



# Lake Echo Fellowship Baptist Church

*“Touching life with the Word of God.”*

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## Living It

Living as if heaven is a daily reality is a challenge for most of us. We are so “snared” by the world that we think the best is right here and that heaven is a lazy, hazy place where we will float around on clouds and be somewhat bored.

We may deny it, but this is probably how we think. We can judge ourselves on how we are clinging to the “stuff” of this world and then make up our own minds.

**Christians who will impact the world for Jesus—really impact it!—have to get unhooked from the world and get focused on heaven.**

The center of heaven is Jesus, He is the main attraction, our wonderful Saviour and God. We will serve Him. Heaven is synonymous with the New Jerusalem and with the New Heaven and the New Earth of the Bible. There will be no boredom, no tears, no lethargy and no sin.

We cannot even begin to imagine what it will be like except for the few snippets of detail in the Bible. This present fallen world with all its stuff will pale to what it will be like. And we will walk and talk in bodily form with our Saviour, be reunited with many old friends and family who died in Christ. We will do wonderful work and be stewards over His re-creation. It could never be better.

## WHAT A GREAT IDEA!

Our Lord had a great idea when He created the church and then took headship over it. The idea was there before time began and the plan that went with it, likewise. The creation of it came in the fullness of time, with His first advent. Just after He died and ascended back to heaven, the church was launched in grand style on the Day of Pentecost, and it has stood the test. Mankind has perverted it, made it a murderous institution, and attempted in every way to destroy it, but the true church of Jesus Christ continues. Some people say they are turned off the church, or they don’t need the church. This is so tragic. It is the greatest need of every human being simply because every saved person becomes a part of the true church of Jesus. The local church is the visible, earthly-functioning outcropping of the true church and Christ instituted that entity as well, for the protection, security, fellowship, and blessing of everyone of His children. I love the church of Jesus Christ!

The songwriter penned: “The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation, by water and the Word: from heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life he died.”

## Special Calendar Spotlight - upcoming dates

- Friday, November 25, 6PM** -- Seniors Pot Luck at Paul and Debbie Kasperson’s, 26 Manette Court, Porters Lake. Yankee swap gift \$5.00, max.
- Saturday, November 26, 9-5** -- Mineville Christmas Craft Fair is being held at LEFBC. Let’s be a helpful presence at this community event, so consider making muffins or biscuits to support the Food Bank/Benevolent Fund.
- Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 9AM – 10:15AM** – Leadership Development meets --
- Saturday, December 3, 6PM** -- Annual Christmas banquet. Such a great event every year; come and enjoy! Sing carols, too. There will be a silent auction with the proceeds going to the Missions Trip in 2012
- Sunday, December 4, 6:30PM** – Annual Christmas Concert. Support our children and all those who have worked on this project. Jen Desmond is heading this up. Treats for kids and refreshments for all, afterwards.
- Saturday, Dec 10, 8:30AM** – Budget Committee for 2012 Budget.
- December 18, starts 3PM** -- Kohler Open House runs through the evening. Everyone is welcome; please come by for snacks and fellowship
- Christmas Eve, 7PM (Saturday)** – Lots of singing, big crowd, candlelight, one hour in length, special music.
- Christmas Day Service, 10:30AM** -- 45 Minutes, very informal, testimonies music and a devotional thought for the season.

You can listen to **Sunday’s sermons on the Website**. Check out the Podcast at [www.lakeechobaptist.com](http://www.lakeechobaptist.com)



**HELP NEEDED**

Patsy Baker is always looking for those who can make a meal for a hurting family. This compassion ministry is part of the work of the Social Committee. Patsy Baker has the responsibility for making it happen. You can help. Call the church for Patsy's number or look in the directory.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Junior High Youth  
Fridays 6:30-8:30pm

Senior High Youth  
Thursdays, 8-10pm

Plus Special Events  
Check it out!

**Seniors Group**

The seniors have done good socializing this year. We appreciate Pat Baker for taking care of much of the planning.

The breakfast with the homeless was a great success again this year; there is another coming up in January. The event in September at Keith and Marilyn's was another highlight.

Upcoming event: the Seniors Christmas Pot Luck at Paul and Debbie Kasperson's on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.



**MISSIONS TRIP, 2012**

There are so many things that could be said about the Missions trip. It could be said that it would be an experience of a lifetime. It could be said that you would never be the same after going. It could be said that you would never fully know the impact you could have on lives in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico, until you get to Heaven. It could be said that your eyes would be open to what God is doing in other parts of the world. It could be said that you would find that you received a bigger blessing from helping with the work project at the orphanage than you ever would have imagined. It could also be said that you would never forget those children you meet, play with and love. But, I won't say all those things. ☺

Instead, I will mention that God has given us a commandment to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. How is He burdening your heart to do that in regards to this Missions trip? Maybe you aren't physically able to go, but maybe you could give financially to help someone else go, or to help with the mission's project. Maybe you aren't able to give financially, but maybe you can partner with one of those team members who is going, and commit to pray faithfully for them before, during and after the trip. Or maybe, God is pressing on your heart that He wants you to go. It may even seem impossible due to the timing, or the finances, or whatever, BUT God is faithful, and where He calls you, He will provide. As you think about the Missions trip, keep seeking God's face, to see how He would have you be involved.

**Featured Family**

Thank you to Mandy and her daughter, Emma for being our first featured family of LEFBC's newsletter.

Mandy and Emma have been attending LEFBC since 2007 and are actively involved in many programs within our church. Mandy is an Educational Program Assistant-substitute with the HRSB. She is a leader for AWANA and very recently has made the commitment to be baptized! Congratulations Mandy!!



Emma is 8 years old and attends grade 3 at O'Connell Drive Elementary School. She loves reading and attending AWANA, where she is a member of team blue TNT. She is also participating in the Christmas play for our church.

**Upcoming Baptisms**

Recently, about 9 people expressed their desire to be baptized. The date is set for December 18<sup>th</sup> in the morning service. What a special and exciting event that will be. Invite your friends and families to come and watch. Following the service, there will be a sandwich and sweets lunch.