



A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JIM

TWO things ...

FIRST...

Psalms 118:24 – ***“THIS is the day the LORD has made; Let us REJOICE and be GLAD in it.”***

I love that Scripture, and I can tell that MANY of you love it, too! What a great way to start EACH day of the week!

Ponder that for a moment... then think: HOW hungry people in America are for cheer, happiness, kindness AND the ***“love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control”*** (the FRUIT of the Spirit) that we have in Christ! Remember: We can only show those qualities by the POWER of the Holy Spirit within us. Additionally, how FANTASTIC, beautiful, and joyous is the Gospel: the GOOD NEWS of Jesus!

ONE of the KEY things that attracts people to the Lake Church is YOU! Your JOY, friendliness, saying HI to others, caring, listening, praying for others and so much more. No one enters our church – whether first time or a regular – without being greeted with smiles and words of welcome! I’ve recently been summarizing it all by ending the service with: *“I trust that something from the Message, the Music and/or the Mingling has brought you closer to the LORD than when you walked through the doors.”*

Don’t underappreciate the power of JOY that we all project and share with one another!

SECOND... My announcement from last Sunday about “An Opportunity”

Yes, after YEARS of bridge-building with the owners of Lake San Marcos (Pacifica Enterprises in RSF), I finally saw a light at the end of the tunnel. The details are not set in stone... but the OPPORTUNITY for a permanent place for us as a church is on the table.

The Lake Church, Pacifica Enterprises (P.E.), and the management here at the Lakehouse are considering HOW we might rebuild the Conference Center into a facility that would BETTER meet our needs and could still meet the occasional event hosting needs of the Lakehouse. It would be a partnership of sorts. What that looks like... we don’t know exactly. That will be in the details (and yes, I do know what they say about “details”).



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But the GOOD NEWS is that, for the FIRST TIME in the 13 years I've been here, and for the 60+ years that our church has been here, we have something positive and permanent on the table. P.E. owns LOTS of properties and has done extensive building/remodeling. Based on their experience they are saying this will likely be a 2+ year project... and will probably require a complete building tear down (or thereabouts).

A couple of week ago Art Pedersen (our Board Chair) and I had a meeting with Pino Vitti (CFO for P.E.) at their headquarters in Rancho Santa Fe. At the meeting Pino suggested we develop three lists: (1) things we **MUST** have, (2) things we'd **LIKE** to have, and (3) things we'd **DREAM** about having in an all-new facility.

For one, we'd require our AV (Audio/Visual) system to be permanently installed – no more weekly setup/takedown. We'd want a large screen at the front (much brighter and easier to read) and no projectors on the wall like we have now. A higher ceiling would be needed, along with improved speakers and a new permanent stage that doesn't squeak when I (or others) move around. I'm sure you get the idea. These are some suggestions I've already received... and we're just getting us started!

So, what would **YOU** like to see here in the remodeled building? Things that would better meet OUR needs yet remain FLEXIBLE for the needs of the Lakehouse. Remember... ALL we're looking for at this time is IDEAS ... SUGGESTIONS ... THOUGHTS.

So, write down your suggestions, bring them to church and drop them off in the back OR... send your suggestions via email to Debbie (debbie@lakechurch.org). Debbie is our Church Administrator and will be our collection point for all the ideas. We'll have some meetings the Board and the Staff over the next few months and – down the road – for all from the church. In the meantime, we'll also have a couple of meetings with Ryan Smith, General Manager here at the Lakehouse (Ryan, Art, and I have a good working relationship). Pino tells me Ryan has been tasked with doing for the Lakehouse what we are doing for the Lake Church... brainstorming a “wish list.”

So, please join Debbie and me (and all the board and staff) in PRAYER about this. We will need wisdom and favor with ALL the “powers that be” (building department, fire department, etc.) as well as unity with Lakehouse and Pacifica ... to bring this to fruition.

In the MEANTIME... we'll continue to be the Lake Church and to be FULL of love, joy, peace, and MORE!

Thank you for being a part of our Church... where people from all types of church backgrounds (or none at all) come to grow in their faith, learn about the Word of God, and worship Almighty God and Jesus Christ, His Son, our Savior!

To God be the glory, great things HE has done! *Pastor Jim*