

# Lake Houston Church of Christ

## Seeking • Serving • Sharing

### BENEVOLENCE

Message from the Elders

God wants us to be a benevolent people. "Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased" (Hebrews 13:16).

For some members, discussing their benevolent needs can be difficult. They may keep it private or they may share it with other close members of our Church family. If you hear of a member with a need that may be better addressed by the Church, please encourage them to share their situation with the Elders. If someone makes their financial need public by coming forward during the invitation or by asking for prayers in the bulletin, please know that the Elders have or will address the matter.

The Elders strive to be good stewards of the Church treasury and have a strong desire to help those in need. As a result, a process is in place to assist with benevolence:

- A member's request is received, investigated, and reviewed.
- Member's current financial resources are reviewed.
- Basic necessities (food, shelter, and clothing) are addressed first.
- All other requests beyond necessities are considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Member is informed of the decision.

The Elders consider the information provided by the member, as well as scripture, to reach a decision. "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10). "Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (I Timothy 5:8). "If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat" (II Thessalonians 3:10).

Please know that benevolent requests are kept confidential. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to an Elder.

### ELDERS

\*JY Brown

Bob Deister

Larry Heasley

Pat Porter

Warren Roane

Mike Sharp

Hermise Wilkins

\* Elder on call

### DEACONS

Rick Cunningham – Education

Mike Degge – Foreign Missions

Elmer Hitt - Evangelism

Carl Holder – Domestic Missions

Eric Johnson - Finance

Ken Johnson – Building & Grounds

Eric Kennedy – Visitation

Kenton Lockhart - Fellowship

Tim Mansell – Building & Grounds

Don McAdoo – World Bible School

Darvin Mitchell – Worship

Morris Nwogwugwu - Education

Gary Ward - Technology

Jonathan Webb – Fellowship

### MINISTERS

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<b>Our Record</b>	11/25/18
Bible Study	206
AM	332
PM	175
Wednesday	n/c
Contribution	\$12,143.82
Budget	\$17,167.00

## Prayer List

### MEMBERS

- ✧ Rita Ballard – Fell
- ✧ Wendy Bounds – Benign brain tumor
- ✧ Evelyn Fain – Holly Hall Ret.Comm.-#114
- ✧ Linda Haynes – Kingwood Hospital
- ✧ Stan Januhowski - Answers from appt. 12/11
- ✧ Exa Roth – Park Manor
- ✧ Yvette Sharp – Home–No calls/visits for now
- ✧ Jeanie Wood – Kingwood Hospital

### MEMBERS WITH ONGOING CONCERNS

- ✧ Joyce Allen
- ✧ Vivian Brown
- ✧ Mickie & Laura Buchanan
- ✧ Wayne Campbell
- ✧ Mike Degge – Bladder cancer
- ✧ Elbert Ford – Knee issues
- ✧ Michelle Goodnight
- ✧ Ruth Hunt
- ✧ Lucy Makowsky
- ✧ Gary Maple
- ✧ Robbie Reamy
- ✧ Buz Reynolds – ALS
- ✧ Rosemary Trevena
- ✧ Jerry Wilson

For a more complete list, visit our website [lakehoustoncoc.org](http://lakehoustoncoc.org).

## Meeting Schedule

### Sunday

Bible Class.....	9:00 a.m.
Worship.....	10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....	5:00 p.m.

### Tuesday

Ladies' Bible Class (September–May)... 10:00 a.m.

### Wednesday

Bible class (all ages)..... 7:00 p.m.

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Email us at [lakehoustoncoc@gmail.com](mailto:lakehoustoncoc@gmail.com)

There you will find:

Our Calendar	Our Missionaries
Prayer List	Those in the Military
Audio Sermons	Involvement Form

## Thank You

Dear Lake Houston Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers and all of the cards and prayers. Your kind words have been so uplifting in my time of recovery after my accident. – Delaney Baker

## Sign-Up Sheets

If you would like to prepare the communion for a month in 2019, or host the youth in your home sometime in the next year, use the sign-up sheets located in the foyer. Thank you for your service!

## Blood Drive

What a great holiday gift! Our blood drive is Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 until 2:30 in the fellowship hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer, or you can go to [commitforlife.org](http://commitforlife.org) to sign up. Eat a well-balanced meal, drink water, and bring your ID. Thank you for saving lives!

## Prayer Group

There will be a Prayer Group meeting at the home of the Wurzinger's (19423 Pine Cluster) starting at 6:30 a.m., on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information see the bulletin board located in the foyer. We hope you'll be able to participate!

## Ladies Ornament Exchange

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sandy Tittle (12814 Fernbank Forest). Bring your favorite dishes to share and a wrapped gift/ornament costing no more than \$10. We hope you'll make a point to join us as we always have a great time!

## Arms of Hope

Please consider purchasing a gift card from Academy, Belk, JC Penney, Wal-Mart, or a Visa gift card in the amount of \$10, \$25, or \$50 to help the children at Arms of Hope. You can also go online to [armsofhope.org](http://armsofhope.org) to donate. If you contribute either way you will be sent an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes. See the board in the foyer for more information.

## World Bible School

John 4:35: Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

John 4:36: And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

Join us this Monday night as we soweth the WORD of GOD.

A second important activity that happens on Monday night is the writing of cards to encourage those that have been missing services to return.

Cards are also sent to those who need sympathy for the loss of a loved one and cards of congratulation to those who have had a special happy event in their lives.

Date: Monday, December 3

Time: "Brown Bag" meal together at 5:30 p.m.

Work period. The evening's work will start by 6:00 p.m. and will end at 8:00 p.m.

BE A SOWER OF THE WORD OF GOD AND JOIN US THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>

## Ladies Bible Class

Join us in room 208 (2nd door on the left in the education wing) for our Sunday morning Ladies Bible Class: A Study of Peter: The Life of Peter, and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter. Come study with us!



## Holiday Party

Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m., in the fellowship hall. It's been a few years since we have done a White Elephant, so why don't we give it another try. Men please bring a wrapped gift for a man, and women, bring a wrapped gift for a woman. Make it, bake it, or buy it! Bring your potluck holiday dishes to share.

## Pantry Needs

Boxed Potato Mixes  
Canned Chicken  
Canned Soup

Spaghetti Sauce  
Dried Rice & Beans  
Peanut Butter & Jelly

## Youth Devo

There will be a middle school/high school devotional at the home of the Corley's on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

## Year-End Fellowship

In lieu of 5th Sunday fellowship, we will have a Year-End Fellowship on **Sunday, December 9th**, immediately following morning worship. Bring your favorite Italian dish (spaghetti, lasagna, etc.), salad, and/or dinner rolls. We will also need volunteers to setup and cleanup. Click on the sign-up sheet link in your email or you may sign up in the foyer.

Matthew 7:3-5 says: “Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.”

This scripture has been on my mind this week. I’ve been thinking about what scripture says regarding giving advice and how to receive advice. The Bible addresses the importance of seeking wise counsel and listening to the advice of the wise. The Bible teaches that if we lack wisdom we should ask God (James 1:5) and that we should listen to the wisdom of fellow believers (Proverbs 19:20). One of the lessons we can glean from Matthew 7:3-5 is that our focus should be on improving our own shortcomings before we focus on helping others with their shortcomings. These verses teach that if we are more focused on trying to help others with their struggles than we are our own struggles, then



people will balk at our advice, even if we think we are trying to be helpful. If those around you see you as wise and need help, then they will reach out to you and ask you to share your wisdom. My prayer is that we’ll heed God’s wisdom and focus on improving our own shortcomings before rushing to help others with their shortcomings so that we can all be effective ministers in the Lord’s Church.

## Those Privileged to Serve

Sunday, December 2, 2018			Sunday, December 9, 2018		
Speaker		Kevin Hahn	Speaker		Kevin Hahn
Song Leader		Aaron Barnes	Song Leader		Terry Hunt
Greetings/Call to Worship		Randall Perero	Greetings/Call to Worship		Randall Perero
Communion Talk		Bob Deister	Communion Talk		Harlee Glover
Communion	Don Caballero Ethan Gunnels	Ronny Caballero Alvin Logan	Communion	Don Caballero Ethan Gunnels	Ronny Caballero Alvin Logan
Scripture		Darwin Trevena	Scripture		Darwin Trevena
Closing Prayer		Bob Deister	Closing Prayer		Bob Deister
Greeters	Logan	Lyerly	Greeters	Logan	Lyerly
Communion Prep		Sharp	Communion Prep		Sharp
Cards	Jackson Corley Regan Corley	Colton Cunningham Cohen Dugas	Cards	Jackson Corley Regan Corley	Colton Cunningham Cohen Dugas
Building Lockup	Primary-Delome	B/U-Webb	Building Lockup	Primary-Delome	B/U-Webb
<b>EVENING</b>			<b>EVENING</b>		
Speaker		Kevin Hahn	Speaker		Kevin Hahn
Song Leader		Aaron Barnes	Song Leader		Terry Hunt
Opening Prayer		Jeff Boyles	Opening Prayer		Kenton Lockhart
Communion	Eric Kennedy	John Kennedy	Communion	Caleb Hahn	Ricardo Reyes
Closing Prayer		Randall Perero	Closing Prayer		Randall Perero
<b>Wednesday, December 5, 2018</b>			<b>Wednesday, December 12, 2018</b>		
Greetings		Caleb Hahn	Greetings		Cason Pearce
Song Leader		Carlos Castañeda	Song Leader		Caleb Hahn