

Connections

LAKEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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Family Life Center Celebration



July 9th @ 6:00pm,

**Church will provide
Pulled Pork**

and Members will bring

Sides and Dessert



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

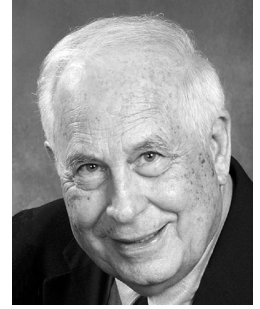
SENIOR PASTOR, LBC

This July will be a month to remember in my life for a multitude of reasons. We are going to be dedicating the new Family Life Center this month and a dream that has been nearly 40 years coming into reality will have finally come true. To everyone who has dared to keep the dream alive and continue to support it this month will surely be a blessing. This month Elizabeth and Jes are getting married and I can hardly believe the wonderful young woman she has become. Both Charles and I are doing the wedding together and I feel certain it will be one we will never forget. The day after the wedding I am taking Katie to spend a week in the Florida Keys and she will be in her element there. So you see the wedding theme of Christmas in July may be a lot more appropriate than we first thought. This July will feel a lot like Christmas because a lot of my dreams are coming true. I hope and pray that you are looking forward to all that life holds in store for you in the weeks to come as those dreams are built on hope, and when we have hope we are on our way to experiencing the life God has planned for us. For the greatest of all the spiritual gifts are Faith, Hope and Love and when I look ahead to my Christmas in July that is all I can see. Faith, Hope and Love have brought this building together. Faith, Hope and Love have brought Elizabeth and Jes together. And Faith, Hope and Love have been the story of my marriage for both myself and Katie and continues to this day. So if you find yourself dreaming a little less than you did as a child, and wishing that you could get back to that place again I have some really good news for you. You can! Just seek the greater gifts, seek Faith, Hope and Love remembering always that the greatest of these is Love. Love God and Love others and dream big dreams that require a big God and Hope will replace hopelessness and you just might find yourself enjoying Christmas in July.

Faith Hope Love
THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

A Message from **Dr. Jerry Horner**

MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH

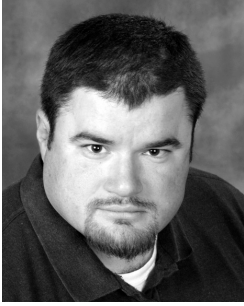


Most Americans know, or at least they should know, the origin of our national anthem. Francis Scott Key (1779-1843), a respected Maryland lawyer, witnessed the twenty-five hour bombardment of Fort McHenry from the British ship HMS Tonnant, anchored in the Baltimore Harbor. He had boarded the ship to negotiate the release of an American doctor held prisoner by the British. However, since he had overheard the British plan of attack, they refused to let him return to shore until after the bombardment was complete. In the early light of dawn on the next day, September 14, 1814, Key saw through the smoke of battle that the American flag, though severely tattered, was still flying over the fort. With great exultation, he began jotting down on the back of an envelope the lines of the poem that became known as “The Star-Spangled Banner,” our stirring national anthem. After Key’s death in 1843, the Baltimore American obituary prophetically stated, “So long as patriotism dwells among us, so long will this song be the theme of our nation.”

Few people realize that Francis Scott Key was a deeply committed Christian who helped develop the Sunday School and served as a lay preacher. Not only did he teach Sunday School, but he was the first manager and vice-president of the American Sunday School Union, an organization responsible for the establishment of thousands of churches across America. He was also active in the leadership of the American Bible Society, and he worked tirelessly in the proclamation of the gospel.

Although “The Star-Spangled Banner” is his most famous composition, Key wrote many other poems and hymns that express his love for Jesus Christ. Among them is this hymn entitled “Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee,” which may be sung to the tune of “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.”





A Message from **Andrew Spires**

STUDENTS & SINGLES, LBC

It is summer missions time! We are just a few days away from hitting the open road and the friendly skies to go serve in Boston and Belize this summer. We started preparing for these two service opportunities last October and now it's almost time. Again, just a quick breakdown of what we'll be doing in both places. In Boston (June 9th-17th), we'll be working with four North American Mission Board church planters who are in various stages of "planting" their churches. One church meets in a school building on Sunday afternoon and shares a meal together each week before worship, one meets in a dance studio that must be setup before and torn down immediately after each Sunday morning worship service, another meets in church member's homes and is currently looking for a space to meet regularly by the Fall, and the final one actually has their own building. Some of these churches wouldn't seem very much like church to us in the traditional sense. They don't have a nice complex, they don't have great musicians, but they are passionately pursuing God in a part of this country that truly needs it. Second, we'll be headed down to build on our previous work in the Central-American country of Belize (June 25th-July 1st). We are taking 70+ people, which represents the largest foreign mission team I've ever led. I am so excited about all the pieces God has put in place to set us on a course for success on this mission. I truly believe this will be a special trip as we have a great mixture of returners and first-timers. Once again, we'll have the skilled servants to work on construction projects and on the medical team (including dentistry), and lots of able bodied children's workers who are ready to witness to the children of Belize through VBS. Once we've completed the work in Boston & Belize we're not done yet, we have reserved Southside Park here in Phenix City for what we're calling our Pop-Up VBS July 10th-12th. Our students and young adults will be bringing a Lakewood-stlye VBS program to kids who could not normally attend our regular VBS here in June. That's local missions, stateside missions, and foreign missions all in the same summer and you can be involved too! I know many of you have supported our Belize and Boston fundraisers, and we all want to shout thank you, thank you, thank you! We couldn't go and serve without your love, prayers, and financial support. However, we will need adult volunteers who can serve in our Pop-Up VBS in July, especially those who will have already served here in our LBC VBS in June and will already be familiar with the materials. If you're interested please let me know.

A Message from **Gina Fusillo**



CHILDREN, LBC

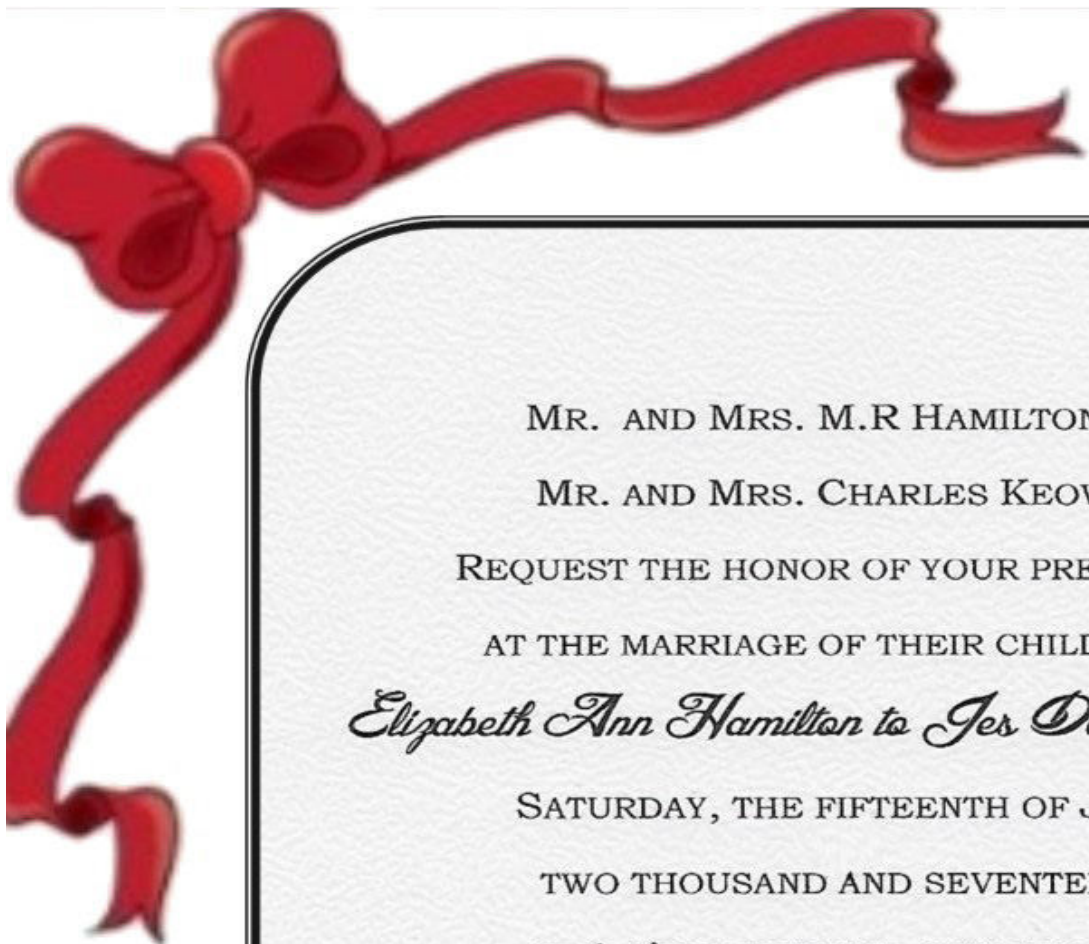
As I listened to the recipient of a gift that travelled across the ocean through Operation Christmas Child to a child in a Middle Eastern country, the word “freedom” rang true to my heart.

Her words inspired me with an entirely different way to approach my purchases and box packing. Each and every box is a precious tool for the recipient. Again this year our kidz will collect and pack items for boxes for OCC through our AWANA program. If you feel led to offer items or shipping costs to our Kidz Ministry for OCC, please contact me. As we celebrate the 4th of July this year, please pray for the millions of people who cannot freely worship and praise God. We are truly blessed in America and can only pray that faith in God will lead those to safe venues to enjoy the freedom we have in America to freely spread His Word.

With June behind us, let's not leave VBS behind. Vacation Bible School is a life changing experience and doesn't end with the Thursday night Worship Rally with visiting family and friends. Galactic Starveyors VBS Motto, “Searching the Visible, Discovering the Invisible” showed the kidz how to truly believe in what cannot be seen. They learned how The Relationship Began, Colossians 1:17, The Relationship Is Broken, Romans 3:23, The Relationship Is Restored, 2 Corinthians 5:19, The Relationship Is Promised, John 1:14, and The Relationship Continues, John 14:26. Continuing the Connection is important for community outreach and to share the opportunity to know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. 2017 VBS session was set under the stars where the main Bible Studies were taught. One of my favorite VBS songs is “Sin Messed Everything Up”. It was also a hit with the kidz. An event of this magnitude is not even imaginable without the blessed help of the 72 workers who showed up every night to help make VBS a safe and enjoyable learning experience for the 104 guests who attended. Offerings were collected, counted, and the winners announced (boys vs. girls) nightly. A total of \$500 was collected as offerings for the Youth's June Belize trip. The Youth were reeled in for their awesome service to the Lord, serving in all areas as needed with joyful and loving attitudes. Thank you to every single person who participated in any way, large or small, making VBS successful. We always have space for anyone who wants to jump on board. So sign up for next year. It's NOT too early.

July is HOT HOT HOT! Cool off with us on Wet Wednesdays for fellowship, devotion and fun. It all begins in the Children's Church Room at 5:45 for ages K-6th graders. Preschoolers are welcome if accompanied by a parent or guardian. Also, if your child is not an accomplished swimmer, a parent/guardian must remain present throughout the activity. Arrive in swimsuits with towels and appropriate shoes. Miss Cabbi and the CDC are sharing the water slide with us on alternating Wednesdays again this year. Let's join together and keep our worship and fellowship alive during the summer break from AWANA and FLYTE. We need a few parents to assist during water play. Give Gina a call if you want to be “cool” with us.

As August approaches we are in need of a Sunday School teacher for our promoting Toddlers. As they leave the Nursery, we pray that God will send another loving heart to continue the nurturing our wonderful Miss Jean began.



MR. AND MRS. M.R HAMILTON &
MR. AND MRS. CHARLES KEOWN
REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR CHILDREN,
Elizabeth Ann Hamilton to Jes David Keown
SATURDAY, THE FIFTEENTH OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN
AT 4 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.
LAKEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
4011 LAKEWOOD DRIVE
PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA

Lakewood Medley

In Memory of:

Robert Harden for Annie Armstrong from Women of Faith SS Class

Alice Spivey:

for Amen Choir from Edith McFee and Barbara Lovell

for Youth Missions from Bill and Margaret Wilson

Nunally Gordy for Amen Choir from Jeanne Gordy

Dan Redmon for Amen Choir from Jeanne Gordy

Beverly Thurmond:

For Food Closet from Brenda Slappey

For Youth Trips from Fran Loftin

Sam Loftin for Youth Missions from Bill and Margaret Wilson

Lakewood Happenings

July 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Patriotic Celebration 2	10:30am Amen Choir 3	Independence Day 4			12:00pm Lift Lunch 7	
6:00pm FAC Celebration Bring Sides & Dessert 9	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Dr. Horner Bible Study Pop- up VBS 10	6:30pm Alleluia Choir Pop- up VBS 11	7:00pm Deacon Meeting Pop- up VBS 12		12:00pm Lift Lunch 14	Hamilton/Keown Wedding 15
Church Conference 16	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Dr. Horner Bible Study 17	6:30pm Alleluia Choir 18	7:00pm Finance Meeting Youth to Braves Game 19		12:00pm Lift Lunch 21	22
Ron Wilson Preaching AM&PM 23	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Dr. Horner Bible Study 24	6:30pm Alleluia Choir 25			12:00pm Lift Lunch 28	29
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May Giving

	BUDGET	CTB	MISSIONS	OTHER	TOTAL
5/7	\$24,427.45	\$605.00	\$2,505.00	\$3,289.40	\$30,826.85
5/14	\$15,772.48	\$130.00	\$2,399.00	\$7,813.50	\$26,114.98
5/21	\$9,851.76	\$55.00	\$1,550.84	\$716.40	\$12,174.00
5/28	\$9,495.35	\$394.00	\$57,551.85	\$1,433.47	\$68,874.67

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

July WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

715

SCRAMBLED EGGS
BACON
BISCUITS &
SAUSAGE GEAVY
GRITS
CINNAMON ROLLS
JUICE

7112

CHEESE BURGERS
FRENCH FRIES
CORN ON THE COB
SALAD & DESSERT

7119

CHICKEN BROCCOLI
CASSEROLE
LIMA BEANS
GLAZED CARROTS
ROLLS
SALAD &
DESSERT

7126

PORK LOIN
BAKED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
SALAD &
DESSERT

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

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