

# Lake City Baptist Church



## Visitors Guide

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## **WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH**

Thank you for visiting our church! This guide will introduce you to the various ministries and special events at Lake City Baptist church. We are excited that you have come to visit with us and encourage you to contact us with any questions that you may have about our church. If you are visiting or live in the Lake Charles area we hope that you will join us soon again. We would love to see you become a member of our wonderful Christ centered church.



**Worship Leader**  
*John Vincent*



**Pastor**  
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**Educational Leader**  
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**Sunday Services:  
9am-Bible Study  
10am-Sunday Morning Worship  
Wednesday Prayer Service:  
5pm-Supper Social  
6pm-Prayer Meeting**



*I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.  
Psalm 32:8*

## WE ARE CHRISTIAN BAPTISTS

So, what does that mean? Well to begin with, a Christian Baptist must first of all be saved. What does that mean? It means that you must place your faith and trust completely in Jesus Christ as the one who saved you from your sins. Sins are the bad things that we as humans do. In the Bible it says that "All have sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23.

It says in John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. God sent his only son Jesus to die on a cross for our sins so that we could spend eternity with God in Heaven. So, Why can't we spend eternity with God in Heaven? Because God is holy, He can not look on sin; therefore, something had to happen for God to be able to look past our sin. That is why Jesus had to die on the cross to cover our sin so that God would see Christ when He looks on us instead of our sins.

Jesus Paid It All...



*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways*

## **BELIEFS**

### **Lake City Baptist Church is a family of believers with the following beliefs:**

**God**—We believe that there is one God who exists in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Jesus**—We believe that Jesus is the Son of God, was born of a virgin, was holy God and holy man, lived a sinless life, died in our place as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind, was buried, arose bodily from the grave, and ascended into Heaven.

**Christ Return**—We believe that Jesus Christ will literally return to earth.

**Holy Spirit**—We believe that God the Holy Spirit is active in convincing unbelievers of their need for salvation, and is the comforter and guide who lives in every believer.

**Bible**—We believe that the Bible is the Word of God without any error, the sole authority for life and faith.

**Man**—We believe that man is a special creation of God, made in His image, but that through the sin of the first man, Adam, mankind fell so that all men are sinners and need salvation.

**Salvation**—We believe that salvation is a gift received through repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Assurance**—We believe that every person who is truly saved is eternally secure in the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Eternity**—We believe that those persons who die in their sins without Christ spend eternity in Hell and those persons who die with their sins forgiven through Christ spend eternity in Heaven.

**Baptism**—We believe that water baptism is an act of obedience to the command of Christ and is by immersion after salvation.

**Church**—We believe that the church is a local body of baptized believers with the Lord Jesus Christ as the head.

**Prayer**—We believe that each believer has direct access to God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Government**—We believe in the separation of church and state, but not in separation of God and government.



*The grass withers, the flowers fade; but the word of our God shall stand forever  
Isaiah 40:8*

## **THANK YOU!**

We're thrilled you've decided to get to know us! Before we get started we would like to share a few things from our heart to yours. You see, Lake City Baptist Church is on a mission that is the foundation for everything we say, do, believe, and promote. Simply stated, our mission is to transform lives by leading others to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The example of Jesus loving our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40) is ingrained in our every effort to reach neighbors in our immediate community and around the world.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**We exist to evangelize the lost, build up the saved, minister to the needs of others, and be conscience in the community.**

## **SMALL CHURCH ADVANTAGES:**

- The formation and sustenance of personal relationships. Lots of "T.L.G." (Touching, Loving, Giving).
  - Workers understanding their role in relation with the whole.
    - Opportunity for personal growth.
    - Accountability for holy living for pastor and people.
- Involvement with a sense of responsibility. The small church provides both opportunity and encouragement for a higher percentage of people to be involved in ministry.
  - Modeling of Christian character - teaching by example.
- The Pastor remains as a person. There is less chance of the unhealthy separation and idolizing the man. This also may mean the Pastor and family will receive more personal, emotional support. The small church may be able to more easily avoid the "Super Pastor" syndrome.
  - Church as family can best be experienced in the small church.
  - Renewal, restoration, and innovation can more easily take place.
- Flexibility of structure, being able to respond to change, to innovate, as well as respond to crisis needs and opportunities.
- The development and use of spiritual gifts (all of them) is more likely in the small church.
- There are unique opportunities available to the small church which may be less possible or manageable for the larger congregation.



*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him*

## **ACTIVITIES**

At Lake City Baptist Church we must remember Jesus is the main reason we are here, to worship with him and for him. Sure activities are important in a healthy church, but we should never put them above our Lord Jesus Christ. With that said below you will find a list of activities we have to offer for your entire family.

**(JESUS IS THE STAR OF THE SHOW AT LCBC!)**

### **WE OFFER:**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL SUPPER!**

**YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**OUTREACH MINISTRY GROUPS**

**GIRLS IN ACTION (GA'S)**

**PRAYER PARTNER GROUPS**

**ROYAL AMBASSADORS (RA'S)**

**MEN'S GROUPS AND WOMEN'S GROUPS**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (CHILDREN'S CHURCH)**

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING**

**FIFTH SUNDAY PRAISE SERVICES**

**THE MOST APPEALING NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE  
TO KEEP UPDATED ON ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH !**

**SPECIAL HOLIDAY SERVICES DURING THE YEAR!**

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

**AND THE LAST AND MOST IMPORTANT THING WE  
OFFER IS A BIBLE BELIEVING CHURCH WITH A  
PASTOR THAT PREACHES THE WORD OF GOD !**



*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Romans 8:14*

## **THE ONLY WAY TO GOD!**

*"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6)*

*"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" (1 Timothy 2:5)*

Perhaps you have heard someone say "there are many ways to God". This is a very popular claim but it is simply false. **There is only one way to God**, and that one way is through Jesus Christ, God's Son. All other ways will lead you to judgment by God for your sins, followed by punishment in the eternal Lake of Fire.

*"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8)*

You have broken many of God's laws. You have lied. You have stolen things that did not belong to you. You have dishonored your father. You have had lust in your heart. You have committed many wicked sins. The breaking of God's law is called sin. God is Holy. God is righteous. God must therefore judge you for your sins when you die. God will read your sins out of His books at the Great White Throne Judgment. You will then be cast into Hell to burn there forever as punishment by God for your sins.

*"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)*

Jesus died on a cross to pay for your sins with His blood. What Jesus did on the cross for you 2,000 years ago is just as effective today as it was then. If you trust Jesus to pay for your sins, then you will not have to pay for your sins yourself in the Lake of Fire when you die. Instead, Jesus will forgive your sins and give you Eternal Life in Heaven with Him when you die.

*"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (1 John 5:11-12)*

Jesus died for your sins, was buried, rose again from the dead, and then ascended up into Heaven where He is now seated at the right hand of God The Father. The "Good News" or "Gospel", is that salvation from the penalty for your sins is now available to you through Jesus Christ. Jesus loves you and wants you to go to Heaven to be with Him when you die. Trust Jesus to pay for your sins, because Jesus is the only way to be forgiven for your sins by a Righteous and Holy God.



*That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. John 1:9*

## **SALVATION THROUGH CHRIST: A MATTER OF FAITH**

**What do you think it takes for someone to get to heaven?** Is it luck? Good deeds? Nothing at all? Or is there something more? The Bible has the real answer to this question.

It's a matter of FAITH.

**F stands for FORGIVENESS.** We cannot have eternal life without God's forgiveness. Ephesians 1:7 says, "In Him (Jesus Christ) we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins."

**A is for AVAILABLE.** Forgiveness is available for all. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." But forgiveness is not automatic. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven," says Matthew 7:21.

**I is for IMPOSSIBLE.** It is impossible for God to allow sin into heaven because of who He is and because of who we are. God is loving and just, but His judgment is *against* sin. James 2:13 says, "Because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful." We are sinful people. Romans 3:23 tells us, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

**T is for TURN.** To turn means to repent. We can repent -- or turn -- from our sin and from ourselves. "But unless you repent, you too will all perish," Luke 13:3 says. We can also turn to Someone. Trust Christ alone. Romans 10:9 tells us how: "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

**H is for HEAVEN.** Heaven is eternal life. Here, that means life "to the full:" "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full (John 10:10)." In the hereafter, it means the promise of heaven: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am (John 14:3)."

**So how can a person have God's forgiveness, heaven and eternal life, and Jesus as personal Savior and Lord?** By trusting in Christ and asking Him for forgiveness. Take the step of faith described by another meaning of FAITH: Forsaking All I Trust Him.

You do this through a simple prayer reflecting your desire for Christ to change your life. You don't need fancy words--only an honest heart. You can pray something like this:

**Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner and have displeased You in many ways. I believe You died for my sin, and only through faith in Your death and resurrection can I be forgiven. I want to turn from my sin and ask You to come into my life as my Savior and Lord. From this day on, I will follow You by living a life that pleases You.**

**Thank you, Lord Jesus, for saving me. Amen.**

Accepting Christ is just the beginning of a wonderful adventure with God! Get to know Him better in a number of ways:

- Follow Christ's example in baptism.
- Join a church where you can worship God and grow in your faith.
- In your church, get involved in Sunday school and Bible study.
- Begin a daily personal worship experience with God where you study the Bible and pray.

**We'd love to hear from you, fill out the form on the next page and return it when you visit with us the next time, and we will get in contact with you. You have made the right decision, and you can look forward to being with the Lord in the future.**

## VISITORS FOLLOW-UP CARD

**We are honored that you chose to visit us today. Please take a moment to Let us get to know you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate To ask. We hope that you will join us in worship again. May God bless!**

Please Print:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

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Children/Family

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

I am here today because I.....

\_\_\_\_\_ am a first-time visitor.

\_\_\_\_\_ am the guest of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ am new to the area.

\_\_\_\_\_ am looking for a new church.

\_\_\_\_\_ am Interested In Bible study.

\_\_\_\_\_ have a crisis in my life.

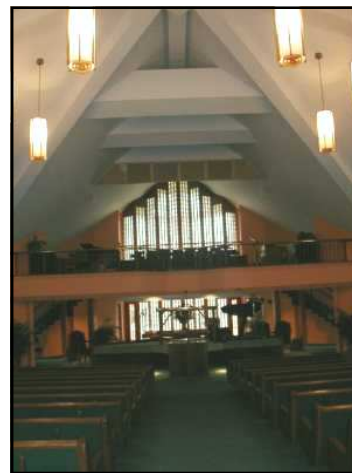
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**We Offer: A Place To Worship ! A Place To Call Home ! A Place Where Everyone Is Welcomed !**

*Experience  
the blessings  
of Christ  
with us!*



**Our Church Home**