



the lake church

July 15, 2021

Dear Church Family,

Not only does our church MEET here in Lake San Marcos and proclaim Jesus and the Word of God, but we also are a PART of the community and help influence and hopefully point them to our LORD in part by the actions we take.

Therefore, this year, we (The Lake Church) helped LEAD our community in our collaborative Independence Day Celebration! Following is the article I submitted for the upcoming August edition of the Quail Call along with a few pics showing some of the events.

Pastor Jim and Debbie

July 4 - Lake San Marcos 2021 - Independence Day Celebration

Unity (definition): *The state or quality of being in accord, in harmony, or united into a whole.*

That was what our **July 4 Celebration** looked and felt like this year! Though the planning was a short month or two, things kicked off smoothly at 9:30am with a local ROTC Honor Guard presenting the colors, the flag salute, and national anthem... then the 30-member Freedom Choir, directed by Jim Brown, led in upbeat patriotic music and group singing. Dr. Dick Skay was the MC and we had welcome talks by CDC President Pino Vitti and his kids, LSMCA board members Mike Phipps and Jeremy Meadows, John Gibbs from LSM Kiwanis followed by Art Pedersen quoting the Gettysburg Address! Special appearance and talk by San Marcos Mayor Rebecca Jones was a delightful highlight! Following these talks, the choir sang "*Salute to Soldiers*" as we recognized all Veterans present along with spouses of deceased Vets. Jim Brown closed the kick-off with a talk about our national need to maintain an *Attitude of Gratitude* year-round, then he and Debbie, along with the choir, ended with the song "*God Bless the USA.*"

Many clubs and organizations set up colorful festive booths where residents came to learn more about the various groups and clubs which help make Lake San Marcos special.

At 11am the festivities continued with the annual Most Patriotic Dog Contest and a record 20 entries! Frank Iannuzzi and Pam Hepler from the Lodge at Lakehouse Hotel and Resort provided additional events for the kids and families such as face painting, a huge bounce house and slide, hamburgers and hot dogs from the Grill, plus additional live music.



Dr. Jim Brown, Pastor

Finally, at 4:30, the LSM Yacht club held their annual July 4 “Boat Parade” with a near-record of 37 boats decorated and moving about the lake.

It was indeed a FABULOUS day for LSM as we celebrated “America’s Birthday!” Enjoy the photos!



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Matt Marshall - mattmarshallphotography.com

Board of Directors Report

Greetings from the Board of Directors. We are made of 7 members from the congregation, plus the pastor, each with a different role to help conduct the business of the Church. The full Board meets once a month with committees meeting as needed.

During this pandemic period there have been challenges, but we have managed, with the help of God, to not only survive, but to actually thrive. Many small churches throughout the country have not been so lucky and have had to close. We attribute this not only to our great staff, but also to all the wonderful people in our congregation. Your support and generosity has allowed us to continue the Church's mission and to contribute to the charities we support.

Thank you everyone for your support, and God bless!

Art Pedersen, Chairman

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## **Missions Committee Report**

As recommended by its Missions Committee, The Lake Church Board of Directors has approved the Initial, of two, 2021 Charitable Contributions, to the following Recipients. Distribution to take place by the end of July, 2021:

Casa de Amparo – \$1,250; Solutions For Change – \$1,500; Father Joe's Villages – \$500; Interfaith Community Services – \$500; Interfaith Food Pantries – \$1,000; Meals On Wheels – \$2,250; Operation Hope Shelter – \$1,500; Fellowship of Christian Athletes – \$1,250; Semper Fi & America's Fund – \$1,750; Brother Benno's Foundation – \$1,500; Discipleship Journeys With Jesus – \$1,000; Lake Community Lighted Beacon – \$1,000. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION: \$15,000.00

Our second distribution scheduled for December, 2021.

*Rex Edmonds*, Chair

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Ladies Luncheon Coming Soon!

Our ladies' luncheons are resuming next month! On August 18th at 11:30am we'll be dining on a lunch of Greek Chicken Salad in the Fairway Room at the LSM Country club. Our guest speaker will be Linda Smith who'll be sharing ways to breathe properly, be positive, improve mobility, and live happily. \$25 tickets will go on sale before and after the church service beginning July 25th.

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## **Are you NEW to TLC?**

In August we'd like to plan a get-together for those who began attending The Lake Church after December 2019. If this is YOU... stay tuned and we'll get all the info to you as soon as everything is finalized.