

Keeping In Touch



January 18, 2017

Sunday, January 22, 2017

The Church at Lake Cherokee

10:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages

1:00 AM Morning Worship

12:00 PM Fellowship Meal

5:00 PM Kids Kount Youth Ministry

Welcome. Remember that the church provides childcare from Sunday School through the Fellowship Meal.

Fellowship Meal follows Worship each Sunday. Largely, the meal is “covered-dish, carry-in” supplemented by the church’s providing fried chicken. You’re invited to stay to share the meal and fellowship!

Cleanup following Fellowship Meal is provided today by members with last names that begin with S–Z.

How Do I become a Member of The Church at Lake Cherokee?

Speak to a minister! That’s it!

If currently a member of another congregation, active or inactive, you are welcome at The Church at Lake Cherokee.

If you prefer, you may maintain membership in another church while also being member of The Church at Lake Cherokee and therefore hold dual membership. To activate membership in this way, you are not asked to present a letter or in any other way prove your prior membership or affiliation.

If you prefer, you may relinquish membership in a prior church to be only a member of The Church at Lake Cherokee. If this is your preference, we will notify the former church on your behalf.

If you are not a church member and wish to become a member of The Church at Lake Cherokee and begin your walk with Christ, you may speak to a minister to become a member and be baptized as a Christian. The Church at Lake Cherokee offers Christian Baptism during morning worship by “sprinkling” or at a mutually accepted time at Lake Cherokee by immersion.

Thoughts from the Tees...

At Kids Kount Sunday night, I gave the kids an activity that required the entire group’s participation and then gave them a choice they had to make as a group. Did they want to just get by or thoroughly succeed? Each group made their decision, and then knowing what it looked like to thoroughly succeed, they proceeded with the activity, each getting mixed results.

How about you? Do you feel at times you’re just getting by, when you’d like to be thoroughly succeeding? We have to first determine what it looks like to thoroughly succeed in the various areas of our life and then work out the steps we need to take to get there. As we are still early in 2017, what better time to take a few moments and wrestle with some of these questions as we look for ways to continue to grow and mature into the people God created us to be. While there are various ways to get there, most of them usually involve getting plugged in with others in places to learn, share, worship, serve, give and grow. So are you going to just get by or try to thoroughly succeed?



- Bill Blanks

Recently visitors have communicated about our church, *No one spoke to me today. Members were cordial to one another but not to me, a visitor.*

Folks at The Church at Lake Cherokee ARE a faithful, friendly, affirming, accepting community. Thank God. And thank you~

Now, let's make a special effort to convey that hospitable, friendly, affirming and accepting spirit to those who are "new to the church."

Kids Kount

Remember that Kid's Kount meets each Sunday evening, 5:00 to 7:00 beginning in Maxwell Hall! "Be there or be" Well, just be there.

Korner

Mid Winter Rallies. Among the highlights of the new year are rallies starting the new year off right. Here are the details:

- JYF, grades 4-5; this weekend;
- Chi Rho, grades 6-8, February 3-5;
- CYF, grades 9-12, February 17-19

Each Retreat is at Disciples Crossing near Athens. Register at:

app.campdoc.com/register/disciplescrossing. Also, you can see Bill Blanks for more information. I've registered; have you?

Here's more! "TheRise" is a collaborative conference of several East Texas churches coming together for a weekend to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the youth. Of the area. It's at Belcher Center, LeTourneau University. ,

- Thursday, January 26th 5:45 meet at the church to be home by 10:00 PM;
- Friday-Saturday, January 27th—28th, 5:45, meet at the church to depart and stay in host homes.
- Cost is \$50.
- Shirt sizes are needed now. I
- Get your money and t-shirt size to Bill Blanks by Thursday, January 19th

Matters of Stewardship

Sunday, January 15, 2017

General Fund \$3,574.00

Concrete Challenge 880.00

Worship Attendance ~ 139

For it is in giving that we receive.

- St. Francis of Assisi

Hand Chimes Rehearsal

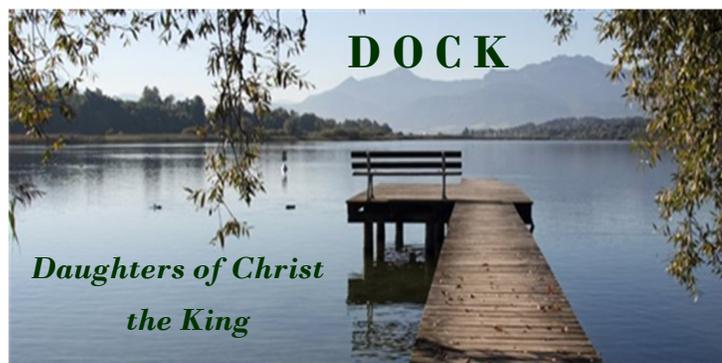


The church is so grateful that several years ago Patty and David Clark contributed a set of Hand Chimes to The Church at Lake Cherokee. Largely, these instruments have been used by the youth but appreciated by the entire congregation.

We are also grateful that Sharon Graves directs the youth, Kids Kount Hand Chimes Choir.

Ms. Sharon, as she is affectionally known to the youth, has scheduled a Hand Chimes rehearsal Sunday, January 22th at 7:00 PM following youth meetings.

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Remember DOCK –*Daughters of Christ the King*– 2017 Planning Event Monday, January 23rd, 6:30 in Maxwell Hall. Those gathered will plan for the year, including –but not be limited to– Dinner and Movie Nights; Bazaar / “The Market;” Backpack Ministry; and “what else?” RSVP to Lori Hendrick is attending, lorihendrick@hotmail.com, call 903 236-8684. This time together is also a great .

The first **Dinner and Movie Night for 21017 will be** Feb 20th, 6:00 PM in Maxwell Hall with a *Mardi Gras* theme.

To help with the meal of decorations, please contact Lori Hendrick, lorihendrick@hotmail.com or 235-8684. DOCK leaders are open to future Dinner and Movie Night suggestions.

Winter Bible Studies are underway. Tuesday Evening Bible Study meets at 6:00 with a light supper in Maxwell Hall The evening study will study [A Woman Who Doesn't Quit](#), a study about Ruth. Wednesday Morning Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. The study is Pricilla Shirer's [Armor of God](#). no formal invitation is needed

Yellow Wagon Ministries



Currently the Yellow Wagon, which has grown familiar to church members, contains **Katy's Bags**, personal care items, food and \$5.00 in cash. Pick up a couple and hand them to folks in need along area roads.

Soon, the wagon will be moved back to Maxwell Hall for us to place staple **Food for Folks in Need**. In particular, hungry families in the community need flour, meal, sugar, coffee and canned vegetables and meats and milk. The food is then distributed through Samaritan Ministries in Tatum.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

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uct.

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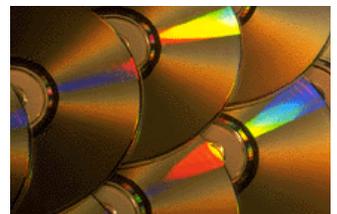
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