

The Church Mouse

The Lake of the Woods Church

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FROM THE

SENIOR PASTOR

The feeding of the 5,000 with a few loaves and fish is recorded in all four Gospels. It is an account known by nearly every Christian. Many,

however, may not recall the context of this most inspiring miracle. The context is that Jesus had sent out the disciples on a mission of ministry. They came back to tell what great things God had done through them. Even as they reported to Jesus, people thronged them so much that there was not even time to stop and eat!

Jesus then urged them to join Him for a rest, away from ministry and mission. The resting place was across the lake. However, when they arrived, the throng of people met them there. The retreat was over before it began!

Jesus graciously taught all day long (outdoors in the sun). When evening was approaching and no one had eaten all day, Jesus challenged the disciples to capture the opportunity and need to feed the people and not dwell on what had been lost (the rest and retreat).

The outcome was their participation in the most memorable miracle in the Bible. What if their plans for the day were so important that they insisted on them? What if they had avoided the opportunity because they were tired and had different plans? Would that day have been recorded in history?

We must at all times and circumstances, at rest and at work, seek to do the Father's will. We are servants of God to be spent by Him as He wills. We are privileged to win for Christ the rewards of the suffering.

Partnering In The Gospel,
Pastor Tom

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 Traditional – Sanctuary
9:45 Traditional – Sanctuary
9:45 Blended – Worship Center
11:00 Contemporary – Worship Center

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Adult – 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00
Youth Higher Grounds Coffee House – 9:30
Children and Nursery – 9:45 and 11:00

EUCCHARIST



Wednesdays, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events!

July 4

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!
(Church offices closed)

July 9

FIT & HEALTHY SUMMER
7:00 a.m. Library (6-week session begins)

July 11-15

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
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AMAZING GRACE TEEN CAMP WEEK
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August 7

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS
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Reserve the Date

September 18
CHURCH PICNIC

September 30
"COURAGEOUS"

in theaters beginning September 30 (page 8)



A Word from Pastor Jim

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

We've heard this one before, right? Drop the anxiety level, raise the need to God in prayer and peace will come.

On one side of the street, I heartily concur. After all, it's in the Bible so it's a promise of God. And it works. Time tested. It makes sense too because the place I focus my eyes is what I will think. In this example, am I focusing on the problem and upon my abilities to figure it out, fix it, or endure it? Or am I seeing God's immense supply and amazing commitment for me? Where do I focus...on me and my abilities or upon God's work going on within me?

But, let's be honest. God's peace does not come easily sometimes. Some monsters of worry are not quickly driven off. Take that metaphor a bit farther...I can turn on the bedroom light of prayer in God's promises and find the creature still standing there in the corner glaring at me, not so quick to hide in the shadows. Peace does not always come easily.

Why, Lord? What do I do, Lord, to find relief? I mean, really...how long before the change comes?

All of this speaks to our need for patience, doesn't it?

I hate to write this, as it can be hard to hear and harder to experience. But only God knows what we are able to endure. Let me put it in first person. My Creator and Rescuer knows me like the back of His hand. He knows my thinking and feelings, has seen my accomplishments and knows my potential. Every time I start to think I've reached my limit and figure I've reached my end of waiting, the Lord finds a way to take me further. And yes, my patience is stretched. I discover something more about faith and me. I find I'm that much more able to endure and to help someone else with the lessons in changed character

from what I've been brought through. This is true for me. True for you. It's true for all of us.

You know the television ad where the people cry..."It's my money and I want it now!" Well, I don't know that much about structured settlements (what the ad is selling), but I do know our caring and carrying Lord will bring the peace as the patience is stretched.

He knows us...He knows what He's doing...Let's cast our anxieties upon Him and find peace.



To college and beyond...

The college and career group looks forward to welcoming new people. We are a group of energetic young adults, post high school to age 30, who meet Tuesday evenings at 7:00 in the basement of the church in the Koinonia Kafe to enjoy fellowship of dinner, devotions, and games. Please bring your ideas and appetite (both physical and spiritual)!

Any questions, please contact Matt Yoder, 717-658-5766, or matthew_yoder@comcast.net.



VISITATION MINISTRY

Minister Lemay

We need you! Please prayerfully consider becoming part of this very important ministry!

We are looking for a person(s) to work with Mike Lemay with the Visitation Ministry. We are looking for someone (married couple or single) who would love to visit those who have recently lost a loved one or are considered homebound. This will entail a couple hours per week. If you love to encourage people who are grieving the loss of a loved one or someone who are homebound and unable to attend church, this is the place for you. We have people who really want to be visited and who have someone to talk to. If you are interested, you can contact Mike at mike.lemay@lowchurch.org or contact the church office (972-9060). A short training process is involved. We can make a difference in the lives of those who have lost their spouse or those who can no longer attend church. This is your opportunity to serve in ministry.



Home Visitation

- the family of Marjorie Amidon (member since 1974) on her passing June 5.
- Chuck Schulle in the passing of his wife Betty on June 6.
- Shirley Bunch, LOWC Financial Secretary, and her family in the passing of her mom Margaret Coleman on June 11.



I WILL WALK ABOUT IN FREEDOM. FOR I HAVE SOUGHT OUT YOUR PRECEPTS. PSALM 119:45. NIV

WHY ACCELERATE YOUR EOV PLEDGE PAYMENT

Sparky Watson

Please continue to pray for our sister in the visitation ministry, Betty Sherba, for a complete recovery from her accident. We miss her greatly and look forward to her return. We appreciate Sue Silliman who has been covering for absences in the visitation ministry team.

Anyone in our church who would like to have communion brought to their home can contact the church office.



our brothers and sisters:

Cheryl Boyle	Manning Jackson	Sergio Sanchez
Kevin Chubb	Doug Jones	John Solebello
Emily Dodson	Betty Larson	Lisa Twedt
Jim Divelbiss	Helen Markart	Doris Velona
Sue Elks	John Norton	Doug Weiford
Rose Finn	Lyn Nowakoski	Virginia Whelan
Diane Fox	Jean O'Toole	Betty Wilson
Richard Griggs	Jim Parker	Sabrina Woosley
Carlene Hill	Barbara Rakes	Naomi Yeakel
Ruth Inman	John Rueckert	Kay Zello

Sincere condolences are extended to

- Dick Berra and his family in the passing of Helen on May 18.
- Melanie Farrell and her family in the passing of her mom Judy Bernardi on May 28.
- Foster Billheimer and his family in the passing of his wife Ruth on May 29.

During the month of May 2012 we will need to refinance our existing mortgage. The balloon payment on our loan is due at that time. This is good news and bad news. The good news is that when we do refinance it will lower our monthly mortgage payments. This reduction in the payment is what will provide the additional funding to pay for adding a pastor for Young Families and Outreach. To keep it simple, we would like to have to refinance an amount of no more than \$800,000. We are well on our way to that number. As of June 1, with your help, we have paid the mortgage down to about \$932,000. As you can see, we still have a ways to go. This is why we have been encouraging you to accelerate the payment of your EOV pledge as much as you can before we have to commit to the amount to refinance shortly after the first of the year.

The bad news is that once we refinance we will have to live with whatever the monthly payments are until we pay off the remainder of the loan. We are hopeful that the total loan can be eliminated within 2-5 years. But until then, even with accelerated payments, we will have to live with the payment schedule for the amount refinanced. I trust that this explains why it is important to get the existing mortgage reduced to at least \$800,000 and less if possible by the end of the year. With your help, we can get there.

August Sermon Series

SHEEP NEED A SHEPHERD

Psalm 23 (all service hours)

The pace of modern life can leave you depleted if not desperate. There is strength and comfort in Psalm 23. This passage has been a rock for many over the years and still is. Abundant living is possible in a chaotic world.

Many of you in the staff are tired and some face difficult issues in the family. I want to encourage you and those you lead to allow God to speak through His Word proclaimed. God Bless you as you minister through your gifts and opportunities.

August 7 (Communion Sunday)

Sheep Need a Shepherd...to RELIEVE their worry.

(Psalm 23:1)

Consequences of worry, how can the Lord shepherd me?

August 14

Sheep Need a Shepherd...to RESTORE their soul.

(Psalm 23:2, 3)

Life is more than getting the bills paid.

It is significance, security and peace...how do we find these?

August 21

Sheep Need a Shepherd...to give COURAGE for fear. (Psalm 23:4)

There are many dangers and threats, including death, that we face. Dark valleys abound.

What can calm our fears?

August 28

Sheep Need a Shepherd...to SUPPORT them when hurt.

When hard times overtake me, how will I make it?

FIFTH FRIDAY LUNCHEON

July 29 - 11:30 a.m. in Friendship Hall

Come and join us for lunch and ice cream on July 29 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish to share and we will provide the ice cream and fixings! Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call Gloria at 972-7545 or Shirley at 972-3812.



WILL YOUR SUMMER COUNT?

Pastor Adam Colson

It is finally here...summer break! Time to drop your school bag, put your feet up and enjoy your summer break for what it truly is...a break from algebra, biology experiments, conjunctive verbs and anything else that has to do with school. After 15 years of serving as a youth pastor, I have found that teens can be broken down into three basic summer groups...

Group A: Sleeping, hanging out with friends, and sleeping.

Maybe taking it easy seems like the perfect remedy for a long, hard school year, but you'll be sorry if you sleep through your whole summer. Brainstorm a list of things that would make this summer memorable and meaningful—not just for you, but also for others. You'll spread the joy if you look out for people other than yourself.

Group B. You've got just one goal: to work hard enough to add a couple thousand dollars to your savings account.

That's too much to squeeze into one short summer! It sounds like you're having a hard time balancing your priorities. Although you've set some good goals, be sure to include time for rest, service to others, and time with family and friends—as well as working on those goals. Regularly ask yourself what really matters? Then try to build your days around those important things. Work hard but make time to take a bike ride with your little brother every now and then or to get an extra hour of sleep.

Group C. Spending time with friends and family, staying involved with your youth group, and volunteering for your church's summer children's program.

You're generous with your time and are determined to make the most of your summer by sharing it with other people. That's great! You'll enjoy it so much more that way. But be careful about trying too hard to please everybody this summer. The school year can be pretty stressful, so be sure to treat yourself nice this summer, too. Once in a while you might have to say "no" to others so you can relax and just enjoy life a little.

“There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens.”
Eccl. 3:1

Summer Activities:

June 19-25 Christian Youth In Action

June 22-29: NO YOUTH GROUP

July 6: YOUTH GROUP AT CLUBHOUSE BEACH

July 13: YOUTH GROUP AT CHURCH

JULY 20: YOUTH GROUP AT CLUBHOUSE BEACH

JULY 27: YOUTH GROUP AT CHURCH

July 31-August 6: Amazing Grace Teen Camp

NO YOUTH GROUP IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST!!!

MISSIONS

MISSIONS EXPO WEEKEND – WOW!

The three days our church spent living and celebrating missional living (May 13-15) were a whirlwind of great experiences. For those who drank of it to some measure, I'm certain that your lives were impacted positively. For those who didn't or couldn't, I hope you take advantage of future similar opportunities. The more you take in, the more enriched you become.

What I saw were the fruits of a church in action. It began on Friday and Saturday with an outreach to Children's Bible Ministry's "Camp Red Arrow." What an impact that well over a hundred of us had, with a span of ages stretching 85 years, descending on a 55 acre site for two days to freely give their time, talent, tools, sweat, and just plain love to help build up a place where good will arise and God will be glorified, a place where children will be freed! This takes more than a little vision. And as the Camp Director said, it's all being driven by God, the donations, the staff, the volunteers. In His time, it will open. So we wait and trust. In the meantime, we pour out the gifts we have. This is typical of what our church has been involved with now on a large scale for years, and it just feels right. Just as our perseverance paid off with the Teen Challenge Center in Stafford, which is now open, growing, and changing lives, Camp Red Arrow will too. In ways, it already has changed lives. There are many people who deserve credit, from those that donated the land that made the camp a possibility, to the present day with our project organizers, team captains, cooks, servers, workers, and many more. But none more deserving than Jesus.

On Saturday night we were treated to a concert by our own Charles Mincey and his nephew's band, Luther B and the New Foundation. It was an awesome treat and a joyful time of praise and worship. It may have taken some of us a little out of our musical comfort zone, but for most it was real good—jazzy gospel I might call it. The reason for the concert was to celebrate missions, to celebrate God. Talent abounded in all 8 of the singers and musicians. Charles and the band from Baltimore shook us up, and we were blessed once again. They ended with a song I'd never heard with the message of simply to "GO!" How simple and how appropriate. It was great fun and a big success! Many deserve credit for planning and setting things up, for the sound technician, for the goodie crew and the time of fellowship that followed. None deserve more credit than Jesus.

Sunday brought an array of blessings. First we were blessed by Sunday services themselves. In addition to our regular wonderful cadre of talented worship leaders – our

pastors, choir, bell choir, praise team, audio visual team, and all the folks making our church the welcoming place to be on a Sunday morning—we received additional blessings. Two visiting ministers, Rev. Dave Olson and Rev. Duane Frasier, brought us their unique messages. Though both are veteran missionaries and we did learn about their ministries, that was not the focus of their teaching. The focus was more on obedience and the advantages it yields and of service.

Meanwhile, in the Gathering Place, 16 tables were filled with decorations, information, and people waiting to share what had just been preached. Some traveled many miles to be here early on a Sunday and stayed much of the day in order to share their life and ministries of love, their life of giving to others in obedience. There was a buzz of interaction. Many deserve credit for them being at our church, of course none more than Jesus.

Then the luncheon...for those who could be there, it was truly inspirational. And I'm not just talking about the food (but it was really, really good!). Many who prepared and served it deserve a lot of credit. Jesus would have loved it and said so, I'm sure. But that was just the appetizer, because we were then treated to more good fruit, that of the mission and benevolence organizations we support as a church and even a few we do not at this time. They gave us short reports of God's obedient children doing good for the lost and needy. The Gathering Place and Friendship Hall were adorned with colored flags from all around the world. On the walls, hanging from the ceilings, on the tables were colored flags and balloons with images of nations on them, a celebration and reminder of our effects near and far...Jerusalem and the ends of the earth, Christians helping people in profound ways all over the globe: battered and abused women and children, disenfranchised, sick and tormented, misled and persecuted, the ignorant and un-reached. People going to the darkest places that most of us avoid, these folks are the best of us. These are some of the TRUE HEROES. They shared with us, and we were enlightened and enthralled. They all deserve a LOT of credit. It was sure nice to have them share with us. But they look up at Jesus for their thanks, as we all should regularly.

Many deserve a lot of credit for the Missions Expo Weekend of events. Much time and effort were expended to widely varying degrees, promoting, decorating, planning, running, doing. But the fruit was for all of us to share. I for one am delighted to have spent it with you and hope to repeat it in similar ways soon. Thank you all, my brothers and sisters in Christ, for your efforts and for sharing your love of Him with me. I have grown by it and hope you have too.

By His Grace,
John Giannico, Elder, Missions and Benevolence



Not God's Plan

It was 3:00 a.m. Winter.

Normal to roll over and go back to sleep.

But the woman had a strange feeling. She got up and checked out the house. She found her nephew unconscious on his bedroom floor. He had overdosed on a number of different drugs. Nate tells the rest of his story:

On any other day no one would have even come in the basement where my room was, let alone at 3:00 a.m. just the right time to save my life. I do not believe in luck, I believe in Jesus. I should be dead, and the only reason I am not is because God had different plans for me.

That night I rededicated my life to Him, and He opened the door for me to come to Teen Challenge of Fredericksburg, where they really created an atmosphere for me to get one-on-one with God and build my own personal relationship with Him. God met me here, and in just four months I have learned how to be a new person and I truly feel brand new. I look forward to life now because I know God will always have my back.

“God had different plans for me.” Centuries ago the prophet Jeremiah wrote, “*For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*” (Jer 29:11)

Nate's story is one of hundreds that can be told because of the ministry of Teen Challenge of Fredericksburg. Their mission is to help individuals with life controlling issues by providing a recovery-support program that hinges on Biblical principles. Their program includes crisis intervention, referrals, outreach programs, re-entry help for graduates and group meetings in a Christian home environment.

Teen Challenge of Fredericksburg is led by Mike and Cindy Zello, who have served with Teen Challenge for over 20 years. In 2002 they moved to Fredericksburg and four years later acquired the beautiful farm off Route 17 that now is home for this

ministry. Following a lengthy legal battle to obtain a use permit, they welcomed the first residents in the spring of 2010. Since then, Nate and 14 other men have lived on the farm and graduated from its program. But Teen Challenge's ministry goes far beyond those in residency. Hundreds of men have been helped through TC's outreach programs and outpatient/referral services. Presently they have six students in residence.

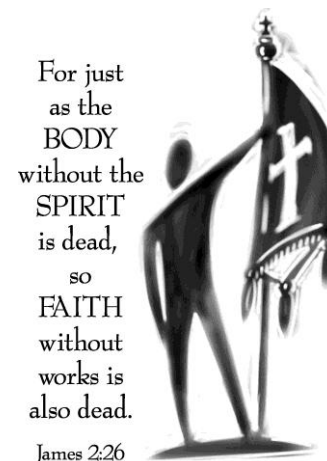
Currently, all beds are full, but many people call daily for help. The full capacity of the farm is 14 – 16 residents. To reach this capacity the ministry needs \$20,000 to install a sprinkler system, a small septic upgrade and complete some site work.

The Lake of the Woods Church has developed a very close relation with Teen Challenge through annual gifts, short-term mission trips and personal friendships. For the past three years, we have made mission trips there and over 175 members of our church have volunteered. We have completed many tasks, but, as Pastor Tom said on our first trip, it's not about the tasks we complete. The only thing that will endure is the love and encouragement we give. We are planning another mission trip to Teen Challenge for October 7 and 8.

Lives controlled by alcohol or drugs, these are NOT God's plan. “The plans I have for you, says the Lord, are plans ... to give you a future and a hope.”

Dave Blackistone

Missions and Benevolence Committee



For just
as the
BODY
without the
SPIRIT
is dead,
so
FAITH
without
works is
also dead.

James 2:26

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

“Reconciliation”

Rev. Dr. Ernest Dyson, Counselor



Early in His ministry, Jesus spoke to the throng that had followed Him, teaching them in those captivating, inspiring words that we now know as the “Sermon on the Mount.” In it Jesus dealt with down-to-earth matters that go to the heart of our relationships with God and each other. One of the topics dealt with is how we should handle our anger (Matthew 5:21-26). In that teaching He told us that if we have a difference with someone, then before we go to church we should go and “be reconciled to that person.”

Jesus knew that was a very hard thing for us to do; that’s why He included it in His teaching. We find it difficult when we are hurt to go and forgive because behind the hurt there is always the anger caused by the damage to our ego – the most sensitive part of our emotional system. When we’re hurt, our anger cries out for revenge, for retribution. Our tendency is to want to hurt back!

But Jesus understood that carrying those feelings does more damage to the person harboring them than to anyone else. We are torn inside by an upset that torments us. And the emotional disturbance carries on for as long as we stay “mad.” So Jesus told us the way to deal with it was to go to the other person and “be reconciled.”

But how do we do that? How do we forgive an injury to that most sensitive part of our psyche. Well, it starts with another teaching that we’ve heard many times before, “love your neighbor as yourself.” Our feeling must be in that mode of love for our fellow beings that it leads us to desire reconciliation. When we truly feel and live by the Lord’s commandment, then we can take the next step in wiping away our anger.

And that step is to see in the person who hurt us their “brokenness,” how needy emotionally they must be to treat me, a person who wishes only to offer them friendship and brotherly love, the way they did. When we can see their hurt and brokenness, then we can look on them with compassion. Thus we turn feelings of “anger” into “compassion” and a desire for reconciliation.



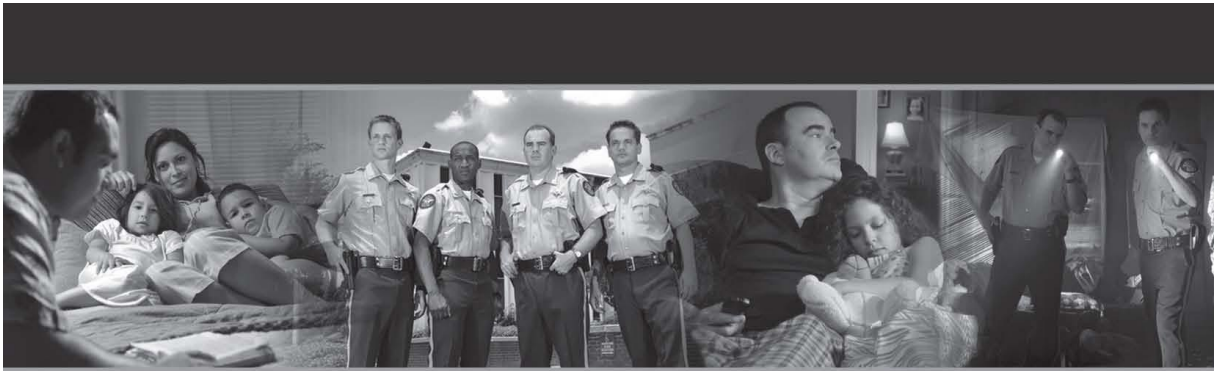
Happenings with Men: All through the church there are men active in ministry...teaching, singing, fixing, counting, visiting, caring, planning and praying...a lot of "Men in Christ" living out their discipleship in Jesus Christ. Around the area, LOW men are meeting with brothers in faith informally for support and friendship. In the church calendar, there are two men's groups meeting each week. Come and be a part!

Visit: <http://www.lowchurch.org/MensMinistry.htm>

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Start the day out right. Join with other men for a study and discussion led by Pastor Tom. This group meets weekly from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the church Friendship Hall, enjoys coffee and donuts as they get started, and is a casual men's atmosphere, great for learning and getting to know some other men. Topics vary through the year, with the current theme being a study and discussion around Jesus in the Gospel of Mark.
- Saturday Men's Group
“The Measure of a Man” is the summer theme of this group. Starting July 9 and running through September, the discussion surrounds what the Bible lists as the character traits of a mature Christian man. How are we doing in our walk as a man in Christ? Do we need to see the target, the real-life steps to get there? This is a group ideal for men who have not been part of a men's group before. They meet Saturday mornings 7:30 - 8:45 a.m. in the Founders Room. (The coffee is ready early!)

Looking ahead...plans are starting for the Spring 2012 Retreat, Christmas Build-a-Manger, and especially the rollout in our area of the new film "Courageous" from the makers of "Fireproof." Men, this is a man's movie, made for us, calling us up for our wives and kids and one another. Check the link at <http://www.courageousthemovie.com>. Watch for more to come!

- Pastor Jim



FROM THE CREATORS OF
FIREPROOF

COURAGEOUS

HONOR BEGINS AT HOME

Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. When tragedy strikes home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Protecting the streets is second nature. Raising their children in a God-honoring way? That's courageous.

"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

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IN THEATERS
SEPTEMBER 30



AFFIRM FILMS



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HELP THE FOG RAISE \$10,000 FOR LOWC MISSION PROJECTS

Phil Herron



After seeing the above storyline you might be asking, "What is the FOG?" FOG stands for Friends of Gary (FOG) Johnson. Gary had a real passion for missions and for winning the lost for Jesus. In fact, Gary's license plate number was

ACTS 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Gary was Elder for Missions and led our mission efforts at LOWC. This is the sixth straight year that the FOG has organized a golf tournament in memory of Gary to raise additional money for LOWC mission projects. Money raised is split evenly between adult and youth missions. Recently we have been raising in the neighborhood of \$8,500 a year. This year our goal is to raise \$10,000. The money comes from players as well as individual and corporate sponsors.

You can participate and help us reach our lofty goal this year. You can be a player for \$65; a hole sponsor at levels of \$100, \$200 or \$500; or an individual sponsor/donor at any amount you choose to give. Simply make your check payable to LOW Church and write Gary Johnson Memorial on the memo line. It would help our record keeping if you would give your checks to Susan in the church office. All sponsors will be recognized in the tournament program that is given to each player and sponsor. Hole sponsors will have a professionally made sign placed on one of the eighteen tee boxes on the golf course.



This year's tournament will be at the LOW Golf Course on **Friday, July 22 at 1:00 p.m.** A wonderful banquet featuring barbecue and all the trimmings will be held at the church following the tournament. Prizes will be awarded at the banquet. The details concerning the tournament format, etc. are included in the announcements and posters in the church, the weekly bulletins and in "The Mouse." We hope and pray that many of you will either play or be a sponsor/donor and that we will reach our goal of \$10,000 for missions.

6TH ANNUAL GARY JOHNSON MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

4 Person Scramble

Proceeds Benefit LOW Church Adult/Youth Missions.

This year's event will be held **Friday, July 22** at the **Lake of The Woods Golf Course**. The makeup for this event is 4-person teams; individuals are welcome to register and will be combined to make up teams. Banquet at The Lake of the Woods Church Friendship Hall following the tournament.

Cost: \$65 per player

Registration 11:30 a.m. / Tee off at 1 P.M.

To help us properly plan for this event, please pre-register by mail or by going to <http://lowchurch.org> as soon as possible.

Some of the awards include:
two closest to the line contests,
two closest to the pin contests,
mulligans and red tees available,
many raffle prizes

The Lake of the Woods Church



Chronically Ill Support Group

What does it mean to be chronically ill? You are chronically ill if you are experiencing physical challenges for more than three months, such as cancer, Crohn's disease, migraines, fibromyalgia, etc...

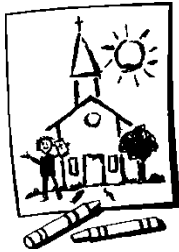
2nd & 4th Tuesdays

1:30 ~ 2:30 p.m.

Founders Room

**The Lake of The Woods
Church**

1 Church Lane,
Locust Grove, VA
540-972-9060



DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sherri Gaskill

Schools out....but the learning continues!

This school year has ended but the children are still learning this summer.

During Vacation Bible School the children will be "Catching the Wave with Jesus" to find the answers to these questions:

- Who is Jesus?
- Why can I trust Jesus?
- Why do I need Jesus?
- How can Jesus help me when I mess up?
- What does Jesus want me to do?

Sunday Celebration for VBS is on Sunday, July 17 at 11:00 a.m. The children will share with us what they have learned during this fun-filled beach week of learning from God's word. Immediately following the service, we will be celebrating the week with food and activities open to all. Catch the Wave with us!

The learning continues with the children's musical. The children will learn of Daniel, a young man who stood firm in his faith, and God's deliverance of Daniel from the lion's den. The children will tell the story of "Rescue in the Night" on Sunday, July 31 at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. This is a musical you don't want to miss!

You can register your child for VBS or the musical in the Discovery Zone or contact Sherri at 9060. Online registration for VBS is available on the church website www.lowchurch.org.

The children will continue their learning throughout the summer each Sunday during Sunday School at 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. We will finish out our year of learning with our annual Step Up Breakfast on Sunday, August 28 at 9:00 a.m.

Register on the website or contact Sharon (3281) or Sherri (9060).

Catch the Wave with Jesus

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



July 11 – 15

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

(Age: 3 years by 9/30/10 through rising 6th grade)

**Sunday Celebration – July 17th
11:00 a.m.**

Rescue in the Night

Children's Musical

July 25 – 29

9:00 – 12:00 noon

(Age: Rising 2nd grade through teen)
Cost \$25.00 per person / \$50.00 per family

Performance July 31



Thank You

Thank you to all of the volunteers
who are helping with
**Vacation Bible School, Children's
Musical and Sunday School.**

May God continue to bless you and
increase your faith as you faithfully
serve our Lord and Savior.

CHILD CARE CENTER

Belinda Divelbiss, Director

Our Preschoolers graduated on Friday, June 3. The 2011 Lake of the Woods Church Preschool Graduates are:

Jasmine Bell
Wilson Carr
Seth Daniels
Kennedy Dixon
Kaitlyn Dwight
Gryphon Embrey
Caroline Falk
Kendall Fleming
Juliana Groves
Meadow Harrell

Analisa Hassien
Michael Hassien
Aiden Koehler
Johnathan Leitz
Annaliese Miglino
Peter Miglino
Sophia Miglino
Samantha Perdue
Drew Ramsey
Nicholas Williams

Madison Richard
Talon Ritenour
Joshua Russell
Gabrielle Schneider
Sean Seay
Scarlett Sholtis
Johan Solleveld
Liam Sunshine
Nicholas Szadvari



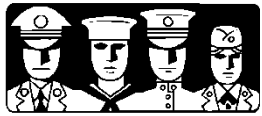
The Summer Program began on June 15. The school-agers began celebrating with a picnic on Friday, June 10. Our Summer Program is heating up and we are ready. The kids are very excited to get summer underway. We anticipate a very active summer with our school-age group and have many activities and trips planned. The vans have been leased, and scheduling for all activities is locked in. We will be going on daily fieldtrips, such as to the clubhouse pool, Kids in Motion, bowling, Funland, and Wilderness Golf. Ms. Kasi Dominick will be leading our Summer Preschool Program with lots of fun and educational activities planned.

We are currently planning and working on next school year's curriculum for the threes and fours. Please keep our littlest members in your prayers for a safe and fun summer.

There is a time
for everything,
and a season for every
activity under heaven...



THOSE IN THE MILITARY



Please keep the following soldiers and their families in your prayers:

Matt Foster, Army, stationed in Afghanistan, grandson-in-law of Randy and Alice Ann Halverson (LOWC).

Kevin Kelly, son-in-law of Diane Rivenburg (LOWC), stationed in Japan.

Joseph Stallings, serving in Afghanistan, son-in-law of Ellie and Ed Brown (LOWC).

Danny Stankus, Army, serving in Iraq, grandson of Skip Lawrence (LOWC).

Tom Taylor, stationed in Afghanistan, son of Chuck Taylor (LOWC).

Edy Whitehead, stationed in the Middle East, daughter-in-law of Randy Whitehead (LOWC).

John Zirkle, another grandson-in-law of Carol Johnson (LOWC), is now deployed to the Middle East. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

We offer special prayers for God's healing touch for every soldier who returned from the Middle East with the mental and physical scars of war. We pray that their healing be in God's loving hands.

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SOUNDBOARD OPERATOR NEEDED

Contact Newt Wilson
 (972-3274)



The family of Helen M. Berra wishes to thank the many friends for their prayers, condolences, food, donations to the LOWC Youth, flowers, etc. and participation in the Celebration of Life Service.

Your thoughts and prayers have helped lessen the pain of the loss of Helen.

*With much appreciation,
 Dick Berra, Beth & Chris Rugg, Kim & Rick Dunbar, Bob & Nancy Berra, Lisa & Todd Lovelace, and Michelle Bauer and 13 grandchildren.*

James Taylor would like to thank you for the many meals provided for him. He also would like to thank Mary Berger and those who have picked up with the CD recordings and are doing a great job!

ATTENDANCE

Average Sunday Attendance Reports

	Church (Worship)	Children (SS)	Youth Min (SS)
Avg. in May	559	100	NA
Avg. Year-to-date	596	111	NA

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

your journey from mourning To joy

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. At GriefShare, you'll learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life.

GriefShare meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the LOWC library. Contact Lynn Shutts at 972-7714 for more information.



BUDGET REPORT - MAY

Offerings	Budget	Difference	%
\$89,736	\$92,030	(\$ 4,294)	-5%
<u>Year-to-Date</u>			
\$434,080	\$420,040	\$14,041	3%



Congregational Care Ministries

Pastoral Visits

Counseling Ministry
(by appointment)

Stephen Ministry
(Providing Care for the Challenges of Life)

Shepherd's Staff
(Caring Contacts to Members)

Lay Visitation Ministry
(Hospital, Sick, Homebound, Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Lay Home Communion)

GriefShare Ministry
(Grief Recovery Support Group)
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Library

First Place 4 Health
(Christ Centered Nutrition and Weight Loss)
Saturdays at 7:00 a.m. in the Library

Life Coaches
(One-on-One Adult to Youth Mentoring)

Child Care Center
(All Day Child Care, Preschool Program and
Before and After School Child Care)
Contact: Belinda Divelbiss, Director (972-2349)

MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers)
Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. (Sept.-May)

TIME OUT (Mothers of School Age Children)
Mondays at 9:15 a.m. in the Founders Room (Sept.-May)

Small Group Ministry (Home Groups)
Contact: Dave Blackistone – 972-3555

DivorceCare Ministry
Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in the Library (resumes in the Fall)
Contact: Mary Lee Hensel 540-220-8026

AA
Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Downstairs Room 505
AA "Big Book" Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Cabins
Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in Cabins

Alzheimer's & Dementia – Support Group
3rd Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in Room 210/211
Annie Peterson 434-973-6122 or annie.peterson@alz.org
at The Alzheimer's Association, CWVA

For More Information
Call the Church Office at 972-9060

(Most Congregational Care Ministries open to the LOW Community)

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THE LAKE OF THE WOODS CHURCH STAFF

OFFICE HOURS: M-TH 8-5:00, FRIDAY 8-3:00

Pastoral Staff (972-9060)

Senior Pastor – Tom Schafer
Senior Associate Pastor – Jim Smith
Youth Pastor – Adam Colson
Visitation Minister – Mike Lemay
Children's Ministry Director – Sherri Gaskill
Youth Ministry Coordinator – Shannon Ford
Youth Ministry Worship Leader – Jordan Medas

Music

Traditional Music – Paul Workman
Blended & Contemporary Music – Dave Goodrich
Organist – Kathy Pellegreen
Handbells – Lois Frohnert

Counseling Ministers

Betty Collins, LPC
Carolyn Graham, LPC

Dr. E. Dyson
Dr. Zoila Ortega

Financial Secretary

Shirley Bunch

Administrative Staff

Susan Weiford, Patti Wheeler, Sparkle Capitano

Custodial Staff

Dennis and Jerry Romine, David Bailey, Barbara Doman,
John and Susan Lee

Child Care Center (972-2349)

Director – Belinda Divelbiss

Happy Anniversary!

- 2 Hilda & Tom Seary
- 2 Martha & Cork Grandy
- 4 Janet & Jim Bloom
- 5 Connie & George Chapin
- 5 Dee & Jim Flood
- 7 Jennifer & Harry Lovell
- 7 Mary & Lawrence Reinhart
- 8 Ruth & Tom Styles
- 8 Theda & Ray Massie
- 9 Ellie & Ed Brown
- 9 Joan & Bill Hulse
- 12 Ann & John Sawyer
- 12 Linda & Ralph Rupard
- 12 Louise & Bert Ransom
- 13 Pat & Ralph Ericksen
- 14 Kathleen & Don Smith
- 15 Barbara & John Rueckert
- 15 Lois & Ken Frohnert
- 19 Anne & Bob O'Bannon
- 20 Cheryl & Jonathan Morey
- 20 Marilyn & Wally Bloss
- 20 Nancy & Lee Strain
- 21 Karen & Dave Kovarik
- 21 Nancy & Bob Gibson
- 24 Lauren & Shawn Cotton
- 24 Sibyle & Bob Jenks
- 25 Jean & Mike Lemay
- 25 Mary & Hank Altman
- 25 Tanya & Timothy Hall
- 26 Donna & Linc Landis
- 29 Barbara & Gary Bounds
- 29 Teresa & Mark Shumate
- 30 Judy & Dan Schofield

Happy Birthday!

- 2 Debra A. Durden
- 2 Cathy Gnik
- 2 Randall Halverson
- 2 Richard Heinbach

- 2 Dee M. Lawson
- 3 Florence Rose
- 3 Danielle Schneider
- 4 Jim Flood
- 4 Christina Ray
- 4 Patricia Unkle
- 4 Aaron Widor
- 5 Mary Ann Hamilton
- 6 Iris Hamrick
- 6 Jean Peterson
- 6 Paulette Tantlinger
- 7 Marc Birdsong
- 7 Shayna Connell
- 7 Janet Delozier
- 7 Betty Larson
- 7 Jim Parker
- 8 Sue Dickinson
- 8 Adam Porter
- 9 Brian Barnes
- 9 Renee Graves
- 9 Ed Harn
- 9 Julie Phend
- 9 June I. Stevenson
- 10 Jamie Coleman
- 10 Dick Rankin
- 10 Jesse Rossi
- 11 Jamee Hearn
- 11 Judy Mayfield
- 11 Penny Medley
- 12 Pat Carson
- 12 Sharon Cole
- 12 Linda Parker
- 12 Melody Widor
- 12 Ruth Wilson
- 13 Alan Berry
- 13 Louise Ransom
- 14 Trenia Jeffries
- 15 Frank Cangelosi
- 15 Lauren Cotton
- 15 David Hamrick
- 16 Shirley Cornwell
- 17 Pam Evatt
- 17 Margaret Thode
- 18 Pat Cope
- 18 Lisa Medas
- 18 Jane Nielsen
- 18 Carol Stanley
- 19 Johanna Colson

J U L Y

- 19 Bruce Doolittle
- 19 Toni Hamblet
- 19 John Lentine
- 19 Charles Lewis
- 20 Bob Jenks
- 20 Sam Patrick
- 20 Angela Patterson
- 21 Charles Adams
- 21 David J Bailey
- 21 Shirley P. Broadus
- 21 Dottie Moser
- 23 Jared T. Bueng
- 24 Mattie Habner
- 24 Jean J. Lemay
- 24 Bobbie Sides
- 25 Loretta T. Johns
- 25 John McQuaid
- 25 Beth Sundberg
- 25 Anne Westerman
- 26 Suzanne Zimmerman
- 27 Pat Arntson
- 27 Linda Coleman
- 27 Gina Doolittle
- 27 Randy Whitehead
- 29 George Chapin
- 29 Judy Curnow
- 29 Sue Doubet
- 29 Jolie Morris
- 29 Jeffrey Pfeil
- 29 Delma Roessler
- 29 Ossie Schmidt
- 30 Joan Batten
- 30 Lois DeLongis
- 30 Judy Eiben
- 30 Jacklyn Gill
- 30 Patti Wheeler
- 31 Susan Richards



Happy Anniversary!

1 Helen & Desi Desarmeaux
1 Frances & Nelson Lynch
1 Heather & Corey Randall
1 Debbie & Hugh Risseeuw
2 Leslie & Warren Gage
2 Alberta & Jack Jackson
3 Norma & Larry Ervin
3 Barbara & Jack Miller
4 Susan & Ray Godfrey
5 Suzanne & Walter Benton
5 Brenda & Jim Brooks
5 Sue & Ray Dickinson
6 Lisa & Jim Smith
7 Inez & Ralph Holm
7 Sharon & Bruce Killian
9 Nancy & Carl Hoffmann
10 Ruth & Sparky Watson
11 Anne & Bruce Boyd
11 Barbara & Vic Larson
12 Moon & Bob Halstead
14 Sandi & Thomas Plummer
15 Louise & Robert Fletcher
15 Dawn & Richard Heinbach
16 Margaret & Orville Brockman
16 Maria & Bill Meldrum
17 Mattie & Wade Habner
17 Olga & Alan Patnode
17 Rhonda & Jason Richard
19 Lora & Hal Wood
20 Susan & David Richards
21 Michelle & Ken Lyons
23 Patty & John Bell
23 Laura & Charles Handy
23 Marthellen & Ed Hoffman
23 Jill & Jeffery Johnson
23 Linda & Bob Parker
25 Susanne & Richard Kurz
25 Hope & Mark Murphy
26 Nancy & John Bowles
26 Carolyn & Don Fisher
26 Jeanne & Donald Larsen
26 Carol & Dick Rankin
26 Sally & Ken Rouse
27 Gwen & D.J. Mallmann
27 Naomi & David Yeakel

28 Pat & Alan Berry
28 Nancy & Squire Brooks
28 Vikki & Tom Hansen
30 Iris & David Hamrick
30 Joy & Wendell Phillips
31 Judy & Jeff Flynn
31 Christa & Brad Stine
31 Jeanne & Marty Stoll

Happy Birthday!

1 Alec Mallmann
2 Mike Neely
3 Toni Ruther
3 Judith Thompson
4 Pat Bowman
5 Mary Hadley
5 Lincoln Landis
5 Robert Mackes
5 Judy Schofield
5 Barbara Young
7 James Beard
7 Jim Fulton
7 Wyatt Gosnell
7 Jean Hopkins
7 Ruth Lenwell
8 Wally Bloss
8 Kathy Genson
8 Frederick Hetrick
8 Jack Miller
8 Vicki O'Hara
8 John Rueckert
8 Sabrina Woosley
9 Aaron Lovell
9 Vera Moody
9 Joan Parnell
9 Buzz Sybilrud
10 Wenah Kelley
10 Mary Lewis
11 Pat Berry
11 Jacque Morey
11 John Yienger
12 Easter Bowman
12 Doug Jones
13 Larry Ervin
13 Sherri Gaskill
13 Laura Moore
14 Ed Hoffman
14 Jeff Kindred

15 Curtis Bruce
15 Donnie Hill
15 Gene Santucci
16 Orville Brockman
16 Melissa Hart
17 Jeff Flynn
17 Pat Watterworth
18 John Boheim
18 Jamie Bosen
18 George Colby
18 Audrey Lawrence
18 Nancy Joy Rauch
19 Deborah Fleagle
19 Anthony Gathers II
19 Virginia Lynch
19 Toni Walker
20 Marie Barrett
20 Diana Duffy
20 Ralph Hall
21 Lynn Hein
21 Carol Johnson
21 Bob Johnson
22 Kathryn Van Leer
23 Jim Brooks
23 Harry Ferree
23 Nancy Lynch
23 Chuck Taylor
24 Brenda Rogers
24 Greg Williamson
25 Anne Boyd
25 Paul Harry
25 Laird Knights
25 Kristie Peters
26 Donna Sanchez
26 Bev Zabka
27 Susan Weiford
28 Mara Bueng
28 Desi Desarmeaux
28 Bill Howard
28 Bill Meldrum
28 Bob Shope
28 Karen Whistleman
29 Nancy Bowles
29 Wendell Phillips
29 Anne Marie Rubin
30 Susanne Kurz
31 Eileen McFarland
31 Alejandra Solis

AUGUST

MINISTERS (Schedule subject to change.)

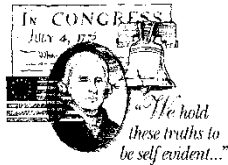
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	Traditional	Traditional	Blended	Contemporary
7/03	Pastor Smith	Visiting Min.	-----	Pastor Smith -----
7/10	-----	Pastor Smith -----	Pastor Colson	Pastor Smith
7/17	Rev. Odom	Pastor Smith	Rev. Odom	Pastor Schafer/VBS
7/24	Rev. Rigstad	Pastor Schafer	-----	Rev. Rigstad -----
7/31	Musical	Pastor Smith	----	Summer Musical ----
8/07	Pastor Schafer	Pastor Smith	-----	Pastor Schafer -----
8/14	Pastor Schafer	Visiting Min.	-----	Pastor Schafer -----
8/21	-----	Pastor Schafer -----	Pastor Smith	Pastor Schafer
8/28	Pastor Schafer	Pastor Smith	-----	Pastor Schafer -----

LAY READERS - TRADITIONAL SERVICES

	8:30	9:45
7/03	Nancy Bowles	Helen Desarmeaux
7/10	Georgianne Cedarblade	Desi Desarmeaux
7/17	Glenn Giddings	Linc Landis
7/24	Art Griggs	Barbara Rueckert
7/31	Steve Schuneman	Karl Staab
8/07	Eldon Rucker	Linda Rupard
8/14	Louisa Rucker	Wayne Thompson
8/21	Donna Crawley	Dwight Mottet
8/28	Orville Dee	Debbie Fleagle

ALTAR DUTY

Jean Peterson (8141) and Sibyle Jenks (3859)



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USHERS

SANCTUARY

8:30 Please check with Usher Coordinator Ken Frohnert (8824).
 9:45 **July** Captain Chuck Lewis; Ushers - Jill Johnson, Laurel Buongiovanni, Barbara Hernan; Communion - Jim & Linda Ogletree, Jan Davis, Linc Landis

WORSHIP CENTER

9:45 **July Captain – Al & Peggy Grella**, Jerry & Dottie Moser, Darrell & Bernadette Williams
August Captain – Joyce Hite, Barbara Rakes, David & Iris Hamrick, John & Barbara Norton
 11:00 – Roy & Susan Cottoms, Meighan Perez, Lynn Shutts

FLOWER CONTRIBUTORS

	Sanctuary	Worship Center
7/03	Nancy Doseff	Jim & Dee Flood
7/10	Jerry & Millie Davis Font: John & Barbara Rueckert	
7/17	Margaret Thode	
7/24	Bob & Sibyle Jenks	
7/31	Joan Parnell	
8/07	Ruth & Sparky Watson	Randy Whitehead/Susie Barnes
8/14	Olga & Alan Patnode	Barbara & Vic Larson
8/21	Linda Sipe	Betty Evans
8/28	N. Bowles/J. Larsen	Judy & Jeff Flynn

SECURITY DUTY

7/03	Don Larsen	8/07	Doug Wheeler
7/10	Tom Seary	8/14	Buddy Beazley
7/17	Jim Hopkins	8/21	Henrick Thode
7/24	Alan Patnode	8/28	Desi Desarmeaux
7/31	Doug Weiford		



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