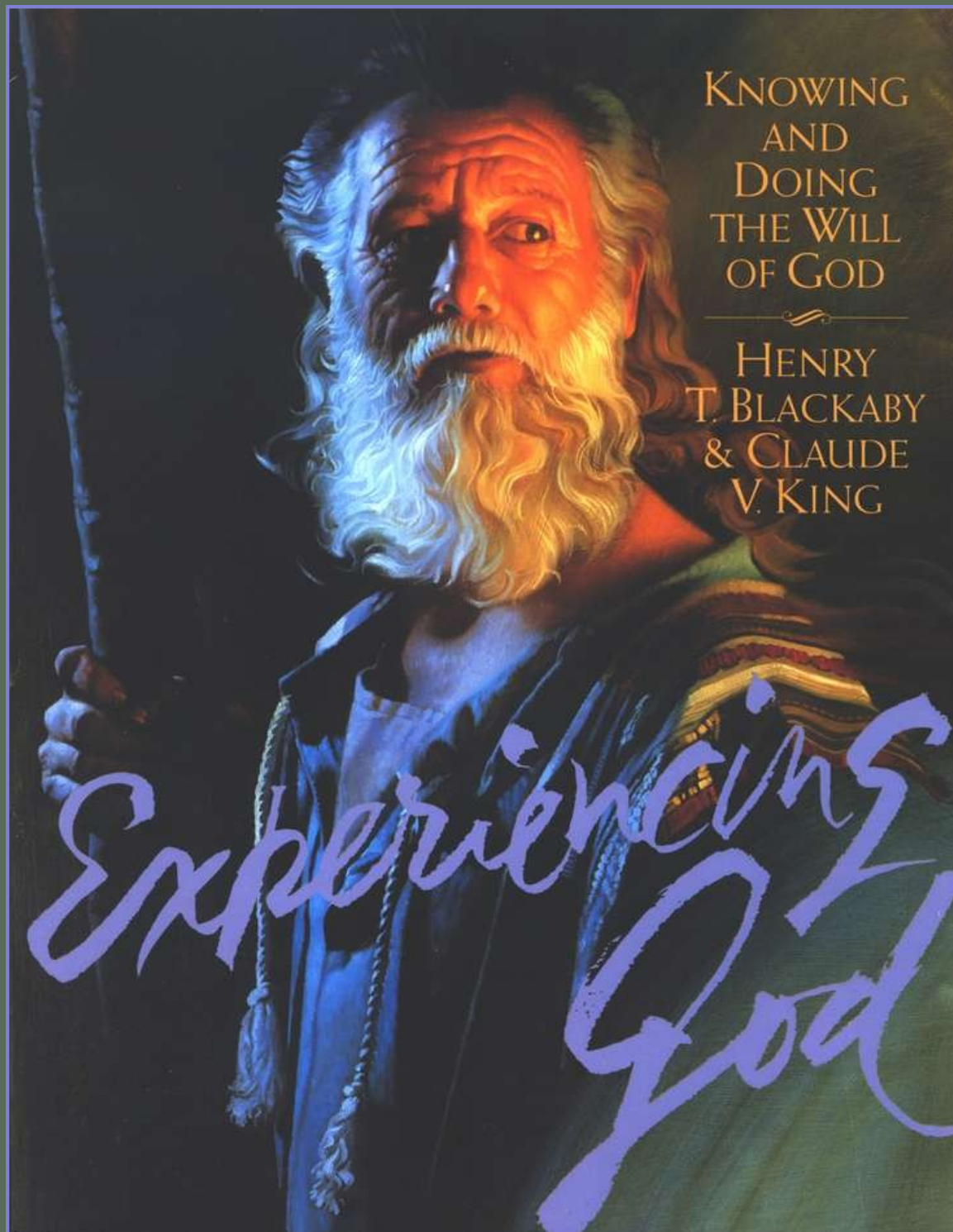


August Connections



Join us for this 13 week study led by Brother M.R.
Thursday nights starting August 29th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Message from Brother M.R.

When Jesus would teach He would always speak in parables, stories of the world around us and how it reflected the great truths of their creator. So for us to better understand His teaching requires us to study the way of life in the days of Jesus and just how their culture lived and played. That reality has caused me to consider the stories Jesus would have told if he were here today. How many of those stories would deal with the internet and television? Better yet how many of those stories would deal with sports such as baseball and of course football. I wonder how He would address the great rivalry that exist in this area between the football programs of Auburn, Alabama and Georgia. Certainly, He would have addressed them often as most of His parables dealt with the peoples passions.

To prove this point look at how many times the Bible speaks of running and the world of archery. The marathon and archery were popular sporting events in Biblical times. As a matter of fact archery terms were very wide spread throughout both the Old and New Testament, as God would reference both the bow and arrow on many occasions. Being a lifelong archer myself, I have always loved to read those illustrations that used archery as they had special meaning to me. This really is no surprise as the bow and arrow were weapons of great military power as well. The English would rule the world because of the invention of the English Longbow. They had in this bow a weapon that gave them great military advantage. It would shoot farther so they could strike their enemies at greater distance. This along with the fact the string on the Longbow could be made smaller in diameter proved to be the edge they needed to expand their kingdom. The English arrow with its small knock grove could not be fired back at the English while the English archers could return the enemies arrows with ease. To this very day that technology is still in use. The Russian ammunition is just slightly larger than our standard round. Thus they can pick up our ammunition and fire it from their weapons but we can't fire theirs. Even the architecture of old reflects the influence of the bow and arrow, as the windows of the buildings get narrower as they go out. This was to enable the archers to shoot out without the archers from the ground being able to shoot in.

I had studied the Bible for many years before attending seminary, and felt confident that I had discovered the very best of the archery text, but I was mistaken. It was actually my second year of seminary when my Greek studies had moved from the alphabet and sentence structure, to the study of powerful New Testament words, that I discovered the most widely used archery term of all. Sin! Hamartia is the Greek word we translate to mean, the failure which is Sin! Literally translated it means, "to miss the mark", or "to take a wrong turn". It was a common word used to describe a failure to complete a desired act. It was the system used to keep score in an archery tournament. The archers would train all their lives, and being people just like we are today, it would not take long before everyone wanted to know who was the best. So rules were set, and the targets were made just as we see them to this very day. The center circle we call the bulls eye was "the mark". The first ring around the bulls eye counted as a sin of one. The second ring would count two sins, and so it went to the fifth ring at the outer limit of the target. Now each archer would strive to do his very best. Their life of experience and practice would be called upon as men then, like men today, didn't like to lose. At the end of the tournament the archer with the least Sin would win. All had strived for perfection, which would mean a score of zero, but that would never be the case. Regardless of how hard they tried, all had sinned and fallen short of perfection. No matter how hard the archers tried, by the end of the day, at least one arrow would fall just short, and miss the mark. Perfection was an ideal, but not an expectation, as everyone knew the nature of an arrow to so easily get off course.

Now do you see the reason why God would inspire Paul to write "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God"? Our lives are like arrows launched at birth off course, deflected by the fall, into what we know as Sin. Off course from the beginning we live our lives making bad choices that deflect us even farther from the narrow gate for which God has called us. So what then is the hope of hitting the mark for which God created us? Christ Jesus is just that hope! For through His sacrifice on behalf of mankind, we have the promise of the forgiveness of Sin. Through Him our lives can be redirected and put back on course, so that we might hit the mark.

Message from Brother M.R.

Oh what a beautiful picture is painted through the promise of God's grace. Early in my faith I really believed that Sin was the choice to do that which is wrong. And though that is true it is not the whole truth as every act that does not come from faith is also sin. (Romans 14:23) The real truth of this picture is that even the archers who tried their very best, sinned. Our best shot is never going to be good enough to hit the mark for the mark is perfection. Like the arrow that is blown off course by the least of winds we are hopeless to change the course of our momentum. Each second that passes leaves us further and further from the mark. Once deflected the arrow is lost, traveling further and further off course every second it travels. The entire life of the flight is lived in sin from that very first deflection, doomed to miss the mark. Though the arrow is without hope we are not. For God has entered on our behalf to remove our sin and put us on course to hit the mark. Though I continue to make mistakes, I no longer live in sin (off course to where I would miss the mark) because of Jesus and what He did to save me when I could not save myself.

Perhaps the best part of this whole story is it's ability to help us all understand what Sin actually is. To stop and realize that we are all in need of a Savior.

Fun & Fish
Hear Chris &
Cindy Hess
Mike & Buddy
Helton &
Daniel Windsor
August 18 6:00
Fish Fry 7:00



Afterward we will go downstairs and enjoy hushpuppies, onion rings and fried fish **THAT YOU CATCH!**
You bring the sides for the meal and we will have a wonderful time together around the table.

PLEASE BRING YOUR FISH TO LAKEWOOD BY FRIDAY SO
THAT WE CAN COUNT HOW MANY WE HAVE AND SEE IF
WE NEED TO BUY ANY EXTRA

Children are a gift from God



Starting September 4th

Promotion Sunday for the children's department is Sunday, August 4. Our 4 year olds will be moving upstairs to the elementary division into the kindergarten class, taught by Mr. H.T., Mrs. Dot, and Mrs. Robin. After Bible Fellowship, they are taken to Children's Church, where they can be picked up after the late worship service. Welcome kindergartners to the elementary division!

We have a great group of kids here at Lakewood and we need some motivated volunteers to step up and help out! As the new school year approaches, there is a need for teachers in the 5th and 6th grade Bible Fellowship class, as well as in our preschool division with the 2 year old class. Please see Patrick Thornton if you can serve this year in Bible Fellowship with our children.

A huge thanks to all of those who have allowed us to use their pools for Wet Wednesdays during this summer, and to the CDC for sharing the water slides with us on Wednesday nights!

Shaping the Future

Andrew Spires

Youth & Younger Single Adults

I am writing to you as we hit the road and head to North Carolina for summer camp. The excitement among our students is about to explode as many look forward to this week every year. At Snowbird our group will join about 400 other students from around the Southeast to worship the Lord. Please pray for our students daily, as God often does a lot of work in us at camp. Students are challenged to understand their faith and make it their own by attending worship, group lessons, and daily break-out sessions that deal with subjects that students face today. I want to thank each of you who have given to sponsor one of our students, as there was a bigger need than usual this year. Being able to tell a student who otherwise couldn't afford to go to camp that they can go brings a big smile to their face and to mine. I also know that it pleases the heart of God that you are willing to invest in the spiritual lives of our young people, and you will share in the eternal reward. I also want to thank Beth & Floyd Scott who volunteered to help with transportation this year, and to thank Teddy Downey, who's not even a church member here, but has driven us to camp and the ski trip for the last several years. We look forward to posting some pictures and videos on the church website when we return so that you can experience SWO as we do. Finally, I would like to brag on one more servant here at Lakewood who's ministry is vital to all of us here at the church. His name is **Fred Van Horn**! Fred selflessly gives of his time to move all of us around where we need to go, and always defers any praise or accolade. Fred drives the youth everywhere, even when it's not his favorite place to go, and I have come to depend on him. Just over a month ago he drove both mission teams to and from the airport in Atlanta, making the return trip four times in one day. I want to say to say publically; FRED, THANK YOU!!!, thank you for your servants heart and following Christ's example for all to see.

Firm Foundations for Future Generations

Lakewood Baptist Church
Child Development Center

Cabbi Black

The CDC is opening up a part time class for our Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 class. If you know anyone who is interested in signing up for this class, please have them contact the CDC office at (334)298-6461. Space is limited, so please come see us soon to make sure you get a spot.

The CDC will be starting a Fall Fundraiser beginning on September 2nd. We will be selling Mixed Bag Designs. They are reusable bags of all sizes and designs. They are very versatile and can be used for many different occasions. The bags range from small bags to large totes, hanging clothes bags, cell phone cases, organizing totes and many other accessories. We will end this fundraiser on September 20th. It's a great time to start Christmas shopping and get your favorite people their favorite things. Please contact Cabbi @ (334)298-6461 if you are interested or if you would like to see a catalog. Once again, thanks for all of your support!!!

Music & Senior Adults

Charles Keown

“ I will sing to the Lord”



Sweet Spirits August 12 @ 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall

If you are 50 or over, (or younger if you want to come!) Sweet Spirits is the place to join others for a great program and great meal.

This month's special guest is Terry McKay, known as T.J.'s "Anointed Hands". He is from Woodbury, GA and will come to share this ministry that the Lord has laid upon him.

There is a devotion, bus trip announcements as well as "golden oldies" to enjoy before the guest speaker.

Afterward the meal will be a cool one for this hot month: Tuna Salad, Chicken Salad, Egg Salad, the trimmings and dessert. There will be a basket at the head of the line for your donation toward the meal.

Mark your calendar for the second Tuesday of every month and for more information about Sweet Spirits, go to LBCPC.org. Under the **MINISTRIES** drop down menu find Senior Adults and beside that you will see Sweet Spirits. Check it out!

Congratulations to:

**Stuart & Sara
Brown
on the birth of
a baby girl
Kathryn Yates
6lbs. 13 oz.
Born July, 16th**

**Shaun & Cassie
Culligan
on the birth of a
baby girl
Collins Rebecca,
7lbs. 3oz.
Born July, 17th**

**Welcome
New Members**

Cullen Favors

Peyton Black

Wednesday Menus

\$5 Adult \$2.50 Child
\$15.00 max per family

8-7

Spaghetti, Garlic Bread,
Salad & Dessert

8-14

Italian Pork Chops,
Stuffing, Squash, Rolls,
Salad & Dessert

8-21

Chicken Fried Steak
& Country Gravy,
Rice, Corn, Rolls,
Salad & Dessert

8-28

Taco Salad,
Refried Beans
& Spanish Rice,
Dessert

In Memory of:

Richard Atkins for Amen Choir from Mr. & Mrs. Lamar Martin

Ryon Locke for Food Closet from Pat Holland

Mary Ann Hall for Food Closet from Pat Holland

Mary Ann Hall for Belize Mission Trip from Mr. & Mrs. Lamar Martin

Harold Nevels for Budget from Mr. & Mrs. Brad Turner

In Honor of:

John & Elizabeth Giles for Food Closet from Mr. & Mrs. Desmond Beck

Bill & Margaret Wilson for Food Closet from Brenda Slaphey

Lorene Parker for Sweet Spirits from Brenda Slaphey

Barbara Thomas for Sweet Spirits from Brenda Slaphey

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June Giving	Budget	CTB	Missions	Other	Total
6/2/13	\$19,499.15	\$801.00	\$2,409.50	\$1,288.30	\$23,997.95
6/9/13	\$12,068.00	\$45.00	\$3,843.55	\$2,636.60	\$18,593.15
6/16/13	\$9,194.00	\$801.00	\$2,403.07	\$757.03	\$13,155.10
6/23/13	\$9,294.10	\$242.00	\$2,858.60	\$2,189.70	\$14,584.40
6/30/13	\$15,491.22	\$121.00	\$148.00	\$2,015.00	\$17,775.22

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Check out our website for up to the minute changes @ LBCPC.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				-----Youth Camp-----		
4 Youth Choir @ 5:00	5 Amen Choir @ 10:30	6 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	7 VKBW @ 10:00 5:45 Wet Wednesday 5:45 Youth Get R.E.A.L.	8 CDC Open House	9 Breakfast Club 10-2	10
11 Youth Choir @ 5:00	12 Amen Choir @ 10:30	13 10:00 Sweet Spirits Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	14 5:45 Wet Wednesday 5:45 Youth Get R.E.A.L. 7:00 Deacon Meeting	15	16 Breakfast Club 10-2	17
18 Youth Choir @ 5:00 Med. & Senior Teachers 5:00 PM Concert & Fellowship	19 Amen Choir @ 10:30	20 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	21 5:45 Wet Wednesday 5:45 Youth Get R.E.A.L. Finance Meeting	22 JEG B/W @ 7:00	23	24
25 Youth Choir @ 5:00	26 Amen Choir @ 10:30	27 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	28 5:45 Wet Wednesday 5:45 Youth Get R.E.A.L. CDC Meeting	29 6:30 F/H Experiencing God	30	31 Feed The Homeless @ 11:15-2

Regularly Ongoing Weekly Activities

* All times are Eastern.

Sunday

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 AM Bible Fellowship
10:50 AM Blended Worship Service
10:50 AM Bible Fellowship
11:15 AM Kidz Worship
5:30PM PRAYER TIME
6:00 PM Worship

Wednesday

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

Additional Information

The church office should receive all submissions to be considered for the monthly newsletter (*Connections*) by 2:00 PM on the 14th of the prior month.
Weekly submissions for consideration should be received by noon each Tuesday.



Our website is just 3 months old and we are adding and updating to it daily. By looking at the [Calendar](#) everyone can see what events are scheduled, and by clicking on that event, you get even greater detail. Under the [Ministries](#) tab, you can go to the [Music & Worship](#) page for the latest news of concerts and choir tours. To read Brother M.R.'s blogs, hover of the [Blog](#) tab and choose Senior Pastor. All of the new Children's program are found under [Ministries](#) then drop down to [Children](#) and pick which page you are interested in. Listen to podcasts of the Worship Services or watch them by video on the [Watch Sermons Online](#) tab. Follow the Youth Ministry at [Youth: Get R.E.A.L.](#), or get the menu for [Wednesday Supper Menu](#) under the [Resources](#) tab. There's so much information that it's too much to list. CHECK OUT [LBCPC.ORG](#).

Thank you so much for your interest in our special ministry. I love the clothes closet and in it have found my ministry for the Lord. I am blessed each Thursday with thankful clients. Our church has brought in nice clothes and the clients leave here saying what a blessing we are to them. We have given away at least 50 items each week and as many as 250 one week. I have prayed with several hurting ladies and have gotten many a hug. I have such great volunteers that work at sorting clothes, bagging and folding and helping people find their sizes. I have 2 to 7 helpers who come each week. We get about 7 new clients on any given Thursday. I never leave here feeling down ...only lifted up for the Lord. **The only need our Clothes Closet has is for money so that we can buy new socks and underwear for children since school is starting up soon.** Our supply is so great right now that we are using two rooms with the men's clothes in a separate room. This has been such a blessing. Thank you again for all who have given.

Becky Aderhold

Director of our Clothes Closet

Clothes Closet

"I needed clothes and you clothed me."

Matthew 25:38

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