



The Hilltopper

Lake Ridge Bible Church

A Family of Friends

"Equipping locally to impact globally"

February 2012

the shepherd's watch



"Refresh" Lake Ridge Bible Church

When a computer has been left on a webpage for a period of time, it is often necessary to right click on the "refresh" symbol to reestablish the connection to the internet and bring the page up to date.

That concept can also be true for a church. A church that has stayed the same for an extended period of time can in some senses loose connection with the current culture and as a result needs to "refresh" in order to meet the needs of the current generation.



The Board of Elders and the pastors at Lake Ridge has been seeking to meet the needs of young families and intentionally reach out to young couples. Young couples and young families must continually be added to our church family to ensure a strong future for Lake Ridge. Consequently, Pastor Van Minter became our Associate Pastor for Family Ministry as an intentional step to meet this need. Van has started the Ignite Class for young couples and several new couples have started to attend.

There's an app for that...



Van began the "App Store" and refreshed our Wednesday evening ministry. We went from youth groups, choir rehearsal and a men's and women's Bible studies to now offering five other groups, which include three more studies, an art class and an exercise group. The "App Store" has more than doubled our Wednesday night attendance.

The Board of Elders and the pastors have prayerfully discussed the next steps we need to take in order to continue to "refresh" Lake Ridge Bible Church. It has been apparent for some time that when young couples visit Lake Ridge, they are looking for community, for other young couples like themselves with whom they can connect and develop relationships. They are looking for a service in which they can connect and be engaged and involved. A service where young adults are visible in leadership and their active participation is needed.



The Elders and the pastors have decided that beginning Sunday, February 5th, The Junior High, High School, College, Ignite and Journey Classes will all move to the 9:00 AM. The Fellowship Class will continue to attend the 9:00 AM service. Jonathan Shotts (as he is able) and Pastor Ben Lowery will lead the worship for that service every week and intentionally involve young adults. The Elders' prayer is that this service will promote community and greater participation of our young adults as we seek to strengthen this important demographic in our church family.

Roger M. Raymer
Roger Raymer, Senior Pastor

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Coming Events

- February 5**—AWANA Grand Prix—
Pinewood Derby
- February 11** — Women's Conference
at Sunnyvale First Baptist
- February 12**—Youth Fund Raising
Dinner & Entertainment
- February 19**—Prospective Members
Class
- February 26**—Library Book Sale
- March 2-4**—Youth CRASH Weekend

Sunday Sermon Schedule

- February 5**—*Coincidence or
Providence?* — Esther 6
Pastor Van Minter
- February 12**— *Poetic Justice*
Esther 7
Pastor Roger Raymer
- February 19**— *The Right to Bear
Arms* — Esther 8
Pastor Roger Raymer
- February 26**— *Victorious
Deliverance* —
Esther 9:1-17
Pastor Roger Raymer



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—see you on our webpage—
www.lakeridgebiblechurch.org

Youth News

By Pastor Ben Lowery

Parents and Students,

CRASH is just around the corner! This year the students will be working on a theme performance called "Cirque du Soleil-Kridge." It promises to be an absolutely fantastic CRASH weekend. It's still not too late to sign your student up for CRASH. The cost is \$75 for the weekend.

CRASH!



Also, the Valentine's Day fundraiser is coming up soon on Sunday night, February 12, 2012. Tickets are \$10/per adult, \$5/per child, \$25/per family. Students will be providing the entertainment that evening,

so please plan to come and provide the support! All proceeds will go toward Mission Trip and Fuge-camps.

The new schedule has begun! Students will be attending the first service and having Sunday school during second service. Any parents who like to make it their practice to attend the service of their children are invited to attend first service as well. You may need to coordinate with your Sunday school classes to attend all together, or you may want to transition into one of the Sunday school classes attending that first service already.

The mission trip group going to New York is going to start meeting very soon. We will be doing a number of fundraisers. This trip can be costly, so we're depending on the body of Christ at Lake Ridge to financially support the students who have signed up to bring the gospel to one of our nation's largest cities and most influential cities. Please pray and consider giving to the students attending this trip. Thank you!



*In Christ,
Ben Lowery*

Youth Fund Raiser

Annual Valentine Spaghetti Dinner And Variety Show

Come join us for a Fun evening of Dinner & Entertainment provided by our LRBC Youth at The LRBC Love Shack

Sunday, February 12th

At 6:30 PM

\$10 per person

\$25.00 Family Maximum

Childcare Provided

(Pizza will be served for \$5 if family max not reached)

All proceeds will go toward Summer Youth Camp and Missions Trip



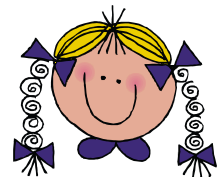
Tipping is Highly Encouraged!!!

Lake Ridge Academy Registration Begins

Lake Ridge Academy is now beginning registration for the 2012-2013 school year. LRA has weekday Parents Day Out, Preschool and Kindergarten classes for children aged 12 months to five years. Registration is now open for Lake Ridge families, but will open to the general public on Monday, February 13. There are some classes that will fill up very quickly, so we encourage you not to delay if you are interested in enrolling your child.



Applications are available in the Commons area on the credenza next to the children's sign-in table. Contact Stephanie Billimek at: sbillimek@lakeridgebiblechurch.org or at 972-613-2222, Ext. 208 if you have any questions. For more information, you can visit the church's website and click on "Lake Ridge Academy."




Lake Ridge Academy
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The Board has appointed Mr. Philip Graham to provide leadership for our Worship Planners as we seek to "refresh" the 10:30 service. Our volunteer worship planners and worship leaders have done a wonderful job over these past six years we have been without a Worship Pastor. We are currently in a pastoral search for a Worship Pastor, until the Lord leads us to His choice for us, we will continue on with our volunteers led by Mr. Philip Graham to provide more consistency in leadership.

I am convinced that 2012 will be a year of "refreshment" at Lake Ridge Bible Church as we seek to be and become all that the Lord wants us to be. Expect refreshing changes in all our ministries and outreach during this coming year.

**Follow!
Worship!
Live through Him!**

Living with Purpose

Men's Ministry News

By Mark Eggert

Lake Ridge men joined with men from other area churches for a men's retreat at Sabine Creek Ranch in January. Former Dallas Cowboys defensive lineman, Chad Hennings was the featured speaker. Men were challenged to live a Christ-centered life while keeping in balance the mental, physical, family and community aspects of their lives. We were also reminded to not waste this

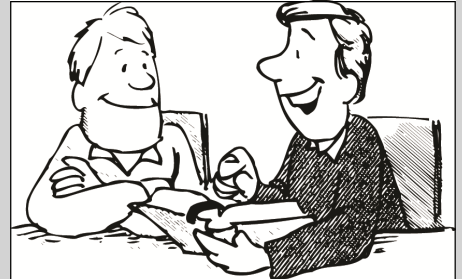
life but to take our faith and live lives with real direction.

Sabine Creek Ranch is just east of Rockwall and Lake Ridge enjoys a great relationship with them and participate in various camping and retreat activities for both adults and kids. Pray that God will continue to use these folks to serve Him in this North Texas region.

The men's ministry meetings on Wednesday nights have enjoyed the teaching of Troy Willis as he led a series entitled "Standing Firm". He used the book of Jude as his text. A special thanks to Troy! Pastor Roger Raymer will resume teaching the

Miracles of Jesus with an emphasis on their application to our lives today.

Come and join us for study, fellowship and prayer. The Men's Ministry meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 in room B111.



Women's Conference Heart to Heart News

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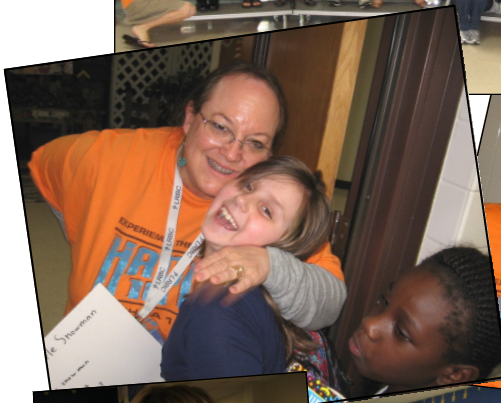
he women of Lake Ridge are invited to a women's conference on Saturday, February 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Sunnyvale First Baptist Church (3018 N. Belt Line Road in Sunnyvale). The conference is called "**Desire**" drawn from Psalm 37:4—*Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.* National speakers and authors, Kathi Lipp (*The Husband Project* and *The Me Project*) and Cindi McManamin



(*When Women Walk Alone* and *Women on the Edge*) will be speaking and sharing with the women what happens when you make God your



ultimate desire. The conference includes inspiring worship, motivating keynote sessions, and practical workshops. Connect with other women who share your desires and discover how to develop a plan for living out your dream. The cost for this conference is \$25.00 per person and includes a light breakfast and lunch. If you have an interest in going or have any questions, please contact Judy Raymer at 972-270-3325. Judy will be in the foyer ready to answer your questions and sign you up on the final Sunday, February 5. We hope you will join us!



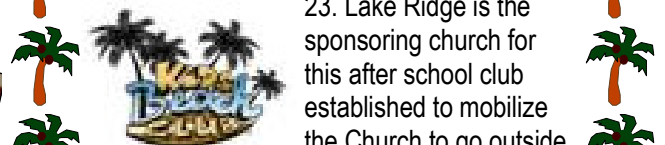
Photos by Michalla Revland



KIDS BEACH CLUB



Over 25 Lake Ridge volunteers greeted 94 energetic children at the first ever "Kids Beach Club" meeting held at Kimball Elementary School in Mesquite on January 23. Lake Ridge is the sponsoring church for this after school club established to mobilize the Church to go outside its walls in order to take



the message of Christ into the heart of its Community. The vision is to provide every 3rd through 6th grade boy and girl a Jesus experience within the culture of their elementary school.

We thank our Lake Ridge volunteers, as well as those who support this ministry with prayer and monetary gifts, for investing in the lives of children and growing the kingdom of God. You, too, can become a part of this ministry—contact **Michalla Revland** at mrevland@hotmail.com.



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**Youth Valentine
Dinner and Evening of
Entertainment
February 12 @ 6:30 p.m.**

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News and Views...from the hilltop

Drama Club

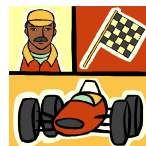
The Drama Club will resume meeting on Sundays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. before AWANA in the Jr High Room, D Building, for those in Grades 1-5. For further information, please contact either Emma Hahn at 972-698-8202 or Andrea Himmelsehr at 281-316-6049.



items that do not meet the library's current needs and the "weeded" resources withdrawn from circulation. Most items will be priced at \$1.00 or less. Our church librarian, Laurie Dewey, says that there are many, many books that will be available this year. Save your quarters and don't miss this opportunity to find an inexpensive treasure!

AWANA Pinewood Derby Set for Super Bowl Sunday

Join us on Sunday, February 5, for our annual Pinewood Derby! It will begin at 1:30 p.m. and you will be home in plenty of time to catch the Super Bowl. The AWANA kids (and their "Big Kid Dads") have been hard at work designing and



perfecting their super-charged cars. In addition to all of our regular race challenges, we will feature the ultimate race between the fastest clubber's car and the fastest leader's car. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a fun afternoon supporting the children of Lake Ridge.

Prospective Members Class on February 19

If you are interested in becoming a member of Lake Ridge Bible Church, please join us at a New Members Class from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 19, in Room B-111 (Admin Building). Childcare will be provided. Please call the church office at 972-613-2222 if you are interested in attending.



Annual Church Book Sale Scheduled for February 26



The church is launching its annual used book and media sale in the Commons on Sunday morning, February 26. The sale will feature donated



Thanks for the Ministry

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he Lake Ridge Care Ministry recently received the following note of thanks and appreciation.

Dear Lake Ridge Family,

Hannah is our enthusiastic "Star Wars" fan. One of her favorite sayings comes from one of the Clone Wars episodes. It is "to unexpected gifts!" That is how we felt when we received your generous gift of money. We will use it to make payments on my hospital bills.

We so appreciate Pastor Roger coming by to visit Jodi in ICU during Christmas break. He also made a run to the convenience store for Robert to purchase some Sprite. The Sprite tasted so good and was a treasured treat for Jodi!

Thank you for blessing us and being God's hands and feet to our family.

As always, thank you for praying.

Love,
Robert, Jodi, Hannah & Mariah Hightower

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Dads and Dudes

**Overnight campout for
Fathers and Sons**

March 30-31, 2012

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and one dude**

**\$65.00 if you use your
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