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Ponderings from Pastor Jim

Hi Church Family,

And welcome to the days of *"Alice in Wonderland"* where everything today seems upside down and inside out!

Security, stability, and safety. Some things everyone longs for. But in today's climate, with things changing rapidly, many are feeling as though they are elusive and unattainable.

Hooray for our church! We have what MANY are searching for; something solid and reliable! And our GOD offers security, stability and safety!

Psalm 18:2 – ***"The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety."***

At the Lake Church, the LORD is our ROCK. He is solid, unchanging, dependable, caring, loving, guiding ... and He has a host of ANGELS to accomplish His will in our lives.

Did you know that the #1 way new people start coming to a church is by a personal invitation from someone? If you have a friend not going anywhere to church, invite him or her to join you some Sunday. You may be doing them a HUGE favor in these strange days.

And remember too: ***"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."*** (Hebrews 10:25)

Did You Miss Our 9 AM Service?

Many people did... and it's partly our fault! Debbie sent out two emails. But some of you don't have email, and some of you aren't in the habit of checking it regularly. So, we have an idea...

We like to start a **PHONE TREE**. If you'd not experienced one before, a Phone Tree begins with one or two people who call four or five each... who, in turn, call four or five others... and it continues until (ideally) everyone in the church has been contacted. But it all needs to start with some dedicated people. Could **YOU** be one of those? If you're interested it being at the "top" of our phone tree, please send an email to info@lakechurch.org or call Karen at the church, **760-471-3802**. We sure would appreciate your help.

September... A Time for New Beginnings

MANY of us are somewhat conditioned to see September as a second “New Year” of sorts. I think it all started with kids going back to school and parents experiencing that “most wonderful time of the year!” (Do you remember that old Staples commercial?) Here at The Lake Church we would like to have a few new things start this next month.

- **New Members Informational Meeting**

We have had several people express an interest in officially joining The Lake Church. If you're interested in taking your church attendance to the next step and want to find out more about church membership, call the church office (760-471-3802) or email us at info@lakechurch.org.

- **Newcomers Get Together**

Are you relatively new to the Lake Church? We would like to have a social gathering of anyone who began attending in 2020 or 2021. We know who many of you are... But not all! Please call the church office (760-471-3802) or email us at info@lakechurch.org if you fall into this category. We're ready to have a party and get to know each other better!

- **Are You a Couple?**

We have counted at least 25 husband/wife couples in our church... And many have expressed an interest in meeting more of the others. So, if you fall into this category keep an eye on your email. We'll be planning something soon!

- **Be A Buddy**

Hey Ladies, have you heard about our Be A Buddy Group? This group is forming now and we have about 8 ladies signed up who have joined as a way of reaching out to get to know some of the women of the church. It's really quite simple and takes very little time. All you need is a heart to reach out to women you may not yet know and/or those who need a card, phone call or even an in-person visit. When people are hurting or lonely or in the hospital and they receive this gift from you, they will be so happy and blessed and it only takes a few minutes of your time. Being a Buddy to someone is a way of getting to know others and possibly forming friendships too. So, if you are interested, please contact Bonnie at bonnie.standard@gmail.com or call the church office (760-471-3802) and she will add you to the list of Buddies. (Remember to give her your phone number too so you can be contacted quickly)

Message From the Board Chairman

At our last Board meeting, there was a lot of discussion about finding a permanent building for us to meet in. We want to do everything possible to keep it here inside the Lake, but of course there is no open space available to build on, so the Conference Center still seems to be our best option so far. The CDC (Lake and Lodge) has been very cooperative and happy to accommodate us, but we may not be able to count on them forever. They might entertain a reasonable offer from us to buy the Conference Center, but because it is part of a larger package (pools, tennis courts, etc) and there may be “parking issues,” it would be a very complicated and expensive procedure. In addition to the financial aspect, several other things must fall into place. God has been looking out for us all along, so we are all optimistic that something good will happen. We just don’t know when, and we are trying to be patient.

The three principals of Pacifica (the owners of CDC) are dedicated Christians and are very enthusiastic about making sure there is a place for our Church to continue and are working at keeping it “in shape” for us. (As I write this the air conditioning is in the process of being repaired!) Pastor Jim enjoys regular fellowship with these men and they all have a good relationship.

Let’s all keep all of this in our prayers and trust that God will work this out for us according to his plans. We have a wonderful group of people... great staff and pastor. I am sure the future will be good for all of us. God Bless! Art Pedersen

Ladies Luncheon

Our ladies luncheon, held on August 18, was a huge success! 70 of our church ladies and their guests enjoyed a lunch of Greek salad and some amazing baklava for dessert. Church member Chantelle LaGroux greeted us with some selections on her violin; Jan Conkright shared a devotion reminding us of our need to stay in shape spiritually as well as physically, and Linda Smith, SomaticLife, led us in some “Intelligent Movements for a Healthier Life” and taught us to “Divine Unwind.” A fun time was had by all! Enjoy some pictures.





The Lake Church App Is Ready to Go!

As we shared earlier this month, our tech-whiz – Amy Pulliam – has been working hard on creating an “app” for our smartphones and tablets (apple or android) which will make connecting with **The Lake Church** even easier! Following are the instructions for downloading and using **The Lake Church app**!