

# Keeping In Touch



February 20, 2017



## Men's Steak Cookout

Thursday, February 23rd,

6:45 PM; Maxwell Hall;

Donations accepted.; Reservations appreciated;

Sunday, February 26, 2017

## The Church at Lake Cherokee

10:00 AM Sunday School for All Ages

11:00 AM Morning Worship

12:00 PM Fellowship Meal

5:00 PM Kids Kount Youth Ministry

Welcome to

### The Church at Lake Cherokee

Join us for Sunday School and Worship. Stay for a noon Fellowship Meal in Maxwell Hall.

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

Childcare is provided from Sunday School through the noon meal.

Especially we invite children and youth to participate in Kids Kount at 5:00 PM.



## Small Group Ministry

If you're interested in getting involved in a small group, Bill and Laura Lea Blanks will be hosting a gathering Monday,

March 27 at 7:00 PM in Maxwell Hall to share about the current small group options as well as creating a new small group.



**Ash Wednesday** will be observed Wednesday, March 1 at The Church at Lake Cherokee and throughout much of Christendom.

**Ash Wednesday** is the first day of **Lent**. Its official name is "Day of Ashes," so called because of the practice of marking worshipers generally on the forehead in the sign of a cross. Ash Wednesday —always on Wednesday— begins a forty day period —plus Sundays— that lead us in prayer and preparation toward Easter.

At The Church at Lake Cherokee, the occasions will be observed with

6:00 PM Pancake Supper, Maxwell Hall;

7:00 PM Worship with optional mark, or imposition, of ashes.

## Kids Kount

Korner

Kid's Kount youth ministry meets Sunday evening, 5:00 to 7:00. We hope to see YOU this Sunday, February. And remember this: friends are always welcome.

Here are a couple of kids at CYF Mid-Winter Rally this past weekend. We were blessed with amazing weather and always the focus on the cross.

Picture to the right are Jordan Blanks and Madison Peerenboom.



## Thoughts from the Tees...

I spent this past weekend in Athens, TX at a youth retreat at Disciples Crossing. There were about 140 high school youth and adults for the retreat all from different churches from east Texas, Dallas, and Fort Worth. As the retreat was beginning there were the usual activities: introductions, activities designed to get the kids mingling together, and of course covering rules and other details for the weekend. One of the things announced for the kids to be aware of was a specific room that contained Legos and special built tables for the Legos for the kids to construct their masterpieces on. The Legos had been donated to the camp to be used by the campers, and I'm talking about over \$1,000 worth of Legos. Now here comes the interesting part, when this information was shared with the campers the level of excitement went almost through the roof. Yes, these high school kids, who are aspiring to maturity and all things serious, were quite excited by the idea of playing with what is typically a kid's toy. These kids who have access to all kinds of advanced technology were most intrigued by the most basic of activities- building things out of Legos. Maybe it was the connection with a time in their childhood, or maybe it was just the idea of getting to play, or maybe it was the sense of experiencing something cool among an ordinary activity. We can learn from this experience. Often times we as people of faith wait to experience God in majestic and extraordinary ways when in reality it is often times in the most of ordinary ways that we most powerfully experience the divine. Maybe it is the beauty of a sunset, maybe it is the contentment we feel when our family gathers around the table to share a meal, maybe it's the calmness we feel when sharing our struggles with someone else, maybe it's the satisfaction of helping those in need. So many times we look for God in the amazing and supernatural events of the world when in reality God awaits us in the most common of activities. The question is do we pause long enough to see God present and experience His power. May I encourage you to look around in the everyday experiences of life, you just might encounter the sovereign and holy God in new and powerful ways.

- Bill Blanks

## Matters of Stewardship

Sunday, February 19, 2017

General Fund           \$ 4,616.00

Worship Attendance — 132

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