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From Pastor Jim...

To: All My Church Family and Friends of the Lake Church

**THANK YOU** – to all of you who help support the ongoing mission of our church: "Love God, love others" ... and ... "Encourage others to follow Jesus."

Debbie and I are so blessed to have been called to lead the Lake Church during times like these. Not that we are happy about all that is happening in our country today or around the world, but we are where HE has placed us and during times like these.



PRAYER – the ability to communicate with Almighty God – is a privilege for the Child of God. MANY people in the world say that they "pray" (including many atheists) but only the born-again Child of God can pray: "Our Father in heaven … hallowed be THY name!" God only answers the prayers of HIS CHILDREN, though He hears every conversation and prayer on the planet.

**Don't stop praying** for our country, for our state, for our community, and for those around us who do NOT yet acknowledge Jesus as Lord. **Don't stop praying** for your family members or friends who have drifted away or perhaps never had a real life-changing encounter with the LORD of the universe! Though we WAIT for Jesus to return (the Second Coming) – remember: "God is not slow about His promise – as some count slowness – not willing that ANY should perish but that ALL should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

PRAY for each other. PRAY for your unsaved friends and family. PRAY for the unsaved in America. And thank you for praying for Debbie and me.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

A few Sundays ago, I was able to meet some new faces at TLC. My how the TLC family is growing – and how nice it is to see! As Debbie introduced me, I noticed some curious faces probably wondering what I do. So as a follow up, I thought a summary of my duties/services might be in order.

I serve as a Minister of Congregational Care (MCC) for Lake Church members and regular attendees, providing health information that may include both holistic and conventional medical treatment. My main purpose is to honor and serve the Lord Jesus Christ utilizing the gifts HE has given me to share and use for HIS GLORY. "Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the Law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

Dr. Jim Brown, Pastor

## Additionally...

- I advise on how to approach your doctor, health care team on what you might want but don't know how to go about getting your desires met.
- As we age, and are not feeling well, we tend to do what we are told by our doctors and sometimes it may not be our desire or even what is best for us. I can help advocate for and with you in various ways depending on your desires.
- I have access to trustworthy, licensed resources who can assist and perhaps be less costly if and when you need extra help in the home.
- During a hospitalization I can work with you, your family member(s), or significant others to ensure you are getting the best care your insurance will cover. Sometimes this means helping to interpret for you what is going on, speaking with the discharge planners, and helping you know the options available instead of just being told "this is what you get."
- I can assist if you have questions about what the doctor tells you about your health, tests you need, your diagnosis, medications, etc.
- Should there come a time when you need or want palliative, chronic care, or hospice care program, I involve others to help guide this process.
- And lastly, I love to pray with you anytime of the day or night. I can put you on our confidential prayer list. Prayer changes things. God hears us always.

I may be miles away (I actually live in Florida) but am always available to our church members and regulars. Any conversations we have are between us and God. Please feel free to call or email me. I am one of the many resources you have within the family at The Lake Church.

God Loves you and so do we,

MJ Goldzimer, RN, HHP

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# NEW MESSAGE SERIES, BEGINNING IN JUNE "THE 2-MINUTE WARNING"

What does God's Word tell us about the End of this Age? What's next? What does the Bible teach about the rapture, the second coming, the antichrist, the tribulation and so on? What do we need to know and how should we then live?



#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

As you may know, we now both record <u>and</u> LIVE STREAM our Sunday morning service. Amy, our awesome video camera operator, will be moving in a couple of months 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.

## JULY 4th 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. The Freedom Choir will be a part of the festivities, but will be doing less music this year. As usual, we'll have a variety of speakers including this year's main guest speaker: San Diego County Supervisor – Jim Desmond. 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.

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#### NOTE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

I want to take this opportunity to thank Bonnie Standard for her time on the Board of Directors. She has officially stepped down as Director of Outreach and has turned it over to another Board member, Jacque Baker. Thanks again Bonnie for all your work and contribution to the Board. Jacque is also in charge of Missions, so she will become very busy in the next few months. In June, we will make the first of our semi-annual donations to the organizations we sponsor.



The Board stays busy every month with the business end of the Church. We are fortunate that we have a very generous congregation so there are sufficient funds to keep everything running. Building rent, employee salaries, support personnel (IT and tech staff), outreach flyers, insurance premiums, equipment costs, coffee and donuts, and more, all add up each month, but we have no problem meeting these expenses. Our Treasurer, Don Wenskay, along with our bookkeeper, Kelly Lara, manage to keep our books balanced and in the black.

Rich Farmer (Admin Director) has kept us current with state requirements for employees. The secretary, Marge Judge, takes detailed, accurate minutes, and, of course, Pastor Jim sits in and helps keep us on course with prayer, not to mention a joke or two.

God Bless,

Art Pedersen, Chairman

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#### **MISSION MOMENT**

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on one of our Missions recipients, **Solutions for Change**, located in Vista. This well respected organization has been receiving help from The Lake Church for many years. I recently had the opportunity to visit this organization to see first hand what they are doing to help homelessness.

**Solutions for Change** is truly making changes in the lives of homeless families. They offer a two year program to help them get back into homes of their own with employment; also offering various emotional support services intended to stop behaviors which may have caused the homelessness.

This organization only takes in those they are able to help, who want their help, and who have children living with them. Many times it is a single parent with children but it can be a whole family too. They have a good sized facility with individual apartments for their families to stay together while addressing issues that made them homeless. I met several of the families and saw the apartments they were living in.

Additionally I spoke with some of the counselors about the programs they offer for workforce development, life and parenting skills, and personal transformation. The recipients must follow strict guidelines and progress in order to remain a part of the program. The participants must stay drug free while they are in the program and are tested regularly. I was extremely impressed with the organization, they have a good track record of close to 90% success. Solutions for Change receives no federal funds which might limit their activities.

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Blessings to you for your continued support. Jacque Baker,
Chairwoman, Missions Committee

### HELPING HANDS TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

It takes many "helping hands" to show our love to one another. Before moving to Texas, Sue Sampson shared her talents and made some lap quilts to share with our Lake Church family. And there were other "hands" that helped... Lorna Aschbrenner sewed greeting tags on some of the quilts. Carol Dillahunty, Marge Judge, Karen Bonosoro, Pam Adamson, and Karen Anticouni helped with the distribution. Some of those who were recipients of these special quilts were: Dot Shaw, Fran Bowman, Lois Lindquist, Mary Carothers, and Don Shawler (pictured).



Another example of helping hands was Karen Bonosoro purchasing a variety of hats to help shield us from the sun during our wonderful outside Easter Service. What a thoughtful gesture!

Perhaps YOU have an idea on how you'd like to be a helping hand to show love to one another. Please contact the church office at 760-471-3802, to share your idea!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14