



the lake church

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FROM PASTOR JIM...



Happy Birthday #104, Fran! We were happy to recognize Fran Bowman on Sunday June 5th – the day after her 104th birthday!

We have so many WONDERFUL folks who call the Lake Church their home church. Thanks for all of you who love and care for one another.

As Jesus told His followers: “A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (John 13:34)

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Current Message Series – The Two Minute Warning (Book of Revelation and the End Times). If you’ve missed any of these messages you can always watch them on the Church Website [www.lakechurch.org](http://www.lakechurch.org).

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On June 14th – Flag Day – we led music at the annual US Flag Retirement Ceremony here in San Marcos, hosted by the LSM Kiwanis. Supervisor Jim Desmond MC’d the program and shared some thoughts. The Supervisor will also be speaking at the LSM community July 4th event beginning at 9am on the grass area by the Pavilion.

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## BLESSING THROUGH ADVERSITY

Amy Pulliam



So many who come across me might not know that I’ve struggled with chronic pain for over a decade. I’ve undergone two neck surgeries and most recently had an SI joint fusion on my left side during which I broke my right ankle and lived in a wheelchair for 6 months (During the beginning of the Covid madness). Diagnoses come and go and so do surgeries for me. I currently have a left hip labral tear I’m in the process of dealing with. The purpose of this memo isn’t a “painolog” but rather a testimony that God uses you in your current situation. I can’t count the

*Dr. Jim Brown, Pastor*

number of encounters I have been able to share my love for our Lord. Just a few weeks back, the nurse commented on my “positivity” and asked what my plan was in dealing with my situation. He had just witnessed the inside of me on the MRI screen and I replied back I have one plan – “to rejoice always”. I left it at that and felt the silence and the Holy Spirit move. He had questions. He had doubts. He also got a strong impression from me that something greater was giving me positivity and more importantly – PEACE. I’m young (especially in our church family), but I’m no stranger to hospitals and doctor offices. I believe God equipped me to be there. I am driven to stay grounded in Him. And most importantly carry His message – HOPE. We as believers know we live in a broken world and in broken bodies, I’m driven to show His greatness through living in my broken body as gracefully as I can. Always striving to love like Jesus. On good days and even more on my bad days. No easy task!

God is good. He has blessed me with a relationship with Him through the adversity that I have faced through physical bodily pain. People often ask me “How are you smiling?” (And even more so after they get a look inside my physical body via MRI, ultrasound, X-rays, etc) and I know each time that question is asked my Father knew exactly why He gave me this cross to bear. I’m able to have that conversation. I’m invited to share. It’s simple – this is not my home. I’m here to share the greatest story of overcoming adversity. Jesus.

Depending on the situation I might be a bit more subtle or a tad more specific, but it’s all the same response. I rejoice ALWAYS. Our faith as Christians is powerful, but the Holy Spirit working through us moves mountains and opens doors we can’t do alone.

We are His children. I love that. I know I’m exactly where I’m supposed to be – even if it’s in chronic pain – and He is using me to bring people to His kingdom. My pain can’t even register in comparison to a fellow human’s salvation. That’s where my strength comes from and that’s why I smile – no matter what or how bad it might be feeling. So my message is to embrace exactly what you are going through no matter how uncomfortable or painful – because God’s using you. He loves you and knows exactly how you’re feeling. You are uniquely equipped to share the greatest love story of all time to those who need it most. He’s placed them in your path. Be bold and loving and share the hope that keeps you going. Jesus.

**Editor’s Note:** Amy, who is our creative consultant (website, Pastor Jim’s book, online service, etc) wrote this at 3 am one morning because she was “packed on ice after diagnostic injections.” Keep her in your prayers. Also, watch next month for a special note of thanks from Amy to The Lake Church.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you may know, we now both record and LIVE STREAM our Sunday morning service. Amy, who has been our awesome video camera operator, will be moving in a month to Florida where her daughter, Sofia, will be attending college in the fall. Sooo... we’re looking for one or two people who could arrive a little early each Sunday to set up and then operate the video

camera during the church service. Very little technical knowledge is needed as Amy has it down to a simple plug and play. Want to know more before deciding? Talk to Amy or Debbie.

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## JULY 4<sup>th</sup> FESTIVITIES

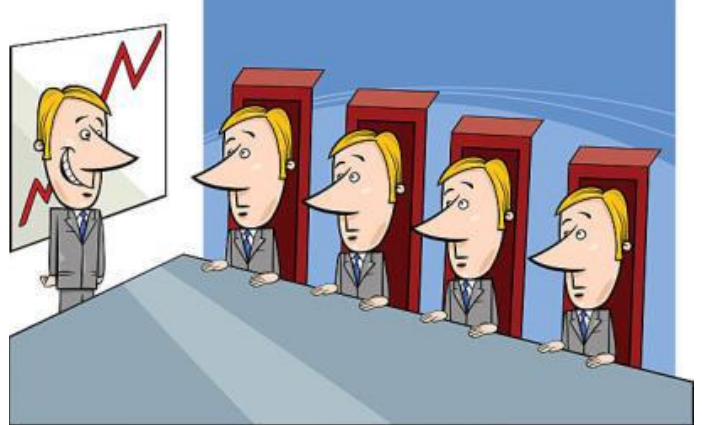


Once again, Pastor Jim is coordinating the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration here at Lake San Marcos beginning at 9am on Monday, July 4. As usual, we'll have lots of music and a variety of speakers including this year's main guest speaker: San Diego County Supervisor – Jim Desmond. Our music group of vocalists and instrumentalists this year will consist of: Stan and Heidi Beard, Susan York, Greg Klute, Karen Bonosoro, Brian Clements, Bob Glance, and Pastor Jim and Debbie plus a few of previous "Freedom Choir" members. After we finish with color guard, music, salute to soldiers and guest speakers, we'll have the usual "Patriotic Dog Contest," club-booths, and the kid's bounce house and games, hosted by Lake and Lodge. The annual July 4<sup>th</sup> boat parade will happen later in the afternoon. I am the Coordinator for this annual event.

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NOTE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

A good friend of the Church, Don Shawler, passed away a few weeks ago. Don had been an active member of the Church for a long time, until his health forced him to step back. For several years he was my predecessor as Chairman of the Board and guided us through some tough times. I'll always be thankful he left me a good Board to take over and continue his work.



June is when we make our first semi-annual donations to the missions we support. The head of our Missions Committee, Jacque Baker, will report soon. If anyone has another organization you'd like us to consider supporting, please let Jacque know.

Just a thought about Pastor Jim's messages about the end days: In school we knew when the final exam was coming so we could pull an all-nighter the night before to prepare for it. But, we don't know when the end is coming, so we must stay prepared every day.

Have a great summer, everyone, and God Bless!

Art Pedersen, Chairman

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## SILVER BELLS ARE RINGING AGAIN!



We know it's been a long wait Ladies, but we will finally be holding our Ladies' Luncheon that had to be cancelled last December. We're going to celebrate **CHRISTMAS IN JULY** on July 12<sup>th</sup> with a theme of "Silver Bells." The cost is only \$32 and will include awesome professional entertainment by our very own Stan Beard! If you previously purchased your reservation by check we'll need you to replace it with a new one as the old checks are now "stale-dated." If you reserved your spot with cash please confirm that you'll be able to join us this time around or we're happy to refund your monies. Tickets can be purchased (or confirmed) before and after the Sunday service.

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