



Harvest Party

calendar of events

## October at Lake Tapps

### Community Groups

**Mondays:** The Mock Group  
**Tuesdays:** The Hopkins Group  
**Tuesdays:** The Tift Group  
**Wednesdays:** The Black Group  
**Thursdays:** Student Groups (4-12 Grade)  
**Fridays:** The Wilhite Group

If you are interested in joining an existing group, or forming a new group, please contact the church office at [office@ltcc.org](mailto:office@ltcc.org) or (253) 863-8787.

### Adult Sunday School

**Sundays**  
 9:00 am | upstairs at LAKE TAPPS  
 Join other adults as they study the Bible together. Childcare is available during this hour.

### Sunday Nights (for 6-12 Grade) Sundays

7:00-8:30 PM | LAKE TAPPS  
 Each Sunday students will encounter God through acoustic worship, imaginative listening, reflective journaling, individualized response and prayer. Doors open at 6:30 pm for air hockey and hanging out. For more information, contact Stephanie at [Stephanie@ltcc.org](mailto:Stephanie@ltcc.org)

## Event Highlight



### Harvest Party Saturday, October 28

3:00-5:00 PM | LAKE TAPPS  
 Join us for a fun filled Harvest party! Tons of games, candy and prizes. There will be a bouncy house and a cake walk. This event is free, please come and bring your friends!

### Souper Sunday

**Sunday, October 30th**  
 10:30 am | LAKE TAPPS  
 When a month has five Sundays we celebrate in a unique way. We meet at the same time, same place- we just add food, tables and good conversations celebrating our faith in action. Sunday, October 29th will be our next Souper Sunday. Bring a crock pot of soup to share and be ready for a great time.

### Ladies Bunco Night Friday, November 4th

6:30- 9:00 PM | LAKE TAPPS  
 It's Bunco time! We'll have snacks and time to visit from 6:30-7 and at 7 pm the dice start rolling! There will be lots of great prizes! No cost to play- sponsored by Lake Tapps Christian Preschool and Kindergarten. Bring your favorite snack to share.

### Crown Money Map Seminar Saturday, November 5th

9:00 AM | LAKE TAPPS  
 See event highlight below.

### Crown Ministries Money Map Seminar November 5, 2011, 9 am-4:30 pm

Whether your finances are a mess or you already have a handle on your spending, a clear, personalized roadmap will help keep you on track to meet your unique goals and arrive at your destination free from regrets.

Join us for the Crown Money Map™ Seminar at 9 am on November 5th and discover the intersection of God and your finances. This live, fast-paced experience is led by a trained Crown seminar instructor and will give you the following three things:

- \* Learn practical steps for eliminating debt
  - \* Develop confidence in your financial decisions
  - \* End the day with a personalized plan for managing your finances and your life
- The cost is \$25 per person. Email [office@ltcc.org](mailto:office@ltcc.org) for more information or to sign up!

### STAY IN TOUCH @ LAKE TAPPS

**Sunday service:** 10:30 am

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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:** Our preschool class is located directly across from the nursery. Kindergarten through 5th grade children attend Faith TREK classes upstairs. Drop your children off in their classroom before entering the service. They'll play, sing, and learn in a Christ-centered environment. Because family is important to us, 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.

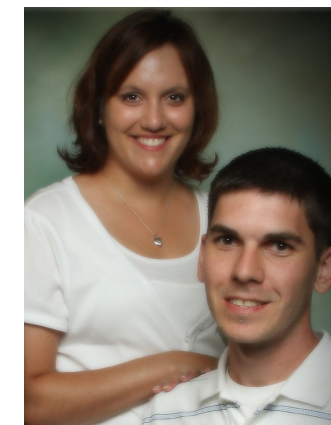
**Giving:** Members of LAKE TAPPS have committed to financial giving. As our guest, we do not expect you to give your money, instead we have a response card you may fill-out and place in the offering tray; jot down a prayer request, sign up for an event, it helps us serve you better.

### WELCOME TO LAKE TAPPS a message from Pastor Steve

I'm about halfway done with The Root of Riches, by Chuck Bentley, and already the ideas are pouring in for our next sermon series on finances. You might be wondering what else there is to know about money. As long as we keep the two biggies in mind: 1) Christians aren't supposed to love it, and 2) we're supposed to be generous. What else is there to know? End of story. One of the first things to discover about God and money is that there is never an end to the story. Unlike your Ronco Showtime Rotisserie, you can't set it and forget it. Money demands our regular attention, maybe that's why God chose a tree to help us understand it better, 'the love of money is the root of all evil.' To be fair God specifically refers to a root not a tree, but in my mind, roots trigger the image of trees. Tree experts say that what's under the ground is just as prevalent as the trunk, branches and leaves we see above it. It's got to be true, when it comes to digging, the only thing I detest more than a broken fence post anchored in cement, is a dead tree. It's the roots; they go everywhere, wrapping around everything. They've even been known to destroy septic, sidewalks and foundations. They're a bear to dig up because the whole time that tree's been alive the roots have been non-stop growing. You think you've got money figured out and under control, don't be so sure. Like that root hidden underground, money has more influence than you might realize. In one of the most telling verses on money, God warns His people, the Israelites to always thank Him for all their provisions, otherwise, "there may come a day when you say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.'" (Deuteronomy 8:17) Did you catch who they're boasting to? Themselves. They say to themselves, quietly in their hearts, 'yeah, I'm working hard, yeah, I'm disciplined, yeah, look at what I've done.' Not one of them will opening admit these thoughts of pride, but in their hearts that's what they're thinking. Like the Israelites many of us would never admit that we love money. We've got our savings and retirement, our budgets—it's not because we love money, it's because we love God, right? And yet how many of us believe that if we only had a little bit more money then we'd be happy, or maybe wishing we had what our neighbors had, or find ourselves dreaming about winning the lottery and fixing all of our problems?

We're doing a four week series on the love of money not to get you tithing, not to get you a budget, not to get you a savings plan; the fact is that money is fighting to be first in your life, it's unquenchable, overpromising and surprisingly deceptive. Just like the Israelites we've got to fight to keep God at the center of our lives. The first step you can take to keep God at the center of your life is to join Kari and me in attending the financial seminar on November 5. It's called the Money Map Seminar, it's going to kick off our Roots to Riches series. Have you ever thought that all you needed was just a little bit more?

### Our Story by Allen and Marina Hradil



Over 3 years ago, on April 20, 2008 we attended a Crown Financial Seminar at LTCC and signed a "covenant". This covenant stated that "we acknowledged that God was the owner of all He has entrusted to us, and from that day forward commit to manage His property, His resources, and His money according to His principles rather than our desires." It's been 3 years, and we can say honestly that our financial situation has turned around for the better since we began to trust God with our money. We didn't magically win the lottery or receive an unexpected windfall, but it was a gradual step by step process that we are still working on. The main thing is that we took action, and put into practice the things that we learned that day.

In the beginning of our marriage, we were careless spenders. We figured that it was our money, and we could spend it on whatever we wanted. The crazy part was that even though we were making good money, we had nothing of value to show for it. There was no plan for the future--no thought of saving for a rainy day, or retirement, or anything else for that matter. The free-for-all spending came to a screeching halt when one of us became unemployed in September 2005. There was a 2 year period that we were just barely getting by financially. We gave up most of the material possessions that we had, and at one point had to use a credit card for groceries.

# HONOR GOD



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

In the Bible, giving your life to Jesus and being baptized go hand in hand. It was the believer's first act of obedience to follow the example set by Christ when he was baptized by John in the river. People were baptized as soon as they gave their life to Christ.

Baptism by immersion is a powerful symbol of the burial of our old selves and then rising up to walk as new creations with Christ. It is an outward demonstration of our faith.

At Lake Tapps, we wait until our children are old enough to believe and understand the true meaning of baptism before we baptize them. If you're ready to make Jesus Lord of your life please contact [pastorsteve@ltcc.org](mailto:pastorsteve@ltcc.org). We're ready when you're ready!



## Missionary Update | The Raney's- Papua, Indonesia

The Raney's have served in Indonesia since the late 1990's. Jonathan serves as Assistant Program Manager, managing both flight and maintenance operations for the Papua program. Cindee continues to manage the MAF Sentani guest house facility. Here is their latest update...

Some of you may have seen Papua in the news recently due to primarily political issues. Often news reports make things sound widespread when in reality they can be location specific. This has been the case with the current events reported in the media. At the same time, we do ask for prayer as there seems to be an escalation of violence between people groups and/or political groups pulling people back into their old ways of intimidation and revenge. This tendency, unfortunately, seems to be very slowly gaining momentum in today's Papua versus the growth

# 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.*

Wondering about Community Groups? Here's what Larry and Sheila Martin said about their group:

"Nobody has time for a Community Group, us included, and we really had no forethought of making time. Once we were there and got involved, we saw that we were getting back more than we could put in. It wasn't very long before we made Monday night group a priority and were there every week. We couldn't imagine not being there! It was like our group was handpicked to be together.

A lot of people probably think it's a group of people just sitting down to read the Bible. That's a part of what we do. In addition to that, we eat some great food, we're there to support one another, we help a family from another country, we get together for picnics at Point Defiance or a beach house... we really enjoy spending time together in fellowship. Serving together makes life more fun, and encouraging. There is a true closeness that's like family, because we all are in the same family- brothers and sisters in Christ. We lift each other up and help each other out. Along with Bible study, we're able to go to other members of the group who have life experience and get some good Christian advice. Someone who can say, "I've been there, and this is how I handled it". It's so much better than trying to go through life on our own."

If you're interested in more information about our Community Groups, contact Laurie in the church office at [office@ltcc.org](mailto:office@ltcc.org)



we've seen in the past towards peace and forgiveness.

Sadly, in a couple interior villages this too has impacted the Church greatly, with people, including a pastor and a Bible school teacher, getting targeted and killed. We have been involved in flying Church leadership and missionaries into areas for intervention. Here is an excerpt by Wesley and Esther Dale serving here in Papua with World Team:

On Thursday 27th July two men from the village of Tiyoga went to Woraga planning to kill a man named Elimur, but the plan was discovered and in the resulting tribal fight a man from both villages was wounded, one of whom we had to send by MAF plane on Friday, to the hospital in Wamena with a partial arrow head in his back, near his spine ...

On Saturday, my friend Nanina went up to Woraga and was in the church yard pleading for calm and a cessation of hostilities; he was shot with an arrow and died. In the ensuing fight 15 people from Woraga and 7 from Tiyoga were wounded. With the death of Nanina the entire village of Tiyoga fled during the night ... Early Monday morning the Woraga warriors came to Mamit and about 5am discovered Ten Enembe, one of our Bible School teachers, who happened to be of the enemy clan, and murdered him. Ten was our closest neighbor. Over five hundred warriors from the villages up and down the valley came through to Mamit ... At times I expected to see half the houses in Mamit razed, but apart from some windows being broken and kiosks looted, there was little other damage. The head of our churches, Lipiyus Biniluk, flew in on a MAF flight Tuesday and stayed with us for two nights as we sought to defuse the whole situation ... Two of Nanina's sons, one of whom is a member of parliament, and the other a pilot with Merpati also came. They too worked at calming the situation and told everyone their father was with the Lord and there in heaven was also enjoying company with Ten Enembe. Their attitude of forgiveness was exemplary. Will you please pray with us for lasting peace and that the light of the Gospel that shone so brilliantly through the lives of Nanina and his sons will shine into the hearts of many thousands more in this valley ...?

# SERVE PEOPLE



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

Each month our Community Groups are involved in a variety of Detour opportunities. Whether you're in a group or not, this Detour section can give you ideas to help you serve.

The important thing to remember is: we never know when an opportunity to serve might come up. We're offering a Crown Financial Seminar on November 5. We believe people enjoy giving, they just wish they had more to give. Crown can help you get your finances in order so that when an opportunity to help comes along, you're ready to lend a hand. See the event highlight on the back of the SERVICE Report for more details.

LOOKING AHEAD... Watch next month's SERVICE Report for information on the Angel Tree program. Each year we partner with Prison Fellowship and church members purchase gifts for children who have a parent in prison. The gifts are generally about \$25 each.



## Our Story Continued...

and at one point had to use a credit card for groceries. This was a "million dollar experience" that I never want to repeat! It was that period that taught us to be grateful for what we now have. Once we were both employed again, we wanted to do things the right way. Trusting God with our money was not easy, and still isn't. The strangest thing we learned at the seminar was that to have more, we had to give more. That made no logical sense. To be quite honest, the last thing I wanted to do after not having money for 2 years was to give 10% to the church. When rumors of getting laid off happened last year, the first thing I wanted to do was stop the tithe and save money, out of fear. This is when our faith is like the "rubber meets the road". You either believe God is going to take care of you, and still remain obedient, or fall away and lose faith. It's difficult to remain on the journey of faith with our money, but so far, God has not let us down!

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