

Monthly newsletter from the

Lakeport Christian Church

Gospel Restored

May 2021

*Restoring the church back to the
New Testament pattern!*



It was Walter Scott, who in 1836, published a book entitled: ***The Gospel Restored***. The idea behind the 573 page book was to present the Gospel in a systematic way that matched the Scriptures, or as his mentor and fellow preacher, Alexander Campbell, wrote: the *Ancient Order of Things*.

In my ministries throughout the years, we have always attempted to restore the church back to the pattern set forth in the New Testament. My goal here at Lakeport Christian Church, is no different. Mankind, and his opinions, have often changed the church, so much so that one cannot recognize it as they read the New Testament. It has become unrecognizable both in doctrine and in practice. So the goal of the local church is to model herself after the New Testament pattern.

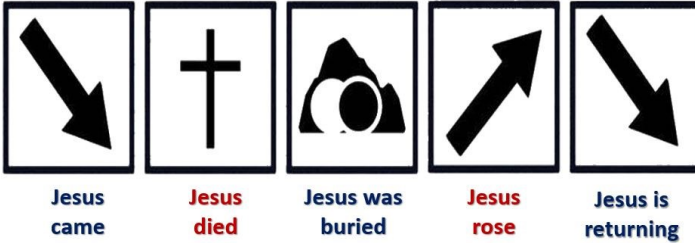
One of the areas that needs to be restored is the simplicity of the Gospel! The church has often times made things so complicated. So when Jesus commissioned His church to share the Gospel, many Christians don't even know how to present it! I pray that we can work together to restore the Gospel; and also restore the need for EVERY Christian to share the Gospel!

The apostle Paul defines the Gospel clearly in I Corinthians 15:3-4—*For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.*** So according to the inspired writer, the Gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus! That is the message we need to share with our friends and neighbors and family, and even our enemies.

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I know it is simple—but let this simple illustration help you tell the good news about Jesus:



And with Jesus returning to receive His own, make sure that people “obey the Gospel”. How does one do that? By participating in the Gospel. As Jesus died on the cross, we must die to self, and to our sin. And as Jesus was buried, we must be buried in water at our baptism. And as Jesus rose out of the tomb alive, we rise out of the watery grave alive, living for Jesus the rest of our lives!

Let me end this simply by quoting the Great Commission, as recorded in Mark 16:15-16: *And Jesus said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.”* **Now that is something worth restoring!**

Have you checked out the church’s website?

www.lakeportcc.com

Here you will find lots of information about what is happening at the church. You can also go back and listen to sermons, and even watch the most recent sermons!

Please go and bookmark it!

Steve Click and Kevin Ziegler will try to keep it updated!

Want to learn more about the Bible? Join us for

Bible Study

Wednesdays at 2:00 PM at George & Jo Randolph’s home

Sunday School at 9:30 with George Randolph teaching

Meets in the Fellowship Hall

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| 5-2 | Speaking Truth Boldly | 1 Kings 22:13-28 |
| 5-9 | Empty Rituals Are Useless | Isaiah 29:13-24 |
| 5-16 | The Consequences of Giving | Jeremiah 38:14-23 |
| 5-23 | Take Responsibility | Ezekiel 18:1-32 |
| 5-30 | Changing for the Better | Jonah 3 |



From the Pulpit

Worship Service at 10:30

Meets in the Auditorium

Sermons during May are part of a series on our "Awesome God"

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| 5-2 | God's Holiness | Isaiah 6:3 |
| 5-9 | God's Tender Care (Mother's Day) | Isaiah 40:31 |
| 5-16 | God's Knowledge | Psalms 139:1 |
| 5-23 | God's Love | I John 4:9 |
| 5-30 | Guest Speaker (Memorial Day) | |



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A Little More about Kevin & Paula

Kevin

- Born in Rochester, NY (moved to FL at six months old)
- Raised in Zephyrhills, FL
- Became a Christian by being immersed into Christ for the forgiveness of sins at the Central Christian Church in Tampa, FL
- Education**
 - Graduated from Zephyrhills High School
 - Bachelor of Arts Degree from Florida Christian College, Kissimmee, FL
 - Master of Arts from Cincinnati Bible Seminary, Cincinnati, OH
 - Master of Science from Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL
- Ministries Served**
 - Poinciana Christian Church, Kissimmee, FL (while at Florida Christian)
 - Eastside Christian Church, Lake Placid (while at Florida Christian)
 - Lawshe Church of Christ, Seaman, OH
 - First Church of Christ, Bolivar, PA
 - Macon Church of Christ, Winchester, OH
 - First Church of Christ, Potomac, IL (interim)
 - South Side Church of Christ, Danville, IL.

Paula

- Born and raised in Danville, IL
- Became a Christian by being immersed into Christ for the forgiveness of sins while at youth camp at Hanging Rock Christian Assembly in West Lebanon, IN
- Education**
 - Graduated from Danville High School
 - Associate Degrees from Danville Area Community College, Danville, IL
 - Bachelor and Master of Science Degree from Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL
- Career**
 - High School teacher with most of her career at the St. Joseph-Ogden High School, St. Joseph, IL
 - Family Consumer Sciences
 - Business and Computers
 - Work Cooperative Program
 - Retired after teaching about 25 years

Kevin and Paula have six children between the two of them (five daughters and one son). So far we have nine grandchildren. We are hoping that they have a new vacation destination! :) Or even better yet, maybe one day join us down here as residents of the state of Florida!

Kevin & Paula pray for a long ministry here at Lakeport!