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The Annual Christmas Workshop

Volunteers Needed!

Saturday, December 9, 2017

9 a.m. to Noon

This is our Free Annual Christmas workshop and breakfast for children and their parents in the community. All are invited to a free biscuits and gravy breakfast or juice and cereal for children, if they prefer. A Christmas Crafts Workshop will provide several places to make something special for yourself or others. The Children's Free Gift shop will let the children choose and wrap a gift for their parents or caregivers. Nativities will be displayed for all to enjoy.

This outreach event is for the entire community. In order for this to be a success, we are asking for your help in the following ways:

- ◆ **DONATIONS** of small items for the gift shop are needed so the children can shop for their parents:
Suggested Donations for Dad: small tools, combs, flashlights, t- shirts, socks, hankies, neck scarves, gloves etc.
Suggested donations for Mom: jewelry, lotions, hair accessories, brushes, nail polish, dish cloths, hand towels, knick-knacks, scarves, gloves etc.
And cash donations to West Lake Christian Church earmarked for the "Christmas Workshop" are always appreciated to purchase gifts.
Please place UNWRAPPED gifts in the Christmas Box in the entry.
- ◆ **CRAFTERS NEEDED!** Craft teachers to provide a craft table so the children can come create something.
- ◆ **BREAKFAST HELPERS:** We need cooks and servers to serve the biscuits and gravy breakfast!



Please help us serve our community - if you can help in any way, call Norma at 573-207-0546 or email: NormaAtTheLake@gmail.com



FROM YOUR
MODERATOR
Carroll Rinker



The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God. Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as we affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power. That acknowledgment provides a basis for Kingdom living, arising from a profound sense that we live "between the times" and are called to be faithful stewards of what is entrusted to us as God's people.

So, as we celebrate Christmas as God's entrance into "our" world where "all creation is groaning awaiting its redemption," we confess our responsibility as those called into relationship with Christ to "love the Lord your God with all your heart" and to "love your neighbor as yourself."



The Christmas story is a story of love, hope, redemption and relationship. So, what happened? How did it turn into stuff, stress and debt?

Can Christmas still change the world?

It is a question each of us must answer, as individuals and as a congregation. As you celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ this season remember there are many who do not know of the love, hope and redemption that comes through relationship with Jesus.

We have a mission,

That mission is "Helping others know Jesus Christ through our words and actions"

May the Spirit of Christ fill your hearts and your homes always.

Love in Jesus,
Kelly

The church has really taken on a festive air. There are so many different groups and activities going on. The church has been decorated for Christmas. The poinsettias in the sanctuary add so much color. The chorale has performed and the orchestra will be here on December 3rd. The December 9th Christmas Workshop is a really special time for children and adults. The Blue Christmas service on December 17 encourages us all to make sure we include those who struggle to find the joy in Christmas. And then the special excitement of our Christmas Eve service will set the scene for Christmas Day.

The board will be making decisions for the 2018 church year. There is a list of the officers and committee chairs elected at the congregational meeting on December 17. These people need your help. They need your ideas and your hands. The spending plan for 2018 will also be voted on at that meeting. The board takes your suggestions and needs seriously. The future of this church depends on all of us here at this moment in time.

Gift giving takes up a considerable amount of our focus around Christmas. The most important gifts are those that involve our participation. As you consider what gifts to give to family and friends, take time to contemplate the gifts you give to your church. The gift of your hands and heart is the most important. Is there an activity at church you could join? Is there an activity you could invite a friend to join? Is there an activity you would like to suggest? As Kelly reminds us every Sunday, God wants us to have a relationship with those around us. It doesn't deepen in one hour on Sunday morning.

What will you do for God's service?

NEXT BOARD MEETING

**Thursday,
December 14, 2017
AT 11:00 A.M.**



Applying Bible Principles December

Applying Bible Principles

Some people view principles of the Old Testament as ending with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. After all, this great event marked the end of the old era and the establishment of the new covenant. One area in which people think this way is that of tithing. They reason as follows: "When you can show me in the New Testament where it says, 'Thou shalt tithe,' then I will tithe."

Although on the surface that reasoning sounds O.K., there are at least two major problems with it. First, nowhere does the New Testament state, "Thou shalt **not** tithe." Second, the reason the New Testament does not contain that statement is that tithing was not a requirement that started when the law was given. The principle of tithing existed before the law and during the law; it has never been rescinded by God. Thus, even though the commands of the law came to an end when Christ was offered on Calvary as the perfect sacrifice, tithing did not.

In fact, tithing simply follows the pattern of "first fruits" giving by which we give to God the first part of our income, not the bits and pieces which might be left over. Tithing is putting our giving to God first rather than at the end of our spending after all of our bills are paid.

Tithing is an area of our Christianity that requires faith in God's promises and in God's provisions. Let's face it — at first glance, tithing really isn't very logical. After all, if you can't make ends meet on 100%, how can you make ends meet on 90% or less?

In Malachi 3, God issues a serious indictment against His people. He says we have robbed Him. How have we done this? In tithes and offerings. Then He patiently instructs us to bring the whole tithe into His storehouse and offers a challenge to us. Concerning the tithe, God says, in essence, "Prove Me. Try Me. Put Me to the test. And see — in response to your obedience — if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." If you are one who tithes, you know how God keeps His promise. You have proved Him and settled this issue in your heart. If you are not one who tithes, why not take God at His Word. Here's how: Take stock of your present financial situation, and then step out by faith. Put God to the test by tithing for six months or so. Then take stock again. You will find that God has kept His promise and provided specific, tangible blessings in your life in response to your obedience. Tithing, you see, is not God's way of raising money to pay His bills. Tithing is God's way of growing His children.

Stephen Olford wrote this: "Abraham gave tithes to God through Melchizedek, the king-priest. According to Hebrews 7, Melchizedek is a beautiful type of Christ in resurrection. Melchizedek gives Abraham bread and wine, symbols of sacrifice; and Abraham acknowledges his

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indebtedness to God by giving Him tithes of all his spoils. In other words, tithing is the scriptural way of saying "thank you" to God for all that He has done for us."

As you consider your giving and your offering to the Lord next Sunday at West Lake Christian Church, will you say "thank you" to Him and "move up to the tithe?"

Christian Women's Fellowship

Christian Women's Fellowship cordially invites all women of the church to come to our Christmas luncheon on December 12 at 11:30 AM. The luncheon will be held at Golden Rock Winery in Camdenton.

With the coming of a new year, CWF will be gearing up for the June Treasures and Treats sale. There may be some things you find you no longer need after the holidays that could find a new home at that sale.

Making crafts for our Labor Day sale has been continuing every Monday. In March the group will really begin working hard to get new items made for the sale. Everyone one is welcome. Don't feel that you need to have any special talent to be part of the group. There is always something you can do.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9, at 11:30. A potluck luncheon begins at 12:00, followed by a business meeting. Love to see you there.

Carroll Rinker, President



CWF Christmas Luncheon.

December 12

11:30

Golden Rock Winery

955 North Bus. Rt. 5

Camdenton, MO

Please call Gail Renick at 374-4469 or

Diane Gilmore at 372-6665

Please RSVP by December 6



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 4 | Marty McGinnis | 24 | Eve Winters |
| 6 | Lynn Hicklin | 25 | Clara Rosche |
| 13 | Betty Snitker | 28 | Nancy Kunkel |
| 13 | Judith Richardson | 31 | Betty Greenley |
| 14 | Donna Killion | 31 | Jan Martin |
| 19 | Louise Bailey | | |
| 19 | Shirley Hunter | | |
| 24 | John Gazaway | | |
| 24 | Shirley Jobe | | |

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you;
And give you peace.*

Numbers 6:22-26



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 | Jack & Vicki Hanrahan |
| 8 | Steve & Robin Carraway |
| 19 | Lenny & Sharon Hofer |
| 26 | Tom & Nancy Kunkel |
| 30 | John & Lisa Harris |
| 31 | Fred & Mary Cline |

*May God bless your marriage
with love, joy, and happiness.*



If you would like to participate in wishing our church staff a very Merry Christmas then starting on December 3, you can do so by giving gifts and putting them in the individual Christmas sacks for Pastor Kelly, Chris Turner, Sharon King, Deb Bowman, Jan Martin, Marilyn Rothove, Scott Huckriede, Roy Johnson, and Bill Easter. The gift sacks will be located in the parlor. These Christmas sacks will be presented to our church staff at our Fellowship Dinner on Sunday, December 17. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa & John Harris (214) 693-9250.



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make note of the above changes so you will always have the most current information. If you have a change in your

phone, email or mailing address, please call Jan at 573-374-0647. Thank you.

Address Changes:

Winter Snowbird change for Sue Wentz until April

Sue Wentz
8413 Birdie Drive
Mission, TX 78572

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4. Follow the directions on screen to complete the login process.



Prayer Opportunities

Vinney Abell
Don Bell
Richard Delaney
Angela Flores
Betty Foose
Floyd Handy
Jack & Vicki Hanrahan
Kenny Hass
Mike Harris
Bobbie Hendricks
Guido Hibdon
Bob Huckriede
Dona Johnson
Teresa Kimminau
Sophie Koehler
Jack Ladd
Rachel Lisenby
Frances Lueck

Shirley Marriott
Eva Millard
Bob Miller
Wes Norris
Sue Richards
Ruth Robin
Judy Rockwell
Steve Rockwell
Bill Rosche
Paul Springer
Karen Stokes
Randy/Jeanne Straub
Todd Szilagyi
Debbie Teal
Chris Turner
Tom Williams
Charles Wilson
Bob Yates



Laurie Care Center & The Knolls Residents

Helen Blackwell,
Helen Caldwell,
Maxine Ellis,
Stanley Field,
Shirley Hunter,
Estelle Nielsen,
Freida Shackelford,

The above people have been in need of our prayers. Please call the church office if you would like a name added to the list. Names will be taken off the list after one month, but you are always welcome to request that the name be added again.



“Advent” means “coming,” of course, and the promise of Advent is that what is coming is an unimaginable invasion. The mythology of our age has to do with flying saucers and invasions from outer space, and that is unimaginable enough. But what is upon us now is even more so — a close encounter not of the third kind but of a different kind altogether. An invasion of holiness. That is what Advent is about.

—Frederick Buechner, *The Clown in the Belfry*



Laurie Care Center Worship

Come join your church family at the Laurie Care Center on December 10 at

Joy to the World!

2 p.m. The Worship Team has been working on large print songbooks for ease of use for the seniors at the LCC. The new song book consists of 54 songs including hymns, Christmas songs, and other special occasion songs. The seniors at the LCC enjoy singing and we invite you to join us to sing and worship with the seniors.



Many Opportunities for Giving this month:

Sock & Mitten Tree: Bring socks and mittens to give away to those who need to keep their hands and feet warm!



 **West Lake Christian Church**
(Disciples of Christ)
Where CHRIST is the Center

Come Join Us For A Christmas Workshop

You are invited to a *free* biscuits and gravy breakfast, *free* craft workshops, and a gift store for children to choose a *free* gift for their parents.

Saturday, December 9, 2017
9:00 a.m. till noon

Worldwide Nativity Displays

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(1.3 miles east of Laurie traffic signal)
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www.westlakechristianchurch.org



 **Poinsettia ORDERS**

Poinsettia Orders: This year the poinsettias are \$10 each. You can pick either a red or a white flower and dedicate the flower in memory or in honor of a special person in your life. The slips are available on Sundays to place your order.



I want to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls and prayers during my recent

surgery and recovery. I also want to thank everyone for the prayers for our daughter, Carey Bridger. Her cardiac function is much improved and surgery is no longer required at this time. God Bless! Chris Turner

A big THANK YOU to the men who picked me up when I fell coming into church a few Sundays ago. Also thank you to all who called to see if I was ok. We have such a wonderful church. Wanda liams

Thanks for treating us so kindly. Your generosity makes Laurie Care Center's Halloween Safe House possible.

Thank you Patty & Amie, Activity Department

It is great to be back to work after my 6 week absence as I recovered from a knee replacement. This was possible because of Pastor Kelly, Pam Folker (Girl Friday), Bill Easter, and Marilyn Rothove who stepped up and took on the many different jobs to keep things running. You all are awesome and I appreciate what you all did while I was away. Also many thanks for the cards, prayers and sympathy during the loss of our God child. Your caring greatly touched our hearts. In Christ's Love, Jan



From Our Parish Nurse
Betty Greenley

Wellness Tip of the Month December, 2017 Major Depression

Becky Beck RN
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LRHS Parish Nurse Network

What is it?

Major Depression is a mental health illness that affects about 14 million American adults. It can also affect children and teens.

Symptoms:

Emotional

- Feeling sad, hopeless, empty or numb-may be present throughout the day.
- Loss of interest in things you used to enjoy-hobbies, or activities.
- Irritability or anxiety-you may be short tempered or find it hard to relax.
- Trouble making decisions-you have difficulty thinking clearly or concentrating
- Feeling guilty or worthless-is often exaggerated or inappropriate to the situation
- Thoughts of death and suicide.

Physical

- Headaches-may be worse than usual
- Back Pain

Muscle aches and joint pain

Digestive problems-may involve nausea, diarrhea or constipation

Exhaustion and fatigue, even if you get the right amount of sleep.

Sleeping problems-may be too much or may be trouble falling asleep or waking too early.

Change in appetite or weight- may be either an increase in appetite and weight or a decrease in appetite and weight.

Dizziness or lightheadedness.

Treatment

If a person has concerns about depression, they should contact their physician, who may prescribe medication or refer them to a mental health professional.

Many times symptoms of depression increase around holiday times or during the winter months. Be supportive of those around you who may display symptoms of depression.

Resource-<http://www.webmd.com/depression>

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DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule 9:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY => CHILDREN-UPSTAIRS CLASSROOMS => ADULT-DOWNSTAIRS ROOM 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE					1 9:30 EXERCISE 9:30 WATERCOLOR	2
3 Lake Area Orchestra 7 P.M.	4 8:00 BKFST @ CHANCES R 9:30 EXERCISE 9:30 PRAYER	5	6 9:30 EXERCISE 5:15 PRAISE TEAM 6:30 SUPPER & SOUL	7 6:30 ELDERS MEETING	8 9:30 EXERCISE 9:30 WATERCOLOR	9 Christmas Workshop 9 a.m.
10 CFC FOOD DRIVE 2 pm Laurie Care Center	11 8:00 BKFST @ CHANCES R 9:30 EXERCISE 9:30 PRAYER	12 11:30 a.m. CWF Christmas Luncheon	13 9:30 EXERCISE 5:15 PRAISE TEAM 6:30 SUPPER & SOUL	14 Board Meeting 11:00 a.m.	15 9:30 EXERCISE 9:30 WATERCOLOR	16
17 Congregational Meeting 11:30 Christmas Fellowship Dinner Blue Christmas 2 p.m.	18 8:00 BKFST @ CHANCES R 9:30 EXERCISE 9:30 PRAYER Newsletter Deadline!	19 1:30 CHURCH GROWTH MTG.	20 9:30 EXERCISE 5:15 PRAISE TEAM	21 *** Fold Newsletter	22 9:30 EXERCISE 9:30 WATERCOLOR	23
24 Candlelight Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m.	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26	27 9:30 EXERCISE 5:15 PRAISE TEAM	28 4:30 HAPPY HOUR SUPPORT GROUP	29 9:30 EXERCISE 9:30 WATERCOLOR 6:00 DOMINOES	30
31	1 Happy New Year Office Closed	2	3 9:30 EXERCISE 5:15 PRAISE TEAM	4	5 9:30 EXERCISE 9:30 WATERCOLOR	6

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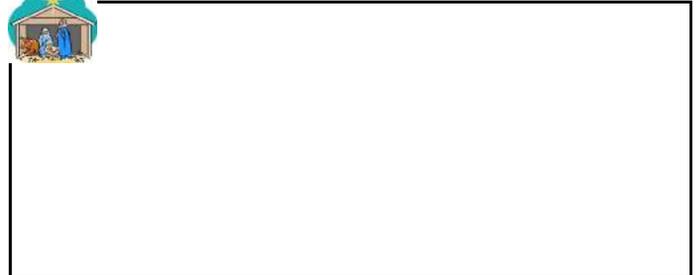
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- Chris Turner,
Music Coordinator
- Betty Greenley,
Parish Nurse

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December Events

- Lake Area Community Orchestra**
December 3, WLCC Sanctuary 7 p.m.
- Children's Christmas Workshop & Breakfast**
December 9, Loehr Center, 9 a.m. to Noon
- Worship at Laurie Care Center**
December 10, 2 p.m.- Come worship with us.
- CFW Christmas Luncheon**
December 12, Golden Rock Winery at 11:30 a.m.
- Board Meeting**
December 14, Library at 11 a.m.
- Congregational Meeting**
December 17-immediately following Worship Service
- Christmas Fellowship Dinner**
December 17 - after Congregational Mtg.
- Blue Christmas Service**
December 17 WLCC Sanctuary- 2 p.m.
- Newsletter Deadline & Folding**
December 18 - noon deadline ,Dec. 21 - 9 a.m. fold
- Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24,**
Worship at 10:30 A.M.
Candlelight Communion Service at 5:30 P.M.

January Events

- Fishing For Women Bible Study-**
January 11 to February 15 Loehr Center, 9 a.m. - 10:45
- Fellowship Dinner**
January 21 - after 10:30 a.m. worship service.
bring a potluck dish to share
- Newsletter Deadline & Folding**
January 22- noon deadline and January 30, 9 a.m. fold

