

We at the Lake Land Church of Christ are a non-denominational, independent congregation of the Lord's people. We try our best to follow the New Testament design of governance and worship, which means we are an autonomous group whose allegiance lies with no one or any organization but Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Who is King of kings and Lord of Lords. We belong to Him because we are clothed in Him at baptism (Galatians 3:27) and it is through His blood that the church was purchased (Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 1:19), and the church is His alone (Matthew 16:18). We believe that in His infinite wisdom He has left the local congregation to be overseen by elders to watch over and guard the spiritual needs of the flock (1 Peter 5:1-2); deacons to assist the elders in seeing that its members are provided for (Acts 6; 1 Timothy 3); teachers to help the congregation grow spiritually and in wisdom (1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11) and a minister or evangelist to proclaim God's word in season and out of season (Ephesians 4:11; 2 Timothy 4:2). If you are looking for a congregation that has no creed but only seeks to follow God's word as it is written, but acknowledges our own human foibles and weaknesses, then you need look no further! We want you to be a part of our congregation!

Welcome to the Lake Land Church of Christ

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Times of Meeting

**Sunday: 9:30 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Assembly
6:00 PM Assembly**

Wednesday: 7:00 PM Bible Study

***"...lest he put forth his hand
and take also of the Tree of Life,
and eat, and live forever..."***

-- Genesis 3:22 [RSV]

From the Preacher's Desk

Proverbs 15:4 tells us, *"A gentle tongue is a Tree of Life; but perverseness therein is a breaking of the spirit."* A gentle tongue is one that speaks truthfully and courteously, as opposed to a deceitful and lying tongue. God's word tells us that this is one of the things that He hates: **16. There are six things which the Lord hates, seven which are an abomination to Him: 17. haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18. a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, 19. a false witness who breathes out lies, and a man who sows discord among brothers.** (Proverbs 6:16-19 [RSV]) And why would not God hate a lying tongue, considering the fact that Jesus says Satan is the father of lies? ***"You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies"*** (John 8:44 [RSV]). James, the Lord's brother, also gave warning for Christians to control their tongues: ***"If anyone thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain"*** (James 1:26 [RSV]). He also adds some very sage and wise advice, good advice that should still be heeded today: **5. So the tongue is a little member and boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6. And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the cycle of nature, and set on fire by Hell. 7. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by humankind, 8. but no human being can tame the tongue--a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God. 10. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brethren, this ought not to be so.** (James 3:5-10 [RSV]) The Apostle Peter adds a warning to Christians everywhere, saying, ***"He that would love life let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile"*** (1 Peter 3:9 [RSV]).



For Our Bible Sleuths...



1. Where is the first place in the Bible the Tree of Life is mentioned?

2. What is the last book of the Bible the Tree of Life is mentioned?

3. Who guarded the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden?

4. What is the Tree of Life referred to in Proverbs 3?

5. Who will partake of the Tree of Life throughout eternity?



- For Our Bible Sleuths Answers:
 1. Genesis 2:9
 2. Revelation 22:14
 3. Cherubim (Genesis 3:24)
 4. Wisdom
 5. Those who do the commandments of the Lord (Revelation 22:14)

Humorous Thought for the Day:

Prayer before meals is a must. It's the only chance my family has to survive my cooking.



Jeanette Henderson: Cancer
Jasper Mangiaracina: Cancer and trouble swallowing
Mary Alice & Minnie Morgan: Health
Maxine VanMeter: Health and recovering from stroke
Pat Whitney: Falling and health
Modelle Cloyd: Recovering from eye surgery
Charlene Quakenbush: Health
Eric VonBehrens: Recovering from lung transplant
Eric Henson (Pat's nephew): Kidney shutting down
Reg Replogle: Recovering from eye surgery
Brad Boruff: Seizures
Tezie Hurd: Lung cancer
Ray Haynes (Bev's brother): Cancer on esophagus and lungs
Debra Dickson (Jason Kelly's mother): Multiple nodules in her lungs
Keith Schwabe (Pat's brother): Prostrate cancer and blockage of heart

Prayer List



The Tree of Life, the Wisdom of God and the Holy Spirit Word Search

X E R O U D F M E Z G R S Q Z
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 A B L P C O N D E H B C I I F
 R J H B B H M A T T M H R H E
 S U S E J E E A M K R P I Y O
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ADAM	GENESIS	LIFE	SHE
BEHOLD	GOD	MAN	SPIRIT
CHERUBIM	HOLY	PRECIOUS	TREE
EVE	JESUS	PROVERBS	WISDOM
FATHER	JEWELS	RICHES	WOMAN

Write the secret words in the space below!

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."
 -- James 5:16

This Morning's Speaker: David Ferguson

Sermon Title: *The Tree of Life, the Wisdom of God and the Holy Spirit*

Sermon Highlights: The Tree of Life. Genesis 3:22-24. Wisdom is the Tree of Life. Proverbs 3:13-22. Wisdom and the Holy Spirit are synonymous. Genesis 1:2; Proverbs 11:30; Proverbs 13:12; Proverbs 15:4; Luke 11:49-52; Revelation 2:7; Revelation 22:2; Revelation 22:14; Revelation 22:19; John 3:5-6; John 3:21-24; John 14:15-17; 26; Proverbs 8:1; 81-12; 15-17; 22-35.

Reading: Luke 11:49-52

This Evening's Speaker: David Ferguson

Sermon Title: *Are You Doing the Father's Will?*

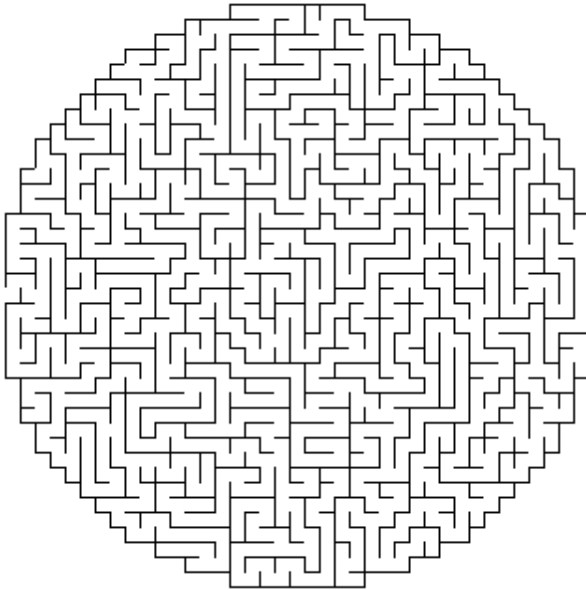


ON THE ROAD: Max VanMatre is in Texas.



This week's memory verse:
"A little leaven leavens the whole lump."
 -- Romans 8:8 [NIV]

Lost



Tree of Life

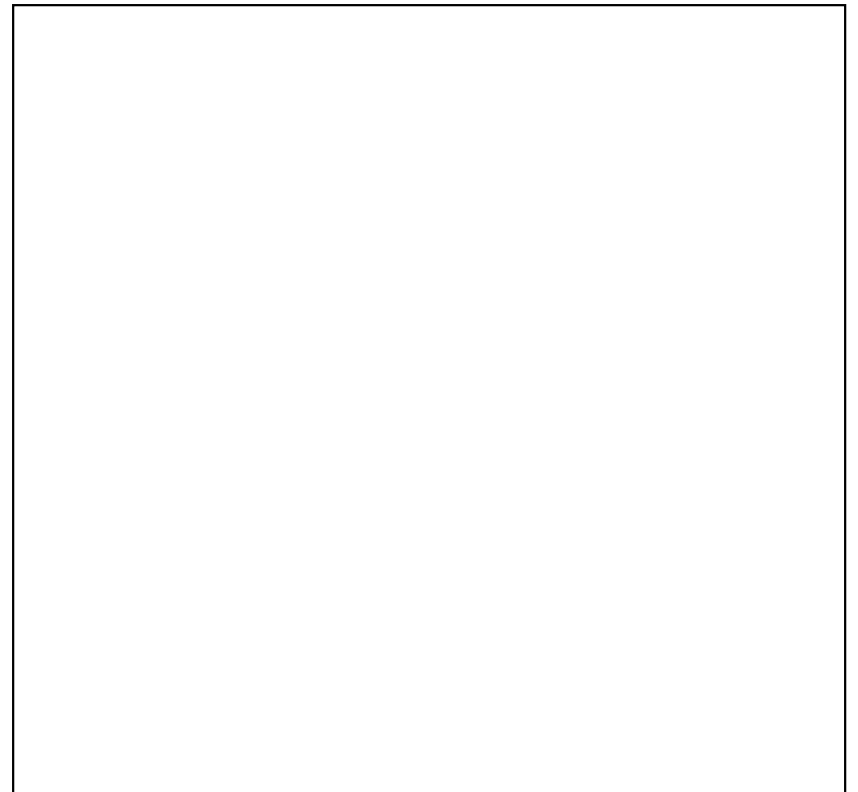
Help the lost find the Tree of Life!

Remember Shults-Lewis: We are collecting peanut butter and jelly.



Kids' Corner!

Hey, kids! Draw a picture in the box below based upon today's sermon and we will post it on the bulletin board!



FunZone