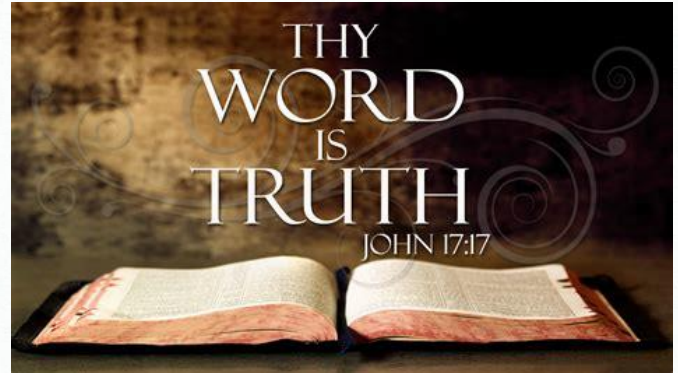




**From Pastor Jim...**

## TRUTH

Have you ever taken a “lie-detector” test? I did once. In my late teens, while in college, I went to work part-time for Sears and everyone had to take one. Rather weird, but it was what was required. And of course, it wasn’t called a “truth-detector” – but focused on lying. (I passed, by the way!)



As I taught last Sunday (Feb 20), our society is indeed struggling with TRUTH. It should be a simple matter to detect truth, but there are more LIES today masquerading as “truth” (or at least someone’s opinion of truth) that it has become VITAL that we Followers of Jesus learn to discern TRUTH.

In John 17 we find Jesus’ “High Priestly Prayer” (as most scholars call it). Indeed, it is our Lord’s Prayer to His Heavenly Father. So rich, so wonderful. And here’s the relevant truth section of John 17:14-19 (the “they” and “them” are His Followers – THEN and NOW – and “sanctify” means to be set apart):

***“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.”*** (NASB)

It’s clear that God wants us to know the TRUTH. As followers of Jesus, we need TRUTH... especially in our twisted, lie-infected world. And there is only one Source for TRUTH – our Almighty God!

Jesus said: ***“And you shall know the TRUTH and the truth shall set you free.”*** (John 8:32)

Jesus said: ***“I am the way, the TRUTH and the life.”*** (John 14:6)

As a church, we believe that ***“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”*** (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

As you know, I try (with the Spirit’s help) to teach God’s Word each and every Sunday. It is MY (and our church’s) FINAL AUTHORITY as you and I grow in Jesus.

I have found that the Holy Spirit – who indwells each Believer and guides, leads, and comforts us – also helps us recall Scriptures that apply to a particular situation at a specific time. (Very helpful as I make decisions, prayerfully develop messages, write devotionals or newsletters, or when I meet with someone one on one.).

Remember, our Bibles are the WORD of the Living God! And I just want to emphasize how IMPORTANT God’s Word is to every person who calls themselves a Christian.

I encourage you to keep in the Word – in some fashion – every day. My 2-minute devotionals “TruNorth” are an excellent way to do that. (You or friends can sign up for this Mon-Fri devotional on our church website ([www.lakechurch.org](http://www.lakechurch.org) – form at the bottom). Right now, I’m writing 40 Days in the Book of John. Wow... what a fantastic book!

Read the Word, pray, and then LISTEN to the Lord daily. He wants to talk with you and can do so through His Word, His Holy Spirit, and through other mature Believers in Christ.

I can’t emphasize enough – how vital knowing God’s TRUTH is to successful living today. God’s Word is TRUTH. (Don’t be misled by anything that contradicts His Word.)

Debbie and I pray regularly for our church family. Thanks for being a part!

*Pastor Jim*

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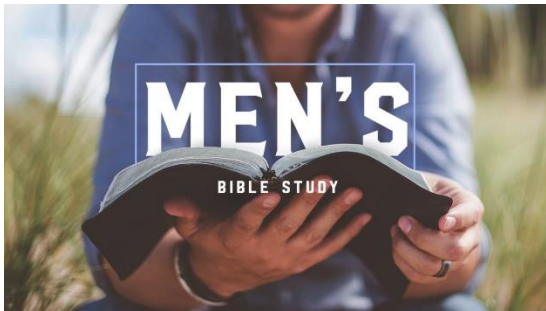
## Lake Church Membership

Many have recently expressed interest in officially becoming members of the Lake Church. We will be holding another membership/informational meeting in March. If you would like to be included in this event and learn more about the Lake Church and what it means to be a member, contact Debbie ([debbie.lakechurch@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.lakechurch@gmail.com)) or indicate your interest on a [Connect Card](#) and drop it in the offering box at church.





## Men's Bible Study



A new men's Bible study, led by Pastor Jim, will begin on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. It will be held at Rich Farmer's Office (KRC Realty): 1132 San Marino Drive #100, Lake San Marcos. All men are invited! Be sure to bring a Bible – we'll be studying the book of Colossians.

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## From the Board

The Board of Directors continues to meet monthly, taking care of the business end of being a successful church and letting Pastor Jim bounce ideas off us. Our newest member, Rich Farmer, has stepped up and contributed to our task with skill and enthusiasm.

Our long-time bookkeeper, Donna Roberts, has decided to retire. She has kept our books straight and organized for many years and will be greatly missed. However, we have hired a great replacement in Kelly Lara, an experienced bookkeeper and church member. Some of you may know her from her photography work here in the Lake, or her work at the LSMCA office as a receptionist/bookkeeper. We are really looking forward to working with Kelly. Everything is going smoothly. Thanks to your generosity, our finances are sound, and we are staying in compliance with state regulations and insurance guidelines. We pray that things will stay that way as we move forward bringing the Word to our community.

GOD BLESS!

*Art Pedersen*

Chairman, Board of Directors



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