

# **Lakewood Baptist October Connections**



**FALL FESTIVAL**  
**Sunday, October 26th**  
**from 4-6 pm**

# Brother M.R.

October is a time when we are all reminded that God is a God of seasons. To some this is a time of celebration as the dog days of summer are finally gone. To others the first cool mornings are a reminder that it is going to get colder in the months ahead. For myself October is a time of reflection as so many memories flood my mind from a past that held so much promise in October. As a child October was a time to spend endless hours in the woods with my bow and arrow. The timber would be alive with activity as everything in all of creation made preparation for the winter that would all too soon arrive. The squirrels would be gathering the abundance while the timber itself would chatter in the slightest breeze with the falling of leaves. The first geese of the year could be heard and seen in a sky that seemed a deeper blue than that of summer. The hours of silence sitting alone in the timber of my youth were glorious days indeed. In my imagination I could hear the sounds of Elk in a mountain wilderness though in reality I was sitting in a tree in a twenty acre timber of Kentucky. I just knew any second a magnificent whitetail deer would appear from the shadows even though in those days few actually existed. I recall seeing my first deer as a child while out squirrel hunting as it crossed a small stream not more than a few feet in front of me. I was so excited I ran to tell all my friends who refused to believe it. Only after they saw the tracks themselves did I gain the admiration of being so blessed.

October still has that same power in my life as I look back only a few years ago. While in Missouri I had the good fortune of owning more than my share of really nice pointing dogs. Here you just call them bird dogs but we used them to hunt quail, pheasants, woodcock and grouse. Now the woodcock and grouse were birds of the wilderness, thriving in places few men if any would dare to venture. I would load my trailer and head north in October to a cabin owned by a good friend in Wisconsin. The forest there ran for endless miles in every direction, broken every so often by lonely gravel roads used by trucks hauling timber. I loved to drive the back roads as I would often see grouse, black bear, a bobcat and on occasion the secretive fisher (half otter, half mink.) surprised by my presence there. Along the roads the grouse were wild and would hardly hold for a pointing dog as they had seen enough people to know the plans they had to serve them with rice for dinner. But when you parked at the end of the road everything changed. I would take my dogs and walk for days wondering if anyone had seen the wonders my eyes had seen. I recall looking down one day to see an old shotgun shell, the only sign remaining of another hunter who had walked that way before me. The grouse in these locations were magnificent birds. Mature and majestic they would jump up on a stump or log to better see me. They were not afraid for they lacked the experience with man to know his reason for coming. The dogs would point the birds with such intensity that their entire bodies would tremble as they breathed in the scent of their hearts desire. The dogs would look at me with great wonder, expecting a shot that would not come. I can see the grouse flying through the fall timber as though it were happening now or perhaps yesterday. The sound of his wings and the tingle of the dogs bell are just as real now as that very day. We would repeat this reality hundreds of times in those days of October.

Have you ever been to a place where you know that only you, God and a dog know exists? I sure have and it was always in a season called October. A time to realize what lies ahead, and how important it is to enjoy the moment before it is gone. A time to make the memories that will sustain you until the next time you find yourself in the season we call October. A time of thanksgiving and a time of plenty. A time of harvest and great memories. A time when we reflect upon what has been and what is to come. A time to watch a magnificent creature that lives in a place where man seldom ventures, and know that God knows he is there and has been taking great care of him. A time to realize that God knows where I am, and just what I need to live my life to the fullest until that season in God's plan called October. The season of harvest when we shall all be gathered home with Him forever.

**Ruffed Grouse**



**Fisher**



**Wood Cock**





## “ I will sing to the Lord”

### AMEN CHOIR TOUR

Tues., Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – Rehearsal Dinner at 5:00 p.m. with Wade and Rebecca Daniel (Covered Dish)

Wed., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – Touring The American Village in Montevallo with a mini-concert in the old Church on site  
Concert at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Montevallo – 6:00 p.m. CST

Thurs., Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> – Camelia Place in Auburn at 1:30 p.m. CST and Frazer Methodist at 6:00 p.m. CST

Fri., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> – Calvary Gardens at 10:00 a.m. and Spring Harbor at 2:00 p.m.

**Sat., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – CONCERT at LAKEWOOD** featuring Wade Daniel and the Amen Choir at 7:00 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – Morning Service at Lakewood and Evangel Temple at 6:00 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Baptist College of Florida in Graceville – Chapel Service / Leave at 7:00 a.m.

### OTHER ENGAGEMENTS

Fri., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – Activities Center in Phenix City at 10:00 a.m.

Fri., Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – Choir Festival at Providence in Opelika at 11:00 a.m. EST

This year's tour will feature **Wade Daniel, Minister of Music at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Bartersville, Oklahoma**. He is a Professor and a Concert Pianist. We have grown to love Wade and his wife Rebecca having worked with him in two Senior Adult Conferences, one in Sevierville, TN. and the other in Branson, MO. He has also traveled with us on choir tour to Lancaster, PA. This year's tour is a sleep in your own bed tour hoping more of our choir will be able to participate in the one day excursions. One of the fruits of last year's tour is being invited to sing at the Baptist College of Florida. A professor from there heard us sing and upon his recommendation we received an invitation from the school's President to lead their Chapel Service. This is special to me since Linda is an alumni of this school and my Dad taught there several semesters.

I hope you will support the **Home Concert at Lakewood on Saturday Night, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>**. This is a great opportunity for your friends who worship elsewhere to enjoy a great night of music with the Amen Choir and Wade Daniel. It will be wonderful.

## Children are a gift from God

Our annual **Fall Festival** is almost here! This year the Fall Festival is scheduled for **Sunday afternoon, October 26** from **4:00 until 6:00 p.m.** This is the largest event that our children's ministry puts on during the year, and we depend upon many volunteers to get it accomplished. We will be sending **sign-up sheets** to the Bible Fellowship classes to obtain help with games, food and registration needs. Please support our children's ministry and sign up to help with this evening of fun, fellowship, and outreach to our community.

**Individually wrapped candy and small prizes** for the games are also needed. If you can donate a bag or two of candy, please bring it to the church office where we will be collecting it between now and the festival. Any small prize items, such as pencils, erasers, and small toys for kids would also be appreciated.

Our **Extended Session**, which is preschool care during our late worship service, is in **need of a new coordinator**. Kathy Hollon has been doing a terrific job in this position for the last several years, but she will be taking a break as of the end of December. Please be praying for a volunteer to serve in this much needed position in our preschool division. If you are interested or if you would like more information, please see Patrick Thornton. Thanks!

As I write this article for the October *Connections*, I am preaching and teaching in Indonesia, the largest Muslim nation in the world. I have also been ministering in Singapore, Malaysia, Laos and Thailand. On this and previous trips, I have witnessed the faithfulness of Christians who are living in the midst of persecution, oppression, scorn and poverty. It would not be wise of me to write the names and testimonies of some people I have met, particularly in Laos, a country that is brutal in opposing the gospel.

Some of the churches where I have ministered call to mind the church at Pergamos, which existed right on the devil's doorstep, right in hell's headquarters. You can read about this church in Revelation 2:12-17. Pergamos was a center of emperor worship and a city of pagan licentiousness, immorality, debauchery and idolatry. But in that horrible place there was a little colony of heaven, a New Testament church that was loyal to Christ, despite all the unfavorable circumstances. What I read about that church and what I have personally seen in various places causes me to believe that there is no excuse for not being a faithful witness for Christ wherever you are. There are some who excuse themselves by saying that the place where they work, or the school they attend, or the neighborhood where they live, or the family of which they are a part is so hostile that no one can be an open and active Christian in such an ungodly environment. If your Christianity won't work for you there, then it's worthless, no matter who you are and no matter what the situation is. The church at Pergamos and the churches I have visited tell us that we can be Christians living for the Lord Jesus Christ no matter what the circumstances may be. As a matter of fact, has it ever occurred to you that God may have put you in that devilish place so that you can be His lighthouse? God may have you in that work place or that school or that community or that family so that you can bear witness to Christ. After all, you don't put a lighthouse in downtown Atlanta; you put it on some rocky, barren coast where it can do some good.

Paul had conducted an evangelistic campaign on the island of Crete, and when he left, he put Titus in charge of overseeing the church there. In Titus 2:12-13 Paul describes the Cretans as "liars, evil beasts and lazy gluttons." In the midst of a horrible environment like that, I can imagine that Titus is praying for a pulpit committee from somewhere to get him out of there. But notice what Paul tells him: "For this cause I left you in Crete." The fact that Crete was such a bad place was exactly why Paul put Titus there.

A Sunday School teacher may say, "Get me out of this class. These boys are rowdy and mean. They don't want to study the Bible. They are disrespectful and they act up and fight." Well, if bad boys don't need a Sunday School teacher, who does? Maybe that's why God put you there. Someone may say, "You don't know my circumstances." You're right, but Jesus does know. He said to the church of Pergamos, "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is." Jesus knows your circumstances, and if you are where He put you, He will give you all the perseverance and resources you need to live for Him.

## Pergamos



## Shaping the future

Fall is in the air and I'm grateful for cooler temperatures outside. We have just finished Disciple Now weekend at the end of September which saw hundreds of young adults from around the area come together for a weekend of worship and discipleship. We had a great time in our host homes, small groups, corporate worship and teaching times, and in our service projects over the weekend and it was a blessing to see students grow in their relationship with Christ. Again, I want to thank all those who opened their homes, sponsored a student, or helped with transportation. Without your acts of service we could have never pulled the weekend off, may God bless you for your kindness.

As we move into October we will join other churches and Christian organizations to do some community-wide events. First, we will combine with Smith's Station Baptist and Bethany Baptist for a combined Fifth Quarter on Friday night October 3<sup>rd</sup> after the Smith's Station vs. Central rivalry football game. We'll enjoy food, games, worship, and a message as we come together united in our love for Christ. This is an evangelistic outreach as we often get many students who come to Fifth Quarter because they are invited by a friend and don't usually attend church. Please pray that God will move in the hearts of all students in attendance.

Finally, we will travel over to CSU on Wednesday night, October 15<sup>th</sup> for Fields of Faith sponsored by our local FCA huddles. On this night we'll enjoy worship and testimonies by local high school students who have committed their lives to Christ and are pushing away the temptations of this world and the peer pressure that comes along with it. The keynote speaker will be Jeremy Williams, former Manchester High Football coach, whose family was featured on the TV show Extreme Home Makeover, and he is the author of the book Tenacious. Jeremy, though he has lost control of his body due to ALS, is a dynamic speaker and witness of what a sold out life committed to Christ really looks like. I am excited to see and hear what God has laid upon his heart for our students to hear.

Even though it is Fall, we never seem to slow down and we enjoy partnering with other churches to see the gospel proclaimed to area students.

As we move swiftly towards the end of the year I pray we all look at our reflections in the mirror of God (James 1:22-25) and see what changes need to be made in our lives to look more like Christ to everyone we meet.

## The Amen Choir with Wade Daniel on Piano Saturday October 11th at 7:00 pm Lakewood Sanctuary



**Bulletin Board**

Please make a point to check out the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall on a regular basis.

There are events and notices posted there as well as notes of thanks appreciation from our members.

There is a note there from Dorothy Atkins

**Changes in Evening Worship this month**

On **October 12th** our service will be transferred to Evangel Temple as the Amen Choir will be leading Worship there.

On **October 26th** we will be having our Fall Festival on the front lawn and encourage everyone to be a part of this event which reaches out to the whole community.

We will be having church conference on the 19th.

**In Memory of:**

Desmond Beck:  
From Janice Noble for Challenge to Build  
From Bobbie Redmon for Amen Choir

Bea Carmack form Dolly Stokes for Food Closet

Dorothy McElvey:  
From Dot Beck for the Food Closet  
From Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Scroggins for the Food Closet  
From Clara Jean Watson for the Homebound Ministry  
From Brenda Slappey for the Food Closet

**In Honor of:**

David and Pansy Slocumb from Fran Loftin for the Food Closet

**Wednesday Menus**

**10/1**

Chicken & Dumplings,  
Fried Corn,  
Turnips & Cornbread,  
Salad & Dessert

**10/8**

Scrambled Eggs,  
Bacon, Biscuits,  
Sausage Gravy, Grits,  
Coffee, Milk,  
Juice & Fruit

**10/15**

Baked & Fried Chicken,  
Mashed Potatoes  
& Gravy, Peas &  
Butterbeans, Biscuits,  
Salad & Dessert

**10/22**

Beef Tips over  
Rice & Gravy,  
Collards & Cornbread,  
Salad & Dessert

**10/29**

Taco Salad,  
Mexican Corn,  
Spanish Rice,  
Salad & Dessert

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August Giving	Budget	CTB	Missions	Other	Total
8/3/14	\$20,259.02	\$541.79	\$830.00	\$2,118.25	\$23,749.06
8/10/14	\$14,556.68	\$707.00	\$410.00	\$155.00	\$15,828.68
8/17/14	\$10,307.40	\$1,031.00	\$330.00	\$861.02	\$12,529.42
8/24/14	\$11,801.93	\$276.00	\$630.00	\$355.50	\$13,063.43
8/31/14	\$10,700.50	\$346.00	\$580.00	\$923.29	\$12,549.79



# October 2014

Check out our website for up to the minute changes @ [LBCPC.org](http://LBCPC.org)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Fifth Quarter SSBC - after game	4
5 Lord's Supper Adult/Youth Choir practice @ 1:30 1st Pl @ 4 Kidz Ch @ 6	6 Amen Choir @ 10:30	7 Amen Choir Dinner & Rehearsal @ 5:00	8 Amen Choir at Montevallo No Orchestra Deacon Meeting @ 7:00	9 Amen Choir to Auburn and Frazer UMC	10 Calvary Gardens & Spring Harbor	11 Amen Choir Concert @ 7:00
12 1st Pl @ 4 Kidz Ch @ 6 PM Service at Evangel Temple	13 Amen Choir to Baptist College of FL	14 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	15 Youth to CSU @ 6:00 for FCA Finance Meeting @ 7:00	16	17	18
19 1st Pl @ 4 Kidz Ch @ 6 Church Conf. Deacons	20 Amen Choir @ 10:30	21 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	22 CDC Meeting @ 7:00	23 JEGBW @ 7:00 In F/H	24 Choir Festival @ Providence	25 Feed the Homeless 11-2
26 <b>Fall Festival</b> 4-6	27 Amen Choir @ 10:30	28 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	29	30	31	

## 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.

## FEAST OF THANKS

November 16th

Reserve your families spot by going to [LBCPC.org](http://LBCPC.org) and click on the calendar.

Find November 2014 and click on Feast of Thanks on the 16th. There you will find a link to reserve your spot.

It's easy! You can always call the church office also.

**If you would like to decorate a table please contact Margaret Wilson or the church office.**



**OCC SHOEBOX  
DEADLINE**

**NOVEMBER 16**



**Sunday evening November 2nd Dr. Grant Scarborough will be here to share about his ministry / medical practice called Mercy Med, a clinic on 2nd Ave in Columbus that ministers to the homeless and poor. His focus is the physical and spiritual needs of the least of these. You will be blessed.**



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