>6</p> <p>Grace Sunday</p> <p>Last Outdoor Worship Service</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 Prayer Ministry</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:00 CWF</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>4:30 Youth Rec. & Meal</p> <p>5:30 Praise Team 7:00 Praise Service</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30 Worship Committee</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Community for Christ Food Drive Sunday</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Ministry</p> <p>7:00 Board Meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>4:30 Youth Rec. & Meal</p> <p>5:00 Choir 5:30 Praise Team 7:00 Praise Service</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 Evangelism</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>11:30 Fellowship Dinner</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Ministry</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>6:00 Stewardship</p>	<p>22</p> <p>First Day of Autumn</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>4:30 Youth Rec. & Meal</p> <p>5:00 Choir 5:30 Praise Team 7:00 Praise Service</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 Mother's Day Out</p> <p>4:30 Education</p> <p>6:00 Elders</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>6:00 Domi noes</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>  <p>2:00 Laurie Care Center Worship</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 Exercise 9:30 Prayer Ministry</p> <p>4:00 Cancer Support Group</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 Exercise</p> <p>4:30 Youth Rec. & Meal</p> <p>5:30 Praise Team 7:00 Praise Service</p>			<p>If you do not see your event on this calendar, it is not on the church calendar.</p> <p>Please contact the church office to get your event scheduled. Thank you!</p>

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MINISTRY TEAM

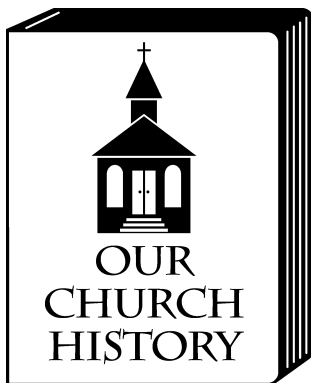
Jim Stovall, Interim Minister

Gwen Welch, Treasurer

Dona Johnson, Music Coordinator

Betty Greenley, Parish Nurse

Sandy White, Church Secretary



It's Here—Catch the Vision

Take a walk with us through the history of West Lake Christian Church. Our Church History booklet is made up of stories and events compiled from many sources. It starts with the beginning when we were just a hope and a prayer and continues through the years with all the growth, change, events, hard work, and love that make up the life of our church.

This booklet will be available in September at the receptionist desk in the church office. A donation to help cover the cost of printing would be appreciated.