

Connections

January 2013



LIFE IS A JOURNEY

As you travel down the road that God has chosen for you,
Always remember the blessing that comes from
dust on your feet.

Horner's Corner



In light of the recent tragedy in Connecticut, I want to share the congressional testimony given in 1999 by Darrell Scott, father of Rachel, a victim of the massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. What he said to our national leaders during this special session of Congress was painfully truthful. They were not prepared for what he was to say, nor was it received well. It needs to be heard by every parent, every teacher, every politician, every sociologist, every psychologist, and every so-called expert! These courageous words spoken by Darrell Scott are powerful, penetrating, and deeply personal. There is no doubt that God sent this man as a voice crying in the wilderness. The following is a portion of the transcript:

"Since the dawn of creation there has been both good and evil in the hearts of men and women. We all contain the seeds of kindness or the seeds of violence. The death of my wonderful daughter, Rachel Joy Scott, and the deaths of that heroic teacher, and the other eleven children who died must not be in vain. Their blood cries out for answers.

"The first recorded act of violence was when Cain slew his brother Abel out in the field. The villain was not the club he used. Neither was it the NCA, the National Club Association. The true killer was Cain, and the reason for the murder could only be found in Cain's heart.

"In the days that followed the Columbine tragedy, I was amazed at how quickly fingers began to be pointed at groups such as the NRA. I am not a member of the NRA. I am not a hunter. I do not even own a gun. I am not here to represent or defend the NRA, because I don't believe that they are responsible for my daughter's death. Therefore, I do not believe that they need to be defended. If I believed they had anything to do with Rachel's murder I would be their strongest opponent.

I am here today to declare that Columbine was not just a tragedy--it was a spiritual event that should be forcing us to look at where the real blame lies! Much of the blame lies here in this room. Much of the blame lies behind the pointing fingers of the accusers themselves. I wrote a poem just four nights ago that expresses my feelings best.

Your laws ignore our deepest needs,
Your words are empty air.
You've stripped away our heritage,
You've outlawed simple prayer.
Now gunshots fill our classrooms,
And precious children die.
You seek for answers everywhere,
And ask the question 'Why?'
You regulate restrictive laws,
Through legislative creed.
And yet you fail to understand,
That God is what we need!

"Men and women are three-part beings. We all consist of body, mind, and spirit. When we refuse to acknowledge a third part of our make-up, we create a void that allows evil, prejudice, and hatred to rush in and wreak havoc. Spiritual presences were present within our educational systems for most of our nation's history. Many of our major colleges began as theological seminaries. This is a historical fact. What has happened to us as a nation? We have refused to honor God, and in so doing, we open the doors to hatred and violence. And when something as terrible as Columbine's tragedy occurs, politicians immediately look for a scapegoat such as the NRA. They immediately seek to pass more restrictive laws that contribute to erode away our personal and private liberties. We do not need more restrictive laws. Eric and Dylan would not have been stopped by metal detectors. No amount of gun laws can stop someone who spends months planning this type of massacre. The real villain lies within our own hearts.

Horner's Corner



"As my son Craig lay under that table in the school library and saw his two friends murdered before his very eyes, he did not hesitate to pray in school. I defy any law or politician to deny him that right! I challenge every young person in America, and around the world, to realize that on April 20, 1999, at Columbine High School prayer was brought back to our schools. Do not let the many prayers offered by those students be in vain. Dare to move into the new millennium with a sacred disregard for legislation that violates your God-given right to communicate with Him. To those of you who would point your finger at the NRA, I give to you a sincere challenge. Dare to examine your own heart before casting the first stone!

My daughter's death will not be in vain! The young people of this country will not allow that to happen!"

--Darrell Scott

Adults

NO AMEN CHOIR - Monday, Jan. 7TH
PRISM WORKSHOP with Jack Price at 9:30AM

ALLELUIA CHOIR'S 1ST REHEARSAL OF 2013
Tuesday, Jan. 8TH (Bring Finger Foods to the choir room at 6PM.)

YOUTH CHOIR BEGINS – Sunday, Jan 13TH at 5PM
Youth Choir Tour dates are **Friday – Sunday, April 19-21st**.
I would like to know how many are interested in continuing this tradition and talk about where you would like to go.

CHRISTMAS

I don't know when I have enjoyed Christmas anymore than this year. I especially want to thank the Alleluia Choir, Youth Choir and Orchestra for the wonderful Christmas programs on the 9TH and 23RD. Thank you as a church for supporting the singers and instrumentalists who lead in worship throughout the year, by being present for these special programs. If for some reason you missed one or both events, I hope you will make a special effort next year to make each one a priority of your Christmas celebrations. Even the Solo and Ensemble program is a night you don't want to miss.

SWEET SPIRIT'S - Tuesday, Jan. 8TH @ 10:00AM

What can you as a senior adult do for this ministry in 2013?

- I want you to think of a senior adult who **you** could bring to this meeting that can't come on their own. They will be blessed and so will you when you see the joy on their face.

Here is what will happen in January!

- **Dr. Horner** will inspire us with a devotion

- **Mr. Billy** will entertain us with his stories

- **Justin Belew** will bring some of his many instruments to play including **the Bag Pipes** (Special Request)

- Lunch will be Homemade vegetable soup, Italian Sausage soup and cornbread

There might even be a few surprises. Think of this as a ministry to those who could use some encouragement, inspiration and a good meal. You will be blessed as well.

Children Are a Gift from God

Wow! What a great holiday season we have experienced here at Lakewood this year! Thirty-one kids participated in our Parents Night Out, and we had a great time making crafts and playing games with Coach OJ. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make that night so special for the kids and their parents.

Now that the holidays are over it is time to get back into our regular schedule of activities. Awana resumes Wednesday, January 9TH. Kids, start checking your books to see how far along you are towards completion. You should be approximately halfway through your book at this point if you want to finish by the end of the year. Don't get discouraged if you are a little behind, you still have time to catch up with a little extra work!

Watch your church calendar in the coming months. The Children's Ministry Leadership Team is hard at work planning the new year, and our next big event is the annual Awana Lock-In!

Patrick Thornton, Children's Minister



Shaping the Future

Youth & Younger Single Adults

One of the biggest events of our Youth year kicks off the month of January, the **Community-wide Disciple Now Weekend (Jan. 18TH-20TH)**.

Our students will join the youth ministries of over a dozen other churches in the community for one huge Disciple Now Weekend hosted at Calvary Baptist in Columbus, Ga. What is Disciple Now? D-Now is a weekend focused on spiritual growth and discipleship, where we enjoy corporate worship and teaching, break-out sessions, small group times, and team building games. Our students will be placed in host homes for the weekend where we remove the distractions of TV, video games, and friends so that their focus is truly on God. It's always amazing how surprised our students are that they come home from the weekend fired up about loving God, I explain that when we make Him our first love the Christian walk becomes easier and more fulfilling. As usual, we need your help! First, we need college, singles, and young married volunteers that can lead our groups in the host homes. Second, we need host homes that are willing to house 4-8 students for the weekend. Finally, we need sponsors, the cost of the weekend is \$35, which isn't much, but can prevent many of our students from going, especially those whose families don't attend here at Lakewood. If you are interested in being a leader or host home please talk to me privately. We also need volunteers who can help with the concession stand and do set-up/clean-up before and after group meals, and helpers with recreation as well. There is a Sponsor Sign-Up Sheet at the welcome desk in the church lobby, please write your name down if you can help financially.

We look forward to the new year, looking for new opportunities to grow stronger as a group and grow in our walk with God. Everything we do in the Student & Singles ministries is meant to point us towards Christ and follow His example of service.

Thank you for your continued support and please pray for our students and singles, they are often on the front lines of the culture war in our country!

Andrew Spires, Minister of Youth & Younger Singles

Firm Foundations for Future Generations

Lakewood Baptist Church Child Development Center

Our beautiful little children all dressed up for the Christmas Program.
They all did an amazing job and we had a great turnout.



CDC Sunday is scheduled for January 27th. This is a great time to learn about the CDC and all of the fun exciting things that we do. Please come on CDC Sunday and support us!!!

Next month we will start putting together our summer Program. We can't believe that it is that time already. If you need summer care or know of someone who does, please contact the CDC office.

Cabbi Black, CDC Director

Gifts have been given in Honor of:

LOAF Team by Fred and Margaret Van Horn for the Food Closet
Ray Quintana by Fran Loftin for the Food Closet

Sympathy to:
Jim Ormond in the loss of his brother, Reid.

Cards of appreciation were received from the families of Gladys Ivey and Mary Daniels.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu

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

1-2-13

New Year's Break

1-9-13

Snitzel (Fried Pork) with Hunter's Gravy
Spitzel (Noodles)
German Cabbage Salad, Dessert

1-16-13

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert

1-23-13

Mexican, Salad, Dessert

1-30-13

Fried Fish, Hushpuppies, Slaw, German Potato Salad, Salad, Dessert

Gifts Have Been Given in Memory of:
Alice Quintana

J. P. and Esther Benton for the Nursery
Melvin & Sherry Scroggins for the Children's Ministry
Bobby & Clara Jean Watson for the Homebound Ministry
Gail Brantley for Lottie Moon
Billy & Cathy Greene for Lottie Moon
Sally Kennedy for Food Closet
Janet Turner for Amen Choir
H. T. & Dot Oliver for Budget
Fran Loftin for Food Closet
Terry and Clara Grimes for Food Closet

Gladys Ivey

Billy and Cathy Greene for Food Closet
Elizabeth Poole for Budget
Melvin and Sherry Scroggins for the Homebound Ministry
Bobby and Clara Jean Watson for the Homebound Ministry
Janice Noble for the Food Closet

Max Wilkes

Melvin and Sherry Scroggins for the Food Closet
Terry and Clara Grimes for Circles of Influence

Mary Daniels

Melvin and Sherry Scroggins for the Homebound Ministry
Bobby and Clara Jean Watson for the Homebound Ministry
Evelyn Franklin by Bobby and Clara Jean Watson for the Homebound Ministry
Eula Mae Maletzke by J. P. and Esther Benton for Amen Choir
Robert Holland by Jan and Shelrea Funderburk for Food Closet
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November Giving	Budget	CTB	Missions	Other	Total
11/04/12	\$20,338.65	\$561.00	\$739.05	\$1,601.60	\$23,240.30
11/11/12	\$9,388.87	\$306.00	\$230.00	\$1,947.30	\$11,872.17
11/18/12	\$10,164.10	\$331.00	\$381.50	\$1,871.00	\$12,747.60
11/25/12	\$5,956.60	\$226.00	\$210.00	\$1,402.60	\$7,795.20
Total	\$45,943.22	\$1,424.00	\$1,560.55	\$6,822.50	\$55,750.27

January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Office Closed	2 No Service	3 -----Singles & Young Married Ski Trip-----	4	5
			VIP			
6 AM Lord's Supper All CARE Teams No Youth Choir VIP	7 Prism Workshop	8	9 VKBW @ 10:00 Awana @ 5:45 Youth Bible Study @ 5:45	10	11	12
13 Church Conference Youth Choir @ 5:00	14 Amen Choir @ 10:30	15	16 Awana @ 5:45 Youth Bible Study @ 5:45 Finance Team & Deacon's Meeting @ 7:00	17	18	19
20 Sanctity of Life Speaker Youth Choir @ 5:00	21 MLK Holiday Amen Choir @ 10:30	22	23 Awana @ 5:45 Youth Bible Study @ 5:45	24	25	26
27 Youth Choir @ 5:00	28 Amen Choir @ 10:30	29	30 Awana @ 5:45 Youth Bible Study @ 5:45	31 Food Bank will be closed.		

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
5:30 PM 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.

VIP Bed Race '13 Looking for Cooperate Sponsors

Valley Interfaith Promise uses events like the annual Bed Race on Broadway to raise funds for the needs of its client families as well as operating expenses. If you know of a business who would like to sponsor the February 23rd Bed Race...it's well worth your advertising dollar.
Call Victor Feliciano, Director of Columbus VIP at his office...706-494-6348.



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