

# Keeping In Touch



January 25, 2017

## Thoughts from the Tees...

In church this past Sunday, we looked at Jesus' calling the first of the disciples and noticed that he started in Matthew's Gospel by picking four fishermen. I talked about the idea that Jesus was sending the message that his coming movement, the coming gospel, and his invitation to be his disciple was for all of the people regardless of the divisions that we tend to create.



During lunch following worship, someone offered another thought as to why Jesus started by selecting fishermen. Jesus knew his disciples would one day need to be able to tell others all they would see and learn by following Jesus. They would need to be able to tell stories, and who better to tell stories than fishermen? Now I don't know about you, but I laughed and thought it was funny and shared with the person, "That's a good way to look at it."

But you know it's more on target than you might think. The disciples were going to need to be able to share the experiences they would have following Jesus for several years, in essence to tell their stories in order for Jesus' message and ministry to spread. You and I are in the same situation as Jesus followers, but are we as good at telling stories as fishermen tend to be? You see, as we live our lives, we have our own experiences with God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and with those experiences come the opportunity to share them with others.

So here's the question, "How good are you at telling stories? What are the 'God experiences' of your lives? What have you learned about God and yourself, and what impact has it had on your life?"

As you start to answer some of these questions and others, you begin to recognize and organize your story so you can tell others. What stories can you tell, and how good a fisherman are you?

- Bill Blanks

Sunday, January 29, 2017

## The Church at Lake Cherokee

10:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages

1:00 AM Morning Worship

12:00 PM Fellowship Meal

No Kids Kount this week!

Welcome to

### The Church at Lake Cherokee

Remember that the church provides child-care from Sunday School through the Fellowship Meal.

A 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 **Kids Kount Youth Ministry!**

Here's what's "on the horizon" for **Men of the Church** at The Church at Lake Cherokee: first, anticipate a late-winter Men's Fellowship date, time and location to be announced; plans are "in the mill" also for a spring fish fry and shrimp and crawfish boil.

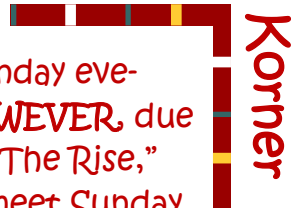
Can you believe these guys eat so much? These events provide fellowship as well as a meal. More info to follow.

"So many do so much!" That's an **understatement!** Let's take a moment to say "thank you." This week, we express gratitude for folks who assist with worship. "Thanks" Dee Kennel, Cindy Dragisic, Sharon Graves, Marilyn Moulds, Kelley Ward, Scott Cole, Scott Owens, MUSIC; Chuck Conrad, Gregg Williams, Madison Peerenboom, Ryan Gibson, SOUND & VIDEO; Bette Slade, GREETER; Sharon Graves, HAND CHIMES DIRECTOR and Kids Kount Hand Chimes players!

THANK YOU!

## Kids Kount

Kid's Kount youth ministry meets most Sunday evenings, 5:00 to 7:00; **HOWEVER**, due to a "weekend event," "The Rise," Kid's Kount will **NOT** meet Sunday, January 29th. Hope to see you next week! Now, about "The Rise!"



"The Rise," a east Texas Christian concert, "comes together" this weekend at Belcher Center, LeTourneau University. Here's the schedule:

- Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, meet at the church 5:45 PM to attend an evening session to be home by 10:00 PM;
- Friday to Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>—28<sup>th</sup>, meet at the church at 5:45 PM to attend an evening session; stay overnight at The Church at Lake Cherokee; return to The Rise Saturday; return home at approximately 10:00 PM (**NOTE: OVERNIGHT AT THE CHURCH**)
- Cost is \$50.

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

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

Register at: [app.campdoc.com/register/disciplescrossing](http://app.campdoc.com/register/disciplescrossing). Also, you can see Bill Blanks for more information.

No Kids Kount, Sunday January 29th due to the weekend "The Rise."

## Matters of Stewardship

Sunday, January 22, 2017

General Fund \$4,029.00

Concrete Challenge 590.00

Worship Attendance ~ 130

"**Creativity**" is thinking up new things to do. '**Innovation**' is doing them."

## Hand Chimes News



The congregation is looking forward to a spring Hand Chimes program. Want to participate? Stay tuned for more information.

## I Didn't Know! I Hadn't Heard!

Never hesitate to let the ministers know about "Joys and Concerns." Church member are the church's greater source of information. Share congregational information by emailing [church@thechurchatlakecherokee.com](mailto:church@thechurchatlakecherokee.com).

Thanks.



Here's good **D O C K** news! Lori Hendrick reports: "We had A GREAT planning meeting." This year DOCK will focus on service to our local community which includes the Backpack Program –in cooperation with Tatum ISD— and greater efforts to help the Tatum Samaritan House.

Additional upcoming service opportunities include a **Blanket Collection Drive** including warm socks, hats and gloves. Donors are asked to bring these items to Maxwell Hall the next two weeks. Your contributions will be distributed locally.

Lori also reports that a "**Dinner and a Movie Night**" with a *Mardi Gras* theme is planned for February 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM.

Additional spring plans include a road trip planned in April. Now here's important news: the 2017 Fall / Holiday Market will be November 18.



**D O C K** leaders encourage all members to "...check out the church's webpage and Facebook page to keep updated and share news on the church."



What do you know about ...  
**Mission Possible?**

**Mission Possible** is a ministry of some "men of the church" —and a few women too— who have volunteered to help YOU with "things around this house."

What do you need? Light bulbs changed? Fence repaired? Gate won't open? Electrical switch or outlet replaced? We're here to help! Call Dave Clark, 903 643-2833 or Bill Smythe, 903 240-9631; and we'll "match your need with a capable volunteer helper."

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