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Welcome Home.



A Message from **M.R. Hamilton**

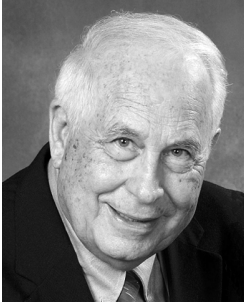
SENIOR PASTOR, LBC

August has always been about change in my life. I know most people see the dog days of August as something we all have to get through but trust me people in the mountains view August with a whole different perspective. The highest mountain valleys are glorious in August as they burst to life for only a few short days before the snows return in September. I can remember as a child how I would cherish the early days of August as they were the last few days of freedom from what I considered to be the very worst day of the year, the day school started. It was in August of 1993 that I finally surrendered and came down from the mountains to attend fall classes at Midwestern in Kansas City. Now one

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would think that I would remember that day as a spiritual triumph, or at least a good day but I lost the love of my life that day. That August left me forever changed in more ways than one. August, it is God's season for great change, and it is as much about what is to come as it is about the season that is ending. God being a God of seasons has always made the dog days what they are so that we might have a greater appreciation of the cooler days

that will soon come. Like any great shepherd He knows when it is time for us to move on and in August he uses the dog days just as any shepherd uses real dogs to make the sheep want to move on from where they are. Like the sheep who find themselves in a better place with greener pastures after the journey is done, so we will look up one day and realize that the world God called us from is nothing compared to the view of where we are now. Yes the dog days of August are here and they always mean change. And when they are over we can expect a day of refreshing because that is the purpose of God's seasons.



A Message from **Dr. Jerry Horner**

MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH, LBC

The political conventions are over and the campaigns are in full swing. We have heard, and will continue to hear, much rhetoric and pomposity, charges and counter-charges, and denigrating mudslinging. In the midst of this muddle, our prayer should be that of the Psalmist: *“Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your mercy, Lord, and grant us your salvation”* (Ps. 85:6-7). God had given Israel a great heritage and had poured blessing after blessing upon them, and they had prospered. But they became sleek and well fed and they forgot God. And God’s judgment came.

America is a sick nation, because she has forgotten God. Despite the efforts of revisionists to rewrite history in order to omit the spiritual aspects of the founding of our country, the fact remains that America was built on certain basic God-given principles and presuppositions. The Pilgrim Fathers landed on these shores with a specific purpose. On November 11, 1620, before they touched dry land, they went into a cabin on a ship called the Mayflower, and they wrote a document known as The Mayflower Compact. The document begins with these very words: **“In the name of God, Amen.”** Then the colonists state that the purpose of their coming was **“for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith.”**

In 1920 Roger Babson, a prominent American businessman published a book called Fundamentals of Prosperity. In the book he relates a conversation he had with the president of Argentina while on a visit to that country. They were discussing the difference between North America and South America. Why were the nations of South America so far behind America,

even though those nations had such rich natural resources? Here is the explanation that the Argentine President gave: **“The difference is that those who settled South America came because they were seeking gold. Those who settled America came because they were seeking God.”**

What is the source of the revival for which we pray? Our hope is not in Washington; it is not in Wall Street; it is not with the political parties. Our hope is in God. Not only is God our hope; God is our biggest threat. We should not be as concerned about terrorism as we should be about the judgment of God if we do not repent. The problem in America is not just a pornographic Hollywood or polluted politicians or non-constitutional judges. The problem is with God’s people. Our churches are filled with spiritually apathetic weaklings who are more concerned with public opinion than they are with God’s word. But God says that when we are humble and holy and repentant, then He will hear our plea for revival and will heal our land (2 Chron. 7:14).

We need revival. If we can’t have revival in the world, then let’s have it in America. If we can’t have revival in America, let’s have it in the Chattahoochee Valley. If we can’t have revival in the Chattahoochee Valley, let’s have it in Lakewood Baptist. If we can’t have revival in Lakewood Baptist, let’s have it in the choir. If we can’t have revival in the choir, let’s have it in your family. If we can’t have revival in your family, let’s have it in you!

Making Music In Your Hearts To The Lord

Presented by the Alleluia Choir

Sunday, August 14 at 6 p.m.

Enjoy another Summer Sunday night of beautiful music featuring the Alleluia Choir, 5 Guys, and several soloists. Support your worship leaders by your presence and invite family and friends to join you. Let's show them how much we appreciate their ministry by giving them a full house to hear them sing.

Christmas music begins Tuesday night, August 16th. We would love to have 60 voices singing at this special time of year. I think you will love the music.

Lakewood Medley

In Memory of:

Janet Moncrief:

Food Closet by Myra Currier

Bernice Franklin:

Food Closet by Fran Loftin

Food Closet by Janice Noble

Food Closet by Billy & Cathy Greene

Food Closet by Dot Beck

Bobby Watson:

Food Closet by Gail Brantley

Food Closet by Fran Loftin

Challenge to Build by Mr. & Mrs. Keith Melton,
Matt and Jake

Food Closet by Malinda Wilkes

Challenge to Build by Hilda Bozzelli

Challenge to Build by James W. Watson

Challenge to Build by Mr. & Mrs. J. Dexter Edge, Jr.

Parker May:

Food Closet by Fran Loftin

Bus Maintenance by Brenda Slappey

Frances Kelly for Homebound Ministry
by Clara Jean Watson

In Honor of:

O. D. Hamrick's 101st birthday for Homebound
Ministry by Clara Jean Watson

**VIP
Week
August 14-21**

**Sign up
now to
touch a
family's heart**





A Message from **Andrew Spires**

STUDENTS & SINGLES, LBC

We have just returned from Romania on what was a very interesting and rewarding mission trip to the northern part of Romania to the town of Bistrita. We partnered with Golgotha Baptist Church and were blessed to have their students and young adults work alongside us as translators. We worked in two schools (aptly named schools #3 & #4) where we taught school of Heroes (VBS). We averaged between 100-200 students at both schools each day and we split our group into bible learning, crafts, and recreation/snacks. Everything ran very smoothly and our students and adults greatly enjoyed working with the children of Romania. We worked in these schools for a full week teaching about the heroes of the Bible such as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Hannah and Samuel, Jonah, and of course two days were spent on the greatest hero of them all, Jesus. The children were active and attentive despite the language barrier and on Friday we gave the students opportunity to make a decision for Christ. **Between the two schools we had 64 professions of faith and an additional 20 students who asked for follow-ups with local pastors.** Of course this was the overall goal of the trip and made all the preparation and planning worth it. At night, our group was split into three groups and many evenings were spent at local mission churches where we sang, gave our testimonies, and the Word was preached. We also got to spend time at a camp outside the city called Camp Hope where we did small jobs and cleanup and interacted with other local students and other missionaries. Another afternoon was spent at a disabled persons orphanage/daycare where some local Romanians have built a care center for those who need special assistance in life. The special needs folks were so sweet and had prepared crafts and also sang songs for our group, making it a great afternoon. The highlight of the week for our students was the time we spent with the students of Golgotha Baptist. We had planned to hold two days of student worship towards the end of the week with one night at Golgotha and one day at the camp. We gathered at the church on Friday night and ate pizza, and had a birthday party for one of the local pastors before going to worship. Once we entered the sanctuary I knew the night was going to be special, and indeed it was. We were led in worship by the Romanian students who sang songs we knew in English followed by several of our students who gave a very REAL testimony of their struggles in walking with God. The testimonies were given and God was at work, then followed the preaching of the Word. **The Spirit of God fell in that place and lives were changed, walls came down, and sin was confessed, it was an amazing night for Americans and Romanians alike, and it is one I'll never forget.** Overall, this trip had its challenges but we definitely enjoyed our time serving Romania and look forward to future service with our Romanian brothers and sisters. Thank you again to all who helped us get there, there will be people in heaven because of your faithfulness to advance the kingdom of God. I am happy to announce that I've already finalized next year's mission trip and we will join with two other churches (one from Columbus, and one in Tennessee) to return to our work in Belize with the goal of taking 100 Americans in June. Our dates are June 25th-July 1st, 2017, please begin praying and see if God is calling you to follow His command to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world!

A Message from Patrick Thornton

CHILDREN, LBC



A huge thanks to all of those who have allowed us to use their pools for Wet Wednesdays during the summer. Wet Wednesdays will continue through August as we beat the heat, cool off, and have some fun after our devotion time on Wednesday nights from 5:45–7:15. A special thanks also goes out to Ms. Cabbi and the CDC for sharing the water slides with us on Wednesday nights!

Promotion Sunday for the children's department is Sunday, August 7. Our 4 year olds will be moving upstairs to the elementary division into the kindergarten class, taught by Mrs. Robbin. After Bible Fellowship, they are taken to Children's Church, where they can be picked up after the late worship service. Welcome kindergartners to the elementary division! Our Bible Fellowship teachers will be available to show our upcoming 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders where their new classes will be meeting.

5th graders will be moving to The Mix 5/6 room for Sunday School, which is located next to the library in the Senior-Youth building. They also will now stay in the worship service during the 11:00 am service, as Children's Church serves K–4th grades.

We have a great group of kids here at Lakewood and we need some motivated volunteers to step up and help out.

We will resume our regular school year schedule on Wednesday, September 7. Awana and Flyte will begin at 5:45 and run until 7:00. We need some more volunteers to help in these areas, so see Patrick Thornton if you can serve in one of these ministries this year.

Lakewood Baptist Church is looking for someone to lead our Children's Ministry. Please contact the church office at 334-298-6433 if interested.

Lakewood Happenings

August 2016

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Dr. Horner's Class	6:30pm Alleluia Choir	10:30am VKWU 5:45pm Kidz Wet Wednesday		10:30am Breakfast Club	
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Dr. Horner's Class	6:30pm Alleluia Choir	5:45pm Kidz Wet Wednesday 6:00pm Students 7:00pm Deacon Meeting	6:30pm CDC Open House	5:30pm Game Night	Young Married's Feed The Homeless
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
6:00pm Alleluia Choir Concert	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Dr. Horner's Class	6:30pm Alleluia Choir	5:45pm Kidz Wet Wednesday 6:00pm Students 7:00pm Finance Meeting			
14	15	VIP WEEK		18	19	20
	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Dr. Horner's Class	6:30pm Alleluia Choir	5:45pm Kidz Wet Wednesday 6:00pm Students	7:00pm JEG Baptist Women		10:45am Youth & Singles Feed The Homeless
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	10:30am Amen Choir	6:30pm Alleluia Choir	5:45pm Kidz Wet Wednesday 6:00pm Students 7:00pm CDC Team Meeting			
28	29	30	31			

June Giving

	TITHE	CTB	MISSIONS	OTHER	TOTAL
6/5	\$20,722.84	\$976.00	\$1,873.50	\$2,065.75	\$25,638.09
6/12	\$14,467.80	\$385.00	\$3,700.97	\$1,268.68	\$19,822.45
6/19	\$11,404.60	\$220.00	\$1,275.00	\$5.50	\$12,905.10
6/26	\$7,898.72	\$215.00	\$393.00	\$346.50	\$8,853.22
	\$54,493.96	\$1,796.00	\$7,242.47	\$3,686.43	\$67,218.86

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY

- 9:00am Contemporary Worship
- 10:00am Bible Fellowship
- 11:00am Blended Worship
- 11:15am Kidz Worship
- 6:00pm Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY

- 5:00pm Family Night Supper
- 5:45pm Students Get R.E.A.L. AWANA
- 6:00pm Orchestra Rehearsal
Adult Prayer & Bible Study
- 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Only \$5 per adult meal,
\$2.50 per child meal with a
maximum \$15 per family!

Let's Eat!

Dinner is
served from
5:00-5:45pm.

AUGUST WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

8/3

CHEESEBURGERS
POTATO SALAD
COLE SLAW
SALAD AND
DESSERT

8/10

FRIED CHICKEN
MACARONI &
CHEESE
GREEN BEANS
ROLLS
SALAD
DESSERT

8/17

PORK CHOPS
PEAS &
BUTTERBEANS
SQUASH
CASSEROLE
ROLLS
SALAD
DESSERT

8/24

TACO SALAD
SPANISH RICE
DESSERT

8/31

BAKED SPAGHETTI
GARLIC BREAD
SALAD
DESSERT

To make dinner reservations, email Carol at carol@lbcpc.org or call 334.298.6433.



Welcome Home.

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