

SERVICE REPORT

LAKE TAPPS CHRISTIAN CHURCH



January at Lake Tapps

Community Groups

- Mondays: The Mock Group*
- Mondays: The Tift Group*
- Tuesdays: The Hopkins Group*
- Tuesdays: The DeLoach Group*
- Tuesdays: The Henry Group (Men only)*
- Tuesdays: The Brueher Group*
- Thursdays: Student Groups (4-12 Grade)*
- Fridays: The Wilhite Group*
- Fridays: The Landry Group*
- Sundays: The Gilbert Group*

If you are interested in joining an existing group, or forming a new group, please contact Kari Wilhite, our Community Group Coordinator, at kari@ltcc.org or (253) 223-6432.

Adult Sunday School

Sundays
9:00 am | upstairs at LAKE TAPPS
Join other adults as they study the Bible together. Currently, we are not offering childcare during this time. If you are interested in attending and need childcare, please email office@ltcc.org

Sunday Nights (for 6-12 Grade) Sundays

7:00-8:30 PM | LAKE TAPPS
Join us each Sunday night for worship, a relevant message and individualized response and prayer time. Doors open at 6:30 pm for hanging out. For more information, contact Stephanie at Stephanie@ltcc.org

Driver's Ed Sunday

Sunday, January 15th
RIGHT AFTER CHURCH | LAKE TAPPS
Save the date for the next Driver's Ed Sunday at Lake Tapps. We'll be offering all four of our core classes: Merge I, Merge II, Carpool and Detour. Check your newsletter for more information about how to sign up, or just email the office at office@ltcc.org. For details, check out the event highlight below, or the class descriptions inside this SERVICE Report.

State of the Church

Sunday, January 29th
10:30 AM | LAKE TAPPS
Bring a crock pot of soup to share. The Elders and other leaders will share the details of the State of the Church, and will discuss what's in store for Lake Tapps in 2012.

STAY IN TOUCH @ LAKE TAPPS

- Sunday service:** 10:30 am
- Pastor:** Steve Wilhite
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NEW TO LTCC

Welcome to LAKE TAPPS. It is good to have you with us. Our mission is to HONOR GOD, FOLLOW CHRIST AND SERVE PEOPLE. We sing to God and read from His book because He's good. We show commitment to Jesus through communion because He saved us from sin. And we do it all in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere.

Children: All children may be checked in at the check-in station, which is located near the east doors next to the nursery. After check-in, all children in preschool through 5th grade may be dropped off in the preschool classroom (directly across from the nursery) for worship. Kindergarten through 5th grade students will be taken upstairs by their teachers after worship. They'll play, sing, and learn in a Christ-centered environment. Family is important to us, so children in K-5th grade will join you for worship at the end of service.

Communion: All Christians are invited to remember the death and to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please come forward, take the bread and dip it into the goblet of juice. You have freedom to come alone, with your spouse, friend, even invite your kids to get a closer look. It is a time to repent, confess and pray to Jesus.

Giving: Members of LAKE TAPPS have committed to financial giving. As our guest, we do not expect you to give your money, instead we have a response card you may fill-out and place in the offering tray; jot down a prayer request, sign up for an event, it helps us serve you better.

WELCOME TO LAKE TAPPS a message from Pastor Steve

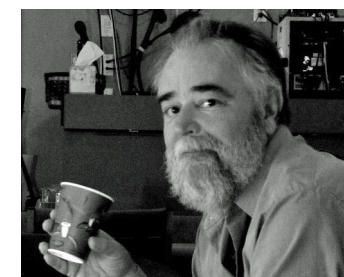
Happy New Year Lake Tapps! Instead of making a resolution this New Year I want you to consider making a vow. Vows are ways that we express what is important to us. In the Bible many vows were made to God. One of these vows was called the Nazirite Vow. Nazirites abstained from certain things to show their dedication to the LORD; things like grapes & wine, cutting their hair, and becoming contaminated by touching a corpse. Some famous Nazirites were Samson, John the Baptist and the apostle Paul.

At Lake Tapps we have several ways that we can show our dedication to God; things like reading your Bible 4+ days/week, joining a group, committing to serving at Lake Tapps, committing to serve outside of church in our community, tithing your first and best. These are all important vows you can make to show your dedication to Jesus. There is another vow that is often overlooked; I admit that for years I didn't think this one was important. This Fall many of you have committed to joining a group, we have an amazing percentage of our Sunday Service attenders meeting weekly in a group. You will be blessed with good friendships, food and study, I'm so proud of you guys.

So here's the new vow, we commit to meeting with group members outside of the group time. What? Yeah I know, it's hard to believe. Here's the deal, when you meet with group members during the group time it's like buying your wife roses on Valentine's Day. You want to show her you really love her, buy her some roses for New Years when she doesn't expect it. Community groups are the same way. If you want to have meaningful relationships with your friends, meet with them when they don't expect it, when you're not required to. The experts say that community is at its best when it's frequent and spontaneous. The good news is that it doesn't matter what the activity is, just that you do something together. Imagine the potential: instead of camping out in front of the television by yourself Monday Night watching football, invite your community group friends over. You'll be completing a vow, creating community and I bet they'll bring a homemade dessert you can eat during half-time. It's a win/win.

In one of the most exciting times in the Bible we read how Christians would see each other at church and then hang out together during the week. "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." (Acts 2:46) It was a season of huge growth; thousands came to Jesus and dedicated their lives to him. Maybe this is the year for you to develop deep and meaningful relationships. Commit to meeting with your friends outside of the group time, it's a simple yet powerful vow.

My Story By Larry Martin



WHY I READ THE BIBLE
The Bible fulfils our deepest needs. When you think about it, there are not many places that even claim to have answers to our questions about life. You can Google it... but only the Bible supplies the answers to our deepest needs.

TO FIND LOVE
"We love because God first loved us."

TO KNOW GOD
"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

Event Highlight

Driver's Ed Sunday

Honor God

Serve People

Follow Christ

MERGE

CARPOOL

DETOUR

Driver's Ed Sunday

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 @ LAKE TAPPS
At Lake Tapps we have four core classes that teach you about our vision and values. Since these classes are all offered on the same day, we like to call it "Driver's Ed".
Our next Driver's Ed Sunday will be on January 15th. Classes begin right after the church service. Lunch and childcare are provided. To see which class is right for you, check out the class descriptions in the center section of this report. Look for the Merge, Carpool and Detour signs. We'll make sure you're on the right road.

If you would like to register for a class, please email Laurie at office@ltcc.org.



HONOR GOD



def: As we Honor God we align our lives with God's ways. We Merge our lives with what God is doing.

Our Next Driver's Ed Sunday will be Sunday, January 15th

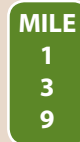
MERGE I: Committing to Jesus and the Church

Whether you're new or have been faithfully attending Lake Tapps for awhile, Merge I is your next step to committing to God and to Lake

Tapps as your church family. In Merge I you will discover God's story and your role in the story. You'll learn the unique vision God has for Lake Tapps and our strategy for fulfilling that vision.

Merge II: Finding Your Place to Serve

In Merge II we'll walk you through different tools that will help you discover how God has uniquely shaped you to serve the Lake Tapps family. Merge II is open to everyone who has taken Merge I.



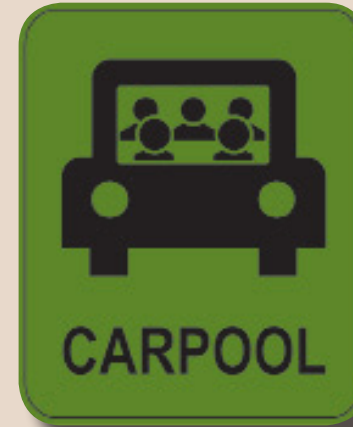
FOLLOW CHRIST

def: When we Follow Christ it's like joining a Carpool: we live our faith with others, being continually loved, encouraged, and challenged by our church family.

ADULT COMMUNITY GROUPS

Now is a great time to get into a community group. We have several new groups that have formed recently. Groups meet in homes in the community throughout the week. We currently have groups that meet on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. We also have Student Groups that meet on Thursday nights for students in 4-12 grade.

Kari Wilhite is our Community Group Coordinator. You can email her at dreamn2dance@yahoo.com or give her a call at (253) 223-6432 if you'd like more information, or are interested in joining a group. She'll help you find the group that is right for you.



Mark your calendar for January 15th! Carpool class will give you the Biblical foundation for Following Christ in community. You will learn tips on travelling well with others and also discover the benefits of living your faith with others. Carpool Class is open to all current members of Lake Tapps who have also taken Merge II. All of our classes are offered right after church, and lunch and childcare will be provided.



SERVE PEOPLE



def: We plan for Detours at Lake Tapps, allowing space in our lives to sacrifice and Serve People.

Mark your calendar for January 15th!

When it comes to serving people, many of us wish we had more money to give or free time to invest. Our busy schedules and limited resources leave us feeling frustrated and guilty. The good news is that Detour Class will give you the tools to be prepared at a moment's notice so that just like the good Samaritan, when you see a need you can jump in to help. Detour Class is available to all members of Lake Tapps who have attended both the Merge and Carpool classes.

We'll offer the next Detour class on January 15 right after church. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

To sign up, please contact Laurie at office@ltcc.org



Missionary Update | The Morden Family- Lodwar, Kenya

Gene & Melba Morden have been missionaries with CMF since January 1995. They are located in Northern Kenya serving among the Turkana. Clean water wells and irrigated family farm plots are being established.

Grace, Mercy and Peace in the name of Christ.

Dear fellow prayer warriors,

We pray that a small amount of peace will return to the people who used to live along the Kerio River soon. As I reported in October about 6000 people had been displaced and living in the mostly open desert areas under the few small trees along the Natome River. Many of them have lost some or all of their animals to the raiders. The people are drinking dirty water as they are

afraid to go to the clean water pumps at the Kerio River. The schools are closed and children are missing education. People are living in fear, often sleeping in trees.

When the bandits killed two lake people as they came into shore and took everything in the boat, all the people from the Lake moved to Kangirisae. Now no one is living east of the Kerio River and most live along the Natome. It is a big camp. Red Cross goes two times a week to give away medicines and distribute food to the Lake families only. They say they are the only true IDP's. About 40 people have died from measles, chicken pox and malaria according to reports and most are very hungry and some claim the deaths are due to hunger, but none of our people can confirm that. Everyone says the people are very hungry.

The DC has allotted 1000 bags of corn and 200 bags of beans, but says he does not know when the food will arrive in Lodwar. He still says there is not a real security problem along the Kerio and has not dispatched troops. The people are living in makeshift huts. They left with only what they could carry. Most do not have skins to keep dry during the now weekly rains. The Red Cross has described it as deplorable. We are praying for peace and security to return to the area so the people can go home.

Please pray for the raiders to be caught and be convicted of their crimes.

Praise God for the rains that have provided grass and will provide milk from the few animals people were able to carry with them. The goats are having kids right now.

Oh God, show us your plan for us in what looks like a big disaster that we don't understand.

Thanks and God bless you all,

Gene

My Story Continued...

TO OVERCOME THE FEAR OF DEATH
"Jesus ... by his death ... came to free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death"

TO FIND PEACE
(Jesus says) "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace."

TO FIND FREEDOM
"So if the Son (Jesus) sets you free, you will be free indeed."

TO FIND JOY IN LIFE
"... and you are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy."

TO FIND FORGIVENESS
"To Jesus who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood... to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen."

"I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace."

