

Keeping in Touch

January 7, 2016



Mission Possible “Produces”

We already know this; but it’s worth repeating: “Among the most valuable gifts we have to give is ‘ourselves.’” Last week, as a member of the congregation was living through a crisis at home due to water damage, **Mission Possible** participants were able to help. Wonderful! Thanks to the men and woman of The Church at Lake Cherokee who gave time and energy --in other words, “...of themselves...”— to help.

Let us pray: *God, Thank you for the opportunity to share in a labor-of-love to folks with a need. Thank you that we, working together, “gave of ourselves.” We pray in the name of him who has taught us to give. Amen.*

Thanks to Dave Clark for coordinating the effort and to ALL who helped!

Do you need a “little help around the house?” Can you “lend a helping hand?” Contact Dave Clark, 903 643 2833, or Bill Smythe, 903 643-7238, to help or to request help!



Matters of Stewardship

Sunday, January 3, 2016

General Fund \$5,843.00

Worship Attendance: 150

TCU 47 - Oregon 41

A New Year’s Resolution: *Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better person.*
- Benjamin Franklin

Sunday, January 10th at

The Church at Lake Cherokee

+ 10:00 AM Sunday School for all ages

+ 11:00 AM Worship

+ 12:00 PM Fellowship Meal

+ 5:00 PM Kids Kount Youth

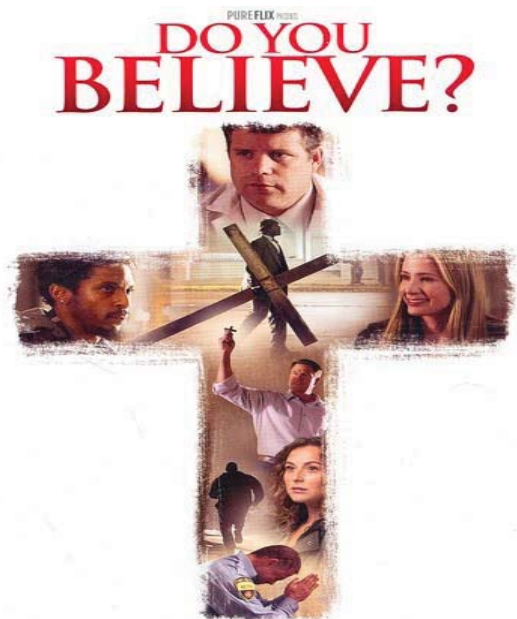
Child Care provided Sunday School - Lunch

After Lunch “Cleanup” by members

with last names beginning with G - L!

DOCK News

Daughters of Christ the King



EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF THE CROSS

DOCK is hosting “Dinner and a Movie Night” January 21st, 6:00 PM in Maxwell Hall. Bring girlfriend or two to enjoy a great supper, a meaningful movie and great fellowship. A \$5.00 donation is expected and appreciated as it will go to our Women's Ministry Programs. RSVP to Lori Hendrick, 903-235-8684.

Please share “feedback” about weekday morning Bible study with Tressie Grant.

“Belonging” to a Church

We’ve all heard this question or a variation of it: “To which church do you ‘belong?’” The operative word is “belong.” How does one “belong?” It’s been observed by folks who consider these kinds of issues that “belonging” comes through

- (1) commitment; or
- (2) participation in a group or groups in addition to worship.

Commitment: Find within the church a mission or activity in which to participate and to which YOU can make a difference. If you don’t readily FIND one, then help initiate it!

Group Participation: Either ask for or organize a small group for “whatever reason” in which you invest. Consider these:

- Sunday School, children, youth or adult,
- youth ministry; Kids Kount
- Men’s Fellowship;
- DOCK women’s ministries;
- commit to a Small Group or
- commit to a mission such as “Backpack Program,” Hi-way 80 Rescue, the Samaritan Center; outreach mission trip, and the list goes on.

Here’s a simple observation: “Most folks ‘join’ a church through worship; however, they ‘stay’ in a church through group identity and participation.

Kids Kount Korner

We just can quit celebrating! Kids Kount New Years Eve Party is Sunday, 10th during Kids Kount, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Join the crowd for Fun, Food, Festivities, Fellowship AND a serious teaching time which doesn't begin with an F! Look ya'll: bring a friend to celebrate the beginning of 2016!

Thanks to Tommy and Lisa Hooten and Betty Heim for serving this week's meal and to the Peerenboom for last week's fair! If you'd provide Kids Kount a Sunday evening, contact Patrick Peerenboom. Open dates are February 28 and April 24. Thank you.

Now if this isn't a deal! Pete Martinez of Premier Massage and Fitness has donated 10 gift certificates to sell with proceeds benefiting the youth. A one hour Relaxation Massage is \$50.00. A one hour Medical Massage is \$85.00. You want one? Contact Patrick Peerenboom. You'll help yourself and the youth.

“The Rise” is a Christian event at the Belcher Center January 28th and 30th. It's an opportunity for youth to examine and enhance their relationship with Christ. “Rooted in The Rise” is a similar event for parents.

Registration is underway for Mid-Winter Retreats at Disciples Crossing, Athens. Chi Rho Mid-Winter, grades 6-9, is Friday-Sunday, February 5-7. CYF Mid-Winter, grades 9-12, is Friday-Sunday, February 19-21. Sign up at Kids Kount or contact Patrick Peerenboom.

Youth Bible Study meets Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 PM at the Peerenboom's, SH45 Lake Cherokee. Everyone is invited. Bring your Bibles and a friend. Light snack provided.