

# Lake Osborne

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 6, 2009

Welcome to  
**Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church**

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
 To all who mourn and long for comfort;  
 To all who sin and need a Savior;  
 To all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
 To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
 And to whosoever would come –

This church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

We are a church committed to welcoming all those who are interested in learning more about Jesus Christ. Our desire is to provide honest answers to honest questions, no matter where you are in the spiritual spectrum – those who are convinced, those who are confused, and those who are skeptical. We hope that our service will encourage and build up those who are believers as well as challenge and help those who are spiritually seeking.

As we move through the service please note that the texts in bold are meant to be said by the congregation. The \* symbol next to a heading indicates that those who are able should stand.

Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church is a part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). For more information about the PCA please visit [www.pcanet.org](http://www.pcanet.org).

**First Care Volunteer Orientation:** Anyone interested in volunteering with First Care is asked to attend an orientation on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9pm. The meeting will be held at the Praxis South American Mission Building, 5217 S. Military Trail. To register please call (561) 547-8790.

**Community Garden:** A new community garden is being planned within the city of Lake Worth. If you would be interested in helping plan and implement the garden, or if you would simply like to have space to grow some plants please contact Omar Ortiz at the church office. This is a great opportunity to meet people in our city.

**THIS WEEK AT LOPC: September 6– September 12**

Today	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Sunday School; Nursery
	10:00am- 10:25 am	Fellowship; Library Open
	10:30 am -11:30 am	Worship; Children's Church
	6:00 pm – 7:15 pm	Youth Plugged In
Mon.	Labor Day	(Office closed)
Tues	7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Officer's Meetings
Wed.	4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Mission Committee Meeting (parlor)
	6:00 pm - 8:15 pm	Wednesday Night Dinner; Activities; Studies
Thurs.	6:30 am - 7:30 am	Men's Son-rise Study/Breakfast
Sat.	7:00 am- 8:00 am	Sat. Prayer Group (CE Bldg)
	8:30 am - 2:30 pm	Choir Retreat
	12 noon –	Youth to Orlando – Rock the Universe

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Rev. Omar Ortiz - *Senior Pastor* Mr. Jay Forester - *Assistant to the Pastor*

*covenant of life?* If you would like more information about Awana please contact Lisa Lennon. Awana meets on the first floor of the Christian Education Building.

### Nursery Volunteers

<b>During Sunday School</b>	Sept 6 - Mary Alice B.; Gemma K. Sept. 13 – Annette M; Evan Myers
<b>During Worship (0-2 yrs):</b>	Sept. 6 - Yvonne M.; Ann S. Sept. 13 – Bryan and Melissa B.; Bob Williams
<b>During Worship (2-3 yrs):</b>	Sept. 6 - Michaela G.; Monica B. Sept. 13 – Suzanne R.; Melissa M.
<b>Children's Church: (4 yrs-3rd grade)</b>	Sept. 6 - Teacher-Tatiana C; Helper- Christy G. Sept. 13- Teacher- Lisa L.; Helper- Hazel B.

### Youth Ministry

**Sunday School** - We are using the book *The Search for Significance* by Robert McGee. Please contact Charlie Gauger or Jay Forester if you wish to order a book. Youth Sunday School meets on the second floor in the Christian education Building.

**Sunday nights** - In churches we toss around words such as "atonement," "sovereign," "reformed," etc. not necessarily realizing what they mean. On Sunday nights at 6:00 pm we are discussing the question, "What is a Presbyterian?" Join us in the youth room as we look into our identity as "reformed Christians."

**Wednesday nights** - We live in a world of cultures. In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus dared His followers to be different from the world by developing a Christian counter-culture. On Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm, the youth are having dinner, playing a game, and learning about being "in the world, but not of the world." Meeting in the youth room.

**Rock the Universe:** On Saturday, September 12th, the youth will leave the church at 12:00 noon for Universal Studios in Orlando, FL for a night of Christian fellowship and concerts. If you have questions, see Jay Forester.

### Outreach/Service Opportunities

**Baby Bottle Boomerang:** First Care is running its annual fundraiser. The money collected helps to fund the ministries of the center. Please pick up your bottle in the Narthex and return your *full* bottles to the church by Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to First Care.

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

### Quotes for Reflection

Only God's revelation could maintain a drama that stretches over thousands of years as though they were days or hours. Only God's revelation can build a story where the end is anticipated from the beginning, and where the guiding principle is not chance or fate, but promise. Human authors may build fiction around a plan they have devised, but only God can shape history to a real and ultimate purpose.

Ed Clowney, *The Unfolding Mystery*

... Paul saw the [coming] and work of Christ as revelation of the fulfilling activity of God in history and as the breaking through of the great time of salvation...

Herman Ridderbos, *Paul: An Outline of His Theology*

The purposes of God are our purpose. God's reclamation of, and revelation to, his people is not purposeless. ... Our destiny is integral to all that will come to pass, and we are to live in accord with that purpose now. What this means is that it is now our mission to live out the purposes of God, seeking to *unite* all things and to *submit* all to the Lordship of Christ."

Bryan Chapell, *Ephesians*

**Prelude:** *Heal Our Land* by Tom & Robin Brooks, Arr. Mark Hayes

### Welcome and Announcements

## CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

\***Doxology:** No. 731 - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Thomas Ken, 1709 OLD HUNDREDDTH L.M.  
Louis Bourgeois's *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise  
him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\***Ascription of Praise:** Psalm 29:1-2

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of  
his holiness.

\***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

\***Call To Worship:** Hebrews 1

Leader: Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets.

**People: Now God has spoken to us by a Son.**

Leader: God made the world through the Son, who has been appointed heir of all  
things and the perfect reflection of God's glory.

**People: The Son is the exact representation of God's being, sustaining all  
things by his powerful Word.**

### **Adult Ministries**

**Men's Ministry Cookout** - come and join the men of LOPC for a cook-out/ fellowship on  
Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm located at the south grassy parking lot. Bring \$5 to  
help with the cost of the food, an appetite, and a friend.

**Fall Women's Retreat** - The Women in the Church (WIC) retreat will be held September  
25-26 at Lake Osborne. The theme this year is *Our Call to Encourage* with special guest  
speaker Brook Breed. The schedule is Friday night 6:30 – 9:00; Saturday 8:30 am – 3:00  
pm. You can register in the Narthex – Cost \$45.00. The deadline to register is Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study** – starts this Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> at  
7:00pm after the catered dinner. We are using the workbook *Job: Lessons in Comfort* by  
Frances Bennett. The study is located in the Parlor.

**Choir Retreat** - The choir will be meeting Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am-2:30 pm  
at Lake Osborne to begin practicing music for the Fall. If you are interested in joining the  
choir you are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be provided.

**Cooking with Maria** – Join Maria Osso and her mom, Rita (a restaurant owner), on Sept.  
19<sup>th</sup> to learn how to prepare authentic Chicken Marcella. We will be meeting in the church  
kitchen from 11am – 1pm. Plan on staying for lunch. Contact Maria at 954-294-8178 for  
more information.

**Sunday School** - Class 1 - John Brandt is teaching a class on the life of David. The study  
will be using the book *The Shepherd King* by Roger Ellsworth. If you are interested in  
attending this class please contact Jay Forester so he can order a book for you. Class 2 -  
Stephen Van Roekel is teaching from the book of *Galatians*. These classes are on the first  
floor of the Christian Education Building.

### **Children's Ministry**

**Children's Church (4yrs. – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)** - We are continuing to study the life of Moses.  
We encourage parents to take the time to talk to their kids about what they are learning.  
*September 6:* Exodus 13:17 – 14:31- *God is mighty!* *September 13:* Exodus 16:1-26- *God  
gives good gifts.* If you would like more information about Children's Church please contact  
Lisa Lennon, l.lennon@live.com. You may pick up your children after the service in the  
Christian Education building.

**Awana (3yrs. – 6<sup>th</sup> grade)** - Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:15 pm. We have memory  
verse time, games, and snacks. Catechism question for *September 9: What is this change  
of heart called and who can change a sinner's heart?* *September 13* question: *Can anyone  
be saved through the covenant of life and why can't anyone be saved through the*

**Participants in the Worship Service**

Rev. Omar Ortiz – Senior Pastor  
Mr. Jay Forester – Assistant to the Pastor  
Dr. Carl Ashley – Music Director, Soloist  
Norma Ashley – Accompanist

**Flowers** - The flowers today are presented to the Glory of God with love from Jordan and Jenna for our daddy, Charlie Gauger, on his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday September 6.  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY DADDY!

Flower dates open: Sept 13; Oct.11, 18, 25.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church Wide Events**

**Welcome!** We are glad to have you as our guest today. Please fill out one of the blue cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate. This Sunday’s sermon is available on our website: www.lopca.org.

**Nursery** - The nursery (3 and under) is located on the first floor of the sanctuary building. Please pick up your children immediately after the service is over.

**Church Office** - Closed Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

**Officers Meetings** - scheduled for Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

**Mission Committee Meeting** – Wednesday at 4:30 -5:30 pm in the Parlor.

**Communion** - will be celebrated during our morning service next Sunday. A offering for the Deacon’s Ministry Fund, used to help those in need, will be collected at the end of the service.

**Wednesday Night** - Activities will start Wednesday, September 9th with a catered dinner at 6:00 pm. in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: baked Ziti, Caesar Salad, garlic bread and dessert. Reservations are necessary and can be made by signing the blue card found in your pew or call the church office at 582-5686 by 10 am on Tuesday. Dinner price: \$5 adult/teens; \$2.50 child 3-12 yrs; family \$15 maximum; first time visitors no cost. Nursery available.

Leader: Praise God for the gift of the Son.  
**All: We welcome the light of the world!**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** No. 94 - How Firm a Foundation

**\*Profession of Faith**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* “catholic” means universal

**\*Trinitarian Praise:** No. 101 – Come Thou Almighty King (v.4)

TRINITY  
Felice de Giardini, 1769

Anonymous, ca. 1757

To the great One\_ in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be, hence ev - er - more.

His sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

**CONFESSING OUR SINS**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Hymn of Confession:** No. 248 – *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended*  
(v. 1,5)

**SERMON NOTES**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.  
—Isaiah 1:18, NRSV

**DEDICATING OUR LIVES**

**Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory:** *In Christ Alone* by Shawn Craig and Don Koch

**Prayer for Children's Church**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**PREACHING HIS WORD**

**Scripture:** Ephesians 1:9-10

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon:** The Unfolding Mystery

**I. What is a Mystery?**

**II. What is the Mystery?**

**III. Why Does the Mystery Matter?**

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

\***Hymn:** No. 460 – *Amazing Grace* (v. 1, 2, 3, 6)

\***Benediction**

\***Postlude:** *Awake, Awake to Love and Work* from Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, words by G.A. Studdert-Kennedy