

calendar of events

## September at Lake Tapps

### Community Groups

*Mondays: The Mock Group*  
*Tuesdays: The Hopkins Group*  
*Tuesdays: The Tifft Group*  
*Wednesdays: The Black Group*  
*Thursdays: Student Groups (begin on 9/29)*  
*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



### Loving Well Women's Retreat

**Friday through Sunday, Sept. 23-25**  
*Friday evening through Sunday morning | CAMP LAKEVIEW IN GRAHAM*  
 Come join us for a fun-filled weekend as we learn how to love well. Through video we will hear from best-selling author and teacher Beth Moore, enjoy fun and fellowship with other women, laugh our heads off, shed a few tears, eat, stay up late, make new friends, and enjoy old friends. It's a weekend you don't want to miss! The cost is \$75 and includes all meals.

### Student Community Group Ice Cream Social (for 6-12 Grade)

**Thursday, September 29**  
 7:00 PM | LAKE TAPPS  
 Student Community Groups will kick off the fall season with an ice cream social at the church. This year, community groups are open to all Middle and High school students as well as those we are referring to as J12ers (4th & 5th graders). Please sign your students up by emailing [Stephanie@ltcc.org](mailto:Stephanie@ltcc.org). Please sign up, even if your son or daughter has been in group before.

### Save the Date:

We will be offering the CROWN MONEY MAP SEMINAR on Saturday, November 5th at Lake Tapps. Details will be announced soon.

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The cost is \$75 per person and includes all meals and lodging. Sign up at church, or stop by the office to pick up a registration form. For questions, email Sherrie Leffel at [shanne1@aol.com](mailto:shanne1@aol.com).

### STAY IN TOUCH @ LAKE TAPPS

**Sunday service:** 10:30 am

**Pastor:** Steve Wilhite  
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 (253) 230-5717

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 9:30 - 3:00 PM

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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

Revelation is one of the most controversial, written about books in the Bible. It's a book Martin Luther didn't think much of and John Calvin never commented on. It's filled with strange and unfamiliar imagery: angels, demons, lambs, lions, horses and dragons; seals, trumpets and bowls; beasts with horns and heads; all of this accompanied by thunder, lightning, hail, fire, blood and smoke. It's a book demanding respect; bearing a promise to those who read it and a warning to all who might add or subtract from it. It's a book I will be teaching on for the first time in our next series: Seven Letters of Love and Warning. Tucked away in the prophecy of things to come lies a very practical teaching for the church today. In chapters two and three Jesus writes letters to seven churches, giving feedback about their progress. Like a good evaluation, He affirms, rebukes and gives hope for improving. I appreciate this about Jesus. Evaluation seems like a good idea since most of the lessons I learn come from the school of hard knocks. It's always been helpful to reflect on my situation after I've had some time to put things into practice. My friend's been counseling couples for several years. He has wisely included a feature to his premarital counseling program. The engaged couple prepays for seven sessions, one of them for a year after the wedding. He says the final session is by far the most helpful as the couple is ready to listen and learn having experienced struggles and challenges. In the same way, Jesus gives a check up to His body the church. Some are struggling with laziness, others with church discipline, some with doctrinal purity, others with poverty and wealth, one hard working sacrificial church has lost its first love. In the end, we discover the seven characteristics that make up the ideal church. Join us for Seven Letters of Love and Warning.

### My Story by Sherrie Leffel



September is here! Those familiar feelings are back! The cool, crisp air and a woebegone feeling at summer's end. The ending of summer camping trips and vacations, of flip-flops and sunscreen. The long, warm, lazy days of summer that really didn't happen for us this year after all. The tears shed as babies go off to kindergarten and to college. The end of our summer bliss.

There's the familiar increase in excitement and activity (and productivity) as schedules get planned and school gets started with its own hopes and dreams. Hopes and dreams for the abundant harvest

of tomatoes that ripen, people to give zucchini to, and for our children to have a year full of good grades and great friendships.

For several of us, there's the familiar hustle and bustle of our Women's Retreat planning! Our yearly event was missed last year but it's good to be back meeting, organizing, shopping, copying, and anticipating getting back in touch with the women of Lake Tapps for a special weekend of blessings!

My story is that I love our women's retreats! We all have our schedules, family responsibilities and our comfort zones and each of us has her story! Where we've been, what we do, where we're going ... all inter-twined with each other somehow! I love how the spiritually-gearred women's retreats bring us together with laughter, small groups, praying together, joined by hearts worshipping God. Not to leave out the great food and the 24 hour snack table! Our teaching time will be with one of my favorite bible study authors, Beth Moore, with her Retreat in a Box "Loving Well" ... girlfriend style!



# 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, October 2nd**

**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.



## Missionary Update | The Mordens- 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. The Mordens also work with CMF clinics, Bible training center and translation projects for the Turkana.

Greetings Fellow Prayer Warriors,

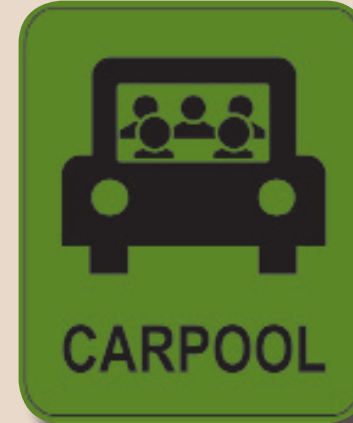
We write with grave concerns about the problem in Turkana that is reaching beyond the normal levels of malnutrition and sickness found in Turkana everyday. Conventional wells are drying up forcing people to walk further just to get water at all and the weakest people are

# 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 as we begin a new 7-week series titled 7 Letters of Love and Warning together. Groups meet in homes in the community throughout the week. We currently have groups that meet on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. We also have Student Groups that will begin on September 29th for Students in 4-12 grade. Email Laurie at office@ltcc.org if you'd like more information, or are interested in joining a group.



**Mark your calendar for October 2nd!**

**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.

dying. This is a recent local news broadcast link:

Praise God that to the best of my knowledge 75 of the 76 clean water wells completed in the last 3 years are functional and have lines of people at them. The 220 families and a few of their friends who have been blessed with the opportunity to have irrigation and thus have food everyday are NOT in dire straits, but it falls very short of meeting the needs of the more than 4000 families just in the CCC churches still requesting farms. Please pray for God to raise up more partners wells and irrigated farms.

Many of their neighbors are in trouble. Our team has begun to try to determine the best way to provide relief to those who need it most. We believe the international community will be responding with widespread food distributions soon, but many people need relief now. The current drought is now in the third year on the back of the disease "Lo Mo" that reduced the herds by about 90% increasing the severity of the normal bleak conditions. When you couple that with elevated corn prices, something has to give. Regretfully in this case, it is people's lives.

Please pray for God's wisdom as we wrestle with how to best provide short term relief. We know that God was glorified and Aaron's position was established in Numbers 17 when God caused Aaron's staff, to bud, bloom and produce almonds overnight. Our God can do anything! He opened the eyes of Elisha's servant to see God's army in 2 Kings 6:17. He fed the Israelites for 40 years in the desert. Our God can do whatever he wants! Please join us in praying that the 22 irrigated farms in Turkana will produce abundantly to provide enough food for all the surrounding people.

Thank you for all your prayers and support, Gene, Melba and Abe, [www.turkanawater.org](http://www.turkanawater.org)

# SERVE PEOPLE

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



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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 October 2nd right after church. Lunch and childcare will be provided.



## My Story Continued...

I'm pretty sure that she will have lots of great teaching points that we will be able to put to good use right away in our daily life! Our retreats always leave us feeling so blessed by God and one another, as well as having great connections with other women when that weekend ends and we get back to our families and our routines. This year is extra special because Lori Landry is excited to be heading up a 4-week follow-up study after our retreat! We'll be using Beth Moore's "Loving Well" Journal and will meet weekly at the church. More information to follow!

My other story is that I am enjoying the beach, clear blue skies and sunshine glistening off the water as the summer ends and as I write. Thinking about the friendships and the memories with fondness, the great girlfriend times I've had, most of them, at women's get-away weekends! I am realizing that God has a big plan in place for *Lake Tapps*, and I'm excited to see what He has in store for us!

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