

Utility Board Updates

Don Seagrove, president of the Lake Lorman Utility Board, recently reported on several developments at the utility board. Speaking at the regular board meeting of the Lake Lorman Corporation, Don explained the necessity for sewer and water rate increases. "There has been a tremendous increase in repair bills." For example, pumps that used to cost \$1,000 now cost \$3,000 to repair. He said the costs for handling sewage has recently been exceeding revenue by \$4,000 to \$6,000 or more a month. "That's where we're taking a licking."

Don said the utility board has worked with the Mississippi Water Rural Association and the board's certified public accountant to bring revenue and expenses more in line by adjusting the rates for our water and sewer services. He said the rate increases are slightly less than those recommended by the association. The base water rate will increase from \$37 monthly to \$45; sewer base rate will increase from \$30 to \$55. Don said 144 homes out of 214 hook-ups use the base rate. There will also be increases for additional water and sewer uses above the first two thousand gallons of each. He noted the last rate increase was eight to nine years ago.

He noted that the Lake Lorman district is also responsible for Lake Cavalier's sewage and the rate for them is also increasing. He promised that the board would be evaluating the pricing increase for a couple of months. "We could reduce the rates after a while," he told the board and people at the board's May meeting.

Regarding the construction of a new fire station, Don said a contract for the purchase of a two acre lot has been sent to the owners of land at the intersection of Lake Cavalier and Coker roads. If the owners sign, then it will be up to the county supervisors to sign. Don said we are looking at 18 to 24 months after the contracts are signed before a building is built.

In another matter, last month a broken water main was discovered near the end of Lakeshore Drive, resulting in a water shut-off while the repair was made and a two day water boil alert. 25-30 residences were affected. In an email communication with the newsletter, Don noted, "the water main is the large carrier line from the high rise water tank. Homes tap into this line to obtain water for their homes. This line loops the lake."

Don said two days' notice allows enough chlorine to be replaced in the line to kill any bacteria. A precautionary boil water notice does not require testing, he added, but he did request samples to be tested. "All tested fine with no problems."

"IRIS communication system continues to notify residents of problems that affect them directly. It notifies residents by cell phone, land line, and email. It gives the utility district a record of who are notified, when they opened their email and answered their iPhones and land lines."

Firemen's Appreciation Dinner



Members of the Lake Lorman community recently hosted a dinner for the Southwest Madison County Fire Department volunteers and their families. Thirty Lake Lorman residents donated food, drinks, supplies, time, and money to show our support for and appreciation of the firefighters and EMTs and for their families for the sacrifices they also make.

There were pontoon rides and fishing from the clubhouse piers before the dinner. Ben said there were 37 firefighters and their families. An additional six people from the Southwest Fire board and spouses also attended.

Neighbors donating food, drinks, and supplies were Margie Abel, Sarah Lea Anglin, Lucky Chaplain, Janis Clark, Kimberly Cleland, Bruce Cranmer, Karen de Kock, Kelley Dickinson, , Norma Hankins, Cindy Holt, Lavon Huff, Bill Jones, Linda McCraw, Diane Pumphrey, and Kay Watts. The Cock of the Walk restaurant contributed the cole slaw.

Mike Clark served as emcee and welcomed the firemen and their families to our community. Clint Brantley thanked the firefighters for their dedication and commitment. Chaplain Marti Reynolds prayed for their safety in dangerous conditions and blessed the food. Captain Rob Lehman introduced the firemen and thanked our community for its support.

Giving boat rides were Dale Anglin, Woody Holt, Bill Hulett, and Tom Johnson.





People who contributed money for the barbecue pulled pork, soft drinks, etc were Clint Brantley, Lucky Chaplain, Tommy Draughn, John Gill, Ed Henson, Myra Hester, Karen Hulett, Bob and Betty Marsh, Mandy Robertson, Mark Warren, and Barry Woodward.

Sarah Lea Anglin, Janis Clark, Cindy Holt, Kelley Dickinson, Norma Hankins, and Diane Pumphrey were the serving and clean-up crew.

Thanks to all who made this a successful evening for our guests.

New Fire Chief

Gate 7 resident Ben Hawthorne was recently elected fire chief of the Southwest Madison County Fire Department by his colleagues in the department. Ben said he is humbled by their unanimous vote of confidence and is looking forward to implementing his ideas.

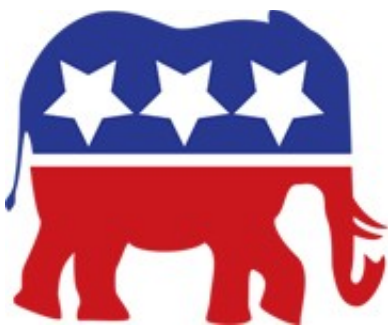
Ben helped start the Southwest department in 1996 while he was a member of the Ridgeland Fire Department and attending medic school. He left Ridgeland when he was offered a job with the Vicksburg Fire Department in 2000 where he worked until the beginning of 2013 when he moved back to our area. He rejoined the Southwest Fire Department where he served as captain until his April election to chief.



Ben, who is a registered nurse and paramedic, is enthusiastic about the department's prospects. He said the volunteer firefighters are looking forward to the new station. Ben noted that the group now has more professional firemen and police officers and an EMT. He is working slowly toward a paid department with a full-time presence at the station, he said. He expects this should to pull the fire insurance rating down.

The new chief stressed he wants to be proactive by promoting preventive measures and educating the community about fire and safety issues. Ben said he wants to emphasize that everyone in the neighborhood knows this is their fire department and it is there for them.

Presidential Politics



On a peaceful day at Lake Lorman, the tumult of national politics can seem far removed. But as the presidential race swept across the country during the primary season, Lake Lorman voters were not immune to the political wars going on in the rest of the country. And when it turned out voters were surprised that primary votes didn't always turn into delegates, some area residents were making plans to see that the delegates followed the votes in Mississippi.



The Democrat and Republican parties both held their preferential primary in March in Mississippi. But that is only one step, as voters learned, toward choosing their respective nominees. The process is essentially the same for both parties in Mississippi. Precinct meetings for Democrats and Republicans are held locally. At those meetings delegates are chosen to attend the county convention and then the state convention. The Democrats also have a congressional district convention. At the state conventions and the Democrat congressional convention delegates are chosen to attend the national conventions where the presidential candidates are nominated.

Madison County has 42 separate precincts. Our precinct is #411 at Twin Lakes Baptist Church. In the Democrat primary Hillary Clinton won 174 votes (80.5%) and Bernie Sanders collected 41 votes (19%). In the Republican primary Donald Trump received 189 votes (41.6%). Ted Cruz was second with 144 votes (31.7%) with John Kasich third at 97 votes (21.3%). Marco Rubio received 17 votes (3.7%). The Democrats held their precinct meetings statewide in February. Unfortunately, according to Brittany, the compliant officer at Democrat state party headquarters, no one showed up for the precinct meeting. She noted that this is common because the precinct meetings are not well known.

The GOP precinct meetings were held across the state on April 23. About 30 Republicans showed up at Twin Lakes Baptist Church to name a delegate and alternate to the Madison County convention. Four people were nominated in the parking lot meeting. Each gave a short speech and answered questions. Ann Hall was elected delegate and attended the Madison County convention that same afternoon. Dan Dickinson was elected alternate. At the county meeting delegates were chosen to attend the state convention.

Commenting on the precinct meeting, Ann Hall said, "That is way democracy is supposed to work. The people elect their delegates at the precinct meeting." A former civics teacher, she added that more people would have attended the precinct meetings but the parties do not publicize them. The county convention was run very professionally, she commented, and went smoothly compared to some of counties she heard about.

The Bird's Eye View

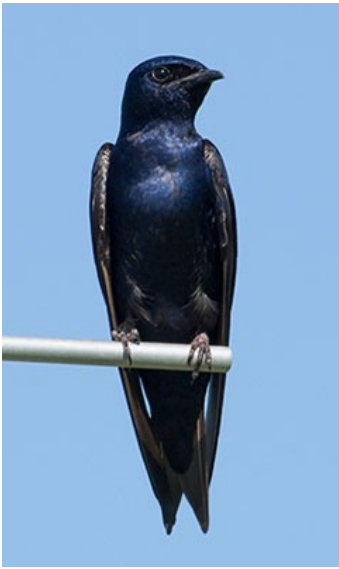
By Dale and Sarah Lea Anglin

Color me purple...Purple Martins, that is! We've never written about these beauties because, quite honestly, we don't know anything about them (and we don't live on a lot that would attract them). However, on our various kayaking trips around the lake, and in speaking with neighbors, we've enjoyed watching Purple Martins flying around their nesting houses, and have discovered that many of you (our loyal readers) are very interested in them. So...a little bit of internet sleuthing and voila: the Purple Martin Conservation Association website (www.purplemartin.org) is full of everything you ever wanted to know about Purple Martins. In the interest of plagiarism avoidance and proper attribution, the information below is from this website (sometimes directly cut and pasted, sometimes shortened).

Purple Martin 101

What is a Purple Martin?

Purple Martins (*Progne subis*) are the largest member of the swallow family in North America. They have a short slightly-hooked beak, broad chest and forked tail. Their flight pattern is typical of swallows, short glides with longer alternating flapping.

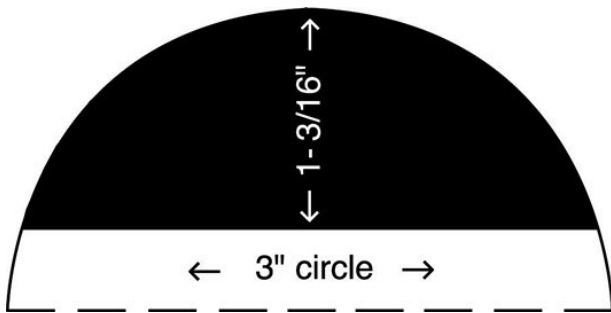


How do I attract Purple Martins?

To attract Purple Martins, you should erect the appropriate house (that is resistant by design to occupation by starlings, that scourge of a non-native bird about which we will not speak!), in the proper location, and maintain it properly. East of the Rocky Mountains Purple Martins are dependent on human-supplied housing—so if you build it (correctly, in the correct location, and maintain it properly), they will come.

What type of housing do Purple Martins prefer?

Martins are social and prefer multi-compartment houses or groups of gourds with the appropriate-sized entrance hole and a porch on which to perch. These should be on a pole 12-18 feet above ground (which means you should sink the pole in concrete 18-25 inches below ground to keep it from toppling in the wind).



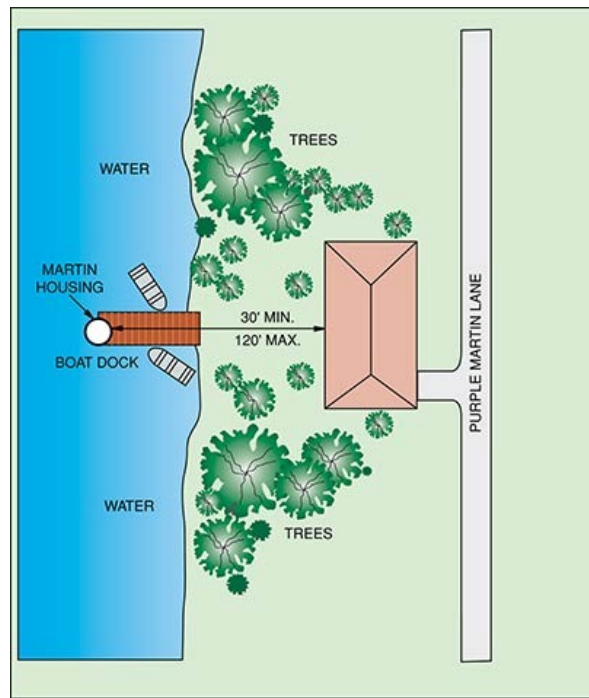
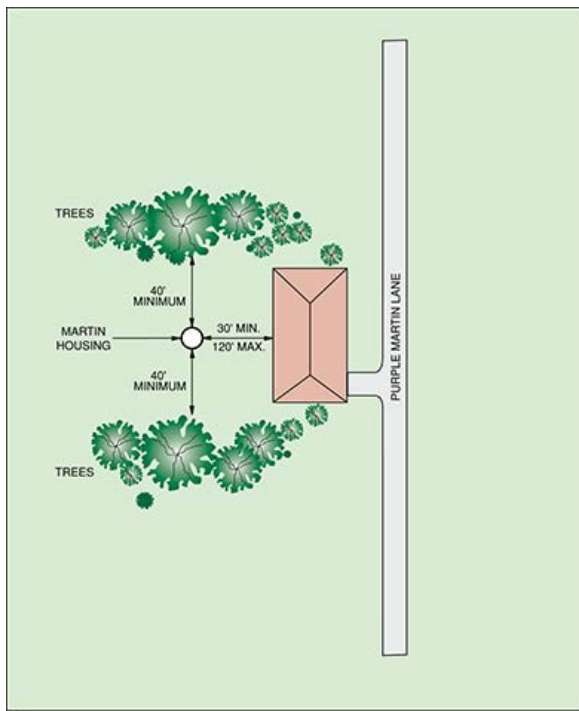
Entrance Hole: Traditional round entrance holes are generally 2-1/8" in diameter, but a range between 1-3/4" and 2-1/4" is acceptable. Round entrances should be placed 1" to 1-1/2" above the floor or porch. Starling-resistant entrance holes (1-3/16" tall x 2-3/4" to 3" wide) should be placed so the bottom of the entrance is flush with the compartment floor, or not more than 1/4" above it. With gourds a porch is not required with a starling-resistant entrance although many landlords (that would be you!) use them.



Where should I erect the Purple Martin house?

Location, location, location! One of the most important steps in attracting Purple Martins is choosing the right location for your martin housing. Martins prefer housing that is placed in open areas with clear flyways. Choose the center of the largest open spot available, about 30-120 feet from human housing and at least 40-60 feet from trees. In the southern half of their breeding range, martins may accept housing that is placed within 25 feet of trees, but open areas are always best.

Place the housing where you can enjoy watching the birds. Entrance orientation—north, east, south, or west—doesn't matter. But once the martins have arrived, make sure the housing is kept in the same orientation. If the housing spins or twists around the pole and is not reoriented, the martins may become disoriented and abandon their nests. Do not attach any wires to the house or pole that may lead to trees, buildings, or the ground as they may allow predators to access the housing.



What is required to properly maintain a Purple Martin habitat?

Replacing: Ideally housing should be replaced over a two-year period. Because Purple Martins exhibit site fidelity, returning to the same colony site every year, drastically changing housing from one season to the next may result in site abandonment. Unless the replacement housing is identical, and erected in the same location, the best solution is to erect the new housing near the old for an entire season. Do not replace or eliminate the old housing until some of the martins have accepted and bred in the new housing. Landlords with several active housing systems may replace a house between seasons without risk of colony loss.

Keep Your Housing in Good Repair: In the fall, remove nests and scrub housing with a 10% bleach solution (1 part bleach to 9 parts water.) Rinse and air dry before storing or closing for the winter. Take care of any needed repairs now, so you won't be caught unprepared next spring. All types of housing will last longer if stored indoors over the winter. If housing is left out, however, cover the house or plug the holes, otherwise House Sparrows and starlings will claim them in late winter and will be hard to dislodge next spring.

Thanks to the many Lake Lorman Purple Martin Landlords for keeping these gorgeous birds in our community. If you are interested in more information, please see the website www.purplemartin.com!

And Now For The Rest Of The Story:

(Remember the Geese which built its' nest on top of a boat house in the last Newsletter)

Mrs. Goose & Mr. Gander are now the very proud Mother Goose & Father Gander. I don't know exactly when they hatched but five baby geese finally got the courage to follow their Mother and jumped into the lake today (April 15) about one o'clock. The last I saw of them they were swimming toward the open lake waters. If you see them please take pictures. It was raining at the time so I didn't try to take any. This has been very interesting to watch and everyone who read the story wants to know how it will end.

- Malcolm & Carolyn Young

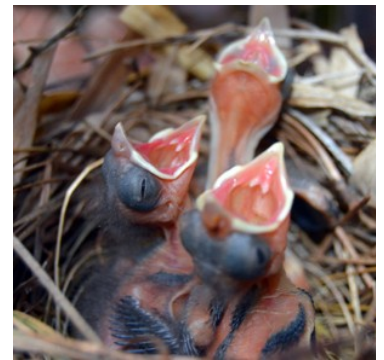
A Sunday Surprise



As I went out to check on the paper, sans coffee, last Sunday, lounging peacefully next to my back door was my surprise! After involuntarily uttering some four letter words first learned in Chaucer and on the boy's locker room walls in junior high school, and discovering that a very senior citizen could actually become airborne from a standing position, I collected myself and realized what I saw was a nonpoisonous garter snake, almost a meter long, resting on the ledge by the outdoor fountain.

Garter snakes are nonpoisonous, quite common and do an excellent job of ridding their area of mice, voles, insects, slugs and other creatures troublesome to humans. However, they may also enjoy young birds in nests or the bird eggs. Sometimes we must have the bitter with the sweet. Garter snakes are easily identified by the yellow stripes running the length of its' body.

The morning surprise was relieved of its post by the door and deposited away from the house in a wooded area, hopefully to find a new home and food supply.



Since this is a gardening article perhaps we should stray on subject. June is still a good month for planting gladiolus. Planted now they will give lovely fall blooms. Time to divide and replant iris, cut back leaves to six inches after transplant. Plant tomatoes late this month to insure harvest late into fall.

Cherry tomatoes are a choice that are heat tolerant. Finally, always plant crepe myrtles in bloom to be sure of color. If your tomatoes need fertilizer I recommend a 5-10-10 to encourage fruit production, not foliage growth.



First Lake Lorman Deck Tomato Ready

Postscript: Thank you to the **Beautification Club** for painting the entry gates... they look great... maybe consideration should be given to taking out the less than attractive, old timer, holding on, plants left from long ago and just have an easy to maintain – no water or pruning required mulch bed at those gates where that condition exists. Gates 1 & 7 look fine as well as a couple of others... but check them out and consider a low maintenance profile... just a thought.

Until next issue,
~ Peace & Love,



Lake Lorman Yard of the Month
Cindy Holt awards the Yard Of The Month Award Receptient
a \$25.00 Lowe's Gift Card.
Photographs are taken by Bill de Veer.

May Yard of the Month:
Earl and Norma Hankins
3760 Coker Road



June Yard of the Month:
Mark and Kathy Warren
203 Lakeshore Drive

Blue Camouflaged Rocket Ride



Bill Cox, a Coker Road neighbor and a former two term Board member, piloted this jet in Santa Fe in early May. The Newsletter asked Bill to tell us about this experience.

My friend Larry owns 3 Russian MiGs and a T-33 jet like I flew in the USAF as a flight instructor. This plane is an L-39 “Albatross,” manufactured in Czechoslovakia as a Russian 2 seat attack jet trainer. The engine is a turbofan jet (like a Boeing 757) giving it impressive, “push you back against the seat,” power when you punch the throttle. Acceleration takes your breath away, like grabbing hold of a runaway railroad locomotive. Larry flew with me as my instructor but I flew it from start to finish, Larry never having to touch the controls; ‘hot mikes’ gave us instant, clear communications.



Before I flew, I studied the Pilot Handbook, learning all controls, air speeds, fuel, electrical and engine systems. Arriving at the Santa Fe airport, I spent time alone in the cockpit quietly studying where all the levers, switches, valves, dials, indicators and controls are, because there is no time when flying this thing to be looking around for something in the cockpit. At these speeds, the machine covers the length of three football fields in just seconds.

The jet is extremely powerful, maneuverable, quick, and a total blast to fly. At altitude, I flew about 400-500 mph, pushed the limits a bit, did some acrobatics around puffy white cloud hallways and canyons within brilliant white towering cloud castles over the snow-capped mountains west of Santa Fe. We had FAA radar clearance for a block of airspace, 12,500 feet up to 18,500 feet to keep everyone safe-- us and airliners. Playing around with the plane, I would tweak the top of a cloud with a tip-tank, spinning a wispy white tornado behind us. Sometimes I'd just roll the plane over, point the sleek needle nose at the tan desert floor, and feel the buffeting speed as the airspeed needle raced around the dial towards our limiting Mach.



Most challenging and fun were the dozen or so landings and take offs, called touch and go landings; touch down on the runway, then bring in full throttle, lift off and clean up the gear and flaps and go around for another one. This is the fun part to me, down low where the power of that thundering engine thrust really shows up blurring the runway as she accelerates. Things really happen fast down low. Larry asked me as we taxied back to park after the hour's flight, "Bill, how old are you?" I told him and he replied, "I sure hope I can fly as good as you did today when I get to be 82." My reaction to that made me recall Dirty Harry's famous line in the movie, "Go ahead....make my day."



Memorial Day Pot Luck and Fish Fry



Lake Lorman WWII Veterans Kelly Jones and John Grace with Shirley Grace



Karen de Kock, chair of the board's social committee, reported that about 65 people attended the Memorial Day potluck supper at the clubhouse last week. Karen said the board sponsored the event, which was spearheaded by the social/beautification committee, which helped decorate the clubhouse and clean up afterward. Scot Thigpen and Ray Robertson fried 250 pounds of fish that were harvested when the lake was shocked in April. Tommy Draughn, Ray Robertson, Van Jones, Charlie Pounds, and Dale Anglin cleaned the fish. Mandy Robertson and Kimberly Thigpen battered the fish for the frying.



Karen said there will be another potluck for the 4th of July at lunchtime with a boat parade in the morning before the lunch. Karen added, "We do want folks to know children are welcome to all the potlucks."



Around the Neighborhood



"Brava Mississippi," a show of art works by native Mississippian and Lake Lorman resident **Beth Dean** (drawing from her years of travel to Italy) and famed Italian sculptor, painter and poet Mariano Pietrini, in his U.S. debut exhibition, were on exhibit at the Jackson Municipal Art Gallery through May. A reception to meet the artists was a huge success and attendees included several Lake Lorman neighbors.

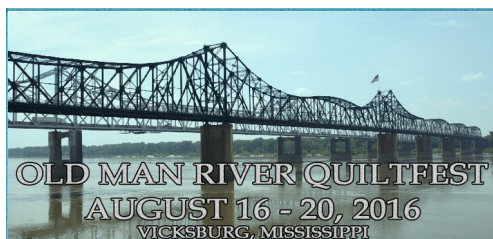
Beth began painting as a very young child and studied under many local Mississippi artists and was classically trained in her early fine arts education. She holds a B.S. in Interior Design, with an elected emphasis in Renaissance Art History. Following a successful career as a commercial interior designer owning her own firm, working throughout the South Beth has been fulfilling her life-long passion of painting professionally since 1998.

Beth's primary medium is oil paints. Her impressionistic paintings are made in her studio

as well as en plein air. She regularly attends workshops, studying under nationally recognized artists to continually expand her education. Her love of God's Creations, travel and adventure is obvious in her artwork. Beth conducts Oil Painting classes, Art & Travel Journaling workshops and Plein Air workshops.



Beth gratefully resides on Lake Lorman with her architect husband, Richard and their two sons. You can learn more about her amazing artwork at her website: <http://bethdeanstudio.com/>



Board Member **Myra Cook** has dazzled us for years now with her award winning quilts. Myra suggested the upcoming "Old Man River Quiltfest" in Vicksburg for any who quilt or just have an appreciation for the craft/art. For more information: <https://www.oldmanriverquiltfest.com/>

Mary Ann Sones is Commencement Speaker: Lake Lorman neighbor **Mary Ann Sones** delivered the commencement address to the nursing and health graduates of the Hinds Community College in May. Mary Ann, who started working at the school in 1970, is the retired dean of the Nursing/Allied Health Center. Currently the dean emeritus, she retired in 2004.

Save the Dates:

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, June 13, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting:** Monday, June 20, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Independence Day Potluck:** Monday, July 4, 2016 – 12:00 noon
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, July 11, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting:** Monday, July 18, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, August 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting:** Monday, August 15, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Labor Day Potluck:** Monday, September 5, 2016
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, September 12, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Corporation Board Meeting:** Monday, September 19, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

Be sure to check the [Calendar](#) on the Lake Lorman website for scheduled activities, meetings and events.

Twin Lakes Baptist Church

You Are Invited to Join Us ~ Everyone is Welcome!

Regular Weekly services:

- **Sunday-Bible Study** 9:30 am, **Worship** 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. Children and youth meet at 6:30 pm.
- **Tuesday – Community Men's Bible Study** 6:15 am in church fellowship hall
- **Wednesday, Supper** 5:30 pm and **Bible Study** 6:30 pm. Call church at 601-856-2305 no later than Tuesday morning to make reservation for meal. Cost \$6.00.

Hugh Smith, Pastor (601-259-4567) - ALL ARE INVITED

Upcoming Events:

- **Mission Cortez Trip:** June 4th – June 12th – Cortez, Colorado Navajo Indian reservation

Upcoming Adult Ministry Events:

- **Trip to Country Girls Creamery, Lumberton, MS (a working dairy farm)** -- Tuesday, June 28th – Lunch at Crescent City Grill in Hattiesburg – Cost: \$5.00 plus lunch & spending money (there will be products to buy at the dairy) -- Contact Cindy Holt for more information or to book your spot. (601-937-6701)
- **Fall Trip to Branson, MO** – September 19th thru September 23rd – Price includes 6 shows, 3 tours, 10 meals, hotel, transportation, & shopping. You will be responsible for 3 lunches & spending money – Prices: Single- \$525; Double- \$450; Triple- \$425; Quad- \$400 -- Deposit of \$200 due July 1st and balance due August 15th -- Contact Cindy Holt for more information or to book your trip. (601-937-6701)

Vacation Bible School – July 26th thru July 31st – Tuesday through Friday times 5:00 pm until 8:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am to 12:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am to 11:30 am – Ages 4 yr. old through finishing 6th grade. Supper served each night and Saturday snack. Come join us for a great time at Vacation Bible School.

Classifieds:

Pet Sitting Available: Lake Lorman residents **Emma** and **Sarah Elkin** (who live in Gate 7) are available for pet sitting, pet bathing, and pet walking in the Lake Lorman community. They will also water plants if needed. Rates are negotiable depending on services needed. Please contact **Emma or Sarah Elkin** at **601-212-5658** or elkin6@comcast.net.



Babysitting Available: Lake Lorman resident **Reagan Leeper** is available for babysitting young children in the Lake Lorman community. Rates are negotiable depending on services needed.

Please contact Reagan at 601-502-4223 or danajwhite@gmail.com.

Classifieds are your opportunity to tell your neighbors about anything you might have for sale or services offered. If you are a Lake Lorman Corporation member in good standing (dues paid, etc.) advertising a personal item (boat, lawnmower, table, etc.) listings are **free** – just send us your listings and remember the **Lake Lorman Community News** publishes approximately bi-monthly.

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Contact **Kelley Dickinson** (601-856-7371 kelleydickinson@lakelormanms.com) or **Bill Jones** (601-331-2417 billjones@lakelormanms.com) with suggestions for stories of interest, "Letters to the Editor", school awards, births, weddings, trips, etc.

For additional lake information: <http://www.lakelormanms.com> and on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Madison-MS/Lake-Lorman/309416818289>.

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