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LAKE HOUSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Newsletter for Family and Friends

...and a warm welcome to our visitors!

Unchanging Truth in a Changing World

Kevin Hahn

I was visiting a preaching school late in the evening when I heard someone speaking downstairs in one of the classrooms. I was surprised that they were still holding classes at that time of night. The man showing me around the school said, "No, that teacher you hear is teaching students in India right now. It's a morning class for them."

Technology has brought both opportunity and change to our world. One of my teachers said he always kept a pocket New Testament in his glove compartment. Now, instead of a pocket New Testament, you can carry the whole Bible in your pocket, along with a concordance, multiple translations, and a vast resource of commentaries.

We have more tools at our disposal to communicate the gospel to the world and our community than we've ever had before, and it's encouraging to see those tools being used for the glory of God.

Some things, however, never change.

God doesn't change – At the end of the Old Testament, God once again lays out the difference between the righteous and the wicked. His constancy can either be comforting or fearful depending on which side you find yourself on. God says of himself, "For I the Lord do not change" (Mal. 3:6a).

Jesus doesn't change – He is always merciful, always forgiving, always abounding in love, and always our Lord and Master. As the writer of Hebrews said, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb. 13:8).

Truth doesn't change – We stand by and watch as spring gives way to summer year after year. Yet Isaiah wrote, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever" (Is. 40:8).

Save the Date!

May 17th

Baby Shower for Emily Castaneda @ the Pearce's @10:30. Emily is registered at Babies R Us, Target and Amazon.

May 24th

Bridal Shower for Katherine Schultz @the Drachenberg's @ 10:00 – 12:00. She is registered @Bed, Bath & Beyond, Dillard's, Pottery Barn and Williams Sonoma.

Elders

JY Brown
Orville Culpepper
Bob Deister
Mike Drachenberg
Larry Heasley
* Pat Porter - May
Doug Sessions

* Elder on call

DEACONS

Mike Diaz – Benevolence
Ken Johnson – Building & Grounds
Tim Mansell - Building & Grounds
Billy Tharp – Building & Grounds
Carl Holder – Domestic Missions
Warren Roane – Education
Richard Ames – Building & Grounds
Ron Schultz – Involvement
Mike Degge – Missions
Don McAdoo – World Bible School
Darvin Mitchell – Worship
Joseph Barela - Youth

Our Record	
Bible Study	220
AM	390
PM	194
Wednesday	218
Contribution	$22,053.74
Budget	$15,134.00

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

My mom, I love her
On this Mother's Day
She's the reason I'm taking this moment to pray

My mom, I love her
Let her know, dear Lord
Please bless her with the most abundant reward
My mom, I love her
And that's why I pray
Not just today on this Mother's Day

But with each remembrance
Of the love she's expressed
My thankfulness to the Lord I've professed

For my life began
In a warm and safe place
Than grew more secure in Mom's tender embrace

When I was little
She taught me to crawl
Than to walk and run, and get up when I fall

Nurtured and cared for
She raised me to stand
Lifted, supported, by her loving hand

She believed in me
Inspired me to dream
Nothing was impossible for me, it seemed

It was her example
That pointed the way
To the life in Christ I know today

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On this Mother's Day
She's the reason I'm taking this moment to pray

My mom, I love her
Let her know, dear Lord
Please bless her with the most abundant reward.

--Mary Fairchild

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Dennis Phillips, Jr. (Sessions' nephew)	**CA**
Jenn Good (Ellen Boucher's granddaughter)	CA
Justin Lambright (Linda Doering's nephew)	**CO**
Cory Isles (Ellen Boucher**'s** grandson)	**MS**
Timothy Strickland (Robert Strickland's nephew)	**Italy**
Jacob Daniel (J & L Daniel's grandson)	**TX**
Darrell Baskin (Lou Crother's grandson)	**TX**
Shanda Trevena Illert (Trevena's daughter)	**TX**
Keith Bogutzki (Lana Doan's grandson)	**TX**
Kolette Mellott (King's niece)	
Victor Walker	**TX**
Zerrick McHellon (Mc Hellon's son)	**VA**
Bryan Farthing (Dutton's son in law)	**Active**
Cheyne Parham (Ruby Eddin's grandson**)**	**TX**
Joseph Alamia (Jeff's brother)	**Afghanistan**
Michael Umholtz (Ginny's son)	**England**
Carla Plummer (Laurie Mangham's niece in law)	**Japan**
Christopher Taylor (Chris & Brenda Taylor's son)	**Kuwait**
Benjamin Ulrich (Ellen Boucher's grandson)	
Brian Caballero (USS Lincoln)	
Nelson Broussard (Charlotte Brown's brother)	**TX**

Those Needing Prayers

MEMBERS
- Reed Talbert

MEMBERS WITH ONGOING CONCERNS
- Leon Boeker -Health Issues
- Ellen Boucher – Health Issues
- Jean Campbell – Oakmont Health Center
- Max Comer – Long term care
- Lou Crothers – Comfort Senior Care Center
- Genie Deister – Methodist Hospital
- Johnnie Eddins – Health issues
- Gene & Evelyn Fain – Health issues
- Larry Fain – Health issues
- Marie Gordon – Home care
- Bob & Mary Latten – Health issues
- Lucy Makowsky – Health issues
- Larry Parker – Spring Branch Facility
- Jerry Wilson – Health issues
- Derryl Wood – Cancer
- Don Pringle – Health issues

FAMILY & FRIENDS
- Nathan Luther – Lynn & Donna Luther's son
- John Brinkley – Derryl & Jeannie Wood's son

EXPECTANT PARENTS
Morris & Jennifer Nwogwugwu – Due with a boy 6/6/14
Carlos & Emily Castaneda – Due with a girl 6/22/14

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
John and Fran Thornberg have a new addition to their family. Addilyn Collette Hanks came into this world on May 5th at 3:25 a.m. Her proud parents are Kristen and Joshua Hanks. She has a very proud big brother, Cooper. She weighed 6lbs. 12oz. and is 19 1/2 inches long. This is John and Fran's eighth grandchild.

Our next Blood Drive will be June 21st from 10:00 to 2:30 in the mobile unit outside the fellowship hall.

News

- ✓ We will have a congregational singing at 5:30 in the auditorium this evening.
- ✓ There will be a MS/HS Devotional at the home of Cason and Casey Pearce tonight after evening services. There are maps in the foyer. Boys please bring drinks, and girls bring desserts.
- ✓ Monday Night for the Master and WBS will meet Monday evening at 6:00.
- ✓ There will be an Elders/Deacons meeting on May 18th.
- ✓ Bandina Christian Youth Camp will be June 8-14th. Please see Cason for camp applications and questions.
- ✓ Vacation Bible School is June 22-25th. Our theme this year is "Where is Your Heart?"

Food Pantry Needs

Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup
Boxed Cereal
Instant Oatmeal
Canned Fruit
Ramen Noodles
Spaghetti Noodles
Spaghetti Sauce
Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
Dry Rice
Dry Beans
Hamburger & Tuna Helper

Website Under Construction

Over the last few weeks, we've been working on a new website for the congregation that gives us greater flexibility on content at a lower monthly cost.

The website will have two primary purposes. First, there's a public area for those who don't know us to learn who we are, what we believe, what we do, and how to get in touch with us. The intent is to establish contact with those who are searching in a simple, positive, and welcoming way.

We also want to continue to provide clear answers to questions from those who are new in town: What time do you meet? Where are you? What's your address and phone number?

Second, there will be a password protected area for members here at Lake Houston where you can find things like directory information, details on upcoming events, prayer requests, the military prayer list, bulletins, and opportunities to serve.

We'll make the sermons available in both the public and private sections so those who are interested in hearing what we teach can listen for themselves.

In both the public and protected areas, we also plan to incorporate photos of our members serving and working together. We believe pictures can be a powerful way to communicate who we are and what we do. (Don't just tell me. Show me.)

We won't use names or other personal information with the pictures, but if you would rather *not* have your picture used in this outreach effort, please let the church office know.

Please be assured that we're not going to stop making the regular bulletin and other formats of information available to you. We know not everyone wants to get their information online.

We also ask you to be patient as we get up and running. It will take a while to get everything in place, and even then we hope to continue to improve as we go.

We hope the website will be a tool you'll be proud to share with friends, neighbors, co-workers and others to help you introduce them to Jesus Christ and his body here at Lake Houston. If you'd like a preview of our progress, go to lakehoustoncoc.org

Those Chosen to Serve

Sunday, May 11 ,2014	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Terry Hunt
Announcements	Bob Bounds
Opening Prayer	Bob Bounds
Scripture/Contribution	Delbert Long
Communion Talk	Jon Wheeler
Communion	Warren Roane
	Ron Schultz
	Jeff Alamia
	Caleb Schultz
Closing Prayer	Pat Porter
Greeters	Logan &Lyerly
Communion Prep	Tharp
Building Lockup	Schultz & Degge
EVENING	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Bert Esteban
Opening Prayer	John Doering
Communion	Ronnie Caballero
	Don Gaddy
Wed., May 14, 2014	
Announcements	Cason Pearce
Song Leader	Carlos Castaneda
Closing Prayer	Cason Pearce

Sunday, May 18, 2014	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Fred Fain
Announcements	Bob Bounds
Opening Prayer	Bob Bounds
Scripture/Contribution	Richard Ames
Communion Talk	Jonathan Webb
Communion	Doug Sessions
	Eric Kennedy
	Brad Jones
	Gary Ward
Closing Prayer	Pat Porter
Greeters	Logan & Lyerly
Communion Prep	Tharp
Building Lockup	Schultz & Degge
EVENING	
Speaker	Kevin Hahn
Song Leader	Jeff Boyles
Opening Prayer	JY Brown
Communion	Matt Carnathan
	Michael Corley

Happy Mother's Day!