



# The Lake Gaston Charge

Calvary UMC - Corinth UMC - Littleton UMC - Weaver's Chapel UMC

May / June 2019

## The Pastor's Portion - Stan Lewis

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As Easter is now past and we celebrated two of the three major Christian Holy Days, the other is Pentecost, I want to delve into them a bit more. While there is much that can be used for discussion and discipleship, I want to examine them in a broad but yet very specific manner. The manner is this "how do we know what we know about these Holy Days"? Or in another way, how do we know what we know about our faith?

These three Holy Days represent something that is very near the core of our faith as Christians. It is not about the actual dates of these celebrations, after all Christmas is based on a fixed date and solar calendar based whereas Easter and Pentecost are movable dates and lunar calendar based. This means that we must go deeper into the events that lead us up to, into, and out from those celebrations. This is because we need to remember that while much of the details that surround those events are lost, the actual historical basis is still relevant.

While the ancients did not record history the way you or I would have liked, they recorded it from what they were led by the Holy Spirit to record. It is arrogant for us to question them about how they recorded what they felt was important! We should pause here and ponder the previous thought again.

Now what we do have recorded is a result of what they saw and experienced. They recorded for others in the Bible what they lived, breathed, and in many cases died to record for others. In short, they were witnesses. Yet, from our vantage point how often do we treat them like an attorney in a courtroom? We try to discredit them. We try to attack them since they don't think like us. We belittle them since

they do not live in 2019. Yet, do we stop to hear their testimony?

Or do we create our own testimony of what these Three Days (Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost) mean? Do we insert things that we like into the story and in part superseding their witness testimony? Unfortunately, I think we do! Let me explain.

Witness testimony is difficult for anyone to accept because the witness may tell a different version of what they saw than we may like. For example, the Biblical record speaks of a resurrected Jesus of Nazareth. This means an identified man, like Lazarus, in a specific locale, was resurrected from the dead. And in so doing, God declared him to be different. Further, in doing so, God pointed to Jesus and said "He is who He said He was." Now that creates all kinds of problems because Jesus spoke of many things that we don't like. One example is that he talked about "separating the sheep from the goats." Good for sheep, and bad for goats.

We don't like that so we insert our thoughts over the witnesses. In essence, we should hear an attorney in court saying to the witness "even though you saw that, you are wrong." Or "you misinterpreted what you saw." Seems arrogant to me that someone who was not there, telling someone who was there that what they saw is wrong.

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And we do that for all three Holy Days. In doing so, we co-op all three into something we want rather than what God wants to give us. We might as well exchange the Real Easter for a Fake News Easter (or Christmas, or Pentecost). Worse yet, in doing this we start ourselves down a dangerous path of exchanging the Real God for Fake God.

So how do we not fall into this trap? First, we need to ask the difficult question that I started with "how do we know what we know ..."? In so doing, we need to examine ourselves to see if our faith is based upon some collection of thoughts that really are not biblical and just things we would like God to be.

We need to examine our faith in the light of the best evidence going! So what is the best evidence we have going? It is not academia. It is not social media. It is the Bible! If we do not engage the Bible as our witness then our viewpoint of God is very subjective or relative to whatever I or you want to believe.

Second, there are ***no short cuts!*** This means that we cannot be content to "hear about the Bible," we must study the Bible for ourselves. This means more than a sermon here and there, or a thought about God. This requires a whole lot of effort!

Easter, like Christmas and Pentecost, may come once a year but it is something that is important every day and every moment. It is foundational for life as a Christian. Too bad that many just think and celebrate three times a year.

# Bunch of Bunnies



## Report from LUMC Church Council Dick O'Sullivan, Chairperson

The Trustees will be visiting the bell tower to replace the microphone and repair the bell apparatus. The hot water heater in the bathrooms upstairs was old and was leaking, taking the ceiling down in the basement. Lewis Fields is working with a contractor and is getting a quote on the repair. He is also talking to our insurance company.

Carol Townsend is collecting children's books for the Vaughan school give away program in May. They can take them home and have them to read during the summer. The school has Kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. You may put them in the Mission Zone in the Chapel.

The Lenten Lunch series was a huge success. Thanks to Pastor Stan for pulling the six Littleton Churches together again. It was a blessing for all who attended.

Don Beazley would like to remind all of us the during the summer months our cash flow lightens up, so if you could plan ahead and try to stay current with your pledge it would be greatly appreciated.

Mandy Mathews & Susan Merchant would like to thank all those who attended and donated to the " Rise Against Hunger " event held on April 13<sup>th</sup>. They packed between 29,000 to 30,000 bags of a rice mixture for countries in need, even in the USA, during hurricanes and tornadoes. Mandy advised that just short of 100 people showed up.

Jodie Dowhan is very busy setting up VBS which our Church will host. This is a big project and we thank Jodie for taking on this project. VBS runs from June 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>. If you can help with setting up (on the 23<sup>rd</sup>) or in the kitchen, please give Jodie a call @ 586-1220 or (c) 804- 512- 2554.

May the Lord Bless and Keep you safe,  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard O'Sullivan, Chair

Photo below: Recent visitors - Disaster Response Services volunteers



The family of J. Lloyd Andrews, Jr. acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Thank You

*Littleton United Methodist Church,  
Mike and I would like to thank you so very much for the food and flowers. They both were so greatly appreciated during this difficult time. Our LUMC family is so very special to us.  
Thank you,  
Susan Doughtie*

### **LUMC Mission Zone**

In **April and May**, the Mission Zone will focus on collecting **books** for Vaughan Elementary School and **hygiene kit items** for Tarboro. Hygiene kit items can be donated individually or as an entire kit. One kit includes the following: hand towel (15x25 inches or 17x27 inches), comb with 6 inches of teeth, nail clipper, 3 oz or larger bar of bath soap (no Ivory or Jergens), adult toothbrush, ten 3/4 x 3 inch bandaids, and a gallon zip lock bag to contain the items. As always, food for the ACTS food pantry and supplies for Union Mission/Room at the Inn are appreciated.

### **Littleton ACTS Food Pantry**

ACTS Food Pantry for May 24, 2019 will be hosted by LUMC. **Volunteers are needed** to help on that morning. Please contact Anne Odom.

There will be no ACTS Food Pantry on June 28, 2019.

**Photos: Lewis Fields enjoys strumming the latest beautiful creation of our very talented woodworker, Richard Odom.**



***Methodists, Food & Fellowship - a common sight!***



**UMW NEWS & GAME NIGHT**  
**Marie Fields**

**UMW:** The Littleton UMW will be meeting on May 13 at LUMC and members are encouraged to bring items for the hygiene kits. Let Marie know if you will be joining the group for lunch at 11:30. Then on June 10 the UMW will be meeting at the home of Marie Fields for the last meeting before the summer break. Again lunch is at 11:30, so let Marie know if you'll be joining for lunch. At this meeting, hygiene kits will be packaged. Please join us for a fun time in May and June!!

On May 4, Marie Fields and Helen Burtchell will be attending the spiritual enrichment retreat at First Henderson. They would enjoy some company so, if you can attend, call or email Marie so that you can discuss carpooling arrangements and she can inform Henderson First UMC about the lunch count.

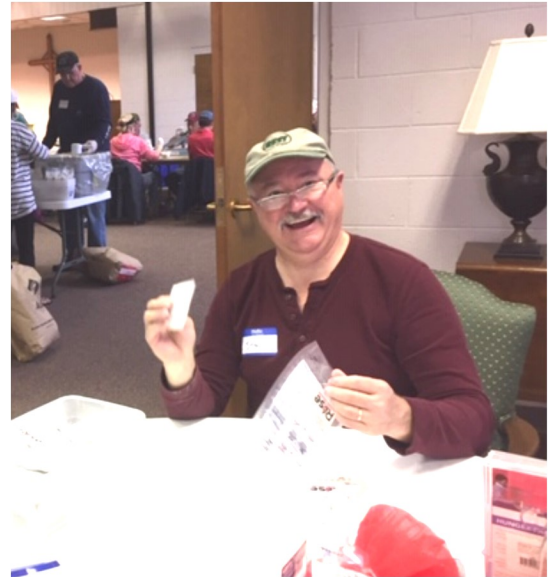
**Game Night:** The next Game Night is scheduled for May 14. Come at 4 to start the games and then a light supper will be served around 5:30. A fun time is had by all so come join in the fun!! At this time, the group will decide whether to continue Game Night through the summer...



**Above: A recent visitor at LUMC. Looking for Easter Eggs???**



It was another successful year for the annual community **Rise Against Hunger packaging event**. On April 13th, 82 volunteers packaged almost 30,000 meals in under 3 hours. A great big THANK YOU to those that donated and/or volunteered!



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## THANK YOU FROM DON AND MARTI THEUNE

It is with heartfelt thanks that we submit this note of gratitude to our Pastors and friends at Littleton United Methodist Church. Pastor Stan is the most responsive and compassionate pastor we have ever known. He drove over two hours to pray with us very early in the morning of Don's surgery and to sit with Marti during those early crucial hours. Then, he came back to the hospital to offer us prayers of comfort and spend time with us when Don was taken into the Surgical Intensive Care Unit, and he kept in regular contact during the nine days of Don's hospitalization. These acts of kindness meant the world to us. We also wish to thank the many friends and loved ones who offered prayers on our behalf and sent cards and notes of encouragement during this most physically and emotionally draining time of testing. We know it was your prayers that carried us through. Also, special thanks to George Houston for coming for a nice visit with Don once we got home so that Marti could run some errands with peace of mind. Thank you, too, to Pastor Jason for teaching us to recognize the many "Jesus Moments" that present themselves to us daily. *God bless each one of you.* And, most of all, thank you to God, our merciful Great Physician, for being right beside us every step of this incredulous journey.

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**John 3:16 Center  
Easter Egg Hunt**



May Birthdays	Date
Kasey Smith	3
Pat Zeismann	4
Marie Fields	5
April Aycock	9
Pauline Smith	10
Sabrina Mitchell	11
John Osperg	14
Charlie Fritzingler	17
Josephine Myrick	18
John Gibson	19
Diane Medlin	20
John Blair Thompson	22
Barbara Aycock	24
Kaye Herman	24
Matthew Inscoe	26
Kathryn Clark	29
Lurleen Wilson	31

May Anniversaries	Date
Richard & Anne Odom	7
Lewis & Marie Fields	19
Greg & Liz Solovieff	25
Richard & Susannah Sherman	27
Ryan & April Aycock	31



June Anniversaries	Date
Daniel & Christine Lees	1
Dale & Diane Medlin	3
Dick & Kay Cowan	11
Glenn & Debbie Keeter	13
Michael & Debbie Morris	14
C.D. & Rose Inscoe	23
Doug & Cheryl Morris	26
Wayne & Regina Dickens	27

June Birthdays	Date
Adam Fields	4
Darla Angel	4
Della Rose	5
Matt Johnston	8
Lindie Bishop	9
Betty Rightmyer	11
Kevin Smith	12
Jacob Rook	15
Ken Morris	15
Doug Morris	15
Frank Gupton	21
Justine Robertson	22
Lane Harris	22
Bev Kaveney	23
Pat Chance	24
Dick Neil	25
Patsy Robertson	25
Julie Johnston	30

**2019 Vacation Bible School:  
June 24 - 28**



Littleton UMC will host the 2019 VBS and we're happy to announce this year's theme. We are going to Mars and Beyond! You can watch the trailer and see more about the lessons at the following link: <https://www.concordiasupply.com/To-Mars-and-Beyond-Super-Starter-Kit-Plus-Digital-Cokesbury-VBS-2019>

VBS will be held from June 24-28, 2019. We will need all the help we can get, please give Jodie Dowhan a call at 586-1220 or 804- 512- 2554(c).

2019 VBS promises to be a "blast"!



### LUMC Greeters & Ushers Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Coffee time Host</b>	<b>Communion Stewards</b>
<b>May 5</b>	Peg Fowler	Jeff Dowhan	Peg Fowler	Kaye Herman
<b>May 12</b>	Ann & Gary Herbert	Jeff Dowhan	Jodie Dowhan	
<b>May 19</b>	Jodie Dowhan	Jeff Dowhan	Ann Herbert	
<b>May 26</b>	Charlotte Wright	Jeff Dowhan	Charlotte Wright	
<b>June 2</b>	Marj Prescott	George Alston	Carol Lindley	Dick & Irene O'Sullivan
<b>June 9</b>	Carol Lindley	George Alston	Charlotte Wright	
<b>June 16</b>	Charlotte Wright	George Alston	Jean Houston	
<b>June 23</b>	Loretta Woodburn	George Alston	Jodie Dowhan	
<b>June 30</b>	Pat Chance	George Alston	Carol Lindley	

## LUMC Scripture Reading Schedule

DATE	READER	SCRIPTURE
May 5, 2019	Jason Duvall	Acts 9: 1-20 Psalm 30 Revelations 5:11-14 John 21: 1-19
May 12, 2019	Marie Fields	Acts 9: 36-43 Psalm 23 Revelations 7: 9-17 John 10: 22-30
May 19, 2019	Jason Duvall	Acts 11: 1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21: 1-6 John 13: 31-35
May 26, 2019	Matt Johnston	Acts 16: 9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21: 1-10, 22 - 22:5 John 14: 23-29
June 2, 2019	Jason Duvall	Acts 16: 16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17: 20-26
June 9, 2019	Marti Theune	Acts 2: 1-21 Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b Romans 8: 14-17 John 14: 8-17
June 16, 2019	Jason Duvall	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5: 1-5 John 16: 12-15
June 23, 2019	Kaye Herman	1 Kings 19: 1-15 Psalm 42 Galations 3: 23-29 Luke 8: 26-39
June 30, 2019	Nancy Beazley Wehrman	2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77: 1-2, 11-20 Galations 5: 1, 13-25 Luke 9: 51-62



**Wednesday, May 1**

1 pm LUMC Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 2**

7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

**Friday, May 3**

1 pm Service of Death and Resurrection - Dr. Phil Taylor at Calvary UMC

**Tuesday, May 7**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's

**Wednesday, May 8**

1 pm LUMC Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 9**

12 pm LUMC Trustees meeting at Casa Mia's  
7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

**Friday, May 10**

5-7 pm Fish Fry at Weaver's Chapel

**Sunday, May 12**

8 am Men's Breakfast at Calvary UMC

**Monday, May 13**

11:30 am UMW Lunch & meeting  
at LUMC fellowship hall

**Tuesday, May 14**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's  
4-6:30 pm Game Night & Supper at LUMC  
Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, May 15**

1 pm LUMC Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 16**

7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

**Sunday, May 19**

12 pm Church meeting Weaver's Chapel

**Tuesday, May 21**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's

**Wednesday, May 22**

1 pm LUMC Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 23**

7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

**Friday, May 24**

10 am Littleton ACTS Food Pantry

**Sunday, May 26**

9 am Fellowship Breakfast Weaver's Chapel

**Tuesday, May 28**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's

**Wednesday, May 29**

1 pm LUMC Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 30**

7 pm Calvary Choir Practice



**Tuesday, June 4**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's

**Wednesday, June 5**

1 pm LUMC Choir Practice

**Thursday, June 6**

7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

**Sunday, June 9**

8 am Men's Breakfast at Calvary

**Monday, June 10**

11:30 am UMW Lunch & meeting  
at LUMC fellowship hall

**Tuesday, June 11**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's  
4 pm Game Night & Supper at LUMC

**Wednesday, June 12**

*ANNUAL CONFERENCE*  
8 am Men's Breakfast at Weaver's Chapel  
12 pm Women in Christian Fellowship  
1 pm LUMC Choir Practice

**Thursday, June 13**

*ANNUAL CONFERENCE*  
12pm LUMC Trustees at Casa Mia's  
7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

**Friday, June 14**

*ANNUAL CONFERENCE*

**Saturday, June 15**

*ANNUAL CONFERENCE*

**Sunday, June 16**

3 pm SPRC at LUMC

**Tuesday, June 18**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's

**Wednesday, June 19**

1 pm LUMC Choir Practice

**Thursday, June 20**

7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

**Sunday, June 23**

9 am Fellowship Breakfast at Weaver's  
11 am Church Council at Corinth UMC

**Monday, June 24**

8 am - 12 pm VBS

**Tuesday, June 25**

6:30 am Men's Breakfast at Oscar's  
8 am - 12 pm VBS

**Wednesday, June 26**

8 am - 12 pm VBS  
1 pm LUMC Choir Practice  
5 pm Newsletter deadline

**Thursday, June 27**

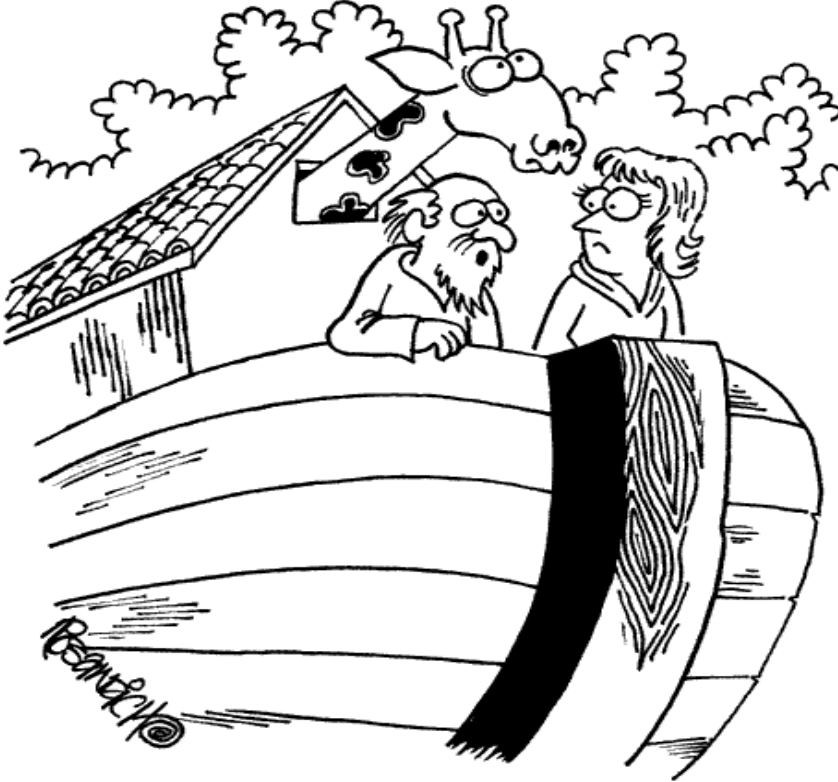
8 am - 12 pm VBS  
7 pm Calvary Choir Practice

**Friday, June 28**

8 am - 12 pm VBS

**No Littleton ACTS Food Pantry**

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**“Did you remember to water the lawn?”**



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