

CONNECTIONS

February 2013

Lakewood Baptist Church

Ladies Banquet with Donna Douglas

Elly May Clampett of Beverly Hillbillies

Come Hear Donna's Tremendous Testimony
of God's Grace, Mercy, and Love



February 9, 2013
Begins at 5 p.m.

Family Life Center
Central Baptist Church
1407 Broad Street
Phenix City, AL

Cost is \$12 per person

Includes meal and picture
with Donna Douglas

Photos courtesy of
Ritchie White Photography

Open to ladies of all ages

For info, call (334) 480-2080 or e-mail jscpa@att.net

Registration Info:

Churches are encouraged to register in groups.

Names and e-mail addresses, along with \$12 fee, can be mailed to

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Horner's Corner



God has made provision for every creature, a fact that is well illustrated in the animal kingdom. The same is true in our lives. Most of us are worrying about the physical and material needs of our lives because we are assuming responsibility that God never intended us to have. The only way to be absolutely liberated from the natural fears and frustrations that beset common people is to submit to the law of provision and realize that God provides for that which He possesses. God owns me by right of creation—He made me—and by right of redemption—He bought me with the blood of Christ, so God is obligated to meet my needs. According to Philippians 4:19, that is exactly what He does, and that is exactly what Jesus is talking about in Matthew 6:24-34.

You will never know God in His fullness until you are willing to trust Him for provision. If I am going to be able to look to God daily to meet every need that I have, and if I am going to be released from worry about the necessities of life, what do I have to do? What is the law of provision?

I. You Must Value Yourself. Jesus asked if we are not much better than a bird (Matt. 6:26). You need to realize how important you are to God. There are two ways the Bible shows our value to God.

A. Creation reveals our value to God. God created the heavens and the earth and the animal kingdom, and then as the crown of His creation, He created man in His own image. Let's suppose that God had not made up His mind, and He was looking at all the animal creation, wanting to pick some species to which He could give His image so He could have fellowship with them. He chose you and me. That's how valuable we are. Of all the creatures God made, only man is able to worship and know Him. We need to understand that God is concerned about us in all the details of our lives, great or small. If it's big enough to worry about, it's big enough for God to take care of.

B. The gift of Jesus for us reveals our value to God. I can never again doubt that God cares for me and that He wants to provide for me when I stand at the foot of the cross. "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Rom. 8:32). Which is the greater thing for God to give us—His Son or the daily necessities of life: If God has done the greater thing, how much more shall He do the lesser thing?

II. You Must Forget Yourself. In Matthew 6:25, 28, 31 and 34 Jesus said, "Take no thought," or "Don't worry." "Forget yourself," He says. Stop making yourself the center of your little world. The person who does not acknowledge that God is going to provide for him is going to focus all his attention on himself and his needs verse 24 Jesus says that a person will either trust in the material things of life or in God. You can't trust in both of them. Why does God want us to be free from worrying about material needs?

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A. As long as we are worrying about our needs, we can't help others in their needs. The Bible tells us many times that we are not to look exclusively on our own needs, but that we are to look out for the interest of other people. The law of God is if I want to receive, I must first of all give. If I am more concerned than I ought to be about my physical needs, then I will withhold my compassion over the needs of others.

B. Failure to yield to God's law of provision leads to all kinds of sin. It leads to envy, jealousy, hatred, lying, stealing, murder, and immorality. Jesus says in verses 31-32 that a refusal to submit to God's law of provision is characteristic of the pagan world. We live like pagans when we come to church on Sunday and praise God, and then through the rest of the week we bow down before the god of physical and material needs. We base our standard of values on the basis of what we possess. Some people will never learn the law of provision until God absolutely bankrupts them and puts them in a position where they have no choice but to trust Him.

III. Dedicate Yourself. Verse 33 begins with "but," a word of contrast. Pagans are dedicated to material things, but those who are submitted to God's law of provision are dedicated to the kingdom of God and His righteousness. What does it mean to seek first the kingdom of God? Jesus is not talking about wanting to go to heaven. The kingdom of God is not a place; it is a way of life. It means God's rule. Righteousness is His way of doing things. Jesus is saying that if you will seek first God's rule in your life and His way of doing things, all these other things will be added unto you. If I allow Him to rule in my life, God provides for me. On what basis is God able to meet my needs? It's on the basis that He is the owner of all things. I have no right to ask God to take the wealth of the world and distribute it to me unless He owns it. Many of us, by the way we live and treat God with our money, are denying in practice that God is the owner of all things. When we withhold our material substance from God, we are saying in effect that God does not own all things. We are declaring that God has no right to tell us what to do with what is ours. Then we turn around and ask Him to meet our needs. We are asking God to do something in prayer that we are denying He has a right to do in practice. The only way I have any right to ask the Father to meet my needs is first to acknowledge His ownership of my life and all things in this world. God never intended that we should worry and be uptight and anxious about our daily needs. He said that He would take care of it. Then we can be free to serve Him, to love Him and to help others.

Children Are A Gift From God

Awana resumed on Wednesday, January 9TH with 31 kids present! I want to thank all the workers who volunteer in this weekly program for our children-you are making a difference in the lives of these young people. The Children's Ministry Leadership Team has planned out the special activities for 2013, and our next big event is the annual Awana Lock-In, which is scheduled for February 22ND at 7:00PM. The Sparks will have fun and games from 7:00 until 10:00, and the 3RD through 6TH graders will stay all night for the lock-in. The cost will be \$5.00 per child and this will cover supper, snacks, and crafts.

Parents, watch for a handout coming home soon with more details about this fun night for the kids!

The children's choir will begin again on Sunday night, February 3RD at 6:00PM. I encourage all K – 6TH graders to use your talents in this new choir, which will be directed by Carole Thornton and Tammy Smith.

We will be working on a new musical which will be presented to the church family this summer!

On Saturday, February 9TH the Children's Ministry Leadership Team is leading a Clean-Up and Clean-Out Day for the children's division workers beginning at 9:00AM.

We encourage all those who work in any of our children's ministries and any interested parents to come and help straighten out closets and do some general cleaning and maintenance in the children's building.

Patrick Thornton, Children's Minister

Shaping the Future

Youth & Younger Single Adults

During the month of February the student ministry spotlights purity. I believe there is no better time of the year to address purity than in the month that focuses on love. Here is a brief excerpt from our four part Wednesday night series entitled "What am I waiting for?": "As we draw close to the month of February we often think of love. Valentine's Day is always in February and the stores are filled with candy, flowers, and gifts for the one we love. Love between a man and a woman is both simple and tough at the same time and most of you will seek true love for the rest of your lives. Along with feelings of love come huge temptations and challenges to your purity that most aren't prepared for. Let's first consider our standard of purity and see how firm we really are." The single biggest struggle for students these days is personal purity! These temptations start at an earlier age than most parents expect and are common to both guys and girls. We focus on our standards, realizing that we can't wait until we are in a tempting situation to decide what we should do. We contrast our standards with God's and see where we are missing the mark. This is always a challenging series of messages for our students, please be in prayer for them as we allow God's standard to become our own. These lessons are topped off by the community wide True Love Waits Night (Wed. Feb, 20TH from 6-9PM) at Fairview Baptist in Columbus. This year the staff from SWO (summer camp) will be coming down to lead worship and challenge us with the Word. I encourage every 7TH grade- college age student to attend. True Love Waits challenges students to make a pledge before God to abstain from sex until marriage and to be on guard in their personal lives for attacks on their purity. Also during the month of February our students will go skiing to North Carolina and we will host a Super Bowl party in the Youth room for students and singles. We will also be ramping up our fund raising efforts for summer which include the Belize Mission Trip and Summer camp. Please remember to save your loose change for the missions offering jug that sits on stage each week. The students will also be selling cases of Coke products in February, the cost is \$20 for 24-20 ounce bottles, see any youth for further details.

Thank you for your continued support of our youth and singles ministries here at Lakewood.

Andrew Spires, Minister of Youth & Younger Singles

Adults

Sweet Spirits / Tuesday, Feb. 12TH at 10:00AM

We had a wonderful program in January as Justin Belew and his friend entertained us with some old fashioned "Folk Music" and demonstrated the Bagpipes as well. Dr. Horner inspired us with a devotion and Mr. Billy entertained us with his stories.

These meetings are designed to inspire, encourage, to make you laugh and to reach out to those who might not be able to come to everything we have at church. I hope you will make it a point to bring someone for whom you know it would be a blessing. Richard & Becky Aderhold and helpers always have a delicious meal prepared following the program.

There will be a prize awarded to the one who brings the most people in February.

Youth Choir

Youth Choir will move to 4:30PM on Sunday afternoons to allow us enough time to prepare for Choir Tour April 19-21ST. Please invite your friends who may not have a choir program at their church.

We are headed back to Panama City Beach this year.

COMBINED REVIVAL SERVICES MARCH 10-13

Saturday March 9 Wild Game Dinner @ Central Baptist

Sunday March 10 Revival Service @ Lakewood Baptist

Evening Revival Services @ Central Baptist

Monday March 11 Revival Services @ Lakewood Baptist

Tuesday March 12 Revival Services @ Central Baptist

Wednesday March 13 Revival Services @ Lakewood Baptist

(Awana and Youth Worship will join services in the Sanctuary)

Firm Foundations for Future Generations



Lakewood Baptist Church Child Development Center

The CDC had a great turn out with the sales of our Entertainment books.

Thanks so much to all of you who have purchased a book from us.

We are working hard to redo our playgrounds and fundraisers really help us to complete our goals.

Summer will be here before we know it and we are getting geared up for camp.

Registration for summer camp will be in late March. If you know someone who is interested in summer camp, please send them to the CDC and we will put them on a waiting list.

Cabbi Black, CDC Director

The Flower & Decorating Committee would like to use silk flowers to decorate the church for Easter. If you would like to honor or memorialize someone with a lily you may do so by donating \$10 to the flower committee. Please contact church office. Deadline is March 3rd.

Congratulations to Mamie Lindsey who turns 90 February 22nd.

Sympathy to the family of Harold "Snag" Nevels
 Sympathy to Claire McMahan & family in the loss of her Mother, Ruth Weatherly

Wednesday Night Supper Menu

Begins at 5:00 each Wednesday.
 \$5.00 for adult
 \$2.50 for child
 \$15.00 max per family

2/6/13

Baked Pork Chops w/ Gravy,
 Mashed Potatoes, Squash Casserole, Rolls, Salad & Dessert
 2/13/13

Fried & Baked Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Greens & Cornbread, Salad & Dessert
 2/20/13

Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Fried Corn, Roll, Salad & Dessert
 2/27/13

Beef Tips & Gravy over Rice, Peas & Butterbeans, Cornbread, Salad & Dessert

Gifts Have Been Given in Memory of:

Mary Daniels for Bereavement Ministry from Sarah Thomas-Vega

Gladys Ivey for Sweet Spirits from Mr. & Mrs. David Orr
 for Food Closet from Mr. & Mrs. M.L. Jones

Mary Lowe for Amen Choir from Janice Noble
 For Food Closet from Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Scroggins & Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Watson

Max Wilkes for Food Closet from Mr. & Mrs. Billy Greene & Pat Holland

Alice Quintana for Food Closet from Pat Holland

Robert Holland for Budget from Malinda Wilkes

Harold "Snag" Nevels
 For Food Closet from Mr. & Mrs. Billy Greene, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Watson,
 Mr. & Mrs. Terry Grimes
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December Giving	Budget	CTB	Missions	Other	Total
12/02/12	\$21,254.50	\$733.00	\$1,258.50	\$690.00	\$23,936.00
12/9/12	\$6,959.00	\$131.00	\$1,121.00	\$967.00	\$9,178.00
12/16/12	\$11,696.55	\$131.00	\$877.50	\$410.00	\$13,115.05
12/23/12	\$8,220.65	\$81.00	\$983.22	\$7,150.98	\$16,435.85
12/30/12	\$14,631.03	\$131.00	\$1,042.50	\$6,171.03	\$21,975.56

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 CDC Sunday CARE Teams 4:30 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Super Bowl Party	4 10:30 Amen Choir	5 10:00 Sweet Spirits 6:30 Alleluia Choir	6 VKBW@ 10:00 5:45PM AWANA 5:45PM Youth Bible Study	7	8 ----- Youth Ski Trip-----	9 Children's Dept. Work Day 9:00AM Donna Douglas Banquet @ CBC at 5:00PM
10 10:50 Service/Donna Douglas 4:30 Youth Choir -----Ski Trip-----	11 10:30 Amen Choir	12 6:30 Alleluia Choir	13 5:45PM AWANA 5:45PM Youth Bible Study	14	15	16
17 4:30 Youth Choir	18 10:30 Amen Choir	19 6:30 Alleluia Choir	20 5:45PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth True Love Waits Finance, Deacon & CMLT @ 7:00	21	22 Awana Lock-In \$5 per child K-2ND- 7-9PM 3RD-6TH- 7PM-8AM	23 VIP Bed Race
24 4:30 NO Youth Choir	25 10:30 Amen Choir	26 No Alleluia Choir	27 5:45PM AWANA 5:45PM Youth Bible Study CDC Team @ 7	28 JEG/BW @ 7:00PM		

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

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.

COMING SOON, the NEW LBCPC.org
Watch for our premier date to be announced

VIP BED RACE FEBRUARY 23RD 11:00 am
14TH Street & Broadway next to Country's BBQ

You do not want to miss this event! Churches and businesses from the Chattahoochee Valley area gather to cheer on their team while raising awareness and support for VIP. Here's how you can be a part:

~ Drop your change into the little cardboard VIP houses that you will see at the Information Desk, the Church Office and the Wednesday Night Supper area. These funds help the VIP office buy necessary items for the homeless families they minister to.

~ Come to the race! The bigger the crowd, the more publicity VIP gets, and more people know there is a place for the families to go for help.

~ Consider being a Co-operate Sponsor for the race. Your company will be included in the publicity that this event brings, and your dollar will be putting a roof over a child's head.

For pictures and more exciting information go to www.valleyinterfaithpromise.com and click on 2013 VIP Bed Race.



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