

September Connections

Lakewood Baptist Church



4 yrs - 4th Grade

AWANA & FLYTE

Begin September 3rd

Wednesday from 5:45-7:00

FLYTE

faith. life. together.

the mix 5*6

Message from Brother M.R.

September! The very mention of it's name takes me to a very happy place. September has always been a magical time in my life. September as a child was the fall festival held in Noble Park in Paducah, Kentucky where I grew up. That meant BBQ , watermelon and the opening of the dove hunting season at 1pm. The watermelon was always questionable as they would put them in a huge pile and cover them with liquid soap. Then the fire trucks would shoot the children with water while they tried to recover one for their lunch. I can still remember thinking September is better than Christmas for me. No school, fun all day and it wasn't cold outside. To a kid it was as close to perfect as you could get.

September is always a magical time to be in the mountains. The color of the Aspen trees against the first snow of the season announces the end to the hot summer days. The sound of September is the bugling of the majestic bull Elk. His call can be heard echoing throughout the mountains announcing the migration from the high country to the valley's winter range. September really is the cool breeze on a summer day that reminds us that things are about to change. September is the beginning of the harvest of all the labor of Spring. It is a time of renewed hope and thanksgiving.

Perhaps September is most important because it ushers in a change of season. It announces the end of the dog days of August. Sure it can and will be hot in September but there is peace in the knowledge that it will not last. Why? Because this is September! Like almost everyone who has lived in places that experience extreme changes in the weather, September is an usher of both good and bad news. The good news is that it ushers the dog days of August out of our lives. The bad news is it announces the fact that Winter is coming soon. Creation has a great deal to say about its creator and God really is a God of seasons. In God's plan there is always a time for planting and a time of harvest. A time to be still and know that he is God, and there are those dog days of August that we must all go through. This truth is most exciting when we realize that in His plan and schedule for all things is September. Those days when our eyes will see beauty that no words can capture. Those days when our hearts are filled with anticipation of the opportunities that are before us. Those days when we can't breathe in deep enough, or listen close enough to take in the glory of a perfect day. Those days when we really know the peace that Christ has promised for all who follow him.

I often wonder if God had not intended everyday to be September. Then I realize through His creation that September wouldn't be celebrated if it were not for the dog days of August. After all it is the dog days of August that make September so special. Thank God for the dog days without which we would never know the glory of September.



Music & Senior Adults

End of the Summer Concert

Sunday evening September 7th will be our annual Alleluia Choir concert to end the summer season. A variety of styles will be featured this year. You will hear the choir with solos, the LBC orchestra, the Men's Chorus, a violin solo, favorite old hymns and exciting new worship anthems. Invite someone to come with you for an hour of Worship through music.



Christmas Is Coming

Tuesday September 9th is the kick-off for our Christmas music and we want everyone who desires to sing in December to join us! At 6:00 bring finger food for a fellowship in the Choir Suite. At 6:30 you will see all 12 pieces that we will do and everything is new! The Alleluia Choir Christmas Program is Sunday evening December 7.

Lakewood Baptist Church
Child Development Center

Cabbi Black

Lakewood's Child Development Center “A Blessing Beyond the Ministry to Children”

Lakewood's CDC is a wonderful blessing to hundreds of parents throughout the community who entrust their children's care to us each day. Their laughter and smiles make every day around the church such a blessing. With over 200 preschool children around there is seldom a dull moment. The CDC employs around 50 of the neatest people who have been gifted in caring for and playing with the children day after day. Many of them have been employed here for a number of years and we seldom have openings for new teachers. This reality has been witnessed by the many awards and recognition the CDC has received in recent years. Those wanting their child in the program often sign up their children long before they are born as we seldom have a waiting list of less than fifty children. The Lord has truly blessed the ministry of Cabbi Black our director and her assistant Tammy Evans. Listed below please take note of all the ways in which the CDC has tried to support and assist the church in the past few years. Then the next time you see the CDC children laughing and learning about Jesus, remember that the blessing of this ministry reaches well beyond the children. All of us have reason to thank God for the CDC and it's leadership.

Brother M.R. Hamilton

CDC Large Purchases/Expenses - 2013-2014

Magnetic Security Doors -	6,633.04
Playground -	41,459.75
Playground Cover -	15,649.98
Upright Freezer -	739.48
Glass Doors -	5,592.23
Church Sign -	27,216.64
A/C - 2014 -	9,335.00
Kitchen Remodel -	38,239.12
	<u>\$144,865.24</u>
(2012) Bus -	110,034.00
Total	\$254,899.24



As I write this article, I am in the primitive country of Laos, where I have been teaching pastors and other Christian workers from eleven different tribes scattered across the country. The picture is that of one of the little huts where some of the pastors are staying. There is no way I can describe the conditions of this impoverished communist-controlled nation, so far removed from the 21st century. Instead, let me just remind you that the Lord's commission to take the gospel to them is far from fulfilled.

In 1886 Dr. John Pemberton, a pharmacist, first introduced Coca Cola to the world in Atlanta. It was a caramel-colored syrup that he concocted in a brass kettle in his backyard and sold at the pharmacy down the street. Since its humble beginnings only slightly more than a hundred years ago, 97% of the world has heard of Coca Cola, 72% of the world has seen a can or bottle of Coca Cola, and 51% of the world has tasted Coca Cola. This accomplishment is the result of a commitment the company made years ago that everyone on the planet would have a taste of their product.

It's a tragic statistic that 97% of the people in the world have heard of this sugar and water concoction, while two billion of the world's population have no access to the good news of Jesus Christ. I read that 17 million people die every year without having heard the name of Jesus. Such statistics ought to challenge and motivate us to a new and higher level of commitment to sharing the gospel.

Jerry Horner

Children are a gift from God

The hot days of summer will soon be behind us, but the approaching fall means that the kids are once again in school and all of our children’s ministries are back in full swing. Awana and Flyte start back Wednesday, September 3rd, and children’s choir begins Sunday night, September 7, including our new preschooler choir! Here is the complete list of ministry opportunities available for our children:

Pre-school Division (birth – 4 year olds)

Sunday:	9:30 – 10:30	Bible Fellowship
	10:30 - 12:00	Extended Session
	6:00 – 7:00	Preschool Choir (3 – 4 year olds, must turn 3 by Sept. 1)
Wednesday:	5:45 – 7:00	AWANA Cubbies (3 – 4 year olds, must turn 3 by Sept. 1)

Elementary Division (K – 4th grades)

Sunday	9:30 – 10:30	Bible Fellowship
	10:30 – 12:00	Children’s Church
	6:00 – 7:00	Children’s Choir (K – 6 th)
Wednesday:	5:45 – 7:00	AWANA Sparks and Ultimate Adventure (K – 4 th)

The Mix 5/6 (5th and 6th grades)

Sunday:	9:30 – 10:30	Bible Fellowship
	10:50 – 12:00	Worship Service
	6:00 – 7:00	Children’s Choir (K – 6 th)
Wednesday:	5:45 – 7:00	FLYTE (5 th and 6 th)

Our average attendance on Wednesday nights is between 40 and 50 kids. This means we need many dedicated adults to volunteer their time and talents to help us out in our different areas of service.

Also we still need adult teachers and substitutes for several of our Sunday morning Bible Fellowship classes. Please be praying that the Lord will provide His leaders to serve in our children’s division. If you would like to volunteer this year in any of these areas of service please contact Patrick Thornton.

Shaping the Future

Youth & Younger Single Adults

September is well known for Labor Day, the end of summer, and the start of college football. In the student ministry, September is known as Disciple Now month! This year’s theme for D-Now is App-Now as in application of biblical principles in our lives. This year the weekend will be hosted by Edgewood Baptist Church in Columbus, the worship will be led by Eminent Worship, and our guest speaker will be Mitchell Dean of the Russell County FCA. Disciple Now is a weekend totally focused on spiritual growth in our student’s lives so that they can be empowered to spread the gospel to their family, friends, and teammates. Parents and grandparents please encourage your students to sign-up for this powerful weekend September 19th-21st, if you have a scheduling conflict such as a game, please let us know and we can work around it so that it doesn’t cause your student to miss the entire weekend. We are still in need of host homes to house our young people for the weekend, please let us know if you’re willing to open your home for us. We also need help with food, transportation, and sponsors as well. Our singles are jumping in and helping as small group leaders for the weekend as well, setting the example for the younger generation to follow. Above all else, area student pastors are praying for a move of God’s Spirit in our young adults, please join us in prayer in the days leading up to the event. We also have finished the renovation of the Youth Game Room with new carpet and paint and it is now an inviting place for our students to come enjoy. A special thanks to all those who donated funds and game tables for the room. May God richly repay you for your generosity.

In Memory of:

Laverte Grimes for Challenge to Build in honor of his 100th Birthday from Kenneth Jones

Edna Howard:

For Sweet Spirits from Margaret Weaver
For Sweet Spirits from Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Head

Ray Quintana:

for Youth Room Renovations from Fran Loftin
for Food Closet from Sally Kennedy
for Amen Choir from Mr. & Mrs. Lamar Martin

Mary Blalock:

For Challenge to Build from Mr. & Mrs. Billy Greene
For Amen Choir from Trudy Moran
For Food Closet from Brenda Slappey
For Amen Choir from Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Whitehead
For Food Closet from Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Scroggins

Shannon Bush in memory of her birthday

For Food Closet from Larry & Sarah Bush

Max Wilkes

For Challenge to Build from Malinda and Family

Desmond Beck:

For Amen Choir from Clara Jean Watson
For Amen Choir from Brenda Slappey
For Amen Choir from J.D. & Diane Whitehead
For Amen Choir from Dorothy Atkins
For Amen Choir from Mr. & Mrs. Philip Stenton and Joel
For Challenge to Build from Mr. & Mrs. Billy Greene
For Bibles for Belize from Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wilson
For Food Closet from Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Scroggins

In Honor of:

Dot Oliver for Food Closet from Mr. & Mrs. Jack Tinkler
Homer Gray for the Amen Choir
Bill Hall for Challenge to Build from Fran Loftin
Allen Hirsch for the Amen Choir

Wednesday Menus

9/3

Ham,
Sweet Potato Casserole,
Green Beans, Rolls,
Salad & Dessert

9/10

Fried & Baked Chicken,
Peas & Butterbeans,
Squash Casserole,
Rolls,
Salad & Dessert

9/17

Hamburger Steak & Gravy,
Mashed Potatoes,
Collards & Cornbread,
Salad & Dessert

9/24

Hand-made Cheeseburgers,
Potato Salad,
Broccoli Salad,
Salad & Dessert

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July Giving	Budget	CTB	Missions	Other	Total
7/6/14	\$24,705.91	\$716.00	\$1,571.00	\$993.25	\$27,986.16
7/13/14	\$10,030.08	\$80.00	\$940.00	\$1,860.25	\$12,910.33
7/20/14	\$10,305.82	\$87.00	\$650.00	\$117.58	\$11,160.40
7/27/14	\$7,009.59	\$271.00	\$195.00	\$1,085.39	\$8,560.98

September 2014

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Office Closed	2 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	3 VKBW @ 10:00	4	5	6
7 1st Pl. @ 4:00 Youth Ch @ 5 Kidz Ch @ 6	8 Amen Choir @ 10:30	9 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	10 Deacon Meeting @7:00	11 Ladies Movie Night @ 6:30 F/H	12	13
14 1st Pl. @ 4:00 Youth Ch @ 5 Kidz Ch @ 6	15 Amen Choir @ 10:30	16 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	17 Finance Meeting @ 7:00	18	19 ----- Discipleship Now-----	20
21 Youth Ch. @ 5 Kidz Ch @ 6 ---D-Now-----	22 Amen Choir @ 10:30	23 Alleluia Choir @6:30	24 CDC Meeting @7:00	25 JEGBW @ 7:00	26	27 Feed the Homeless 11-2
28 Youth Ch @ 5 Kidz Ch @ 6	29 Amen Choir @ 10:30 OCC Count- down Event @ 6:30	30 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30				

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 AWANA / FLYTE
Youth Get Real
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.



Ladies Movie Night
September 11th
@ 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

ALL LADIES INVITED !!
Bring a finger food to share
Popcorn & Drinks will be provided
Bring your own comfortable chair



OCC
COUNTDOWN
KICK-OFF

Monday September 29
6:30 bring finger foods
7:00 Kick-off!
Meet Rhonda Anderson
OCC Regional Director
from the Atlanta office
Hear her testimony from
shoe-box distributions
Door prizes Games



The Flower & Decorating Committee plan to use **Nativities** (Mary, Joseph & Baby Jesus) to decorate the church windows and niches for Christmas. The figures need to be at least **12 inches tall or taller**. If you have a set of these and would be willing for us to use them please let **Margaret Wilson** know ASAP. **334.297.8014**. We need 12 sets.
 Thank you very much!

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