

# Lake Deaton Happenings

*"Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. I ask you into my life and heart to be my Lord and Savior. I want to serve you always."*

## Lake Deaton Launches NEW Worship Service on February 1

Beginning next week, we will offer TWO Sunday Worship Services: **9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**

## One-Year Anniversary Pot Luck Dinner

Celebrate our first anniversary on Sunday, February 8, with a pot luck dinner beginning at noon (following the 10:45 service). Everyone is welcome! For more information, please email Joyce Carter at [choicewk5@gmail.com](mailto:choicewk5@gmail.com)

## New Sunday School Times

We are also beginning new Sunday School times: **9:15–10 a.m. and 10:45–11:30 a.m.**

## Get to Know Your Lake Deaton Family

Dinner for Eight will begin again in February! Current groups members will be remixed with newcomers, so everyone will make new friends! Dinners can be at your home or at a restaurant; some have dessert at the host's home. Each month till May, you will be with the same group of new friends. Sign up at the Information Center before February 1. For more information, please call Jane at 753-8768 or LuAnn at 459-4804.

## At the Information Center You Can...

- Fill out a prayer request card
- Order and pick up your offering envelopes
- Pick up your name tag, or sign up to receive a name tag
- Purchase event tickets
- Sign up to provide Altar Flowers

## NEW Members TWO New Member Classes Beginning Soon! A New Class Added at Paddock Square Brownwood

### Monday evenings at the Summerhill Campus

- February 2–March 2
- Social Time 6–6:30 p.m. — Class 6:30–7:45 p.m.

### Tuesday mornings at McAlister's Deli at Brownwood Town Center

- February 3–March 3
- Social Time 8:30-9 a.m. — Class 9–10 a.m.

**New Member Weekend, March 14/15 (date you join)**



## Altar Flowers

*Our flowers have been provided by ...*

**Summerhill:** Terry Nottage & family in memory of Anthony's birthday; and Roger Cripe in memory of Jan Cripe.

**The Altar Flower Sign-Up Book** is located at the Welcome Center in the Summerhill Narthex and at the Information Center at Lake Deaton. Please sign up today to provide altar flowers on the weekend of your choice.

A \$40 donation will reserve your preferred date in honor, or in memory, of your special person or event. Flowers not requested for your pick-up are shared with the homebound and those in medical and long-term facilities.

## Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
January 25	Exodus 22-24	Genesis 38-40	Matthew 16	Matthew 25
January 26	Exodus 25-27	Genesis 41-42	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 26
January 27	Exodus 28-29	Genesis 43-45	Matthew 17:1–21	Matthew 27
January 28	Exodus 30-32	Genesis 46-47	Matthew 17:22–18:14	Matthew 28
January 29	Exodus 33-35	Genesis 48-50	Matthew 18:15–35	Mark 1
January 30	Exodus 36-38	Exodus 1-3	Matthew 19	Mark 2
January 31	Exodus 39-40	Exodus 4-6	Matthew 20:1–28	Mark 3
February 1	Leviticus 1-4	Exodus 7-9	Matthew 20:29–21:17	Mark 4

*By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us—set us right with him, make us fit for him—we have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. And that's not all: We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that he has already thrown open his door to us. We find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise. (Romans 5:1-2)*

*Lord,* place us in the wide open spaces of your will so that we might stand tall and shout our praise to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## Saturday Christian Education Classes

4 p.m.	Wired Word	Christian discussion based on current topics	Classroom 3
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## Sunday Christian Education Classes

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Romans	Chapel
9 a.m.	Disciple I Bible Study	Becoming Disciples through Bible Study	Classroom 10
9 a.m.	Disciple III Bible Study	Remember Who You Are	Classroom 14
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Lake Deaton Campus	The Perfect Calling the Imperfect	Eisenhower Rec
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Jesus, Peter, James and John according to Matthew	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	"6" to a "7": The Gospel of Mark	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Romans	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Learning to Pray	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Payday Lending	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Romans	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	"6" to a "7": The Gospel of Mark	Classroom 11

## New Covenant United Methodist Church

Contemporary Worship  
Saturday 5 p.m.

Sunday Morning Blended Worship  
7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45

Children's Orchard Worship  
Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Lake Deaton Worship  
10:30 a.m.  
(Eisenhower Rec Center)

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A Place to Call Home

Worship attendance for last weekend: 2,585  
(Celebrate Recovery) 63 • (BEACH) 68 • (Nursery) 9 • (Youth) 30 • (Orchard Worship) 30  
(Saturday Contemporary) 295 • (Sunday) 7:45–287 • 9:15–823 • 10:45–756  
(Lake Deaton) 224



*We are a large, dynamic, multicultural, intergenerational congregation growing in our relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ to be His hands, feet, and voice in the world.*

*Making a Difference*  
BEYOND OURSELVES

A few months ago you were asked about your hopes and dreams for our church. Upon reviewing the "Dream Cards," several reoccurring and consistent "dreams" rose to the surface. One of them was eliminating our debt. SALT (Strategic Action Leadership Team) heard you and responded by assembling our "Making A Difference" debt elimination campaign to erase our debt. This can — and will — happen through your prayerful support. After all, we believe in a God that does incredible things!

**In summary, the "debt elimination" campaign focuses on these key components:**

- Eliminating our \$7.3 million dollar debt over the next 10 years.
- By paying off our debt "sooner" rather than "later," we will save around \$1.25 million dollars in interest.
- By breaking down the "mountain of debt" into small portions, our goal is attainable. If 1,500 people give \$5,000 (per person) over 10 years, we will accomplish the goal. This is only \$1.37 a day. The \$5,000 target number is based on our membership of 1,500+ people. While some may be moved to give more, others may only be able to give less. However, our leadership team is asking our entire congregation to contribute something in order to accomplish our goal.
- By eliminating our debt, more money will be "freed up" to reach the dreams that you shared with our church leadership — dreams of growing people's personal relationship with Jesus Christ, assisting the poor in our community, and caring for those in our church.
- We want to be good stewards of God's money.

During the next few weeks, we are highlighting the campaign that many of you have asked the church leadership to present. There are information packets in the Narthex at the "Making a Difference" kiosk that outline the scope of the campaign and answers questions. If you have not yet picked up a packet, please take the time to do so. Your pledge card is in the packet. Additionally, we are hosting several information dinners to personally present to you this vision.

For our Summerhill folks, please sign up at the kiosk in the Narthex and enjoy a wonderful dinner and fellowship. If you would like to make a pledge, you may drop your card in the offering plate. Our Lake Deaton folks are also encouraged to pledge toward our debt elimination fund or a "pre-building" fund. Our membership at the Lake Deaton campus will take responsibility to support the building of a new facility.

We have been blessed and given a wonderful opportunity to grow our church. Thank you for prayerfully considering your pledge. **You can "Make a Difference"!**

- **\*Tuesday, February 3**
- **Wednesday, February 4**
- **Tuesday, February 10**
- **Wednesday, February 11**

**\*All dinners are 5-7 p.m. (doors open at 4:45) and will be held in the Summerhill Worship Center, except Tuesday, February 3, which will be held at the Wildwood Community Center.**

The Word of God is alive and active! Hebrews 4:12

# Discipleship

**Alpha Course**  
 Wednesdays, February 18–May 27, from 12–2:30 p.m. in Classroom 6/7  
 Alpha is for anyone, anywhere on their faith journey. There is small group time for everyone to discuss questions or issues, and provides an opportunity to get to know each other and to learn together. The first week includes a complementary boxed lunch. After the first week, you are welcome to purchase a boxed lunch or bring your own lunch.

- Sign up at the Summerhill kiosk between Worship Services January 31/February 1 and February 7/8
- If you have any questions, are willing to be a small group leader, or need a scholarship, please call Kristyne Young at 750-4529.

**“Seminary for Seniors”**  
 Seminary for Seniors, in collaboration with New Covenant and Asbury Seminary, returns at the Life Long Learning College of The Villages. Please check our website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)) for more information and special rates for New Covenant registrations!

- **March 2–April 6, from 5:15–6:45 p.m. or 7–8:30 p.m. • “Christianity vs. Science” (six weeks)**
- Location: Lake Miona, America 3
- Course No.: 2195.301 M (5:15–6:45 p.m.) or 2195.302 M (7–8:30 p.m.)

**Covenant Bible Study**  
 An in-depth, small group Bible study in eight weekly segments

- Segment 1: *Creating the Covenant* — Feb. 3–Mar. 24, 9:30–11 a.m.
- Segment 2: *Living the Covenant* — Feb. 4–Mar. 25, 3–4:30 p.m.
- Segment 3: *Trusting the Covenant* — Feb. 3–Mar. 24, 9:30–11 a.m.

For more information or to sign up, please visit the kiosk in the Narthex.

**Table Talk Dinner Groups**  
 These are small groups of eight people who gather once a month for four months to build friendships as they eat together in homes or in restaurants. Sign up forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex for February through May.



**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Mentors**  
 We are currently looking for moms of any age to serve as mentors to walk alongside MOPS. Moms get together to share food and laughter, and listen to inspiring speakers.

MOPS is a dynamic and inviting environment where women come just as they are to build friendships, be encouraged by each other, and gain practical parenting strategies. If you are interested, please contact Kristyne Young at the church office at 750-4529.

Mark Your Calendar

# concerts EVENTS

**“Toast of Tampa” Coming to New Covenant**  
 Sunday, February 8 at 6 p.m.  
 The Toast of Tampa Show Chorus (a dynamic group of a capella singers) will perform at New Covenant!  
 Tickets are available only through The Villages Box Offices.

**Christian Comedian, Mike Williams**  
 Friday, February 13 at 6 p.m.  
 Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased between Worship Services at the kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex, the Information Center at Lake Deaton, or in the church office during regular office hours.

All proceeds will benefit New Covenant’s Youth Ministry Mission Trip and Mike Williams’ Dominican Republican Outreach Mission.

**Beth Moore Living Proof Live Event Bus Trip**  
 Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13 at the Tampa Sun Dome

- Event Fee: \$59 before February 12; \$69 after February 12
- Bus/Hotel: \$100 • Food: \$45 (includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch)

- Register for the bus (seating is limited) and food plan at the Summerhill kiosk in the Narthex between Worship Services February 7/8 and 14/15
- Register online at [www.lifeway.com/n/Product-Family/Living-Proof-Live](http://www.lifeway.com/n/Product-Family/Living-Proof-Live) for tickets
- For more information, please call Susan House at 350-0689

# Outreach Ministry

**Helping Hands “All-You-Can-Eat” Pancake Breakfast**  
 Saturday, February 21 from 7:30–10 a.m.  
 Tickets are \$7, and will be available between Worship Services in the Summerhill Narthex: January 31/February 1, February 7/8, and February 14/15.

**Seeds of Hope Concert**  
 Friday, February 20 at 7 p.m. in the Christian Life Center  
 Three of The Villages favorite performers — Norman Lee, Billie Thatcher, and Chris Bolus — will perform at this fundraiser for the Wildwood Food Pantry and Wildwood Soup Kitchen.

No tickets are required. Admission is with a monetary donation (cash or check) or non-perishable food items.

**Bargains & Blessings Monthly Pick-up**  
 The first Saturday and Sunday of each month, the Bargains & Blessings truck will be in the church parking lot to accept your donations. You may drop off your donations before or after Worship Services.



# Pastoral Care

**Winter Health Education Series**  
 January 26

- 5 p.m. — *Physical Activity for Living Strong at Every Age*
- 6:15 p.m. — *Hospice Care*

**February 2**

- 5 p.m. — *Intro to Chinese Medicine & the Healing Process*
- 6:15 p.m. — *Five Wishes/Good Grief*

**February 9**

- 5 p.m. — *Management of Hearing Loss*
- 6:15 p.m. — *Questions to Ask about Healthcare Services*

**February 16**

- 5 p.m. — *Current Treatment of Eye Conditions in the Aging Population*
- 6:15 p.m. — *Body Burial/Cremation*

**The Gift of Prayer**  
 The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for Betty Logan who has stage-4 cancer; for Carol Bingham who has recurrent breast cancer; for Pat Boritz who has Parkinson’s disease; for Barb & Wayne Nolan who would like restored health; and for Mildred McGrath who is in hospice care. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, and healing.

Please come to the prayer rail during prayer time, or between Worship Services, and offer a prayer. After you pray, tie a knot in one of the strings on the quilt. Each knot represents a prayer lifted to God on behalf of the recipient.

If you would like to give a tangible gift of prayer in the form of a quilt, please contact Pastoral Care at 750-4529.

This Week’s Prayer Concerns:				
Allison	Phyllis Brent	Anne Britten	Bruce Christ	Wanda Eavers
Doug Herman	Jackie	Skip Jones	Bob Lincoln	John O’Reilly
Kathy Poole	Steve			



**“Hearts, Hallelujahs... and Hersheys”**  
 Thursday, February 19, 10-11:30 a.m. with lunch following  
 Another inspiring program to help us think and grow in Christ which will include music and fellowship activities. Lunch will follow for a suggested donation of \$5 and a love offering will benefit a selected mission.

Please RSVP by Monday, February 16 to Risë Segur at (585) 943-7967 or [rsegur@gmail.com](mailto:rsegur@gmail.com) (re lunch OR no lunch) and indicate if you prefer gluten-free.