

the lake church

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October News (from Pastor Jim and others in the church) Hello Church Family!

New Sermon Series: I'm launching a new SERIES of messages entitled "*The 3rd Person.*" This series will be about our amazing HOLY SPIRIT, the "3rd person of the Trinity" and will start on October 3rd.

Men's Bible Study: beginning in the October... Tuesday nights at 7pm. (See complete announcement/info below).

Communion: Our next communion service will be held in October!

New Members: Our newest group of new members will be introduced to the church on October 3rd!

And... also note the following:

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

We recently began a **LADIES' FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** that will meet the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00am for breakfast. Our next event will be held at The Grill of the LSM Country Club on Wednesday, October 6th. We will order from the menu and pay our own tabs (and you get 10% off the menu prices with your Lake/Lodge Card). Let's get to know each other as church ladies and have some fun. See you at breakfast!

CALLING ALL MEN!

We are living in challenging and unprecedented times. Therefore... I will be leading an eight-week men's Bible study based on the book: *Kingdom Men Rising: Calling Men to Purpose* by Dr Tony Evans. This new 2021 book and study looks to be exactly what we MEN need in the midst of all that is going on in our country, our culture and our world today.

The study will be held on Tuesday nights at 7pm beginning October 5 at KRC Realty office - 1132 San Marino Drive #100 LSM

I like what Dr. Tony Evans said in his earlier book Kingdom Man: "When a Kingdom Man gets up in the morning, the devil should say, "O crap, he's up." The devil should quake a little in his boots because the Kingdom man is one who is committed to God and empowered by Him."

We have room for EVERY man in our church to join us! Besides being strengthened in your faith; I am sure that is t you'll make some new and deeper friendships with other GUYS in our church family. Gals may need other gals, but guys need other guys. We are different and have different God-given purposes and destinies.

What you'll need: a Bible and a copy of *Kingdom Men Rising Bible Study* book. (\$15.99 Amazon. Let me know if you need me to order for you.)

From the webpage: "Kingdom Men Rising: Calling Men to Purpose"

"Our culture is confused about what it means to be a man. Notions of masculinity have become misunderstood and maligned. This 8-session study will encourage you to wrestle honestly with the unique questions and circumstances all men face today. It will exhort you to exercise your God-given place in the home, community, and culture. Through an examination of landmark texts from the Bible and historical biblical figures, you'll understand the expression, the purpose, and the future of masculinity. See manhood from God's perspective. Understand great men of the Bible and imitate their faith. Find practical encouragement for becoming a godly man."

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Recently I read an article by Shane Pruitt, a Christian writer, that was posted on the website of Subsplash (This is the organization that runs our website and online giving platforms and offers administrative advice and guidance to churches in general). This article was in response to several negative articles encountered by Pruitt about the Christian church in general. I found his article uplifting and inspiring, so I want to share some of the main points with you. The title of the article is "Don't Forget, There's a Lot Right with the Church, Too." In the article he points out that even if a lot of problems and shortcomings are found with the Church (The Christian Church in general), the positive points far outweigh them.

- 1. The Church is your forever family. If the Holy Spirit lives inside you, you are the Church. When God saved you, He saved you into a family, His family.
- 2. Besides the Holy Spirit, there is no greater force in the world. When the Church is unified and mobilized, hell cannot prevail against it. If the Church, fueled by the Holy Spirit, rallies around a cause, nothing can stop her.
- 3. The Church maximizes the effectiveness of your life. Love God, love people, and make disciples. Most of our calling has more to do with others than ourselves, taking us out of our own problems and worries.
- 4. The Church has an awesome husband. Don't forget that the Church is the bride of Christ, and whatever is said about her is taken seriously by her groom, Jesus. Like any husband, He will look favorably on those that treat His wife well and with respect.

There is a reason why there is a Church, and why our Lake Church exists. It is a way we can all be part of God's family and someday dwell in His house. So, when you come to Church, enjoy the music, the message, and the family. Thanks!

Art Pedersen, Chairman, Board of Directors