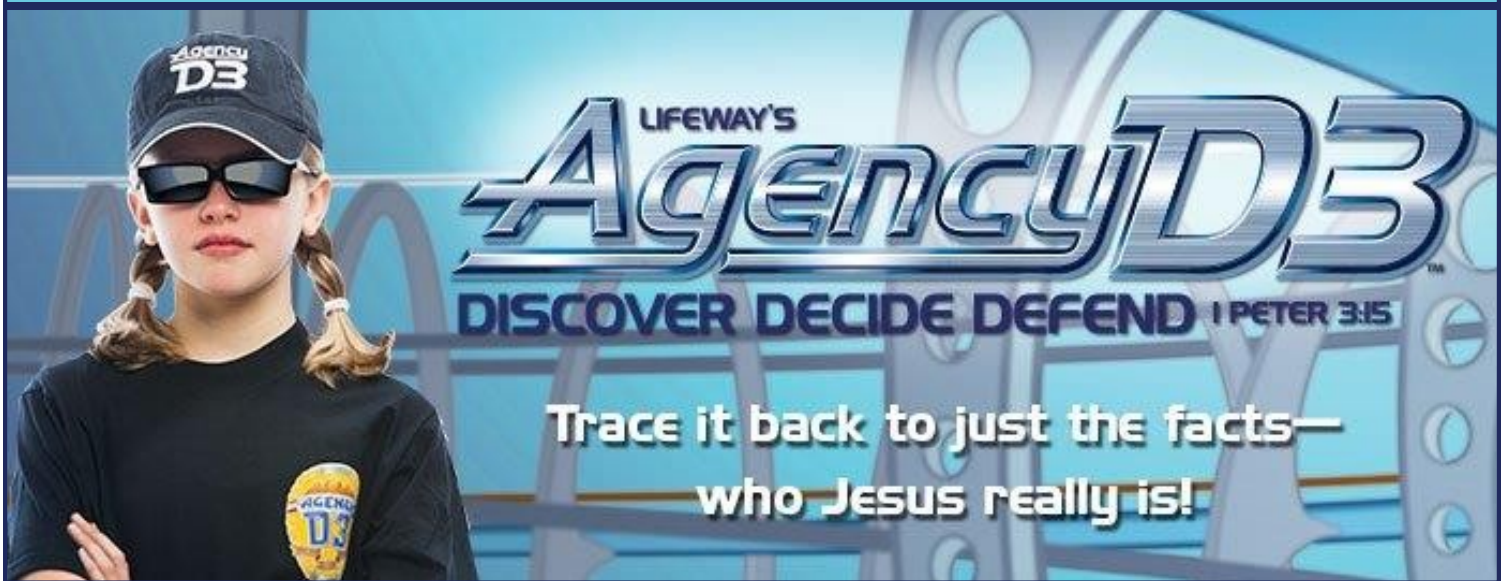


June Connections Lakewood Baptist Church



Vacation Bible School
June 1st - 5th

5:15pm - 8:30pm

Ages 3 yrs. - 6th Grade

Come for Snack Supper, Worship Rally,
Bible Study, Crafts & Recreation

Message from Brother M.R.

As I begin to write this message I am amazed that June is already here. My children on the other hand can't believe it took so long to finally get here. So I guess it truly is a matter of perspective. The older I get the more I come to realize the importance of perspective. You see my perspective is controlled a great deal by my choice of what I focus my attention on. If I choose to focus on the things I don't like about my world, the world will be very dark and depressing. My mood will be controlled by my inability to change all those things, and I will soon feel hopeless and quite unhappy for what I believe are very good reasons. But the fact that I feel justified doesn't make my perspective of reality true. The truth of my circumstances may very well be different from my perspective.

I need only remember the story of the disciples as they found themselves in a storm. From their perspective all hope was gone. Their perspective had been developed from years of experience on the water. They believed their perspective to be true, and thus proclaimed that they were going to die at sea. Then Jesus asked them a very honest question, "Why are you afraid"? The answer to that question is simple, they felt from their perspective that there was no hope. Jesus was trying to teach them and us to have a different perspective now that He is in our lives. Jesus was in the boat with them. They were not alone and without hope. They needed to take their eyes off of the wind and the waves and turn their focus and attention to the truth that they were not alone. They were not powerless. They were not without hope because Jesus was with them. Once they woke up Jesus the storm passed like a bad dream. They stood amazed by the truth of their circumstances, and learned a valuable lesson on the power of one's perspective. They had chosen to focus on all the reasons they had to be afraid. They had chosen to forget who was in the boat with them, and so they were deceived.

Satan is as real as God is and he has been deceiving all of us from the very beginning. He does it by getting us to take our eyes and thoughts off of the reality of who we are in Christ Jesus. In doing so he changes our perspective from what God can do, to what we can not do. As long as we continue to forget who we are, and who is with us we will live in fear, deceived and without hope. Like the disciples we will believe that our fears are justified. We will believe that we are right to feel the way we do. When the whole time Jesus will be asking us why? Why do we choose to forget who we are? Why do we choose to forget who is with us? Why do we choose such a dark perspective when we all know it isn't true? We are not alone. We are children of the King of Kings who loves us with an unconditional love. We are filled with the same Holy Spirit that created the heavens and the Earth, and now empowers us to live victoriously. This is the truth of our circumstances. We are "more than conquerors through Him who loved us". So why do we choose to focus on anything else? You were created and called to live victoriously through Christ Jesus our Lord! So try focusing on that reality and see if that change in perspective doesn't lead you to a brighter and more productive future!

God Bless and Best Wishes!

"I will sing to the Lord"

Charles Keown

Music & Senior Adults

No Choirs or Orchestra for the next two weeks. Rick Roper and Worship Team will be leading for the next two Sundays.

Congratulations to all of our graduates who serve so faithfully each Sunday in the church orchestra: High School: Brianna Drinkard, Jason Kimbro and Andrew Sellers; College : Jes Keown and Davey Kimbro; and for her master's degree, Jessica Martin who is also getting married June 7th. You add so much to our worship experience each week.

Remember Erin Wilson, who, in the months of June and July, will be taking a Praise and Worship internship in Owensborough, Kentucky where she will be studying voice, guitar, and music theory as well as singing in a Praise Band.

Children are a gift from God

Our Children's Choir did an outstanding job on the musical, **"I Can Only Imagine."** (See pictures below.) They taught us that Heaven is real and that we, as Christians, have a wonderful place already prepared for us when we leave this temporary home. Thanks to Carole Thornton and Lindsey Tidwell for leading the choir this year and working so hard with our kids! Also thanks to Shaun Culligan for taking on the role of "Grandpa" in the musical, and to Kelly Howard and Jill Henderson for getting the set together.

Congratulations to all the kids who were a part of the Awana Night Program, which took place Sunday evening, May 18. This year's Clubber of the Year Awards go to Libby Parkman and Conner Howard. Way to go, kids!

Vacation Bible School is June 1-5, with a light supper being served at 5:15 and programs beginning at 6:00. We look forward to seeing all the kids during this exciting week as we learn how to "Discover, Decide and Defend" the truth about Jesus Christ. June 1 is VBS Sunday, so kids are welcome to wear VBS T-shirts, which are available at Lifeway Christian Store in Columbus Park Crossing. Kids, remember to invite your friends!

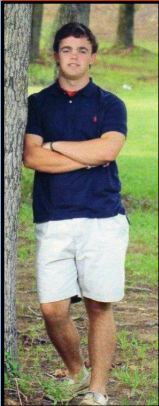
On Wednesday nights, beginning June 11, we will be having "Wet Wednesdays." All elementary age kids, K-6, are invited to come for a time of fellowship, devotion, and swimming fun. We will meet in the Children's Church room at 5:45 for our devotion and will return to the church by 7:15. Make sure you wear your swimsuit and bring a towel with you!



Youth & Younger Single Adults

Summer is upon us and we are starting the busiest time of year in the young adult ministries. Our Belize Mission team will be flying out **Sunday, June 8th** and returning on **Saturday, June 14th**. Please be in constant, fervent prayer for our team members, their names are as follows: **Courtney Cooper, Shaun Culligan, Deborah Clark, Jonathan Clark, Chad Keeter, Sarah Tedder, Ellen Scarborough, Bert Woodburn, Lisa Woodburn, Ashley Woodburn, Chuck Hodge, Tesa Hodge, Teri Hodge, Noah Delucca, Madison Casey, Ellie Hamilton, Pam Tinkler, Elizabeth Hedges, Ethan Wilson, Boo O'Pry, Wilkes Chandler, Bella Galarza, Anna Galarza, Fran Loftin, Kayleigh Green, Kailey Scott, Beth Scott, Amber Dover, Mary Casey, Susan Sams, Lori Levine, Jordan Spires, and Andrew Spires.** As the team leader, I am eager to see each person fulfill the calling God placed on their lives for this trip and to watch the spiritual growth that will undoubtedly come. We do have some items that we need to take along with us, the list is as follows: **Children's team-** coloring books, crayons, markers, stickers, hair bows, flip flops (children's sizes), balls (soccer, basketball, kickball), pencils, and paper. **Medical team-** Children's Vitamins, Children's Tylenol (pills and liquid), Motrin, Benadryl, Ibuprofen, Advil, Topical Antifungal cream, thermometers (oral or ear), BP cuffs, scales (for weight), toothbrushes, toothpaste and large garbage bags. **Construction team-** Hammers, Tape measures, Electric saws, Electric hammer drills, Electric Sawsall, Cordless drills, Wrenches, Levels, Deck screws, Screw drivers, Speed squares, Pliers, 7 1/2" saw blades, Metal drill bits, Wood drill bits, Wood boring bits, Sawsall blades (metal and wood), PVC cutters, Wire trippers and Chalk lines. **These construction items can be used if in good working condition.** Please drop any donated items by the church office by **Wednesday, June 4th**. Thank you for your faithfulness to pray and give. Our team takes you along with us to Belize knowing that we couldn't serve the people of Belize without your help and we look forward to sharing the details of our trip and how God moved among us on a Sunday night very soon.

Congratulations Class of 2014



Wilkes Chandler



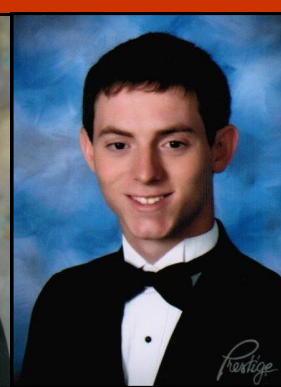
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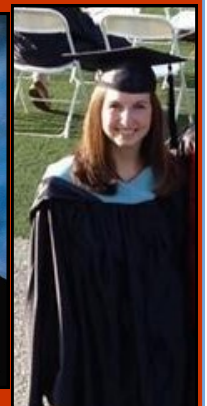
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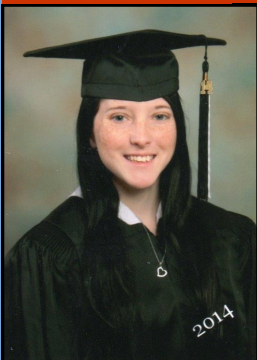
Sarah Tindell



Jason Kimbro



Jessica Martin



Brianna Drinkard



Jes Keown



Autumn Scott



Davy Kimbro



Sabrina Ryals



Mady Valfre

This is another election year, bringing with it an opportunity for citizens to exercise their power to change things through the ballot box. By the time you read this article, the primary elections will have already taken place, but the main event is yet to come. I don't think I need to remind you that our nation is hurting physically, spiritually, morally and economically. America is ailing, and if we keep heading in the same direction, this country, born in 1776, will soon join the graveyard of the nations. We have allowed socialists, secular humanists and godless proponents of inclusivism, under the guise of tolerance and universal goodwill, take over our country and steer us away from the principles upon which we were founded. In 1776 Patrick Henry, the great American patriot, of whom most contemporary schoolchildren have never heard, wrote: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians, not on religion, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here."

The study of every nation in the history of civilization will reveal three unalterable characteristics. The first one is that every nation, no matter how pure its conception, has always become corrupt. The second is that the majority of the citizens are unaware of the spiritual decay that has affected the nation, and those who are aware of it are indifferent to it. The third is that the causes for the disintegration of every nation have been similar. The same forces that destroyed the Roman Empire are responsible for the collapse of modern empires. I challenge you to read the history of the rise and fall of nations. If you do, you will discover that no nation has ever gone the way America is going and survived. In 1857 the British historian and statesman Thomas Macaulay wrote these words to a friend in America: "Your republic will be as fearfully plundered and laid waste by barbarians in the twentieth century, as the Roman Empire was in the fifth century with this difference, that the Huns and Vandals who ravaged the Roman Empire came from without, and that your Huns and Vandals will have been engendered from within your own country by your own institutions."

What can we as Christians do about this situation? First, we must **be intolerant**. The sin of a corrupt leader is bad, but the sin of the society that put him in office is worse. People reap what they sow when they have little or no concern about a candidate's moral and spiritual purity, and all they want to know is whether or not he can raise wages or lower taxes or fatten my wallet. Patrick Henry gained fame by shouting, "Give me liberty or give me death." The modern American has shortened that statement to just plain "gimme."

The second thing we must do is to **stand for righteousness** in all matters pertaining to politics. If we don't, then this country is ruined. God will not sustain our freedom and prosperity unless we stand up for what's right. It's the failure of God's people to stand on biblical principles that brought us into this mess. We need to learn the lesson of the analogy of the ruler of the trees in Judges 9:8-15. We have chosen the thorn bush to govern us, and we are reaping the consequences. When Christians flow with the current of public opinion instead of standing steadfastly on the principles of the Bible, we're in big trouble. Someone will say, "Well, God's on our side." I've got news for you—God doesn't take sides; God takes over! And God is not obligated to deliver any nation that forsakes His law and rejects His standard of holiness.

In the third place, we must **pray**. The last time I checked, 2 Chronicles 7:14 is still in the Bible. There are enough Christians in this nation to turn the tide and change the direction of our country's destiny, and if we can't do it, God will hold us responsible if we don't do it.



In Memory of:

Denny and Jewel Helton for Annie Armstrong from JP & Esther Benton
 Jessie Little for Amen Choir from Vikki Hutchinson
 Mabel Grimes for Homebound Ministry from Clara Jean Watson
 Virginia Kennedy for Homebound Ministry from Clara Jean Watson
 Richard Atkins for Food Closet from Brenda Slappey
 Edna Hodge for Homebound Ministry from Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Scroggins
 Jody Kelly for Homebound Ministry from Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Scroggins
 Edna Howard for Homebound Ministry from Clara Jean Watson

Bill Bush for Amen Choir from:
 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Barbaree
 Kay Tidmore
 Mr. & Mrs. Ray Bush

Jimmy Ray for Amen Choir from:
 Brenda Slappey
 Dorothy Atkins
 Jimmy Ray for Budget from Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Whitehead
 Jimmy Ray for Homebound Ministry from Clara Jean Watson

Sympathy to the families of:

Doris Mitchell
 Jimmy Ray
 Voncille Miller
 Ed Lunsford

Dr. Horner's Class

"How to Study the Bible"

starts on **June 1**,
 with sessions at 9:30 a.m.
 and 4:45 p.m. on Sunday in
 Joyful Servants Bible Fellowship class
 and 6:30 on Thursday, **June 5**
 in the
 Fellowship Hall

Remember

to pray for our **Mission Team**
 as they go to
Belize
June 8 - 14th.

**Wednesday Menus
 For June**

**6/4
 Vacation Bible
 School**

**6/11
 Baked Spaghetti,
 Green Beans,
 Garlic Bread,
 Salad & Dessert**

**6/18
 Oven Baked BBQ
 Chicken,
 Baked Beans,
 Corn on the Cob,
 Salad & Dessert**

**6/25
 Hand - Made
 Cheeseburgers,
 Fries,
 Salad & Dessert**

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April Giving	Budget	CTB	Missions	Other	Total
4/6/14	\$21,059.91	\$616.00	\$4,990.00	\$1,261.10	\$27,927.01
4/13/14	\$14,131.00	\$56.00	\$1,253.00	\$1,944.34	\$17,384.34
4/20/14	\$10,481.75	\$41.00	\$2,721.00	\$2,330.75	\$15,574.50
4/27/14	\$7,804.94	\$31.00	\$1,516.00	\$367.23	\$9,719.17

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Dr. Horner's Class @ 9:30 & 4:45	2	3	4	5 Dr. Horner's Class @ 6:30	6 Breakfast Club 10:00 - 2:00	7
-----VBS-----						
8 Al & Pashion Lewis Dr. Horner's Class @ 9:30 & 4:45	9 Amen Choir @ 10:30	10 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	11 Deacon Meeting @ 7:00	12 Dr. Horner's Class @ 6:30	13	14
-----Belize Mission Trip-----						
15 Father's Day Dr. Horner's Class @ 9:30 & 4:45 1st Pl. @ 4:00	16 Amen Choir @ 10:30	17 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	18 Youth to Braves Game - 9:30am Finance Meeting @ 7:00	19 Dr. Horner's Class @ 6:30	20 Breakfast Club 10:00 - 2:00	21
22 Dr. Horner's Class @ 9:30 & 4:45 1st Pl. @ 4:00 Youth Ch @ 5	23 Amen Choir @ @ 10:30	24 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	25	26 Dr. Horner's Class @ 6:30	27 Breakfast Club 10:00 - 2:00	28 Feed the Homeless 11-2
29 Dr. Horner's Class @ 9:30 & 4:45 1st Pl. @ 4:00 Youth Ch. @ 5	30 Amen Choir @ 10:30					

Regularly Ongoing Weekly Activities

Sunday

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 AM Bible Fellowship
10:45 AM Blended Worship Service
10:45 AM Bible Fellowship
11:15 AM Kidz Worship
6:00 PM Worship

Wednesday

5:00 PM Family Night Supper
5:45 PM Youth Bible Study
5:45 PM Wet Wednesday / Youth
6:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal
6:00 PM Adult Prayer and Bible Study
7:00 PM Praise Team

Thursday

2:00 PM Clothes Closet
2:00 PM LOAF

* All times are Eastern.

See what your Circles of Influence \$ is doing in Mexico to help children with terminal illnesses.

Camp Laughing Child is a Christ-centered therapeutic adventure camp for institutionalized children living with terminal illnesses. Our special focus is the development of healing camp programs for kids that are HIV-positive. The children range in age from 6 to 12. Located on 7 beautiful acres in the mountains of southern Mexico, Camp Laughing Child provides creative nature-based and animal-assisted therapies to no more than 12 children at a time. We believe that these children are worth the highly individualized care offered in this intimate setting.

We work hard to build meaningful relationships, with each child and their care-giving institution, which last long after the camp experience.



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