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LAKE HOUSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Newsletter for Family and Friends

…and a warm welcome to our visitors!

First Impressions and Lasting Impressions

by Kevin Hahn

Ten years ago this month, my family became part of your family here at Lake Houston.

Several weeks ago, while I was going through a box of old sermons and notes, I came across the first bulletin I wrote here. It was about first impressions. When I read the article again, my first thought was, "Ten years later, what I saw then is what I still see now." Here's what I wrote:

"I know that, like a first date, I'm seeing you at your best. But I want you to know I like what I see.

I see elders who care: about you, about the church, and about their minister. I see their desire to please God, and I'm eager to grow with them.

I see members who work. I see people finding and using their talents and feeling like part of the body here.

I see God's Word taught. I've been encouraged on every hand to preach and teach God's will.

I see a family. I've seen you singing, working, and praying together. I see a family who loves each other, and I want to be a part of it. I am unashamedly optimistic about being here. I believe the church the Lord died for should be a place where you see such things.

But just as importantly, I want you to know that I will still love you at your worst. That's what it means to be family.

We're glad to be here, and we're eager to walk alongside you as we all seek first the kingdom of God."

Elders

JY Brown
Orville Culpepper
Bob Deister
*Mike Drachenberg
Larry Heasley
Pat Porter
Doug Sessions
* Elder on call

DEACONS

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

MINISTERS

Kevin Hahn – Preacher
Cason Pearce – Associate Minister; Licensed Professional Counselor

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Our Record	
Bible Study	262
AM	434
PM	207
Wednesday	237
Contribution	$22,642.00
Budget	$15,238.00

Those Needing Prayers

MEMBERS

- Jim Daniel – Recovering from eye surgery
- Quentin Farr's family
- Lidda Gamez – May lose her job in 2 mos.
- Alfred Mullins –Pneumonia, biopsy 12/9/15

MEMBERS WITH ONGOING CONCERNS

- Laura Buchanan – Health issues
- Carmona/Statum Families–Prayers for family
- Max Comer – Long-term care
- Lois Crothers – Senior Care home
- Genie Deister – Health issues
- Marie Gordon – Home care
- Linda Haynes – Health issues
- Ruth Hunt – Health issues
- Bob & Mary Latten – Health issues
- Darwin & Rosemary Trevena – Ongoing concerns
- Mary Young – Cancer

FAMILY & FRIENDS

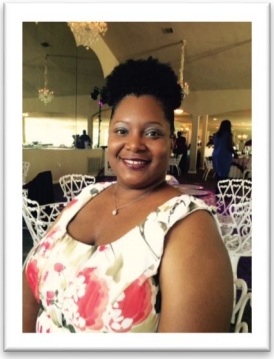
- Willie Alverenga – Brown Trail–Health issues
- Mark Berryman - Fran Thornberg's brother
- Katy Collins – D. Wood's granddaughter-Cancer
- Dylan Craig – Thornberg's grandson - Wreck
- Matthew Diehl - Ballard's sister-in-law - Bladder cancer
- Opal Merritt – Ellisor's friend – Hospice
- Tarrah Moreno-Don King's daughter-Cancer
- Luther Mullins – Kingwood Hospital
- Shirley Pope - Carl Brooks aunt - Cancer
- Wayne Rutland – Danna Roane's father - Heart attack
- Eli Thompson - Rosie's great- grandson
- Lance Yeager – Ginger Alexander's brother
- Al Zillio - Eddleman's step-dad – lung biopsy

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

- Hillary Barnes – Girl - March 14, 2016
- Dalys Parker – May 8, 2016

Please go to lakehoustoncoc.org for a more detailed prayer list.

New Member



Please welcome our new family member!

Rolanda Wilkins
5215 Yorkwood Street
Houston, TX 77016

Rolanda comes to us from the Garden Oaks church of Christ.

Sign-Up Sheets

There are sign-up sheets in the foyer for communion preparation and hosting or speaking at youth devotionals for the new year of 2016. If you can help with either, please sign up today.

Last 2015 Youth Devo

Tonight is our last devotional for 2015. Please meet in the fellowship hall after pm services. After the devotional, all 7th-12th graders are invited to stick around and participate in a white elephant.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 9th, you're invited to come for a great breakfast here in the fellowship hall. Please meet with us here at 8:30 a.m. if you can make it. Come hungry!

Arms of Hope & Impact

Today is the last day you can turn in your gift-cards for the **Arms of Hope**. Please be sure to get them to Sandy or Liz this morning or tonight.

Also, Impact church of Christ is having a Matching Funds Campaign. If you are interested in donating or have question, please call Paul Woodward at 713-501-6255.

Winter Classes

Cradle Roll – Room 104
18 months–3rd birthday – Room 203
3-5 Year Olds – Room 113
K-1st Grade – Room 106-107
2nd-3rd Grade – Room 108
4th-5th Grade – Room 308
Middle School – Room 303
High School (9th-12th) – Room 306
Adult 1 (Cunningham/Nwogwugwu) – FH
Adult 2 (Gunnels/J. Brown/Weir) – Auditorium
Adult 3 (Ladies Class-New Testament)–Room 107
Adult Wednesday (Hahn) - Auditorium

Visit our Library

Our library has been reorganized and catalogued to better suit the needs of our members. Feel free to visit the library and see the wide selection of periodicals we have accumulated. Our library is in Room 205.

Pantry Needs

Applesauce	Boxed/Bagged Cereal
Fruit Cocktail	Peanut Butter
Pork 'n Beans	Potato Mixes
Tuna & Tuna Helper	Vegetable Soup

Ladies Craft Night

Tuesday, December 15th, at 7:00 p.m., we will have our **Annual Cookie Exchange** as our craft night. Please sign-up if you'd like to participate.

Have you lost your Bible?

There is a bin of Bibles in the **Lost & Found** in the communion prep room. These Bibles will be donated after the first of the year.

Dates to Remember
December 2015
13th – MS/HS Devo (Hubbell/Brown/Wurzinger)
15th – Craft Night/Cookie Exchange
19th – Holiday Party - Potluck
31st – Primetimers' New Year's Eve Party

Holiday Party

It's a potluck on December 19th! So, bring a yummy dish to share and a '**Make-it or Bake-it**" item for each person (2 gifts per couple) to exchange. You can make a craft. Paint a picture. Bake a pie, candy, cake, or casserole. We don't care! Just make or bake something to pass along for others to enjoy. For those with small children, babysitting is provided. Babysitters will be ready for your children by 6:15 p.m., and we plan on serving them all pizza. If you'd like to take advantage of the babysitting, please put your children's names on the sign-up sheet in the foyer, and designate if they are gluten free.

We will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall!

Attention Babysitters

If you signed up to be a babysitter for the Holiday Party this Saturday evening, please meet in the fellowship hall at 6:15 p.m. sharp. We'll have pizza for you and for the kiddos you'll be watching. Thanks in advance for your help. It's appreciated more than you know.

Join the LHCOC Group on Facebook.

From Cason…

Recently, I heard the host of a podcast talk about shared characteristics of successful people. He mentioned one particular characteristic that interested me. He said, "Successful people have long-term focus," which reminded me of Steven Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Covey says that one habit of highly effective people is that they "begin with the end in mind."

For followers of Christ, this is a great principle to live by. If you desire true success there is no greater achievement than getting to heaven. Just as success in the world doesn't happen by accident, getting to heaven doesn't either. It requires:

Looking Forward - "*Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead" (Philippians 3:13).* It's difficult to plan for the future when you are bogged down by mistakes you made in your past. It's much easier to plan for true success when you learn from those mistakes and focus on getting better.

Focus - *"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2).* Throughout your life on earth, there are many things you can focus on, but true success requires that your focus is on following Jesus' attitudes and actions as well as the reward that awaits his followers.

Endurance - *"...the one who endures to the end will be saved" (Mark 13:13b).* Endurance is continually reminding yourself that your life on earth is a mist compared to eternity (James 4:14) and the rewards of heaven are far greater than any pleasures that you'll experience on earth.

This week, I hope that you'll focus on having a successful spiritual life and not be distracted by what the world calls success.

Those Serving

Sunday, December 13, 2015			**Sunday, December 20, 2015**		
Speaker		Kevin Hahn	Speaker		Kevin Hahn
Song Leader		Fred Fain	Song Leader		Brent McFarland
Greetings/Call to Worship		Bob Kovacs	Greetings/Call to Worship		Bob Kovacs
Communion Talk		Verne Weir	Communion Talk		Greg Hubbell
Communion	Don Cabellero	Gary Maple	Communion	Bud Dromgoole	Erik Gunnels
	John Delome	Eric Wurzinger		Alvin Logan	Don McAdoo
Scripture		Bob Kovacs	Scripture		Brett Kirk
Closing Prayer		Mike Drachenberg	Closing Prayer		Mike Drachenberg
Greeters	Logan/Lyerly	Tankursley	Greeters	Logan/Lyerly	Tankursley
Communion Prep		Kovacs	Communion Prep		Kovacs
Cards	Jason Guillen	Joshua Nichols	Cards	Jason Guillen	Joshua Nichols
	Anthony Perry	Parker Preston		Anthony Perry	Parker Preston
Building Lockup	Mitchell	McAdoo	Building Lockup	Mitchell	McAdoo
EVENING			**EVENING**		
Speaker		Kevin Hahn	Speaker		Kevin Hahn
Song Leader		Brent McFarland	Song Leader		Bert Esteban
Opening Prayer		Matt Schaefer	Opening Prayer		Jim Daniel
Communion	Michael Corley	Rick Cunningham	Communion	Mike Degge	L. Leatherman
Wednesday, December 16, 2015			**Wednesday, December 23, 2015**		
Greetings		Greg Hubbell	Greetings		Dick Arruda
Song Leader		Aaron Barnes	Song Leader		Cason Pearce