

# The Lehigh Light



## Lehigh Acres Christian Church

REACHING OUR COMMUNITY ONE PERSON AT A TIME.



Merry Christmas



### Right Where I Need To Be

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Have you ever wondered if you were meant to be where you are in life? One of our last Church signs said "Its not where you are but where you are going". I was pondering that thought and came to a few conclusions. One is the obvious, I'm here on Earth as man (woman, actually) but I'm going to be with the Lord one day in Heaven, at least I will by the grace of God.

Another thought I had was that so much has happened to my family and my friends families over the last few years, good and bad, people have entered our lives and left them as well. We have started new careers and made many changes, sometimes not by choice. We have grown, and within all the changes I've learned valuable lessons and have come to know Christ as my personal Savior and friend, and if just that one great event came from any of the bad, Ill take it. So it's not where I've been, where I am, but where I'm going in my Christianity

that seems to matter most, not the problems.

With the Holidays quickly approaching, it's nice to reflect on the good he has brought into our lives and to take time to count our blessings. It's honoring Jesus to celebrate his birth and our faith in him on not just the day of his birth, but every day. God has a plan for us, and when you have peace that you are right where he wants you to be, it should be comforting thinking about the future. Our Destiny is in Christ, now and after this life.

Ecclesiastes 9:2 NIV All share a common *destiny*--the righteous and the wicked, the good and the bad, the clean and the unclean, those who offer sacrifices and those who do not. As it is with the good man, so with the sinner; as it is with those who take oaths, so with those who are afraid to take them.



# Upcoming Events & Announcements

Our Christmas Angel Tree is in the sanctuary. Please take the time to choose an angel and make a child's Christmas a little brighter this year.

Church Volunteers needed - We are in need of volunteers to help keep our church clean. A sign up sheet is in the foyer for those interested in volunteering. When we have enough volunteers signed up we will meet to work out a schedule. Please remember your volunteer doesn't mean you will be expected to clean weekly. The more volunteers the lighter the load!

Tim hosts a Sr. High care group that meets on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 7pm at the Kelly's home. All students can be dropped off as early as 6pm and picked up by 8pm

XP3 a Jr. High youth group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8 pm at the church.

There will be a Missions Meeting on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a Children's Ministry meeting immediately following morning worship on December 13th in the Fellowship hall.

Young at Heart will be meeting Tuesday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Dinner Theater, Friday, December 18 & 19

If you are interested in volunteering to serve, cook or anything else please sign-up in the church foyer.



There will be a special Christmas Eve Service on Thursday, December 24th from 7-8 pm

Community Christmas Carol on Sunday, December 20th at 6 pm at the Methodist church. Steve will be preaching and carols will be sung. Cookies will be served as well and we are asking our ladies to bake some Christmas cookies for this special event. Everyone is asked to bring lawn chairs for their family.

Ignite 2009-2010 December 11th from 7-9 pm at Florida Christian College. The theme for Ignite this year is Identity in Christ. This is a free event for Middle school & High school students. If you are interested please have your child sign up with Tim.

Celebrate New Years Eve at LACC with a Family Fun night from 7:30pm- 12:00am Please join us for fun & games. Every family is asked to bring an appetizer for finger food.



Lake Aurora welcomes everyone to their 23rd annual invitational Golf Scramble on Saturday, January 23rd at Oakwood Golf Course in Lake Wales. There is an entry fee of \$80 per golfer Brochures are available in the foyer.

## Church Statistics

Contributions for November:  
General Fund: \$14,649.38  
Expenses Paid: \$16,160.47

YTD Contributions  
General Fund: \$168,014.40  
Expenses Paid: \$170,066.22

Average Attendance for November:  
Bible School -  
30  
Morning Worship - 160

# Christmas time is a time to restore relationships!

Matthew 5:9

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.”

In this passage Jesus says “blessed are the peacemakers, they will be called the sons of God! Blessed are those who work for peace. – Those who actively seek to resolve conflict. Peacemakers are rare because peacemaking is hard work, but because you were formed to be part of God’s Family, peacemaking is one of the most important skills you can develop. Paul taught that the ability to get along with others is the mark of spiritual maturity. Since Christ wants his family to be known for our love for each other, broken fellowship is a disgraceful testimony to unbelievers. This is why Paul was so embarrassed that the members of the church in Corinth were splitting into warring factions and even taking each other to court. 1 Corinthians 6:5 (New International Version) “I say this to shame you. Is it possible that there is nobody among you wise enough to judge a dispute between believers?” I think it is clear Jesus was a peacemaker and its one of our jobs here to become more like Jesus Christ. I hope and pray over the holidays this year we all become peacemakers within our lives as our Gift to God.

With Christ Love,  
ShariWeaver

## Elders Notes

November has been a hard month for Lehigh Acres Christian Church. We have faced many trials, from elections of leaders to dealing with dissension and division. I want the church to know that we are committed to seeking Biblical guidance for wisdom and the Lord for mercy and forgiveness as we navigate these troubled waters. No church is without its troubles and bumps in the road, but rather than dwelling on the negatives I would like to focus on the positives.

Tim has started the Jr. High Bible study that is meeting weekly on Wednesday nights at 7:00 P.M. and the kids love it. He has also begun the Sr. High youth group meeting on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:30 P.M. at the Kelly’s house. Care groups are meeting once again and welcoming new comers. Dinner theater is entering into that final stretch, and is quickly filling up. The cast is coming together and laughing and learning about each other. New faces are stepping up to the plate and joining in the hard work and our winter residences are starting to fill the pews again. Much good is happening at this church and I praise God for it. Let’s continue to live like Christ, focus on the lost, and preach the Gospel. Let’s take the spot light off of ourselves and put it back on the baby in the manger, He deserves it! Blessing to all this Christmas Season!



# December Birthdays

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|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Greg Jerabek</b>   | <b>12/1</b>  | <b>Michael Baker</b>         | <b>12/19</b> |
| <b>Salvin Smith</b>   | <b>12/03</b> | <b>Annette Butler</b>        | <b>12/20</b> |
| <b>Kelly Gutridge</b> | <b>12/07</b> | <b>Dennis Purks</b>          | <b>12/20</b> |
| <b>Linda Jenks</b>    | <b>12/11</b> | <b>Tiffany Eschenbrenner</b> | <b>12/23</b> |
| <b>Jamie Hess</b>     | <b>12/12</b> | <b>Brenda Bates</b>          | <b>12/26</b> |
| <b>Tom Richardson</b> | <b>12/12</b> | <b>Jim Steenbergh</b>        | <b>12/27</b> |
| <b>John Dennison</b>  | <b>12/14</b> | <b>Tom Phister</b>           | <b>12/31</b> |

*L.A.C.C. wishes  
you a Happy  
Birthday!*



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