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Welcome Home.



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

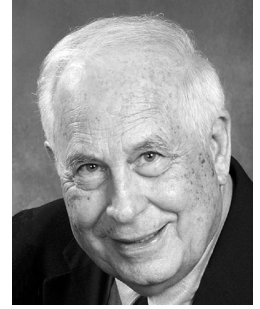
SENIOR PASTOR, LBC

August has always been one of those months you just try your best to get through. August is a lot like Kansas, it sits right in the way of where you want to be and to get there you just have to get through it. But this year I have been looking forward to August in a very big way. You see my perspective on August has been changed by the reality of my situation. August for the first time in my life is not a month I am hoping to get through, August is a month I have been hoping to get to. August is not in the way of where I want to be, it is the place I want to be. It is the prize and not the test. It is the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end of so many great things in my life this year. It is the end of the building program and the beginning of a new chapter in the ministry of Lakewood Baptist Church. It will be the beginning and end of a great chapter in Elizabeth's life as her definition of home will forever change as our little girl will now be Jes Keown's wife. For Daniel this will be the beginning of the end in a very real way as he begins his senior year of high school. He will be going back to start classes at Smith Station High School for the very last time in his life. For Katie and myself this August holds so much promise as we get to watch God's plans for our children play out beyond our hopes and dreams. August will be a month where we will often look back and celebrate the past and make plans for a lot of new beginnings. It's August and we're not hoping to just get through it. No, this August is going to be a brand new chapter in our lives and the life of Lakewood as we explore how to make the best of all the opportunities that are now before us. God is a God of seasons, and now that all the work has been done we are coming to the time of harvest. A time of celebration and a time of plenty, a time of appreciation and thanks giving, a time to reflect and a time to count our blessings. Thank God for August!



A Message from **Dr. Jerry Horner**

MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH

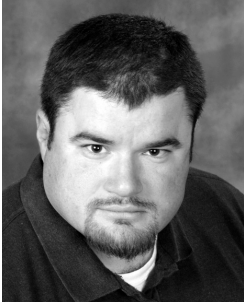


For many years I have preached and taught in scores of countries in all parts of the globe, including many nations where the gospel is suppressed and believers are persecuted in various ways. The one thing that impresses me most in contrasting Christians in America with those in Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, communist, and other countries where Christianity is strongly opposed is the fervency of those believers in the midst of opposition. The Bible admonishes us not to be “lagging in diligence,” but to be “fervent in spirit, serving the Lord” (Rom. 12:11). This statement says one thing negatively and positively. Negatively, don’t be lazy in zeal; positively, be fervent in spirit. The one thing Paul says is, “Do lots of work for Christ, and do it passionately.” The fiery colonial preacher Jonathan Edwards wrote seventy resolutions when he was a young man, the sixth of which captures the meaning of Paul’s statement. Edwards wrote: “Resolved: To live with all my might while I live.”

The Bible teaches that laziness is a great vice and that efficient and hard work is a great virtue. In fact, in 1 Corinthians 15:58, we are told what should characterize our present life while we are living in the hope and expectation of the resurrection: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” Abounding in the work of the Lord means doing lots and lots of work for the Lord. But the focus of Romans 12:11 is the attitude with which we serve. We are not only to do something; we are to feel something. The word “fervent” translates a word that means “boiling,” signifying zeal, passion, and enthusiasm. The crucial thing is not merely hard work or efficiency. What really matters is the heart passion with which we do the work. Don’t just do lots, feel lots.

Jesus gives a terrible warning to those who are lukewarm and lackadaisical in their service to Him: “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of my mouth” (Rev. 3:15-16). The great commandment is, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind” (Luke 10:27). The promise of God is that we will find Him when we seek Him with earnestness rather than half-heartedness (Jer. 29:13-14). We are to “fan into flame the gift of God (2 Tim.1:6), to show earnestness and not be sluggish in our faith and perseverance (Heb. 6:10-12), and to excel in our zeal (2 Cor. 8:7).

To sum it all up, we are to be on fire for Jesus. When it comes to serving the Lord, half-heartedness, lukewarmness, sluggishness, laziness, and slothfulness are utterly inappropriate. But you can’t boil unless there is fire. Water does not boil of itself. It must be on the fire. You cannot burn for Christ without the fire of the Holy Spirit. Pray to be filled with the Spirit that you may keep your spirit at the boiling point.



A Message from **Andrew Spires**

STUDENTS & SINGLES, LBC

School is starting, summer is fading away (though it's still pretty hot), and I don't know if it could have been any busier! Our students and young adults served well and we saw the Lord move in the hearts and minds of those we met. Last month, I wrote my article from Belize telling you about our mission trip to Boston, but I wanted to take a moment to tell you more about our Belize mission trip. Our 70 member, three church mission team functioned flawlessly. Our children's team did VBS with hundreds of children in Belize at a couple of schools and at the mission center. Our construction team tackled numerous projects and needs at the mission center, and completed them all. And our medical team did examinations, passed out eyeglasses, filled prescriptions, and our dentist and her assistants pulled hundreds of teeth. Everyone had a great attitude and worked together as a seamless unit. We look forward to sharing more pictures and testimonies with the church body on Sunday night, August 6th at 6pm. We also completed our summer mission plan by doing some local missions with our Pop-up VBS at Southside Park off Sandfort Rd. here in Phenix City. Our students and young adults passed out 300 flyers in the communities surrounding that park prior to the event. We borrowed the props that our children's ministry made for our own VBS here at Lakewood and setup under the pavilions at the park each day. While attendance was lower than we had hoped for, we had an awesome time singing and dancing, teaching bible stories, doing crafts, and playing with those local children. It was also a great blessing to be able to feed those kids (and ours) during our three day event. A special thanks to all those who donated food and/or funds to purchase what we needed. I firmly believe that all Christians should be on mission in our daily lives and we should be ready and willing to serve when the Lord provides opportunities to do so. My hope is that Lakewood becomes known more and more of a church who is on mission.
God bless,
Drew



A Message from Gina Fusillo



CHILDREN, LBC

Acts 22:16, “And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on His name.” That is exactly what young Ethan Henderson did on July 16th! He GOT up, was BAPTIZED, WASHED his sins away, calling on HIS name. It is truly a blessing when children reach out for understanding of the Holy Spirit and accept Christ through Believer’s Baptism. Now go forth and tell others about Jesus. Our children will be challenged starting in September to let their little lights shine. The challenge is on to bring the most guests to Sunday School. There will be rewards for the class with the most guests. Make a list of people you can invite so you will be ready to help us grow our Children’s Ministry. Don’t shine so others can see you. Shine so that through you, others can see Him.

On Saturday July 22, sixteen of our Kidz, along with seven adults, including two dedicated Youths, took a quick bus trip to Cottonton Baptist Church in Pittsview, Alabama for a summer day camp. In spite of the hot July day, the outdoors adventure was filled with many spiritual lessons of trials and tribulations. The obstacle course was led by Pastor Rob Rhodes as he guided the group through Trolleys of Trouble, the Web of Surrender, Islands of Death, all of which proved that we can’t do anything alone. Our strength comes only from Jesus Christ. Aside from the Gospel Obstacle Course, everyone had time to enjoy God’s creation through boating, archery, carpet ball, corn hole, and yes, even a zip line. Just ask anyone who went about the day! A huge thanks to the kidz who attended and the parents and Youth who made the trip a reality.

CALLING ALL KIDZ! End of Summer Party this year is an Ice Cream Party! Immediately following Wet Wednesday on August 2nd starting at 7:15. Anyone who would like to offer ice cream or toppings for the event, or want to help with the gathering, please call Gina asap. We would love to see some older adults serve the youngsters which would also give their parents time to socialize and enjoy the occasion.

August 6 is promotion Sunday in Bible Fellowship. While our older kidz are just fine with promoting to a new teacher and a class with new friends, it’s a little tougher for some of the younger ones. They just don’t quite “see” the adventure in the change. Please pray for our little ones who will be moving up this month that they will be comforted with the changes and will continue to grow their love for Jesus. If you feel led to serve in our Children’s Ministry, there are many opportunities. Please call Gina Fusillo if you have an interest to teach in Bible Fellowship, teach a group in Awanas, lead Kidz choir, or offer other support in the numerous events that our ministry has throughout the year. There IS a place for YOU!

Make a splash! Wet Wednesdays continues through August 23rd. We are blessed with families who have invited us to swim at their homes. Preschoolers are welcome to attend Wet Wednesdays, but must be accompanied by an adult. Any child who is not an accomplished swimmer, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian the entire time of the water activities.

With school starting early this month, keep in mind that Awana/Flyte will resume activities on September 6th. Plans are currently underway for Kidz and PreSchool Choir. More information will be available this month about choir.

God is so Good!

BELIZE MISSION TRIP 2017



Lakewood Medley

In Memory of:
Thomas Hallmark for Challenge to Build from Montise Waldrep

In HONOR of:
Berry Burrows for Challenge to Build from Terry and Clara Grimes

Lakewood Happenings

August 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		9:00am Bus Trip to Yoder's & Peach Farm 6:00pm CDC Open House	10:30am VK/WMU 7:15pm Kidz Ministry Ice Cream Social (After Wet Wednesday)		12:00pm Lift Lunch	
		1	2	3	4	5
Promotion Sunday 6:00pm Youth Mission Report	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Dr. Horner Bible Study	6:30pm Alleluia Choir	7:00pm Deacon Meeting		5:30pm Game Night	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
6:00pm Service @ Philadelphia - Orchestra Concert	10:30am Amen Choir	6:30pm Alleluia Choir	7:00pm Finance Meeting		7:00pm Amen Choir @ Evangel Temple	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	10:30am Amen Choir	6:30pm Alleluia Choir	7:00pm CDC Meeting	7:00pm JEG/BW in F/H		10:45am Y&S Feed the Homeless
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
VIP	10:30am Amen Choir	6:30pm Alleluia Choir	VIP	6:00pm Student College Football Kick-Off VIP		
27	28	29	30	31		

June Giving

	BUDGET	CTB	MISSIONS	OTHER	TOTAL
6/4	\$22,935.94	\$675.00	\$3,221.15	\$1,015.00	\$27,847.09
6/11	\$12,404.81	\$381.00	\$5,885.89	\$4,105.28	\$22,776.98
6/18	\$10,735.53	\$110.00	\$1,293.00	\$330.13	\$12,468.66
6/25	\$9,692.41	\$40.20	\$3,434.85	\$3,287.49	\$16,454.95

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- 5:00pm Family Night Supper
- 5:45pm WW, FLYTE, R.E.A.L.
- 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
5:00-6:00pm

AUGUST WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

8/2

CHICKEN &
BROCCOLI
CASSEROLE
LIMA BEANS
GLAZED
CARROTS
ROLLS
SALAD &
DESSERT

8/9

FRIED CHICKEN
MAC & CHEESE
GREEN BEANS
ROLLS
SALAD &
DESSERT

8/16

TACO SALAD
REFRIED BEANS
SPANISH RICE
DESSERT

8/23

HOT DOGS &
CHILI
BAKED BEANS
COLESLAW
SALAD &
DESSERT

8/30

SMOTHERED
PORK CHOPS
MASHED
POTATOES
LIMA BEANS
ROLLS
SALAD & DESSERT

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

Welcome
New Member

ETHAN
HENDERSON

Ron Wilson
will start a new
bible fellowship
class on
August 13th

Through the
Bible in 52 weeks

He will meet in
Room 203

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