



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,

Summer is almost over. Football season is basically under way. We are into it here at church again, with meetings, Sunday School, choir and bells, preschool is back in session, and life is back to normal. Well, sort of...

What's normal? I've often wondered about that.

Can life ever be normal when we're trying to serve our God?

I think not.

We've been challenged to be something different in this world in which we find ourselves and I'm thinking that to be "normal" might not be what God wants us to be...

I am dreading the next few months. I can hardly stand to have the TV on with all the negative campaigning that's being blasted our way via the airwaves. And apparently this is the new "normal" in political campaigning. The question I ask myself is: "Should I get caught up in all of this and jump on the negativity bandwagon or should I be different?" I think the answer is very apparent for this pastor and any who call themselves "Christian."

I believe that God is very disappointed with the way we are attacking one another. Why do we do this? Why can't we just have candidates who talk about what they will do to make life better for all of us in these United States? United States? We are anything but united! Division and hatred abound! (Did I say, "hatred"?) Didn't Jesus say something about loving one another as I have loved you? Didn't the Apostle Paul say to the Philippian church:

"Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things?"

I've seen some very derogatory emails circulating about President Obama. I've read emails about Mr. Romney that are anything but flattering. False accusations abound! And guess what? Many of them come from people who follow Jesus and regularly read the letters of Paul. This cannot go on ... this is not what our Lord would have us do! And "NO" this is not "NORMAL" ...

We are to be different!

We are to love!

We are to show the world what it means to follow Jesus.

The Apostle Paul made it very clear what we are to do in regards to our government leaders when he wrote his letter to his understudy in the faith, Timothy. Paul said:

"The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live." (1 Timothy 2:1-3 The Message)

Yes, this is the way our Savior God wants us to live...

WITH LOVE,

Terry

September
2012

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 in the church office. Please include your name when submitting articles, which may be edited for content and length.

♪ Music Notes ♪

The Lopez Tabor Duo will join us for the fifth concert in our series. Dr. Michelle Tabor and Alfonso Lopez have been performing together in the United States and Venezuela since 2004. Mr. Lopez is a violinist, conductor, composer, and teacher and is one of the most versatile and prominent musicians of his generation in Venezuela. Dr. Tabor is a scholar, researcher, professor, and performer, and resides in Tallahassee. This evening will be an exciting musical journey through some of the more traditional works for piano and violin, to music with a fiery Spanish flavor. Plan to attend and bring friends to this very special evening of music. It's free!!

ICARE Listening Process Kick-Off – September 11

If you are interested in holding a House Meeting, please contact Carolyn Hillhouse-Jones (chj100@bellsouth.net), or Linda Allen (linallen@comcast.net), and plan to attend ICARE's Team Assembly 7:00 p.m. at LPC. Approximately 500 Team Members, representing 32 ICARE member congregations will be attending this event. Updates on issues (Education, Job Crime, Homeless & Jobs) will be provided. Also, there will be training on how to conduct a House Meeting.

Little Women Kick-Off

Attention all girls in grades 3-5. The fall kick-off meeting for Little Women will be held on Friday, September 7, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Benz Hall. We need parents to attend to fill out emergency information papers. Refreshments will be provided. Some activities we have planned for this year are: city bus ride, trip downtown, firehouse tour, movies, crafts and much more!



Blood Drive

The Blood Alliance – It's About Life!
Do you know how our church family benefits from hosting a blood drive? A Blood Drive builds morale among our congregation; provides eligibility for Recipient Benefits Program (even if you can't donate blood); provides an opportunity to serve your community; gives you a chance to make a difference by saving lives. Our next Blood Drive will be Sunday, September 9, from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. We have been very faithful in supporting The Blood Alliance with our high donor numbers, so let's keep it up. Please register online at www.igiveblood.com, or sign up on a poster in the Narthex or in Benz Hall and give your *Gift of Life*.



I. M. Sulzbacher Center

On Thursday, September 27, LPC will prepare and serve dinner for 350-400 men, women and children at the I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless. We will meet at the homeless center at 3:00 to begin preparing the dinner but if you cannot be there to help with the preparations, we also need volunteers to help serve the dinner at 6:00. If you would like help those in our community that are less fortunate and need our help, please sign up on the poster that will be placed in the Narthex on September 16. Your help is needed!



ICARE UPDATE

LPC was recognized with an "ICARE 2012 Justice Award, Listening Process Award" at ICARE's annual celebration on June 5. LPC earned this award for having reached the goal of having more than 50 people involved in House Meetings in 2011. Pam Canepa participated in the July Justice Ministry Conference in Tampa. Eighteen people from Jacksonville's 32 member congregations were present. All together, around 150 people from nineteen interfaith organizations (ICARE was one), from VA, TN, IN, KY, FL, and OH attended. LPC's congregational dues helped support this valuable training.

"15 Years of Building a Foundation...GROWN IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE!...that is the theme we have chosen for yes, our fifteenth birthday celebration year! We are all very excited and are planning a year filled with child-friendly events. We will keep you, LPC's congregation, informed and hope you will join us often.

On Friday, August 31, the Preschool staff will welcome 146 children and their families to our "MEET THE TEACHER" visit. These preschoolers will be excited to see their old friends, glad to meet the new students in their class, and anxious to prepare for their first day of school which is Tuesday, September 4.

Staff, parents and children alike will be greeted by new things! Computers and iPads! New carpet and tile! I also hope church members and preschoolers alike will enjoy the newly installed fish aquarium. This was done in memory of my mom, FLORENCE GROSSMAN (Flossie), by her family and friends. She was a 30 year member of LPC and lover and supporter of the preschool.

One of my favorite rituals in the late afternoon before our "MEET THE TEACHER" visit is my "walk through" of each and every classroom. A "last look" to make sure everything is "the best it can be"! I never fail to look around and thank God for putting me in this place...that I so love...where over the last fifteen years hundreds of precious children have received a rich "first school experience" foundation...grown in faith, hope and love!

As the school year begins, please feel free to visit us...drop in and say hello to our staff and the children...our doors are always open.

In His Love, Gail Baker, Director

Youth Group

Middle School (6th-8th grades) – Lellowship! – 12:00-1:30 / Music 1:30-2:00

High School (9th-12th grades) – Music 5:30-6:00 / Dinner & Youth Group – 6:00-8:00

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, the MS & HS youth will help in worship with ushering and liturgy, and then get together for an activity or outing.

Youth Schedule for September:

Friday, September 7 – ROCK THE UNIVERSE! Meet at church after school (call Katie if you can't get there until 5:00 and we'll work with it) for night time trip to Universal Studios with awesome bands. Google it! Bring a sack dinner and beverage. The park closes at 1:00 a.m. and we'll get on our rented school bus to return about 5:00 a.m. Breakfast and hang at church until parents pick-up at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$75/person and includes transportation and ticket. Express passes or food at the park are on your own. **RSVP to Katie via e-mail, text, or FB (i.e., in writing, I don't remember things you tell me) no later than Sunday, August 26.

Sunday, September 16 – Regular Sunday Youth Group resumes.

Call Pastor Katie Robb with any questions:
733-8055, Extension 20.

Young Disciples

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

Please read the LPC Sunday News each week for the lesson title.

If you have any questions, contact:

Ben Robinson	576.9551
Doris York	993.2117

The theme for our 2012-2013 C.E. Ministry is *Growing in the Word*. We are called to be Disciples of Christ and so we are each on a journey to find out what that means for us. We have four adult Sunday School classes, an adult Bible Study class on Thursday morning, and a women's Bible Study on Thursday night. Middle and High School youth come together to learn during the Sunday School hour. Young Disciples and preschool Sunday School both meet during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. 4th & 5th graders meet on the 2nd & 3rd Sunday of the month during 11:00 a.m. worship. A complete list of all classes and teachers is a special supplement to the September newsletter. Find a class and get involved!

SAVE THESE DATES

Sulzbacher Center presents *Transformations* on Tuesday, September 18, at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. This event celebrates the accomplishments of its clients. Visit www.sulzbachercenter.org/transformations to learn more and to purchase event tickets.

The Sanctuary on Street's annual fundraiser, A Starry SHINDIG!, will be on Friday, September 21, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Garden Club of Jacksonville. This year's event celebrates 20 years of service to the community. Tickets: \$40/person. Visit www.sanctuaryon8th.org for details.

READING PALS

United Way, with the volunteer leadership of the organization's Women in Local Leadership (WILL) group, is recruiting 300 volunteers for the 2012-2013 school year. ReadingPals volunteers will be matched with pairs of pre-kindergarten students at United Way's Success by 6, Duval County Public Schools, Early Learning Coalition of Duval and privately owned early learning centers in Clay, Duval and Nassau counties. Not only do ReadingPals improve children's literacy and oral language skills, they build meaningful relationships by providing the individual attention many kids need to thrive. Volunteers are asked to commit to regular visits for 20 weeks, October 1, 2012 through May 16, 2013. You do not need to be a WILL member or a woman to volunteer.

Books, materials, training and placement are provided. You are required to pass a Level 2 background check that is free and attend an hour long orientation and then a training session. Everything is geared toward reading success, concepts and oral language skills.

In the Lakewood area, San Jose Elementary is an English as a Second Language School. We will be working with eighteen children at this school. Many of the children attending this school will be learning English AND reading, all at the same time.

For more information, contact Melissa Elgersmas at 390.3255, or email melissae@uwnefl.org. You may also contact Vickie Robinson at 448.6971, or email robinson.vickie@gmail.com.

Our Pledge Secretary for the past decade, Meg Sheffield, retired from this position in July. Thank you for your faithful service to our church family, Meg.

Effective August, 2012, Gina Coarsey and Neil Eisinger will be taking over this role. If you have any questions about your pledge or giving to the church, you may contact Gina Coarsey at 737.6117, or gcoarsey@gmail.com. Thank you, Gina and Neil, for taking on these additional duties at Lakewood.

College Student Information

As our Lakewood young people head off (or back to) college, please remember to provide the church with their contact information for the school year. Please include the students mailing address, e-mail address and cell phone. Send information to Suzanne@LPCjax.org.

U.C.O.M. GROCERY REQUESTS

Did you know U.C.O.M. (United Community Outreach Ministry) has a requested food item each month? This is their Wish List:

September	Tuna
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The pantry is currently OUT OF dried beans, oats, cereal, and canned chicken and VERY LOW on mixed veggies, fruit, green beans, corn and macaroni and cheese. Please keep these in mind as you go to the grocery store. Of course, you are welcome to donate any food item at any time. U.C.O.M. loves the caring congregation at Lakewood Presbyterian and appreciates all we do to keep food on the pantry shelves for those in need. Donations may be placed in the basket in the Narthex on Sunday morning, or dropped off in the office. Visit www.ucomjax.org to learn more.

Dear LPC family,
 I would like to thank the folks who provided meals for me while I was recovering from my surgery. I enjoyed some great "comfort" foods and some delicious desserts! Special thanks to Diane Pilinski for coordinating the meals and to Lori Appenfelder for delivering them! This is yet another way that LPC ministers to its members. I am so blessed to be a part of this congregation. It is indeed, as Terry says, "a loving family of God."
 Beth King



Dear LPC,
 I wanted to thank you for your generosity in hosting Rodney Cleveland's Organ Concert for the 2nd year in a row. We collected over 50 bags of food and over \$1,000! It was such a great evening full of worship and fellowship and I'm so grateful for Rodney's willingness to share his gift of music to help our organization. Thank you for everything you do to support UCOM! In Christ, Thomas Allen

If you'd like to receive our weekly email newsletter, *This Week @ LPC*, which is issued each Thursday afternoon, contact Lori Appenfelder at Lori@LPCjax.org to sign up.

PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES:
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"BE GREEN" IN 2012!
 Contact Lori@lpcjax.org to join our growing list of "E-Readers" (288!) and receive the full color version of the newsletter.

WN @ LPC
(Wednesday Night @ LPC)

Family Ministry has lined up an engaging roster of fall programs and dinners for you! The programs with the highest attendance last year were programs presented by and about our LPC family. So – if "family" is what brings us together, if family is who we want to support, if family is who we want to know better – then this will be the year of "family" discussions, laughter and learning around the dinner table.

We will continue to highlight a program that has a special invitation for children by using the ☺ icon. We will continue to offer you the bargain price of \$6.00 for adults and free for kids 10 and under. We will continue to offer you "to-go" boxes when reserved. We will continue to use the Sunday Friendship Pad for dinner reservations, or by calling the church on Monday. We will continue grouping programs by monthly themes. We will continue the same time slots-6:00 dinner; 6:30 program. We will continue to offer the same corny jokes by Uncle Rusty! So – take a look at our fall line-up of "conversations" and join your family at the dinner table.

September-So-what did you do this summer?
 5 ☺ - Family Reunion with entertainment by LPC Band. Italian dinner – pasta with sauces, salad, fresh bread.
 12 – Katie Robb – Youth Trips. Burgers, potato salad, slaw, baked beans.
 19 – Chuck Darner – Reunions & Islands. Caribbean rotisserie chicken, salad bar, steamed vegetables.
 26 – Terry Lucarelli – Sabbatical Reflections. Farmers market rotisserie chicken, roasted vegetables, salad.

Sanctuary Flower Calendar
Weekly arrangements cost \$55.00.

Sep 2	Kay Odenwald
Sep 9	Jo Ann Paylor
Sep 16	Hope Brank
Sep 23	Dawn & Michael Clapsaddle
Sep 30	Mary Faye Craft

You may e-mail Sunday flower dedications to:
Lori@LPCjax.org



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Our Staff

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Birthdays

Martha McCracken, 9/1
Larry Paylor, 9/1
Rita Mosquera, 9/2
Gladys Hillhouse, 9/2
Adara Pappas, 9/2
Carla Thigpenn, 9/2
Wayne Isaac, 9/3
Leanne Mathis, 9/3
A.J. Arey, 9/4
Kevin Dumas, 9/4
Justin Farhat, 9/4
George Momberg, 9/5
Nancy Pound, 9/5
Michael LaMont, 9/6
Alice McCoy, 9/6
Linda Allen, 9/7

Lurline Ragsdale, 9/7
Townley Hargraves, 9/8
Kathy Foster, 9/9
Walter Lewis, 9/9
Terry Griffin, 9/11
Lorie Strange-Paylor, 9/11
Robin Momberg, 9/13
David King, 9/14
Richard Saig, 9/15
Jackie West, 9/17
Kim Berg, 9/18
Godlove Ndamo, 9/18
Ron Soud, 9/19
Matthew Dickey, 9/20
Scott Brank, 9/21
Mark Spencer, 9/21
Robert Travis, 9/22
Terry Kovach, 9/23

Seth Foster, 9/24
Ian Paylor, 9/25
Monica Skolnick, 9/25
Gina Coarsey, 9/26
Jo Ann Copeland, 9/26
Zachary Pound, 9/26
Amanda Southwood, 9/26
Taylor Carter, 9/28
Paul Ebanks, 9/29
Penny Mendheim, 9/29
Richard Abboud, 9/30
Suzanne Deaton, 9/30
Lee Matthews, 9/30
Jacob Spencer, 9/30
Luke Strange-Paylor, 9/30
Jeff Strebler, 9/30

Anniversaries

Jo Ann & Larry Paylor, 9/1
Ann Sory & Lee Meadows, 9/3
Edie & George Taylor, 9/3
Saundra & Ed Farhat, 9/4
Rosanna & Jeff Arey, 9/7
Janet & Glen Deichelbor, 9/8
Jean & Mac McLees, 9/9
Carma Jean & Fred Clark, 9/16
Doreen & Dan Pratt, 9/16
Crystal & Matt Austin, 9/20
Doris & Alan York, 9/25
Susan & Neill Keith, 9/27
Diana & Fred Balow, 9/29
Renee & Jay Farhat, 9/30

We thank God for you! If your special day was missed, please help us update our records by e-mailing LORI@LPCjax.org.