



# LACOMBE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH



DECEMBER 2025

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# Welcome



**BRYAN  
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## THERE'S A PLACE DESIGNED JUST FOR YOU AT LPC

Lacombe Pentecostal Church relentlessly reaches out to people who are far from God by revealing the grace of God offered through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

We are also passionate to seek and strengthen those who already know God by igniting them to action in their faith.

We believe that by God's grace alone,  
those who repent from their sin  
and confess faith in  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
Salvation is available

to all people by the loving,  
redemptive act of the triune God.

It is our joy to share this news with the world.

Here at LPC, we are committed to being passionately Biblical,  
overwhelmingly loving,  
and fully committed to the glory of Jesus.

**We would love to make this place your home too.**





# Purpose Statement

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## Lacombe Pentecostal Church

**"LPC purposes to see people become devoted believers in Jesus Christ."**

Who having received through Christ, forgiveness and eternal life and are becoming restored, healed, equipped and serving anointed worshippers of the Living God.

LPC is a place to belong to His family. LPC is place to become all that God has purposed for your life, actively serving in the Kingdom of God for the Glory of Christ Jesus.

We are prayerfully and intentionally seeking to raise a generation of believers, who are not afraid or skeptical of the supernatural workings of the Holy Spirit and are visible, verbal, and unapologetic of the glorious hope that is within them; who are living by God's faith, and are authentic representatives of Jesus Christ.

Does it give you a sense of direction, or empowerment for you to express your spiritual and natural gifts toward the purpose?

What things, events, or ministries might you identify that has helped to fulfill the purpose statement?

If we choose to, what two or three things could we all do to accelerate the above statement and subsequent paragraphs so that more people in City of Lacombe would become believers in Jesus Christ?

# Ways You Can *SERVE*

*Having a place to minister and serve is instrumental in truly belonging to a community.  
LPC wants to assist you in finding a place for you to use and grow in your spiritual gifts,  
which ultimately edifies the Body of Christ.*

*If you wish to get  
involved in any of  
these ministries,  
contact one of the  
Staff or Lead  
Team*



AMAZING GRACE  
ALTAR PRAYER  
ANCHOR KIDS LEADER/HELPER  
AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM  
COFFEE CORNER  
COFFEE  
COMMUNION  
CONNECT CORNER  
CONNECT GROUP LEADERS/HELPERS  
DEBIT  
DECORATING  
EZ WORSHIP  
GREETER  
GRIEF SHARE  
HANDS & FEET  
INTERCESSORY PRAYER  
LIBRARY  
MEN'S GROUP  
NURSERY WORKER  
PRAYER CHAIN  
STEPHEN MINISTRIES  
SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER/HELPER  
USHER  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELPER  
WEE COLLEGE LEADER/HELPER  
WORSHIP TEAM/SOUND  
YOUTH WORKERS

# Connect Groups ...

## ✿ Lead a Small ✿ Group or Bible Study!

LACOMBE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH | CHURCH

Are you passionate about connecting with others, building community, and helping people grow in their faith?

We're looking for **Small Group Leaders** and **Bible Study Facilitators** for the upcoming season. Whether you love to host-teach, or simply create space for discussion – we'd love to hear from you!

- ✓ Help others grow – and grow yourself.
- ✓ Lead meaningful conversations.
- ✓ Foster connection and care.

### Interested? Let's talk!

### Pastor Karla

✉ [pastorkarla@churchonthehill.ca](mailto:pastorkarla@churchonthehill.ca)

☎ 403-782-2966

# ... Connect Groups

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## **FOR DECEMBER**

### **MONDAY**

Stephen Ministries Supervision - Evenings (Every 2nd wk)

### **TUESDAY**

Intercessory Prayer - Evenings (Every 2nd wk)

Ladies Bible Study - Mornings

Walking Life Together Cell Group - Evenings (3rd Tues of month)

### **WEDNESDAY**

Men's Group - Evenings

### **THURSDAY**

Pray & Play - Mornings (Every 2nd week)

Celebration of Discipline - Mornings (Every 2nd week)

Praying parents - Mornings (When school is running)

Grief Share - Evening (Dec 4 last one)

Women's Bible Study - Evenings

### **FRIDAY**

Women at the Well - Usually Evenings (3rd Fri of the Month)

### **SATURDAY**

Pit Stop - Mornings

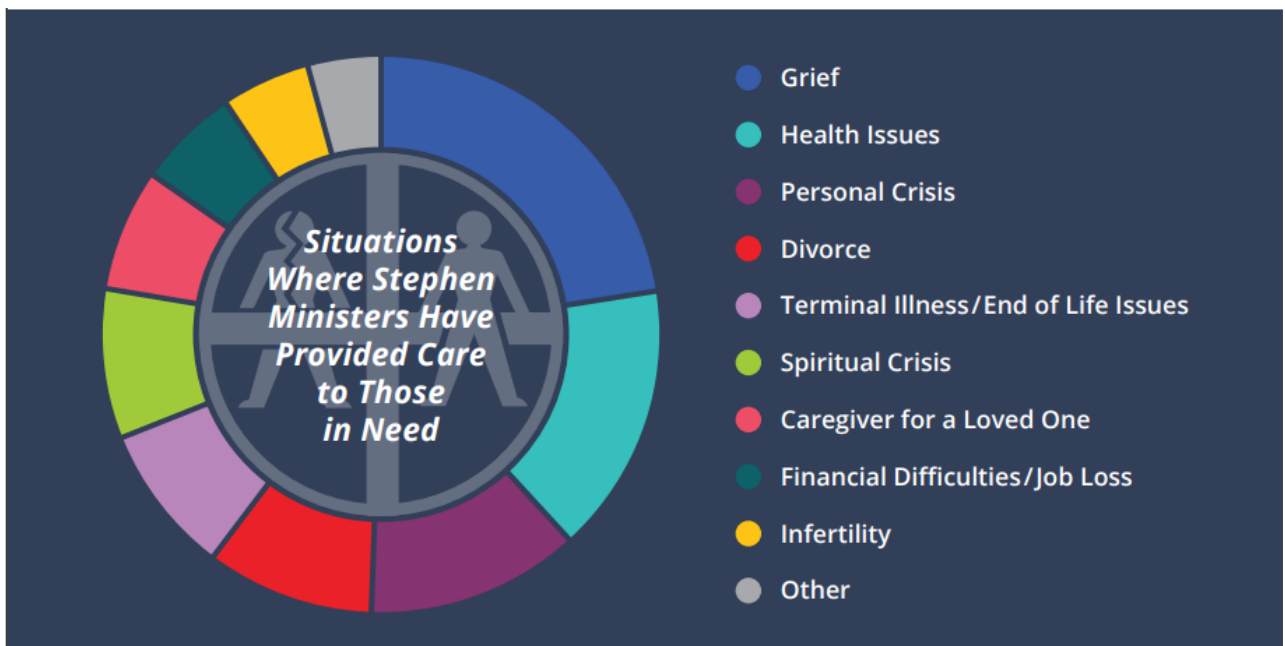
Platinum Friends - Dates announced

# Stephen Ministry

## Care Receivers Share How Their Stephen Ministers Made a Difference

Although my needs changed as I went from wife to caregiver to widow, my Stephen Minister's love and support remained a constant. She was **there at every stage of my journey**, helping me through some of the most difficult moments of my life—so I could begin to heal. - Susan •

When things seemed like too much to handle, my Stephen Minister brought normalcy and calm. With him by my side, I knew I could make it from one week to the next. I could feel God's presence when my Stephen Minister was there. - James •



Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry being used by more than 13,000 congregations worldwide including Lacombe Pentecostal Church to increase care and outreach to hurting people.

Through Stephen Ministry, congregations are able to equip and empower a team of laypeople—Stephen Ministers—who provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, health issues, divorce, spiritual crisis, job loss, infertility, or other life difficulties. Since Stephen Ministry began in 1975 millions of people have received care from a Stephen Minister.



If you, or someone you know, needs the care of a Stephen Minister, call the LPC office at 403-782-2966 or contact Byron or Linda Hurn to learn more.

If you would like to train to become a Stephen minister email: [stephens@churchonthehill.ca](mailto:stephens@churchonthehill.ca) or speak with Byron, Linda or any of the Stephen Ministry team.

You can also visit [stephenministries.org](http://stephenministries.org) to learn more about Stephen Ministry and see stories about the difference a Stephen Ministers are making in people's lives.



# Grief Share

**Starting up again on Thurs, Feb. 5/26**

**7-8:30pm**

GriefShare is a 13 week support group offered to those grieving the loss of a loved one.

To sign up or for more information go to: [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) under find a Group, type in Lacombe Alberta, more information and then register.

Or  
call/text/email:  
587-679-0602  
[griefshare@churchonthehill.ca](mailto:griefshare@churchonthehill.ca)

GriefShare is also actively looking for facilitators, please use above contact if your interested or have questions.

1	Is This Normal?
2	Your Grief Journey
3	Loneliness & Sadness
4	Self-Care
5	Fearful & Overwhelmed
6	Anger
7	Regrets
8	Grief & Your Household
9	Grief & Your Friendships
10	Questions for God
11	Stuck in Grief
12	Hope & Resilience
13	What Do I Live For Now?



# Next Generation Ministry



2025-2026

## Next Generation

Ministry Programs

### Sunday Mornings

Nursery (0-24 mo.) - downstairs  
Toddlers (2-3 yrs) - upstairs  
Preschool (4 yrs) - upstairs  
Gr. K-4 - main room upstairs  
Gr. 5-6 - upstairs

### Mid-Week Programs

**Anchor Kids** (Gr. 1-6): Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:45 pm. September - April. Devotions, worship, games, crafts, cooking and other life skills. Starting Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Anchor Kids Worship:** Student-led worship teams, serving every Wednesday night.

**Gr. 5/6 Bible Study:** Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 pm, starting October 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Grades 7-12

**The Anchor Youth:** Friday nights from 7:00-9:30pm, September - June. Includes worship, games, small groups, overnight trips, and youth conferences.

**The New Life Ministry** (Grades 10-12): Student servant-leadership team meeting monthly from September-June and serving Friday nights.

**Redemption Worship:** Student-led worship team, serving twice monthly on Friday nights.

## Contacts

Pastor Angela  
(ages 0-Gr. 6)

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403-782-2966

Youth Ministry  
(Grades 7-12)

[youth@churchonthehill.ca](mailto:youth@churchonthehill.ca)

403-782-2966

Leaders are needed in kids and youth ministries! If you are interested in serving in one of these areas, please get in touch!

# Children's Ministry ...



Practices are underway for our Children's Christmas Play. Only a few older students received speaking parts while the rest of the students will be in our choir. Practices are Sunday mornings 10-10:30 am.

Final dress rehearsal will be Saturday, Dec. 6th at 10 am. This will be a mandatory practice. Please plan for your student to attend. (If you wish your Toddlers and PreK students to participate, they will only attend for the first 30 mins. of practice.)

Students will need to bring a bag lunch.

Everyone is welcome! Invite friends and family to come see our students share about the meaning of Christmas through acting and familiar carols.

**Donations of cookies and squares are being requested. If you have extra baking you would like to get rid of, please contact Pastor Angela.**



## ANCHOR KIDS UPDATES

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who signed up to minister as Prayer Pals!

You should have received an email with expectations and guidelines. A reminder that the Christmas Prayer Pal Party will be Dec. 10, 6:15-7:45. Please let Pastor Angela know if you will be attending.

**Special Class Leaders:** We are still looking for ministers to come in the new year for 3 weeks only to teach a smaller group of students a special skill. (Ex. knitting, soccer, floor hockey, baking, painting, origami, etc.) Bakers and cooks are especially wanted or craft people. Helpers will be available to assist leading with you. **Contact Pastor Angela if you are able to be a Special Class Leader.**

Remember to check the Church Calendar for the Christmas break dates of all KidsMin ministries. **CHRISTMAS EVE WILL BE FAMILY SERVICES (no classes). JOIN US AT 2:00 OR 4:00 PM**

**FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION, contact Pastor Angela**





# ... Children's Ministry

## *Ideas for Celebrating Advent as a Family*

Christmas—a joyous time of the year to celebrate the birth of our Lord. It can also be a crazy time of the year with school performances, church plays, Christmas parties and the dreaded Christmas shopping!

Here are a few ideas to help slow down and enjoy the Advent season as a family—to celebrate "the reason for the season"—Jesus Christ.

### 1. **Read Advent Devotions As a Family**

There are many free devotionals with activities, readings, and questions available online. Check out Focus on the Family, Lifeway.com, WordPress.com or search "free family advent devotions".

### 2. **Create an Advent Jesse Tree**

This ancient tradition, based on Isaiah 11:1, helps children learn the Christmas story and related Scripture. Start with either a small live or artificial tree. If you prefer, cut a tree out of construction paper and tape it to a wall. Select 24 Bible stories and create small ornaments that correspond with each story. Use construction paper, scissors, markers and other art supplies.

Beginning December 1, read and discuss the related Scripture, discuss the Bible account, and then place the ornament on the tree.

### 3. **Make a Prayer Garland**

Cut out 24 green and red construction paper strips. On each strip, write the name of a family member, friend or ministry. Staple the strips as links into one long garland. Hang the garland in your house as a decoration.

Every day in December, have a family member remove one of the paper strips. As a family, pray for the person or ministry whose name is on that strip of paper.

### 4. **Make an Advent Wreath**

An advent wreath is a wonderful visual sign you can have in your home to see the passing of the four weeks of Advent. Each week highlights a different virtue. Each week starts on a Sunday. The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudate Sunday; this is the rose or pink colored candle.

Week 1: Hope  
Week 4: Love

Week 2: Peace

Week 3: Joy (rose/pink candle)

White Candle: Lit on Christmas Eve and placed in the middle of the wreath

Search online on how to make an advent wreath.

# Things You Should Know ...

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# ... Things You Should Know ...



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

## *Ladies Christmas Craft Night*

**1**  
December

WHO: LADIES & GIRLS (10YRS+)  
WHAT: WOODEN ORNAMENT PAINTING  
WHERE: LACOMBE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH FOYER  
COST: \$10 PER PERSON  
FESTIVE OUTFIT ENCOURAGED, BUT NOT MANDATORY

# ... Things You Should Know ...

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Hands  
&  
Feet

## Noel Project

Please have your wrapped gifts **WITH THE TAG ATTACHED** back under the Christmas tree in the foyer by **Monday, December 8th.**

Thank you for helping to lighten the financial load of for these families this Christmas.



## PLATINUM FRIENDS

### Wednesday, Dec 17



Coffee at 10am

Lunch Provided

An offering will be taken





# ... Things You Should Know ...

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# ... Things You Should Know



Over 2,000 Discipleship Videos for Kids, Youth & Adults are available to Church members & attendees.

Bible Studies, Marriage Enrichment, Training Conference Sessions,

Family Videos & More!

Right Now Media is a service provided to our membership & attendees. If you would like to sign up please

call the office @ (403)782-2966



## LPC Mens Group

WhatsApp group

Join our LPC Mens Group

Scan this QR code with your camera to stay connected



## Amazing Grace Ministries

**AGM is a church ministry dedicated to helping individuals and families from LPC who are facing financial hardships. If you need help with the cost of food, rent, utility bills, vehicle repairs, house repairs or other necessities to live, please talk to us:**



Kevin & Yvonne Reed  
Leroy & Lois Penrod  
[amazinggrace@lacombeptecostal.ca](mailto:amazinggrace@lacombeptecostal.ca)



**AGM is fully funded by donations from our congregation. We are very appreciative of the continuing support from many of you. If you would like to contribute to AGM, please place your donation in a tithe envelope and mark it AGM.**



Hands & Feet Ministry

The Hands & Feet was established to bridge the gap between our church and the local community's needs. As needs arise, the Hands and Feet contact list is notified, and leaders organize groups to make sure that needs are met. These needs could be anything from needing help cleaning the house/ needing some meals/ help moving. If someone is lacking support, the H&F community is here to help.

If you would like to join our team or know of someone in the community who needs a hand, please contact us at [handsandfeet@churchonthehill.ca](mailto:handsandfeet@churchonthehill.ca)



# Community News

## DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

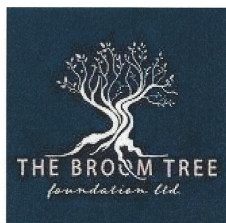
Kozy Korner, Lacombe  
December 07, 2025 at 1:30pm

The Lacombe Palliative Care Society invites you to attend the Day of Remembrance.

This event is held to offer comfort at Christmas, often a difficult time of year for those who have suffered a loss.

Bring a decoration for the Christmas Tree and take a moment to remember someone special to you, be it a family member or friend.

For more information or to let us know you plan to attend please email [Lacombepalliativecaresociety@gmail.com](mailto:Lacombepalliativecaresociety@gmail.com) or phone 1-403-913-4763 or scan the QR Code.



**The Broom Tree Foundation** has officially received **charitable status!**  
This is a big step forward for us as we continue to support and serve our community.

If you would like to donate or get more information about this ministry use the following barcode or contact [thebroomtreefoundation.com](http://thebroomtreefoundation.com).



### CACHS Alumni Volleyball Tournament

The CACHS Alumni Volleyball tournament will be held  
Dec. 19 & 20th. Deadline to enter is Dec. 13

For more information or to enter please email  
Colleen @ [lc.schee@gmail.com](mailto:lc.schee@gmail.com).





# Missions (Kandangama) ...



**Dear friends,**

There is a lot to be thankful for and several things to share with you.

We are thrilled to announce that our Hamper project is underway and preparations for our Christmas program are in progress.

Christmas is truly the most special time of year. This year you can bless a family with a hamper for \$50 and bless a child with a gift for \$12. (Canadian Dollars)



\* The Bud Centre recently underwent renovations. The facility had 10 years of wear and tear, some concerning cracks that turned out to be a tree root making its way through the floor. Several leaks in the roof and seeping water issues around the exterior of the building. Thankfully we were able to fix all the major issues and spruce up the place. It has a whole new feel. Thankful is an understatement.

\* On October 4th we celebrated The Bud Centre's 10th Anniversary. Hard to believe that we have reached such a milestone by God's grace and favor. It was an amazing time with close to 200 people gathered to reflect on the journey, the lives impacted, and the many memories.

\* The following week we hosted our annual Children's Day event with 85 kids in attendance. Children are truly a gift and they are the future we hope to encourage to make this world and the places they go better.

# ... Missions (Kandangama)

\*We have begun to prepare and plan for our Christmas Program and Hamper Distribution. Every year we put on a big event with the opportunity to openly share the message of Jesus Christ and how He came to this world to seek and save the lost. We love this time of year and the opportunity to spread the love of Jesus to those we spend all year building relationship and trust with.

We are also able to be extra generous every year as churches, families, and individuals give toward providing a gift to every child and a food hamper to every family. Giving a gift is something that reaches the heart in such a deep way. If you would like to be part of our Christmas please go to our donation page (link ) and note on your donation THE BUD CENTRE CHRISTMAS.

Thank you for staying connected with what God is doing in our lives here in Sri Lanka. The opportunity to share these highlights with you comes with thankful hearts.

Blessings from the Kandangama's



This is what a food hamper for \$50 contains.



Centre Renovations July-September



This is a memory board that has pictures of all the Bud Centre community.

**Here are some ways you can pray:**

**Pray for our 2025 Christmas program that it will be extra special and have great impact.**

**Pray for us as we are low on staff at the Centre. Two staff have gone on to other pursuits.**

**Pray for Sri Lanka and particularly our community of Kandy that hope in Jesus will shine bright this Christmas.**

**(We are participating in a church choir in our city, taking part in our church Sunday School Christmas Program and serving in our Centre with a mom's Christmas event, the Hamper distribution and Kids Christmas Program.)**

**The Heart Behind our Mission:** <https://paoc.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=93cf204bb312a9df2fc1d65ab&id=483036b31b&e=265090dd8c>

**Video capturing the new look to the Bud Centre:** <https://paoc.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=93cf204bb312a9df2fc1d65ab&id=c79becfb49&e=265090dd8c>

**Donate to our Christmas Hamper:** <https://paoc.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=93cf204bb312a9df2fc1d65ab&id=eb0ab4978d&e=265090dd8c>

# Church Membership ...

## **What About Church Membership?**

"I don't have to go to church to be saved. I don't have to belong to a church to be a Christian. I can worship God in my heart." Have you heard this popular dodge? It's sometimes difficult to refute because it happens to be true ... to a point. Nothing you do and nothing you can join makes you a Christian. The Bible makes it abundantly clear that Jesus is the only Way; that no-one comes to the Father except through Him.

### **Q: What does the Bible say about church membership?**

**A:** The Bible is very clear that involvement in, and commitment to, a local church are essential for Christians. Throughout the New Testament the pattern of the Christian is to meet in local congregations (eg. Acts 2:46, 1 Corinthians 14:26, Ephesians 4:16, 1 Timothy 3:15). At some points we are commanded to do so (eg. Hebrews 10:25). Even Saul/Paul in Acts 9:26 – "When he came to Jerusalem he tried **to join** the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple." Having said that, it is true that the Bible nowhere **requires** membership in a church. In fact, in Biblical times there was no such thing. However, the Biblical principle is that the church is a family and a unit. The Bible speaks of the church as a family, or the household of God. Church membership is not like joining a country club; it is about joining an organic family. Church membership is a way of being accountable and becoming involved in the church and in demonstrating a commitment to Christ by participation in the church.

### **Q: I'm committed to our church, so what difference does it make if I am a member or not?**

**A:** "Times have changed from years ago when you could have a loose relationship with the church. Our society and our laws have changed." There are a number of key differences between people who just attend with no strings attached and the actual church member. There seems to be a deeper sense of belonging and often a higher level of commitment from the people who step out and want to be members. They are more ready to shoulder responsibility and encourage the ethos of the church. Members have the right to vote at church business meetings. This is possibly not the most exciting thing you've ever been able to do, but it does allow you to have a say in what the church does and how it functions. Only church members can vote for deacons (lead team members) and Lead Pastor when a new lead pastor is to be called. Only church members can raise queries and make proposals about issues at a church business meeting. They are able to vote and add input to the sale or purchase of land or buildings for the church. If you would like to have a voice in the way that our church is run and the things that it does you need to have a vote, and to have a vote, you need to be a church member. A knowledge of which people are willing to publicly associate themselves with the church by becoming members assists the church leadership in planning and effectively running the church. If you are a member of another Pentecostal Church and you have moved here to Lacombe, you can have your membership transferred.

### **Q: How can I become a member?**

**A:** See the Application for Fellowship on the next page or at the Welcome Desk. When you find yourself in agreement with those statements, sign and apply for membership and leave it in the office or with a staff member.



# ... Church Membership



## APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP STATUS

### Article 6 Membership

#### **Section 1**

Persons desiring to become members of this church shall give credible profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. They shall give evidence of compliance with the Biblical standard of Christian practice and manifest spiritual growth by giving evidence of the Fruit of the Spirit: "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22,23 NIV)

They shall refrain from acts of sinful nature: "... sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like..." (Galatians 5:19-21 NIV) Sexual immorality shall be interpreted to mean common-law marital relationships, pre-marital and extra-marital sexual relationships (1 Corinthians 6:15-18, 7:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, Hebrews 13:4), and all forms of homosexual activity, along with other practices deemed inexcusable for Christian conduct, and which place a person under God's judgment (Romans 1:26-2:11).

They shall indicate a desire to live in harmony with this body of believers, shall accept the doctrinal standards as set forth in the *Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths*, and shall be regular financial supporters of this local church.

#### **Section 2**

Membership shall consist of the following:

1. *Regular Members.* Persons 18 years of age and over who fulfill the requirements of Article 6.1 shall be known as regular members.
2. *Junior Members.* Persons between the ages of 12 and 18 who fulfill the requirements of Article 6.1 may be eligible for junior membership. Such membership does not qualify for voting privileges at congregational business meetings.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ am in agreement with the above statement and would  
(Please print full name)

like to apply for membership status for the Lacombe Pentecostal Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Lacombe Pentecostal Church  
40331 Range Road 27-1, Hwy 12, Lacombe, AB T4L 0E3  
Phone (403)782-2966 or Fax (403)782-2961



# Water Baptism ...



## Water Baptism Information

Lacombe Pentecostal Church

### What Is It?

1. Baptism is a powerful, symbolic expression of the repentance that has happened, your acceptance of Christ as Lord and Saviour, and your commitment to being a dedicated disciple of Christ.
2. It is a public demonstration of a person's union with Christ and His death and resurrection. It comes from the Greek Word "*baptizo*," which means *to plunge, submerge or immerse*. It signifies that a person's former way of life has been put to death (*under the water*) and points to their new life, saved and redeemed by Jesus through His resurrection (*coming out of the water*).
3. Baptism does not save you. Salvation can only occur through the grace of Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross.

### Why Be Baptized?

Baptism is a step of obedience, faith and commitment.

1. **STEP OF OBEDIENCE:** Jesus commands baptism for everyone who follows Him. Even Jesus, who had no sin, identified Himself with those who were repenting and was baptized.
  - Read Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Matthew 3:16
2. **STEP OF FAITH:** You don't need to have everything figured out to be baptized. The act of baptism is a step of faith in what Jesus has done and is continuing to do in your life.
  - Read Acts 8:35-38
3. **COMMITMENT:** Baptism is an external act that signifies you are ready to embrace spiritual growth and transformation
  - Read 1 Peter 3:21

# ... Water Baptism ...

## What's Next?

### 1. What should I do to prepare myself for baptism?

- Spend time in prayer and reading scripture. Reflect on Jesus' love for you.
- Invite your friends and family! This is a significant moment in your life. Celebrate it!
- Ask someone you care about to come to the front and pray for you during the baptism (*No testimonies or long stories please. Just a 1-2 minute prayer and Bible verse*)
- OPTIONAL: Practice sharing your testimony (*the story of how came to faith*)

### 2. What should I wear and what do I need to bring with me?

- Bring shorts or pants that can get wet. Shirts are provided and you can keep them!
- Have dry clothes to change into after the baptism
- Consider asking a friend or family member to take pictures or a video.

### 3. Can my family or friends be baptized together?

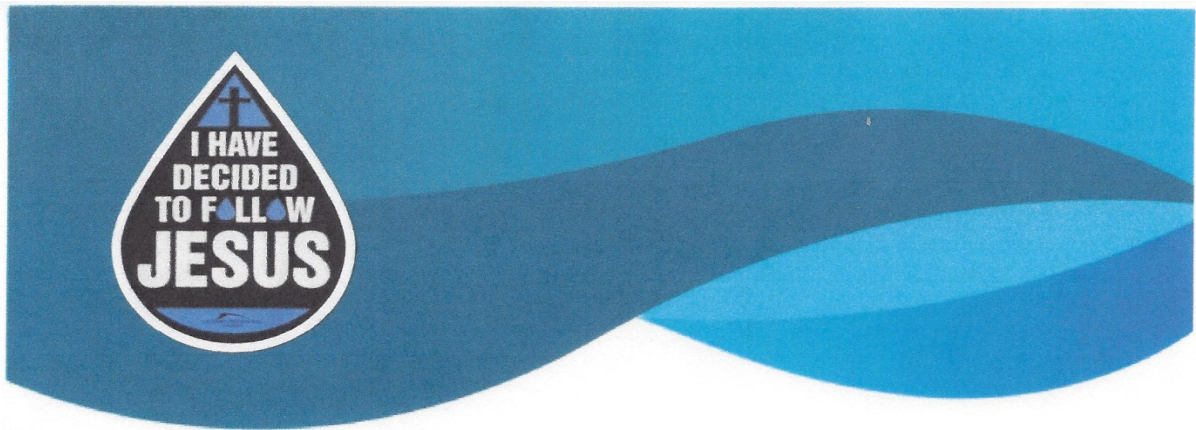
- Yes! If each family member or friend understands fully what it means to be baptized, we encourage it! Every person who wants to be baptized should.
- Remember this is a personal statement of faith, not a family tradition.

### 4. How will this look in a service?

- After the sermon, when the music starts playing, dismiss yourself and head upstairs to the baptism door. Come down the stairs carefully as soon as the person ahead of you comes up.
- Please ask someone ahead of time to come to the front microphone to pray for you and share a blessing/verse (*Please ask them to keep this to 1-2 minutes*)
- Those baptizing you may ask a few questions and then they will say "*I now baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*"
- You will be tipped backwards just enough to cover your face and then brought back up immediately. At no time will you be let go. Feel free to hold your nose with one hand if that will help you feel more comfortable.
- You will go up the stairs and can dry off, change your clothing, and celebrate this great moment in your life as a disciple with your friends, family, and the church.



# ... Water Baptism



## Water Baptism Application

Lacombe Pentecostal Church

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe that Jesus Christ, as God's only begotten Son, paid fully for your sins on the cross and do you choose to submit your life fully to Him? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you accept Christ as your personal Saviour? \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a short testimony below as to why you wish to be baptized, or write one below:

# Calendar of Events

## December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Ladies Craft Night (7pm)	2 Ladies Bible Study (9:30am) Wee College (9:30am) Gr. 5/6 Bible Study (4:30pm)	3 Wee College (8:30am) Anchor Kids (6:15pm) Men's Group (7:45pm)	4 Praying Parents (8:40am) Celebration of Discipline (9:30am) Grief Share (7pm) Women's Bible Study (7pm)	5 Youth (7pm)	6 Pitstop (8am) Kids Play Practise (10am)
7 Pre-Service Prayer (9:15am) Worship Service (10am) Children's Christmas Program (6pm)	8	9 Ladies Bible Study (9:30am) Wee College (9:30am) Gr. 5/6 Bible Study (4:30pm) Intercessory Prayer (7pm) Lead Team Mtg (7pm)	10 Wee College (8:30am) Anchor Kids (6:15pm) Men's Group (7:45pm)	11 Praying Parents (8:40am) Prayer & Play (9:30am)	12 Youth (7pm)	13 Pitstop (8am)
14 Pre-Service Prayer (9:15am) Worship Service (10am)	15 Stephen Ministry (7pm)	16 Ladies Bible Study Christmas Lunch (9:30am) Wee College (9:30am) Walking Life Together (6:30pm)	17 Wee College (9:30am) Platinum Friends (10am) Men's Group (7:45pm)	18 Praying Parents (8:40am) Celebration of Discipline (9:30am)	19 Women At The Well (6:30pm) Youth (7pm)	20
21 Pre-Service Prayer (9:15am) Worship Service (10am)	22	23 Intercessory Prayer (7pm)	24 Christmas Eve Services (2pm & 4pm)	25 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	26 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>BOXING DAY</b>	27
28 Pre-Service Prayer (9:15am) Worship Service (10am)	29 Stephen Ministry (7pm)	30	31			

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