

# November Connections

Feast of Thanks  
November 10th @ 6:00pm



Our Church Family will celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday together just as we have in years past. The Fellowship Hall will be decorated and you will not want to miss this delicious celebration! The church will provide the meat and drink, so all you need to bring are vegetables, salads or desserts...(please bring enough to feed your family plus 1.) To ensure that your family or friends will be able to sit together please make reservations by calling the church office or make reservations through the website @ [www.LBCPC.org](http://www.LBCPC.org) - click on the calendar date of November 10th or on the Feast of Thanks Reservations under 'Resources'.

An adequate number of tables will be set up so that you will not be separated.

Make your reservation soon!

# Message from Brother M.R.

As I sit down to write this month's letter my mind is swirling with all the activities I want to celebrate. The call of Dr Horner and his wife Annie into the ministry team here at Lakewood is sure to be a blessing. The support and sweet spirit of all those who have committed to the Experiencing God study is certain to bear much fruit. The selection and calling of four new deacons, three who have never served before, reflects the hope we have within our congregation. The invitation from the Evangel Temple for our Amen Choir to come perform, and us to worship together, was such a blessing that I hope and pray it will happen more often.

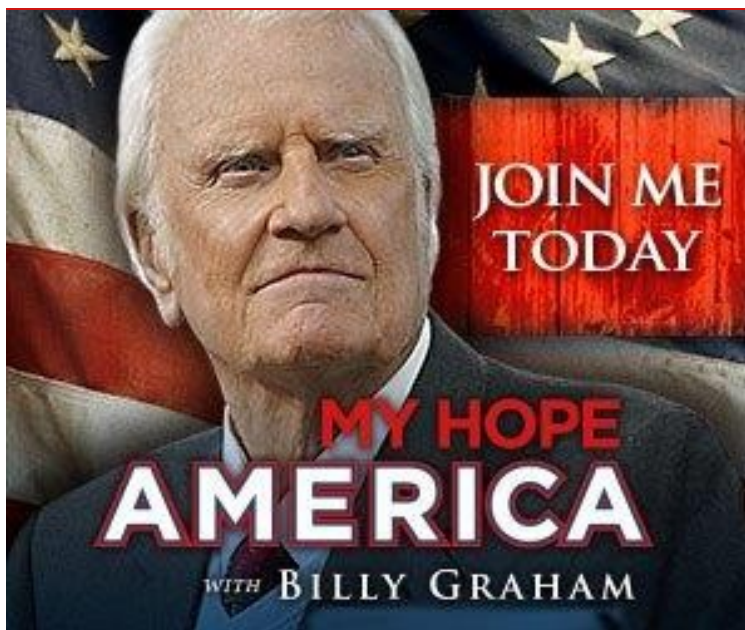
Even as I write this message, preparation is underway for the Fall Festival, the Feast of Thanks, the Amen Choir, the new Deacons Ordination service, the Adult Choir Christmas program, the Solo & Ensemble Christmas program, the instrumental Christmas and a whole lot more.

Suddenly we will all look up and find that it is a new year here at Lakewood, and it is a year full of promise. Certainly we are blessed! Blessed to be forgiven! Blessed to be here in this great church! Blessed to be born in this great country! Blessed to have the gift of one another, and the opportunity to encourage and uplift one another! Blessed to have this day that we can praise God and His Holy Name with all that is within us! We are blessed indeed!

So why should we not want to celebrate? Why when so much is right in our world should we choose to focus on those things that are not yet perfected? These too shall pass, and some day very soon, we will all see Jesus face to face. Some day very soon, it will all be made right. And until that day comes, let us all celebrate what is true and praise worthy. God reminds us of that very truth in Philippians 4:8 & 9 where He reminds us to take control of our minds, and "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is praise-worthy – think about such things. And the God of peace will be with you".

When we choose to take control of our thoughts, our lives will forever change. When we choose to see the best our world will become a much brighter place. That is God's promise to all who dare to believe and take Him at His Word. That promise is for all, regardless of where you are, or where you've been. God is a God of grace and mercy. A God who can only be described in our own experience. God is Love!

May this Holiday season be a time of refreshing and a time of counting all of your blessings!



If you come for Experiencing God class on November 7th at 6:30 you will have an hour long class and then you will have a chance to view Billy Graham's Final message to America on his birthday.

You do not want to miss this powerful video whether you are saved or unsaved. Invite any unsaved friends whom God places on your heart.

## Children are a gift from God

As this article goes to press, the Children's Leadership Ministry Team is finalizing plans for our annual Fall Festival and the silent auction to benefit "Cota for KatieT". This is truly a church-wide effort and there is no way that the children's ministry could accomplish this community outreach without the help and support of the volunteers throughout our Lakewood family. A huge thanks to all who have donated auction items, candy, time, and talent to make this year's Fall Festival a huge success.

Please remember that we will soon be making hygiene kits for the homeless, which will be distributed by our youth on their next outing to feed and minister to those in need. We need donations of travel sized hygiene products such as deodorant, lotion, hand sanitizer, shampoo and conditioner, as well as combs and washcloths. There are baskets on the elevator lobby welcome desk in which to place items you wish to donate.

Next month I will let you know how much we raised through our "Cota for KatieT" Silent Auction, which will be held the Sunday of the Fall Festival. Once again, thank you to everyone who gathered donations, those who baked desserts and made crafts, and to all those who purchased items at the auction!

## Shaping the Future

Andrew Spires

## Youth & Younger Single Adults

We are fast approaching Thanksgiving & Christmas, and it is at this time of year that we are reminded of those less fortunate. So, the youth & singles plan two service projects to meet the needs of the less fortunate in our community. First, from **now through November 24<sup>th</sup>** we will be collecting food staples and toiletry items to put together in a basket and give to the homeless. Of course the homeless have no ability to fix for themselves a traditional Thanksgiving meal, so we will provide food staples that can meet their physical hunger during the week leading up to Thanksgiving. Many of the homeless go to one of the ministries that offer a meal on Thanksgiving, but that's only one meal, and we would like for them to have something to take with them. As you can imagine hygiene is always an issue with the homeless, and they are desperate for items that help them feel clean. We have made hygiene kits in the past and they are like passing out gold, there are never enough, and someone always goes without. Items we plan to collect are as follows: **wash cloths, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, canned meat, crackers, cookies, small bibles, etc.** You may have noticed there are homeless donation bins placed at the welcome desk in the main sanctuary foyer as well as the downstairs elevator lobby, all donated items should be placed in those bins. We will then make these Thanksgiving baskets and get them in the hands of the homeless in time for Thanksgiving. If you would like to make a donation in lieu of shopping for specific items then **you can sponsor an entire basket for \$15.**

The second project will be our yearly Valley Rescue Toy Drive. This year we have placed two large bins in the downstairs elevator lobby (marked Valley Rescue) for the purpose of collecting new toys to give to the needy this Christmas from **now through December 13<sup>th</sup>**. When you do your Christmas shopping please grab an extra gift to brighten the day of a child this Christmas and then place it (unwrapped) in one of the bins. Gifts will be separated whether for boy/girl and age range as follows: **infant/toddler ages 0-3 years, ages 4-7 years, and ages 8-12 years old.** Please keep in mind that each year there is a larger need for the 0-3 year old bracket and the 8-12 year old bracket. Our students and singles will be volunteering twice in December, once on **Sunday afternoon the 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00-4:30pm** to separate toys by age, and then we will pass out toys to needy families on **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-2:00pm.** Please join us in these two service projects and share the blessings God has stored with you by giving to others. May God richly bless you as you bless others.



# Music & Senior Adults

“ I will sing to the Lord”

Charles Keown

## Sweet Spirits - November 12 10:00

Immediately following our lunch we will load the bus for the I-MAX Theatre in the National Infantry Museum to see JERUSALEM. The bus will leave at 12:15 for the 1:00 movie. Cost is \$7.00. We will return by 2:30. Call Lorene Parker or the Church Office for reservations. Everyone is welcome!

## Bus Trip - Walk Thru Bethlehem – Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in Dothan, AL has been offering this event for many years but this is our first trip down to see it. The bus will leave at 2:00 for Michelle's Buffet in Eufaula for a meal at 3:00 (late lunch and early dinner). We will arrive at Mt. Gilead before 5:30 and return to the church by 9:00. The cost is \$15 which includes bus and buffet in Eufaula, drink, tax and tip. Walk thru Bethlehem is free.

THIS EVENT IS LIMITED to the first 40 people to sign up.

You may call Lorene Parker or the church office to make reservations

# Firm Foundations for Future Generations

Lakewood Baptist Church  
Child Development Center

Cabbi Black

## Fall Fun at the Pumpkin Patch



### Thank You

We would like to thank Patrick and Carole Thornton, the Children's Ministry, and Lakewood for sponsoring a silent auction to benefit our granddaughter, Katie Testament. While Katie is doing great after her heart transplant, she still needs blood work and heart cath's each week/month to determine any rejection of her new heart. She is currently on eight different medications which cost between \$700-\$1,000 a month. Medical cost will be a life-long expense for Katie and her family. The auction was a success and we appreciate every penny that was donated. Thank you for your prayers, love, and support.  
Don and Kay Craft



### Toy Drive for Valley Rescue Mission

Bring new toys only from now until December 13th.  
Donation bins are in the downstairs lobby.  
(We are not having our own toy drive)



### BUS TRIP to THE RED DOOR DINNER THEATRE December 6th

This year's Christmas production at the Red Door Dinner Theatre in Union Springs, AL will be *Papa's Angels*. Your \$35.00 includes dinner, the show and the bus ride. The bus will leave at 5:00. Tickets **must** be purchased by NOVEMBER 10th so call Lorene Parker @ 706-570-1207 or the Church Office @ 334-298-6433 to make your reservation.  
This trip may fill up fast so call early!



### November 24th

Evening Worship will meet in the Fellowship Hall so our decorating committee can get started on the Christmas Decorations



### Deacon Ordination

Will be November 17th  
at 6:00  
In our evening worship.



### To Be Ordained

David Newsome  
Shaun Culligan  
Josh Henderson



**Sympathy to**

Tesa Hodge and family in the loss of her father, Terry Burt

**DAILY CONNECTIONS**

- LINKING LAKEWOOD 24/7 on LBCPC.org  
Go to LBCPC.org and under the RESOURCES tab on the home page you will find a new webpage called Daily Connections. Now you can see the latest sympathy notices between the times that you are at church. You may also read prayer requests, thank you and congratulations. To serve our congregation there are pages where you can see items someone may be looking to buy or sell, services offered and help wanted ads. There is an online form where Lakewood members or attenders may submit their information and these posts will be visible soon after.

**Wednesday Menus**

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

11/6  
Roasted Pork Loin w/ Onions & Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad & Dessert

11/13  
November Surprise

11/20  
Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Corn, Salad & Dessert

11/27  
Thanksgiving Break

**In Memory of:**

Bea Barrow:

For Homebound Ministry from Nancy Stainsby  
For Seekers SS Class from Teresa's Kuts & Styles  
For Homebound Ministry from Clara Jean Watson  
For Amen Choir from Faye Hatcher  
For Challenge to Build from Seekers Bible Fellowship Class  
For Food Closet from Pat Holland

Robert Holland for Food Closet from Pat Holland  
Natalie Hollon for Youth Ministry from Janet Turner  
Cleo Slater for Food Closet from Billy and Cathy Greene

**In Honor of:**

Parker May's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday:  
For Challenge to Build from Myra Currier  
For Circles of Influence from Billy and Cathy Greene  
For Building Maintenance from J.D. and Diane Whitehead  
For Amen Choir from Barbara Thomas  
Harris Henderson for Budget from Gail Brantley  
Carol Breault for Youth Ministry from Charles and Allyne Dault  
Margaret Maurer and Sarah Bush for Bereavement Ministry from Janice Noble  
Malinda Wilkes for Circles of Influence from Melvin and Sherry Scroggins  
Jean Russell for Food Closet from Billy and Cathy Greene  
Gail Brantley and Jean Russell for Food Closet from Pat Holland

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September Giving	Budget	CTB	Missions	Other	Total
9/1/13	\$14,831.15	\$401.00	\$310.00	\$435.00	\$15,977.15
9/8/13	\$16,615.37	\$56.00	\$755.00	\$990.00	\$18,416.37
9/15/13	\$9,073.00	\$131.00	\$126.00	\$1,326.40	\$10,656.406
9/22/13	\$8,532.10	\$56.00	\$250.00	\$533.50	\$9,371.60
9/29/13	\$11,177.11	\$181.00	\$447.00	\$4,635.00	\$16,440.11

# November 2013

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Time Change Experiencing God @ 4:00 6:00 Kidz Choir 6:00 Amen Choir Concert	4 Amen Choir @ 10:30 Camellia Place	5 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	6 VKBW @ 10:00 5:45 Awana/ Flyte/Youth	7 Experiencing God @ 6:30 F/H Billy Graham- HOPE @ 7:30	8	9
10 Experiencing God @ 4:00 Youth Choir @ 5:00 Feast of Thanks	11 Amen Choir @ 10:30	12 10:00 Sweet Spirits Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	13 5:45 Awana/ Flyte/Youth 7:00 Deacon Meeting	14 Experiencing God @ 6:30 F/H	15  Thornton	16  Couples
17 Experiencing God @ 4:00 Kidz Choir @6 Deacon Ordination @6 Retreat	18 Amen Choir @ 10:30	19 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	20 5:45 Awana/ Flyte/Youth 7:00 Finance Team	21 JEGBW @ 7:00 Experiencing God @ 6:30 F/H	22	23 Feed The Homeless 11:15-2:00
24 Experiencing God @ 4:00 PM Church in F/H	25	26 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	27 5:45 Awana/ Flyte/Youth/ 7:00 CDC Meeting	28 Thanksgiving Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30

## Regularly Ongoing Weekly Activities

\* All times are Eastern.

### 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  
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 / Flyte / Youth  
6:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal  
6:00 PM Adult Prayer and Bible Study  
7:00 PM 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 14<sup>th</sup> of the prior month.

Weekly submissions for consideration should be received by noon each Tuesday.



# Operation Christmas Child



## Operation Christmas Child

is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse led by Franklin Graham, son of Rev. Billy Graham.

Shoebboxes are filled with necessities and toys for a needy child in a war-torn or disaster-ridden country. The boxes are filled with age appropriate items for a 2-4 yrs old, 5-9 yrs. old and 10-14 yrs. old. The sex of each child is marked on the label. **The deadline for shoeboxes this year is Sunday November 17th.** You may pick up brochures in any lobby of the church. Lakewood is also the Chattahoochee Valley Collection Center for 8 drop-off locations in our area including LaGrange, Eufaula, Auburn, Buena Vista, Roanoke, Valley, Ellerslie and Columbus. Volunteers are needed for Collection Week that begins on November 18 and ends November 25. Contact Linda Keown if you are able to help receive shoeboxes from our community and carton them for trucking to the Atlanta Processing Center. This is a wonderful ministry to be involved in. Everyone is welcome!

## Operation Christmas Child Collection Center Volunteers Needed

Come by the Media Computer in the Sanctuary and sign up to help the week of November 18 through the 25th. Some of the opportunities we have are: helping with unloading shoeboxes from cars and trucks, packing cartons with shoebox gifts, helping donors record their information on Drop-off logs or just praying with those who come by! We especially need help Monday the 25th as Drop-off Centers from 8 points in the Chattahoochee Valley Area come to LBC with their cartons. Your hands will get the good news of the gospel one step closer to the child that God has chosen to receive it. You WILL be blessed!



**Office Closed**  
November 28th & 29th.



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Hours: M- F 6:30 - 6:00

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