

### February Care Connectors

Vera Dickerson 365-9679  
Jill Ward 964-6474  
Helper: Helen VonWolffradt 964-5887

### Hope House

The food for Hope House will be paper products such as: paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, etc.

**Volunteer dates for February**  
**20, 22, 23, 23 & 25th**

### Dr. Monte Gravenstein Phones

Home: 573 - 302 - 7102  
Cell: 573 - 552 - 2322

### Ladies Brunch Luncheon

Jan 17th Baxter's Jan 24th Appleby's  
Jan 31st Hy-Vee Feb 7th Vista Grande  
Feb 14th Chili's Feb 21st Bahama Bistro  
Feb 28th Culvers

### Sunday, February 5th

**Dr. Monte Gravenstein**  
**10:00am**

**ELDERS:** Cliff Worthy, Ron Ferguson, Ruth Payne, Heidi Gibbs

**DEACONS:** Jerry Wicker, Scott Page, Shirley Wicker, Cindy Page, Bob Taylor, Jacob Gibbs, Bette Taylor, Madeira Miller, Reagan Page

### Sunday, February 12th

**Dr. Monte Gravenstein**  
**10:00am**

**ELDERS:** Tim Tabor, Teresa Tabor, Don Pogue, Bonnie Massie

**DEACONS:** Mike Jones, Janell Jones, Barb Young, Lori Kirkpatrick, Dennis Massie, Terry Moore, Karen Baker, Sharon Spencer

**Choir Director:** Kristin Chisham

**Organ:** Carol Bassett

**Piano:** Judy Shute, Vera Dickerson, Dan Chisham

**Nursery:** Angela Edwards

**Sound System & Video:** Dan Chisham, Scott Page, Jandy Arnold, Alex Mitchell, Quinn Mitchell, Spencer Thomas, Les Milligan

### Men's Fellowship Plans For 2012

Twenty LOCC men attended the January session of Men's Christian Fellowship meeting on Saturday, January 21st. Moran and Randy hosted a hearty breakfast, and an important business meeting followed. George Neville reported on the latest news from our Scouts and also requested an exact way to handle the new LOCC key situation, so as to allow proper access for scouts during their normal activities.

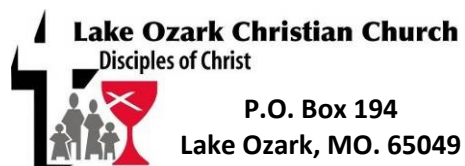
David Kirchner presented a detailed program on a new concept to more easily handle various Men's Group functions and fundraising projects. The concept was readily accepted as an improved method to manage men's future projects to strengthen LOCC and to raise necessary funds for our programs. Reverend Monte also led a strong discussion on ways LOCC could improve its relationship with our public and also strengthen fundraising.

Here are the new categories that the men will establish, as their way of managing volunteerism and manpower, thus monitoring all aspects of fundraising and meeting the needs of LOCC programs.

<b>Monthly Program Administration</b>	All meeting arrangements
<b>Children/Youth</b>	program materials & supplies. Playground
<b>Fundraising</b>	will include new ways to raise monies for youth
<b>Annual Disciples Men's Pancake Breakfast</b>	coordinates with national program

The next Men's Fellowship meeting is Saturday, February 18th, 8:30am, LOCC Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Dr. Monte-365-3366, or David Kirchner-964-6113.

P.O. Box 194 Tel. 573-365-3366 office@lakeozarkdisciples.org Worship Service 10:00am.  
1560 Bagnell Dam Blvd. Fax 573-365-7011 www.lakeozarkdisciples.org Sunday School 9:00am  
Lake Ozark, MO 65049



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## Dr. Monte's Moment

Exciting things are happening at Lake Ozark Christian Church. In our service of worship on Sunday we celebrated a great event. This congregation made the 2011 Operational Budget about the middle of last October. The 2011 Operational Budget adopted by the congregation was \$265,000.00

You are a great people and we celebrate the dedication and commitment of so many people to make this happen. I suggest that if you want to be a part of this joyous service you listen to the service which is recorded and on our website each week.

It appears that we will be able to start our noon contemporary service very soon. We have a keyboard and director, and we will be moving to bring this growth ministry into being.

In His Service,  
Dr. Monte

## CYF



Hello from the youth groups. We are having a luncheon this Sunday after the service. It is going to be for Hope House, and we will be serving homemade soups, salad, dessert, and a drink. This will be a freewill offering luncheon; the proceeds will go to Hope House. The brown bags containing groceries will also go to Hope House. We will count how many collected items and the monies, so we can report our numbers to *Soup Bowl of Caring*; this event takes place all over the U.S.A. We are glad to be a part of this mission to help our local food pantry. There is some information in the fellowship hall on numbers last year.

The C.Y.F. youth will start reading a book entitled *FIRESTARTER Fuel your PASSION* by Stier and Dratz. It's about the first steps in sharing Jesus with your friends using Venti Jesus Please, the prequel to *Firestarter*. This book, *Venti Jesus Please* is in the library we recently started in the children area. The book relates to do the March Dare 2 Share drama scene we plan to attend.

## Search Committee Update

The Search Committee met on Monday, January 23rd to continue the work of getting ready to receive potential minister's profiles. We are working on preparing a one-page statement about our church, community and ministry expectations, and preparing a letter to acknowledge our receipt of minister's profiles. We are also looking at different sources on where to place ads about our opening for a senior minister.

If you have any questions or comments for the committee, please do not hesitate to contact one of the members.

## Reflections On Our Children's Christmas Program! WOW!

Well, the last time our Chimes published, I talked a lot about our wonderful volunteers. So now it is time we brag about our wonderful CHILDREN! If you missed our Christmas program in December, you missed a great opportunity to experience the magic of Christmas in that unique child-like way that is most inspiring. What happened on stage was really fantastic. The name of our program was Where's The Line To See Jesus? The theme focused on the idea that many times we forget the real meaning of Christmas. We often take our children to stand in line to see Santa at Christmas time but forget about the true hero... Jesus.

The program opened with the Chi Rho youth group playing Joy To The World on their instruments. This group of children just started playing instruments in late October. Ron Ferguson said he believed they could learn the song by the day of the program. Many of us raised our eyebrows but we all know that Ron is great with kids and since he said it could be done, I trusted he would pull it together...and he DID! Thanks Ron!

The rest of the program was adorable. Ms. Judy Shute wrote it and directed it with help from the rest of us as needed. At the time we started practicing for the play, we had 23 children and youth total. In the six weeks (only 7 practices total) leading up to performance day, we grew to 33 students. Most of our new children came two weeks before the program... now this was a wonderful problem! Ms. Judy and I would quickly write the newcomers into the program some way or another, teach them the songs and hope they remembered the words! We ended up with all 33 children and youth on stage at the same time, which was not the original plan, but it came together beautifully.

Our Chi Rho students not only played instruments and sang for the congregation, but they also opened the program dressed as Santa's elves working at the local mall. Their job was to manage lots of young children (our CCF group) standing in line to see Santa. While standing in line, the young children started talking about all the presents they wanted and began chanting "I want! I want! I want!" They were behaving badly and had completely lost site of the true meaning of Christmas. As a result of this rude behavior, 'Santa's helpers' decided to teach the children the true story of Christmas by inviting them to Lake Ozark Christian Church to participate in a Christmas pageant. Santa's helpers assigned the CCF students parts for their Christmas pageant, on stage - very clever! After assigning everyone a part, the CCF children were directed to follow Santa's helpers off stage to put on costumes and get ready to act out the Christmas story. You should have seen the adults in back helping 25 young children into costumes all at the same time. We were a well oiled machine back there! We rushed to keep everyone on schedule so we could send in the children when it was there time to enter the stage. If only the congregation could have seen what it took to make that all happen!

Chi Rho students did a great job of setting the stage for the rest of the program and helping the little ones get to the places they needed to go. The students that wanted solos and duets sang them. They all sounded really great. I commend them for being brave enough to stand up there and sing out loud in front of everyone.

The CCF students were also amazing! They wowed us by remembering lines, speaking loudly, singing well, taking turns at the microphone and showing lots of enthusiasm on stage. The students told the story of Christmas and I am so proud of all of them for their dedication to the process, even on those days when they were tired and really just wanted to play outside after school!

Lastly, I send a huge thanks to all volunteers and families involved in making this program happen. This includes sound, stage sets, costume changes, music, program design to hand out the day of, and so much more! As I reflect on all we have done this past season, I feel blessed to have been a part of something so special. As always, it is the children that keep us focused on the things that truly matter! Thank you children and families for being a part of our church family!

Sincerely,  
Amy Miller  
Director Children's programs

## New Beginnings

**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**- Easter Sunday- Students will perform their programs at 9:00. Easter Sunday Service begins at 10:00. During the service, children are invited to join us for an Easter Egg hunt outside. Crafts and fun activities will be held in the gym following the egg hunt. We hope you can join us for this wonderful day of worship and fun! Please call or e-mail Amy Miller with questions. 573-216-9381 [Amsurito2@aol.com](mailto:Amsurito2@aol.com)

### New Beginnings Meeting Dates for Spring of 2012:

January 18 <sup>th</sup>	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	February 15 <sup>th</sup>	February 29th	March 14th	March 28th
April 11th	April 25th	May 9th	May 23rd - TBA		

**Lake Ozark Christian Church**  
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## CHURCH SERVICE QUESTIONNAIRE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your selections below by checking the appropriate boxes

I would like to serve our Church in the following way(s):

- As an Evangelist                       Capital Fund Campaign
- On the nominating committee         On the Leadership Council
- As an Elder     On the Diaconate (as a Deacon)     Sing in the Choir

On the following Ministry Council Committee(s):

- Communications,     Education,     Fellowship,     Membership/Evangelism,
- Outreach,     Small Group Ministry,     Stewardship,     Worship

On the following Operations Council Committee(s):

- Finance,     Pastoral Relations,     Personnel (Human Resources),     Property,
- Financial Resources.

I would like additional information concerning:

- Care Connection,     Christian Womens' Fellowship,     Christian Men's Fellowship
- Vacation Bible School,     Hope House,     Boy Scouts,     Girl Scouts,
- Special Events,     Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

1/22/12	
Worship	130
Women's Bible Study	6
Prayer Group	3
Cornerstone	9
Children's Church	14
Chi Rho & CYF	8
New Beginnings	15
CCF	23
1/29/12	
Worship	122
Women's Bible Study	6
Prayer Group	2
Cornerstone	6
Children's Church	6
Chi Rho & CYF	4
New Beginnings	4
CCF	4

**Valentine's Day Bags**

We will be making Valentine bags, so if you would like to bring valentines to include, that would be wonderful. I will have some extras cards on the table, and a list of our children and youth names for your use. We plan to have the bags ready after Wednesday Feb.1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks

Offerings For 1/22/12	
Operating	\$2059.00
(Includes loose change)	
Building	\$935.00
Miscellaneous	\$252.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3246.00</b>
Offerings For 1/28/12	
Operating	\$4668.00
(Includes loose change)	
Building	\$430.00
Miscellaneous	\$30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5128.00</b>

**Sanctuary Flowers**



The sign up sheet for the Sanctuary flowers is on the front counter by the office.

Do not forget to pick a Sunday to remember a loved one, a birthday or anniversary.

Thank you.

**Church Calendar**

**Wednesday, February 1st**

9:00 am New Beginnings  
 10:00 am Historical Records Review - MPR  
 3:30 pm Chi Rho  
 3:30 pm CCF  
 4:00 pm Worship Committee - Med  
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30 pm CYF

**Thursday, February 2nd**

9:00 am Painting Group  
 9:00 am Prayer Group  
 9:45am Women's Bible Study  
 10:00 am Historical Records Review - MPR  
 5:30 pm Cub Scouts

**Friday, February 3rd**

10:00 am Historical Records Review - MPR

**Saturday, February 4th**

8:00 am Souper Bowl Prep - Kitchen  
 9:00 am Craft Group  
 10:00 am Historical Records Review - MPR

**Sunday, February 5th**

9:00 am Peaceful Living Bible Study  
 9:00 am Cornerstone Bible Study  
 9:00 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Souper Bowl Luncheon  
 6:00 pm Cub Scout Comm Meeting - MPR

**Monday, February 6th**

6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
 8:00 pm AA Meeting

**Tuesday, February 7th**

10:00 am Real Faith/Real Life  
 Noon Tuesday Lunch Bunch

**Wednesday, February 8th**

1:00 pm CWF - MPR  
 3:30 pm Chi Rho  
 3:30 pm CCF  
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30 pm CYF

**Thursday, February 9th**

9:00 am Painting Group  
 9:00 am Prayer Group  
 9:45 am Women's Bible Study  
 5:30 pm Cub Scouts

**Friday, February 10th**

5:00 pm Boy Scouts Lock In Sleep Over

**Saturday, February 11th**

9:00 am Craft Group

**Sunday, February 12th**

9:00 am Peaceful Living Bible Study  
 9:00 am Cornerstone Bible Study  
 9:30 am Sunday School

**Monday, February 13th**

6:30 pm Boy Scouts  
 8:00 pm AA Meeting

**Tuesday, February 14th**

10:00 am Real Faith/Real Life  
 Noon Tuesday Lunch Bunch



**February**

**Birthdays**

Paul Strauch	February 1
Tim Tabor	February 3
Lynn Griswold	February 4
Jerry Wicker	February 4
Dora Alexander	February 5
Dan Keith	February 5
Ryan Page	February 5
Sandy Dyke	February 6
Cyndi Horvath	February 6
Julie Long	February 6
Marguerite Hirst	February 9
John Swatek	February 9
Bob Taylor	February 10
Rick Elam	February 11
Dennis R. Massie	February 13
T.A. DeGraffenreid	February 14
Brenda Sonnenberg	February 16
Helen VonWolffradt	February 17
Judy Peterson	February 18
Sharon Spencer	February 19
Elaine Herrick	February 20
Jandy Arnold	February 21
Max Dreier	February 22
Sylvia Brinkman	February 27
Maya Miller	February 28

**Thank You!**

The Lake Area Community Orchestra would like to thank Lake Ozark Christian Church for hosting our winter concert. The warmth of your reception provides additional inspiration for our music. We really appreciate all at your church who make this opportunity possible.

Carroll Rinker, Secretary

**Hope House**

Thank you so much for the support check of \$500.00 to Hope House. We appreciate your continued support.

We are giving out hams or turkeys in December to all our clients. We also have a good supply of deer meat that we will be giving to the clients. We gave 425 turkeys in November.

We are seeing an increase in the number of clients each month. We assisted 447 families in November with food, utility assistance, prescriptions, gasoline to go to doctor's appointments, clothing, fuel for heating and other emergencies.

We signed up 325 children on the Christmas for Kids program. This program is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.

Thank you again for your generosity. Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

Katie Matthews , Hope House Service Director

**Salvation Army Bell Ringers**

First of all, I want to thank all the people who helped ring bells, and also thanks to all those donating money. We broke the \$70,000.00 goal. Yea! I want to thank Doug Miller for being our leader. We are truly blessed to be a part of God's people and have his love in our hearts. Thanks, Cindi Lou