



Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Thinking with Christ's mind • Loving with Christ's heart • Serving with Christ's hands



A Message From Terry

DEAR FAMILY CALLED LPC,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

It just doesn't seem possible that we're starting all over again with another year ... and it doesn't seem possible that I've been your pastor now for almost seven years! On Sunday, January 2, I'll preach my first sermon of the year and it will be the first time you come to church or go to Sunday School in the new year! On Monday we'll have our first Pre-School day of the year; on Tuesday the church office will be open for the first time in 2011; on Wednesday the choir will rehearse for the first time in the new year; our first Wednesday Night Dinner of the year will happen a week later after the kitchen renovation is finished on January 12.

Yes, we're starting all over again, but that's what God is and does for us ... for God is a God of fresh starts and new beginnings! As we share together in mission and ministry, let us remember that ... God has given us (each of us and our church family) fresh starts and new beginnings. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

It doesn't matter what your past was like ... the success or the failure ... everything is new! It doesn't matter how wonderful or not so wonderful things were at LPC in the past ... everything is new! We, who are in Christ, get to start again! And for some of us ... what a relief that is!

Let me give you something to think about in this New Year (for the first time):

A man opened up the morning paper and was shocked to find his name mistakenly printed in the obituary column. Greatly disturbed, he went to the

newspaper office and complained to the editor, "This is terrible! Your error will cause me no end of embarrassment and may even mean a loss of business. How could you do such a thing?"

The editor expressed regrets, but the man remained angry and unreasonable. Finally the editor said in disgust: "Cheer up, fellow. I'll put your name in the birth column tomorrow and give you a fresh start!"

And that is exactly what happens to us in Christ as we stand at this the dawn of a new year. We go from the obituary column to the birth column: "the old has gone, the new has come!"

So ... what are you going to do with your fresh start?

How about I help you a bit with some suggestions? However, before I proceed, let me remind you that although everything is now new, there is something that will stay the same: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8). And the one command he gave us that will never change is: "Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

It is so simple, but yet, so profound ... Jesus expects those of us who go by the name Christian to be lovers of people. What are you going to do with your fresh start? How about begin to put your love into action! Here is my list of suggestions to do just that:

- ❖ Help someone today – open a door, lift a load, sweep, pray.
- ❖ Send a note of encouragement and let the Lord direct your mind to the person who needs it most.

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January
2011

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30	Sunday Service
9:45	Sunday School for Adults & Children
10:30	Fellowship Time in Benz Hall
11:00	Sunday Service

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Our deadline for item submission is the 15th of the month. Email Lori@lpcjax.org or place articles in the newsletter mailbox located in the church office. Please include your name when submitting an article. Articles may be edited for content and length.



Music Notes

Have you read the December issue of *Presbyterians Today*? Our own Rodney Cleveland was featured as one of the "Unsung servants."

"In May 2006 Rodney Cleveland, organist and music director at Lakewood Presbyterian Church, was named the church's minister of music. Kathy Burns, who nominated Cleveland, says the change in title paid tribute to 'his extraordinary ability to inspire the congregation and enrich our worship experience through music.'

Burns has high praise for Cleveland. 'He has elevated every element of our music programs to new levels and truly created a music ministry at LPC. He has tremendous patience and a keen ability to work well with people of all ages and personalities. He has broadened our appreciation for all types of music—from classical to contemporary to bluegrass, spirituals and gospel. He is a leader, teacher, organist, recitalist and accompanist, as well as our friend.'"

Congratulations, Rodney! Lakewood is so proud of you!

Christmas Joy Offering

Thank you for your support of the Christmas Joy Offering. Because of your generosity, Lakewood collected \$965.80. Fifty percent of receipts are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide support to retired and active church workers and their spouses and families. The other fifty percent supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education through the General Assembly Council.

We say "Thank You" to ALL our Elders!

A new slate of elders for the Class of 2013 were nominated and elected in November. An Elder Ordination/Installation ceremony will be held on January 9. Beginning their duties are Arnie Blevins, Harolyn Sharpe, Lori Overstreet, Michael Sullivan, Ron Kalapp, Bill Edwards, Clayton Green, Wayne Isaac and Dixon Stater, Youth Elder. In addition, Lisa Wetzel will serve a one year term to fulfill the term of Amy Watson, who resigned at the September Session meeting because of work commitments. Thank you to these dedicated members for volunteering to serve our church for the next three years.

A thank you is also extended to the retiring class of Elders for their hard work and loyal service over the past three years. Those retiring are: Linda Allen, Joy Atkins, Paul Chrisman, Roberta Davis, Harriet Newkirk, Ellen Schubert, Gary Soud, Alan York and Cole Succi, Youth Elder. We appreciate your service to our church.

Blood Drive

Am I permitted to say "Hallelujah"? On Sunday December 5, LPC donors came forth for our last and most needy blood drive of the year. We had thirty registered on the Bloodmobile and we collected thirty good units! Thank you to all our donors - repeats and first timers - for making our blood drive a real success. In spite of the limited staff on board, you all were very patient so that we surpassed our goal and received kudos from The Blood Alliance front office. We also had a few donors who gave their Precious Pints at the local Center, and we are grateful for their contributions as well.

Thank you and God's Blessings to all. Barbara Jump, Coordinator.

WN @ LPC

Join us each Wednesday night for dinner at 6:00 and a program at 6:45. Our first dinner in 2011 will be on January 12. Watch the LPC Sunday News and This Week @ LPC e-newsletter for details. Why not give us a try?!

Children under 10 eat free; adult meals cost \$6.00. E-mail dinner reservations to Suzanne@lpcjax.org by noon Monday.

E - Corner

A New Years "Evangelution": At the beginning of the New Year, many people resolve to make small or sometimes big changes in their lives; things like getting more exercise, losing weight, finishing a project or reading more and watching TV less. Our resolutions often go unfulfilled or are crowded out in the rush of our active daily lives. As members of this community of faith called Lakewood Presbyterian, how about making a New Years "Evangelution." Wait now! I'm not challenging you to go stand on the corner of San Jose and University, yelling at people to get saved or go to hell. Evangelism (good news) can happen or be enhanced by a remarkable variety of activities. For instance, attending a Sunday School class or Bible study, can equip us to become more knowledgeable about our faith so, if asked, we will be better prepared to at least discuss faith issues with others. More fully participating in fellowship activities offered can help us to feel more a part of this faith family. Offering our time to serve others such as our Sulzbacher ministry or UCOM can help us feel good as well as furthering God's Kingdom here in Jacksonville. Ask around and you'll be amazed at how many potential "Evangelutions" there are just waiting to be fulfilled!

Happy New Year, The Evangelism and Church Growth Ministry Team

The Youth Group at Lakewood

Youth Group Regular Sunday Night Schedule 2010-2011

4:30 – 5:30	Middle School Youth Group
5:30 – 6:00	All Youth Music
6:00 – 6:30	All Youth Dinner
6:30 – 8:00	High School Youth Group

A Winter Wonderfest is planned for the LPC High School youth and young adults on January 20-23. We leave the evening of Thursday, January 20 and then ski 12-10 pm on Friday and during the day Saturday. We'll be staying in a condo complex 1 mile from Sugar Mountain. We'll return to Jacksonville on Sunday, January 23.

Montgomery Center is hosting two fun events for young people:

Man Camp retreat will be held February 20-21 from 3pm-3pm.

Visit www.montgomerycenter.org/ManCamp for details.

Middle School Girls Retreat will be held February 20-21 from 3pm-3pm.

Visit www.montgomerycenter.org/GirlsRetreat for info.

Contact Pastor Katie at 733.8055 with any questions.



Child's Play Preschool at Lakewood

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year will be held for Lakewood Presbyterian Church member's children and currently enrolled children and their siblings January 25 & 26 (Tuesday & Wednesday) beginning at 8:00 a.m. (No registration forms will be accepted before 8:00 a.m. the 25th.) Please keep in mind that enrollment places and days (M-W-F vs. Tu-Th vs. 5 days) are filled on a "first come, first served" basis and classes are assigned at the discretion of the staff. If you have any questions or need an enrollment packet you may call the preschool office at 733.2027 any weekday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

In His Love,
Gail Baker, Director

Young Disciples

These K-3rd graders meet following The Children's Time during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Read the LPC Sunday News and This Week @ LPC for details about the program each week.

If you have questions, contact:

Paul Chrisman 737.1293
Doris York 993.2117

Help LPC "GO GREEN"!

To receive a monthly newsletter by e-mail, contact Lori@lpcjax.org, tell her "I'M GREEN", and you'll be removed from the mailing list. In May we mailed 396 copies; in January only 184! We need to reduce our paper mailing to 79, so we need 105 more households to sign up so we can meet our goal. When mailing fewer than 200 copies, we can't use the bulk mail rate, so we will have to pay first class postage of \$.44 for each newsletter.

Ministry News and Notes-November 16, 2010

Administration:

Expenses exceeded monthly income by \$3,860 for October. Cash position good, but expenses have exceeded income through October by \$12,345. Preliminary pledge amounts will be discussed with the Stewardship Ministry and finalized with each Ministry within the next few weeks. Final proposed budget will be presented to the Session at the December meeting. Special giving opportunities will be discussed with each ministry to provide the congregation with donation options throughout the year. Pastor Lucarelli was notified on November 16, 2010, that the Lilly Grant was not awarded.

Building & Grounds:

Opportunities were discussed for future workdays. No dates have been selected due to construction and renovation of the Youth Hut and courtyard area.

Building Update:

Adair Curtis reported: Contractor and permitting are underway for the improvements between the Youth Hut and the Sanctuary. Barricades and demolition will begin after November 12. Architect is finalizing the static portion of the sign on University Blvd.

Terry Lucarelli reported: The renovation to the Youth Hut is being designed to support our youth and potentially for ongoing needs of our neighborhood youth during the week. The courtyard outside the Youth Hut will be used for other gatherings on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. The Senior High room will now serve as a multifunctional room: for adult Sunday School classes; community groups in the evenings; and some storage for the Preschool. Benz Hall, the kitchen, hallways and entryways will be updated in the Education Building; kitchen renovation will include reconfiguring the appliances and cabinets. A \$50,000 capital reserve was established for major maintenance and future building repairs.

Christian Education:

The ministry did not have a formal meeting in November. Plans continue to be developed for the Christmas season. A potluck dinner will be scheduled for November 18 for CE educators and youth workers. The Beth Moore series has ended with plans to begin again in January.

Communication:

Photos added to the website of Rodney's Roast, Mission Faire and Bag Ladies workday. The home page will reflect the Advent season with scrolling photos and an event list. The Advent Devotional Guide will be placed on the website. The Bag Ladies were submitted to NBC Nightly News for "Making a Difference" feature. Ministry is working with the Florida Times-Union "The Resident News" to include information about the 50th Anniversary of the Sanctuary and the live nativity on Christmas Eve. 365 copies of the July Herald were mailed; only 194 in November.

Congregational Care:

The ministry did not have a formal meeting in November. A reception was provided following the service for Kathy Owen. Poinsettias will be delivered to the DOVES in December. The flower calendar will provide information for the distribution of flowers following Sunday services, as directed by the donor.

Evangelism and Church Growth:

"E-Corner" blurb for December will pose the question, "Who was the first evangelist?" A member of the congregation has volunteered to redesign the trifold brochure.

Outreach:

46 people attended the ICARE house meetings and 21 people committed to being "Network Members" (attend 3 ICARE meetings and bring 3 people to the Nehemiah Assembly.) Meeting dates are: November 9, Problems Assembly; March 22, Rally; and April 11, Nehemiah Assembly. Mission Faire was held November 3-7. Total collection was over \$2,000. A new mission concerning sex addiction was introduced to the ministry and, following discussion, was not recommended to be supported as a mission at LPC.

Program:

Attendance: Service of Wholeness-50; Ireland Travelogue-105, Trunk or Treat-100, Outreach Mission Faire-70. Veterans Day-75.

Stewardship:

Christmas Joy Offering will conclude the stewardship collections for the year. The Children's Time on November 28 will support this offering. Collection will be held December 5. Pledges for 2011 totaled \$504,000; the goal was \$575,000. 132 pledge cards were received, 24 are missing and 54% of pledging units increased their pledge for 2011.

Worship:

Advent Devotional Guide is complete and ready for distribution. Two new 7 ½' Christmas trees have been purchased for the Sanctuary and two Moravian star toppers.

Unfinished Business:

Sunday Duty Elder vs. Paid Position

Terry Lucarelli reported that the current sexton is interested in changing his schedule for two Sundays each month (first and third) and take the following Mondays off. He would unlock and lock the campus, be a security presence, and perform many of the duties currently being done by the duty elders on Sunday mornings. Discussion of this matter was tabled until January 2011 when it can be determined whether funds are available for this part-time position.

New Business:

Discuss examination of new elders and dessert for next month. The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. on December 21 to provide a time for dessert and examination of the new class of elders.

Thanks for all the well wishes and prayers. Bill, and I with crew arrived safely in Tortola in the BVI's just 7 days and 8 hours after starting in Hampton, VA. We took FIRST in our class and had a very comfortable ride considering 15 foot following seas and gusts of up to 50 kts. The boat and crew did fine and we are heading to our condo in St. Maarten tomorrow. The boat is in good repair, no major problems and we are all well rested now having been at dock for three days. Most of our crew will depart by tomorrow. It was a great ride and we're looking forward to a relaxing winter in the islands. Thanks again, it's good to be in port and plugged into wi-fi, electric, etc. Diana Quinlan



NEW MEMBER



Holly Wildey
 joined on December 5, 2010
 8416 Brierwood Rd.
 32217-4504
 904.731.3677

Dear LPC Family,

Thank you for your cards and phone calls following my Dad's passing. He was a wonderful father. I will miss him. Hope you all have a wonderful holiday and God bless each of you. Love, Janet Harvin Deichelbor

Warmest Wishes for a Holiday Season filled with Peace and Happiness. May God Bless each staff member and Presbyterian Church member of Lakewood Presbyterian. Love, Conrad and Martha Hale

Dear Barnabas,

Wishing you a wonderful holiday and a world of peace and beauty. You are an inspiration to us, every time we hear from you. Thank you so much for your kind messages. Yours in Christ, Conrad and Martha Hale

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- ❖ Visit with someone who is lonely.
 - ❖ Let your pastor know that Sunday's sermon sunk in.
 - ❖ Support a family who is financially down.
 - ❖ Stop taking so much for granted and thank the people who are making a difference in your life (you know they don't have to continue).
 - ❖ Take time to smile more at others.
 - ❖ Ask someone if they have a specific prayer need, then pray for them throughout the day. Ask them in a week or so about their prayer need and let them know you've been praying about it.
 - ❖ Pat someone on the back, give a hug or a great robust greeting next time you see them.
 - ❖ Tell two people today that you love them! Do it, now!
- You've got a fresh start ... make the most of it!
 Happy New Life in Christ!

WITH LOVE,

Terry

Sanctuary Flower Calendar
 \$40.00 First Sunday/\$55.00 All other Sundays

Jan 2	_____	Feb 6	_____
Jan 9	_____	Feb 13	Brenda Jo Schawang
Jan 16	Chuck & Joy Atkins	Feb 20	Dottie Stone
Jan 23	_____	Feb 27	_____
Jan 30	_____		

The 2011 flower calendar is now in the Narthex. Many dates are still available. You may also e-mail Lori@lpcjax.org to request a date. You'll be advised via return e-mail whether or not your requested date is available.

Please note these changes:

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 476.4386

Lisa Wetzel
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Leanne Mathis
 3534 Smithfield St., #705
 32217-2522



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Suzanne Deaton
Office Administrator

Lori Appenfelder
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Dennis Ice
Maintenance Supervisor

Birthdays

Carma Jean Clark, 1/2
Cynthia Graham, 1/3
Allison Hysong, 1/3
Lawton Hall, 1/4
Erin Jones, 1/6
Michael Succi, 1/6
William Travis, 1/6
Dennis Wylie, 1/7
Carol Michael, 1/8
Mark Watson, 1/8
Ryan Soud, 1/9
Kaley Farhat, 1/10
Stan Pilinski, 1/10
Joanne Coleman, 1/11
Rodney Cleveland, 1/12

William Quinlan, 1/12
Evelyn Stegall, 1/13
Calista Pappas, 1/14
Janet Diechelbor, 1/15
George Smith, 1/15
Connie Darner, 1/16
Tess DePotter, 1/16
Bill Edwards, 1/16
Marian Hare, 1/17
Jean McLees, 1/18
Edee Atkins, 1/19
David Lloyd, 1/20
Tora Ogunsan, 1/20
Emily Sparks, 1/20
Connor Balow, 1/21
Kay Odenwald, 1/21
Frank Kovach, 1/22

Jens Sorensen, 1/23
Amy Watson, 1/23
Loren Gallogly, 1/24
Jay Farhat, 1/24
Jack Miller, 1/25
Al Moon, 1/25
Brendan King, 1/26
Suzanne Lee, 1/26
Matthew Travis, 1/26
Clayton Estes, 1/28
Harolyn Sharpe, 1/29
Jeanne Copeman, 1/30
Thomas Saddington, 1/30

Anniversaries

John & Carol Michael, 1/4
George & Liz Perez, 1/16
Robby & Jennie Andreasen, 1/27
Mike & Dawn Clapsaddle, 1/28
Scott & Hope Brank, 1/29

We thank God for you! If your birthday or anniversary is not correct, or if it is not listed, help us update our records by e-mailing Lori Appenfelder at Lori@lpcjax.org.