

# The Encourager

JULY / AUGUST 2019

## **Message from our pastor**

I remember the day I received a phone call from a search committee regarding a church named Lakeview Baptist located in Battle Creek, Michigan. It was early January, 2011. Those on the search team spoke of their hopes and dreams of what God might do during their next season of ministry. The opportunity intrigued Tonya and I so we planned a visit and further conversation. Six months later, you called me as your pastor.

A lot has happened over the past eight years. Several weddings, many funerals, baptisms and baby dedications. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> child, Kylie, was born.

The church council began a process of discernment regarding the vision and direction of our church through a process called Retool. This led to a complete overhaul of our organizational structure, constitution and initiated a new commitment towards three key guiding principles of ministry: we would become a people who would Gather, Grow, and Go. That is, we would Gather around the feet of Jesus every Sunday, worshipping him as our Lord and Savior. We would Grow and mature in faith and knowledge of God and also in friendship with one another. We would Go from this place to love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Gathering, Growing and Going became our mantra and vision of what a disciple of Jesus is and does.

In 2017, we were lead to sell our church facility to the Falam Baptist Church, a newer American Baptist church plant that had been meeting in our facility for a few years. The decision was a difficult one made with much heartache, but with hope that God had his own plans for our own congregation. This was proven to be true in that a new facility, located just a mile and a half away, was going to be made available near the exact time we sold our own building. It was a reminder of God's faithfulness to us and that his timing is amazing. As we've been renovating this new facility located at Golden Avenue and Riverside Drive, many people have commented that it is starting to feel like "home."

A few other memories come to mind of what God has done during our time together:

\*Purchasing a clean water system for a hill tribe village in Northern Thailand (through our American Baptist International Ministries missionaries Mike and Becky Mann).

\*Vacation Bible School

Jungle Adventure: A Journey with Jesus; Dive Deep; Hay Day: Growing in Friendship with Jesus.

\*Many "Trunk or Treats" on Halloween.

\*The beginning of "Kids Church" a new type of Sunday school for kids that would meet at the same time as our church service.

\*International Ministries Mission conference in Green Lake, Wisconsin.

\*The beginning of a weekly coffee hour/fellowship time after every worship service.

\*Lakeview Meadows fire response. And what a response this was! For a number of weeks, we accepted and distributed donations for individuals affected by the fire at the apartment across the street! Our sanctuary was packed full of items to give away!

\*Many Christmas and Thanksgiving food and gift basket giveaways during these holiday times.

\*Under the "Go" team, new outreaches to local schools were initiated including the giving of cleaning supplies, clothing, and volunteering as "Reading Buddies."

\*Family Camp at Lake Louise Baptist Camp.

\*Our annual Lakeside Baptism worship services at Willard Beach/Goguac Lake.

\*The ongoing renovation of our new church "home" that help make it an excellent place of ministry.

These are only a few of the many things that God has done in our midst over the past several years!

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In Acts chapter 16, the apostle Paul shared the gospel with a small group of women who had gathered by a river in the city of Philippi. Those who heard the gospel responded with joy. Before he would leave town, others

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had come to a saving knowledge of faith in Jesus Christ and a small church was established. Years later, Paul considered them to be a strong partner in gospel ministry.

In Philippians chapter 1, he talks fondly of this church as he writes to them:

*3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. 8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.*

As many things as we have accomplished as a church over the past few years, I am even more deeply grateful for the friendships that Tonya and I (and the kids) have been able to build with you. In a similar way, I could also write... *"I thank my God every time I remember you...I always pray with joy...it is right for me to feel this way... I have you in my heart..."*

Getting to spend our lives ministering alongside of you has been a deep joy for our family. In years to come, we know we will look back and remember our time together with fondness and love.

I conclude by echoing the prayer that Paul had for the Philippian church. *And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.*

With fondness and Christ's love,

Adam

**June 30th, 10:30am**

## **Willard Park Pavilion on Goguac Lake**

- Join us for worship, food & fellowship.
- Please bring your lawn chair & a dish to share.

A-J: salad; K-M: dessert; N-Z: vegetable

*Worship*  
*at Goguac Lake*



# MISSIONS

across the street & around the world



JULY:



**Lake Louise Camp**-The Lake Louise Baptist Camp, located on the shores of Thumb Lake, is one of ABC-Michigan's camp ground/retreat centers. Seasonal camping experiences are designed for fun, fellowship and to deepen people's relationship with Christ. Support given will help maintain our "Lakeview" cabin. Annual Support Goal: \$500. Contact: 616.772.3040, registrar@camplakelouise.com

AUGUST:



**CityLinC**-CityLinC is a non-profit based organization in Battle Creek that offer a variety of compassionate services for children, teenagers and families in the greater Calhoun County area. These services include: Youth Guidance Foster Care & Adoption; Pathways Counseling Center; Women's Resource Center; Second Wind Mentors; The Mentor House; Community Connection; Ministry

Network. Annual Support Goal: \$200. Contact: info@citilinc.org, Dale Boyer, Executive Director, 269.969.9181

God Bless our church mice who  
clean and tidy our sanctuary,  
kitchenette & restrooms and tend  
to the grass cutting every week.

We appreciate you!

"Thank You!"







April 25, 2019

Dear friends at Lakeview Baptist Church,

Hello from our family to you and your loved ones. We are in Hungary this month, following up with Gypsy house churches. We first met these families three years ago in conjunction with West Virginian Baptists and Anita's family here. The Lord called us to South Africa in a ministry of health promotion, training, interactive Bible study and home economy promotion. We continue in our primary mission in South Africa, even as God helps us to spread this branch here in the Old World. The need for God's clear guidance and encouragement cries out in the families we are with here- as it does back in our home in Durban. Themes of underemployment, alienation and substance abuse with the attendant despair and poor health are written into the shortened lives and worried faces. Yet there is something more- the Joy of the Lord in the knowing Jesus Christ who keeps our head from sinking. The testimony of believers who are honest about where they been- even as they give hope to their friends and families because of who they are now in Christ. This too is our story. As we experience spring in this village of Kunfeherto, we are encouraged that the gardening and orchard keeping success of these villagers will also become the reality for our brothers and sisters in South Africa. What's needed is the cultural change of tending land which follows hope of gaining your own harvest. Transforming people's health is a big nut to crack. Because of you, we can spend our time working with three major elements and creative synthesis. The Bible is our collective heritage. Health Building allows common men and women to become effective health promoters. Poultry, gardening and trees turn God's grace and provision into food and modest income. It takes time, but our shared investment of prayer, creativity, industry and patient cooperation with hurting people does bring personal redemption and new siblings in our family in Christ. Now because of you we share the skills and knowledge gained working in Africa with people who have similar problems here in central Europe. What we see and learn here gives us new eyes and clearer vision for more effective mission back home in South Africa.

Thank you for your gifts totaling \$376 between December 2018 and March 2019. Our American base is still Kalamazoo, and we hope to see you in Michigan in 2020. Know that you are a blessing- we thank the Lord for the ways in which you allow life to flourish through your faithful generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Rick and Anita Gutierrez



# At the Ice Cream Shop

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**JULY NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

7 Lisa Thomas & \_\_\_\_\_  
 14 Betty Trumbull & Shauneene Crowe  
 21 Christi Marsh & \_\_\_\_\_  
 28 Linda Daniel & \_\_\_\_\_

**AUGUST NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

4 Lisa Thomas & \_\_\_\_\_  
 11 Shauneene Crowe & Betty Trumbull  
 18 Christi Marsh & \_\_\_\_\_  
 25 Linda Daniel & \_\_\_\_\_

**KIDS CHURCH**

JULY: Tonya, Joyce & Wanda

AUGUST: Don & Kathy



*...Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."*

*—Luke 18:16 (ESV)*

**FINANCIAL RECORD**

Expenses through June 2019: \$

Received through June 2019: \$

Received through weekly offerings:

5/5	\$ 2,124.	6/2	\$ 1,606.
5/12	\$ 1,698.	6/9	\$ 1,152.
5/19	\$ 692.	6/16	\$ 1,812.
5/26	\$ 1,478.	6/23	\$ 829.
		6/30	\$ .

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TOTAL: \$ 5,992.                      \$ 5,399. +



**Lakeview Baptist  
Food Pantry Volunteer Days**

**Wednesday, July 24th**

**Friday, August 2nd**

**9:30 am**

**Lakeview Site  
7 S. 20th Street**

## Small Groups

### Sundays

#### Kid's Church

Sundays at 10:30 am

Pre-K–5th grade

Ask an usher to  
show you the way



### 3rd Tuesday of each month

#### XYZ

All retirees of the church invited.

Summer meetings will be

Tuesdays, July 16th & Aug. 20th

11:30 am

Meet at church for devotions with  
Wanda Hartman (July), eating out at  
Riverside Inn, Bellevue

Carol Sandum-Hodgson (Aug.), "Mystery Trip"



### Thursday, AM Ladies Bible Study

10:00 AM

Join us Thursday mornings at  
church through July.

Begin new study series in  
September



### Thursday, PM Praise Team

6:30 PM



*As most have heard, July 15th will be my last day serving as office administrator/secretary of Lakeview Baptist Church. After nearly 24 years ministering with Lakeview Baptist it is with prayerful thought that my husband, Steve, and I welcome retirement together. I will miss you but be assured I will continue to hold this church family in my prayers.*

*God's blessings to all as we transition. —Karen Blanchard*



# Lakeview Baptist Church

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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 AM Worship & Kids Church

11:30 AM Coffee Hour

## JULY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 Praise Team	3	4 Independence Day –office closed 	5	6
7 Communion	8	9 5:15 PM Council 6:30 Praise Team	10	11 10:00 am Ladies Bible study	12	13
14 10:30 am Pastor Adam & family final worship service ; followed by farewell potluck.	15	16 11:30 XYZ 6:30 Praise Team	17	18 10:00 am Ladies Bible study	19	20
21	22	23 6:30 Praise Team	24 9:30 am Food Pantry day	25 10:00 am Ladies Bible study	26	27
28	29	30 6:30 Praise Team	31			



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25	26	27 6:30 Praise Team	28	29	30	31



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## *The Encourager* JULY / AUGUST 2019



### July Birthdays:

3	Evelyn Holcomb
5	Nick Batch
6	Louie Schmitz
7	Men K Cing Kap
8	Linda Daniel Kathy Simpson
13	Gerhard Loewe Cheryl Marsh Kathy Snyder
15	Valerie Selbee
16	Daniel Thawngza Kap
21	Grayson Wood
23	Terry Nixon
25	Heidi Chmiel
26	Morgan Allred Sherri Rogers Troy Rogers
31	Pat Sleeper

### August Birthdays:

2	Ronnie Blankenship Elyjah Fields
3	Linda Hicks
5	Meghyn Kornoelje
8	George Darnell Andrameda Palmiter Evan Rogers
10	Nolan Crowe
12	Richard Trumbull
15	Byron Hodgson
16	Pat DeVoll
17	Marilyn Edwards
18	Michael Vernier
21	John Michael Martin
22	Kim Allred Monique Waltman
24	Mark Iovieno
26	Amy Martin
30	Emily Batch John Chmiel
31	Terri Loewe

### Anniversaries

#### **July:**

24	Pastor Adam & Tonya
30	Nolan & Shauneene Crowe
31	Tony & Tiffany Allred

#### **August:**

8	Wayne & Debbie Brown
14	Tom & Tara Begley
18	Wayne & Elizabeth Martin
31	Harold & Eileen Oswald

