

# Keeping in Touch

January 20, 2016



## Lenten & Easter

“Lent” is an approximate six week “season” in Christianity leading the faithful toward Easter, “... the most significant celebration in Christianity.” The word “lent” comes from an old English word which means “lengthen,” having to do with the fact that in spring, the days grow longer.

Various Christian traditions are characterized by various emphases from denial to a commitment to “take on” new responsibilities and embrace new opportunities. For ALL, the “journey to Easter” is a time to prepare through worship, prayer, devotion, study, repentance, giving, service and even self-denial.

In 2016, Easter comes “early” with the major dates associated with Lent and Easter this year are:

- February 10 - March 26: **Lent**
- February 10: **Ash Wednesday** marking the beginning of a time of prayer, reflection and commitment
  - o 6:30, Pancake supper served by Men of the Church
  - o 7:00, Worship offering imposition of ashes
- March 21, **Palm or Passion Sunday** celebrating Jesus’ Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem
- March 24, **Maundy Thursday**, recalling Jesus and his disciples in the Upper Room and their sharing the Lord’s Supper
- March 27, **EASTER**

## Matters of Stewardship

January 17, 2016

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$2,966.00</b>
<b>Retreat / Camp Fees</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>Backpack Program</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>The Market Fundraiser</b>	<b>83.00</b>
<b>Worship Attendance - 138</b>	

Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Ministries
- Child Care provided Sunday School - Lunch  
After Lunch “Cleanup” by members with last names beginning with S - Z !



We have grown to love and value the gift that Handchime Choir contributes to worship. During the winter – spring, the Handchime Choir rehearses Sunday evening, 6:45 – 8:00 PM in Maxwell Hall. The Choir is directed by Sharon Graves, and they are currently seeking additional youth and adult participants. Interested? Come to rehearsal! The Handchime Choir will play in worship in late winter and spring.



*Women's Ministries at  
The Church at Lake Cherokee*

DOCK will host **Dinner and Movie Night**, 6:00 PM, **TOMORROW**, Thursday, January 21 in Maxwell Hall. The movie is "Do You Believe." A fellowship meal will be served with a \$5.00 contribution accepted. "Invite friends and join us." If you will attend, contact Lori Hendrick, [lorihendrick@hotmail.com](mailto:lorihendrick@hotmail.com) or call 903-235-8684.

Evening Bible Study begins 6:00 PM, January 26<sup>th</sup> in Maxwell Hall. The study, like the movie, is entitled "Do You Believe?" To participate in the study, contact Sharon Graves, 903 235-4144 or [shagra28@gmail.com](mailto:shagra28@gmail.com) so that adequate materials can be ordered.

DOCK will have a **2016 planning meeting**, 7:00 PM, February 8<sup>th</sup> in Maxwell Hall. DOCK leaders encourage ALL women of the Church to attend. Your ideas for women's ministries will make a difference in our church as well as in our community. All contributions will be greatly appreciated!

Tressie Grant continues to explore the possibility of a morning women's Bible study as she determines how many folks might be interested in a winter to spring morning study. If interested, contact Tressie at 318 780-0620 or [twoaggs@gmail.com](mailto:twoaggs@gmail.com) indicating your interest and preferences.

Worry ends when  
FAITH IN GOD  
— Begins —

**Kids Kount Korner**

**NEW:** The church provided last week's supper. This week's meal is provided by Jennifer Calk. You're so kind! Thanks to all who support Kids Kount by providing supper."

Now get this: Today, Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> is **Wonderful Wednesday** involving The Church at Lake Cherokee and Tatum Methodist Church as the two churches team up to purchase "a (small) truck load of corndogs" for children and youth. The extravaganza is at Tatum Methodist church, 150 Jackson Street, 3:45 to 5:00 after school. Come "hang out" and enjoy a corndog, chips, dessert and drink. Invite your friends.

**WORTH REPEATING:** Kids Kount meets Sundays, 5:00-7:00 PM. See you!

Twenty Kids Kount youth will attend "**The RISE**" at Belcher Center January 28-30, an opportunity for youth "...to get out of their normal daily routine to examine and enhance their relationship with Christ through worship, keynote speakers, small groups and music." Simultaneously, seven parents will attend "**ROOTED in The RISE**" with speakers addressing topics helpful to parents.

**Registration deadline for Mid-Winter Retreats** is Friday. Chi Rho Mid-Winter, grades 6-8, will be Friday-Sunday, February 5-7. CYF Mid-Winter, grades 9-12, will be Friday-Sunday, February 19-21. Contact Patrick Peerenboom to register.

**Kids Kount Movie Night** is Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 PM. We'll watch "Groundhog Day". The free event is for all ages. Snacks and refreshments are provided. Come enjoy the movie and fellowship.

**Youth Bible Study** is Tuesday evenings, 7:30-8:30 at the Peerenbooms, SH45 Lake Cherokee. Bring your Bibles and a friend. Light snack provided.