

# Connections

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As for man, his days  
are like grass; As a  
flower of the field,  
so he flourishes.  
When the wind has  
passed over it, it is no  
more, And its place  
acknowledges it no  
longer.

PSALM 103:15-16



*Welcome Home.*



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

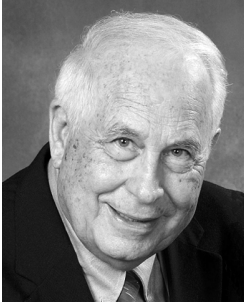
SENIOR PASTOR, LBC

Have you ever looked up and found yourself a long way from where you thought you were and wondered how you got there? That seems to be the story of my life the last few years. As I began to write this article and realized it was for July of 2016. I literally had to stop and try to remember what happened to the first six months of this year. This is not the first time for me. Once, when I was serving as the director of area missions in Wyoming, I was traveling home from a trip and I missed my turn at Buffalo, Wyoming, and ended up on Interstate 90 East. The problem was not the wrong turn but the fact that I drove 70 miles across the desert to the city of Gillette before I suddenly realized I should be home by now. Looking around I began to realize I was now 160 miles from my house. What part of the Big Horn Mountains fading behind me did I not understand? Had I stopped to look around I would have noticed my mistake straight away but my focus was

so captured by something else in that moment that I forgot to look around me and take in the life that was passing me by. Here at Lakewood I find myself looking up a lot less than I should and when I finally do another month or even a year has passed without me knowing how I got here. I feel in my heart and often say out loud as I introduce myself that I am the new pastor here at Lakewood. Then I get that funny look from people as they nearly always ask, “so when did you arrive” and I say 3 ½ years ago. In those moments my mind always goes back to Gillette, Wyoming and the very long conversation I had with myself about paying closer attention. If you haven’t looked up lately stop for just a minute and look around, it is July 2016, and our Family Life Center is well underway. VBS is already behind us and the final mission trips of the year are coming to an end. School starts next month and my daughter Elizabeth is getting ready to leave for college. Being

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this focused is a great thing when you’re doing delicate surgery but in the rest of our lives we need to slow down at least enough to take in the scenery so we know where we are and just how we got here. I pray and plan to realize that the journey is often times more important than the destination. It causes me to wonder just how much beauty I’ve let pass me by driven as I am to just reach the next destination. Goals are great things and without vision we will surely perish, but what if this life is not so much about what we accomplished but how we got here?



# *A Message from* **Dr. Jerry Horner**

MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH, LBC

Somewhere along the way, the Federal Courts and the Supreme Court have misinterpreted the U. S. constitution. How could all 50 states be wrong? America's founders did not intend that there be a separation of God and state, as shown by the fact that all 50 states acknowledge God in their constitutions. Forty-three states have references to God in the preamble of their constitutions, while the remaining seven refer to God in their religious freedom provisions. To print all 50 statements would require too much space, but if you're interested in reading

them, you can easily find them by entering "references to God in state constitutions" on Google. As an example, here is the statement in the preamble of Alabama's constitution, written in 1901: "We the people of the State of Alabama, invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God, do ordain and establish the following Constitution..."

One of the original Supreme Court justices was James Wilson, appointed by George Washington in 1789. He was one of only six of the Founding Fathers who signed both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. He wrote, "It should always be remembered that this law, natural or revealed, flows from the same divine source; it is the law of God... Human law must rest its authority, ultimately, upon the authority of that law, which is divine."

The Founders of our nation meant for judges to be constitutional constructionists, above the whims of public opinion that politicize the courts. In other words, the original intent of the Constitution would remain firm and unchanging. Unfortunately, over the years judges began "interpreting" the constitution in a manner that conformed to the current political agenda, and the courts became politicized. It is undeniable that elected officials appoint judges who reflect their own political views. The result is that the interpretation of the Constitution today is far from the understanding of our

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Founders who wrote it.

The "Father of the Constitution," James Madison, in 1811 appointed Joseph Story to the Supreme Court. Justice Story was only 32 years old at the time, and he remains the youngest Supreme Court justice ever to serve. This man



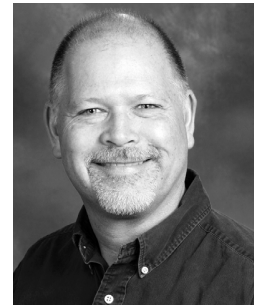
# *A Message from* **Andrew Spires**

STUDENTS & SINGLES, LBC

I'm just returning from helping lead a group of 52 Americans who went to serve the people of Belize. This group was comprised of pastors, student pastors, senior adults, married couples, young adults, college students, high school students, a dentist, three doctors, numerous nurses, and even a child, all working in perfect harmony to spread the love of Jesus Christ to those who need it most. This was my second trip to Belize this year, and I have been doing missions in Belize with International Servants ([www.iservants.com](http://www.iservants.com)) for over fifteen years now, yet each trip holds special and unique blessings. This trip was unique in that it was mainly comprised of first-time (over 40) short-term missionaries, people who may have served in their local towns or even done some stateside missions, but had never taken the leap to go out of the country. I enjoy watching and leading people who are on their first mission trip as they leave their safety net behind and join in the work God is doing all over the world. It is awesome to watch them experience a new and different culture and see them pushed out of their comfort zone right to the place where God wants them; being totally dependent on Him alone! I enjoy their emotion, their desire and passion that ignites when they see the desperate need of the people, and their heart-felt gestures to meet those needs whatever they may be. People often ask me what my highlight of the trip was and I usually respond that I find joy in seeing the passion and joy in others, especially first-timers. However, God is giving me a "first" as well this year, my and our first trip to Romania. I have known the Romania missionaries Tom & Arlene Beal for about 25 years and had numerous other opportunities to join in their work but for some reason or another it never worked out. **This year the fifteen servants from LBC will all be first-timers in Romania, though many are veterans of other mission trips, we all will get to experience something new together. As we make our final preparations please pray for our group of over 30 who will leave July 14th to go further the gospel work to children, adults, gypsies, and mission churches in Romania.** Thank you to all who made this possible, thank you for eating an ice cream or an after church lunch, thank you for answering a support letter, thank you for buying Cokes, thank you for donating yard sale items, thank you for buying a Christmas tree, thank you for baking a cake/pie, thank you for buying/wearing our t-shirts, thank you for praying for us, but most of all thank you for your faithfulness to spread the gospel! Whether or not you ever go on a global mission trip you share in the heavenly rewards along with those who go because we can't go without you! There will be people from other countries around the world who will be in heaven with you because you sacrificed for missions. Thank you for answering the call!



# A Message from Patrick Thornton

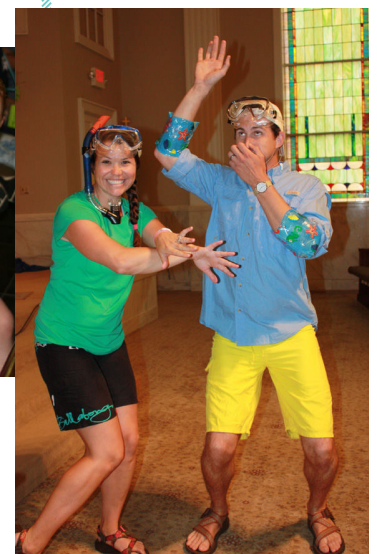


CHILDREN, LBC

The month of June began with “Submerged”, our 2016 Vacation Bible School in which the kids learned that when we dive deep into God’s Word we see that Jesus doesn’t only see what’s on the outside of people, but He looks deep down inside as well. Our motto for VBS week was “Jesus sees. Jesus knows. Jesus saves.”

With a total enrollment of over 120 kids, VBS 2016 was a tremendous success, culminating in 4 decisions for Christ from our children. VBS 2016 utilized the time and talents of 60+ volunteers who did everything from cooking the meals to registering the children. Worship rally leaders Shaun and Cassie Culligan once again had the kids on their feet and praising God every night while our kitchen team kept us nourished and energized with their delicious dinners. Julie Pelletier and Beth Hedges and their craft teams kept little hands busy creating cool crafts, and Coach OJ, Josh Henderson and Cullen Favors and the games teams played awesome games in what was mostly favorable weather. A special thanks to everyone who had any part in providing this life-changing VBS to our kids and community-you have been a blessing to many!

As we move into July, we will continue “Wet Wednesdays.” Each Wednesday K-6th graders will have a time of devotion, meeting in the children’s church room at 5:45, and then we will head to some type of “wet” activity. Please make sure you wear your swimsuits and bring a towel! Preschoolers are also welcome if accompanied by a parent or guardian. Also, if your child is not an accomplished swimmer, he needs to have a parent/guardian present throughout the activity.





saw the danger of judges yielding to political and public pressure to the extent that they strayed from a strict interpretation of the Constitution. Here is what he wrote: “The truth is, that, even with the most secure tenure of office, during good behavior, the danger is not, that the judges will be too firm in resisting public opinion, and in defence of private rights or public liberties, but, that they will be ready to yield themselves to the passions, and politics, and prejudices of the day.

In this day of political correctness and fear of offending anyone, it’s apparent that Justice Story’s warning went unheeded. This is the most critical time in the history of our nation, and the next president will appoint several Supreme Court justices, not to mention numerous federal judges. If the trend continues, we will have judges who tinker with the Constitution to make it say what the people and the politicians want, instead of what the Founding Fathers meant.

Every Supreme Court sessions opens with the proclamation, “God save the United States and this Honorable Court.” Let’s pray that God does exactly that.

**LBC is looking for someone to lead our Children's Ministry. Please contact the church office if interested.**

**VBS In Review Movie and Builders For Christ Pictures are on our website at [lbcpc.org](http://lbcpc.org)**

**Don't Miss  
Dr. Horner's Bible Study  
"Micah's Message to America"  
Monday, July 11th  
6:30pm in Fellowship Hall**

# Lakewood Medley

**IN MEMORY OF:**  
**Chuck Johnson** for the Food Closet from Fran Loftin  
**Jimmy Jones** for the Food Closet from Billy and Cathy Greene  
**Jimmy Jones** for Challenge to Build from Melvin and Sherry Scroggins  
**Homer Medley** for the Budget from Gabriel Medley  
**Homer Medley** from Glenda Medley for their 40th Wedding Anniversary on May 29  
**Sue Newsome** for the Bus Fund from Fred and Margaret Van Horn  
**Janet Moncrief** for the Food Closet from Myra Currier

# May Giving

	TITHE	CTB	MISSIONS	OTHER	TOTAL
5/1	\$15,865.04	\$544.00	\$1,115.00	\$355.00	\$17,879.04
5/8	\$17,956.01	\$243.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,312.20	\$20,561.21
5/15	\$17,295.88	\$605.00	\$4,240.00	\$1,678.24	\$23,819.12
5/22	\$10,046.68	\$385.00	\$3,983.33	\$345.00	\$14,760.01
5/29	\$8,916.18	\$414.00	\$1,915.00	\$354.94	\$11,600.12
	<b>\$ 70,079.79</b>	<b>\$2,191.00</b>	<b>\$12,303.33</b>	<b>\$4,045.38</b>	<b>\$88,619.50</b>

# Lakewood Happenings

## July 2016

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT		
			5:45pm Kidz Wet Wednesday		10:00am Breakfast Club  6:30pm Romania Team Meeting <b>1</b>	9:30am Romania Team Meeting  <b>2</b>		
<b>3</b>	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>4</b>	6:30pm Alleluia Choir  <b>5</b>	5:45pm Kidz Wet Wednesday  <b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	10:00am Breakfast Club  6:30-10:30pm Parent's Night Out <b>8</b>	Young Married's Feed The Homeless  <b>9</b>		
Hamburger Fundraiser Lunch \$8  <b>10</b>	10:30am Amen Choir 6:00-8:00pm Bruster's Scoop Night 6:30pm Dr. Horner's Class <b>11</b>	6:30pm Alleluia Choir  <b>12</b>	5:45pm Kidz Wet Wednesday  7:00pm Deacon Meeting <b>13</b>	..... MISSION TRIP TO ROMANIA		<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Lord's Supper 6:00pm Church Conference  <b>17</b>	10:30am Amen Choir  6:30pm Dr. Horner's Class <b>18</b>	6:30pm Alleluia Choir  <b>19</b>	7:00pm Finance Meeting  <b>20</b>	..... MISSION TRIP TO ROMANIA		<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	10:45am Youth & Singles Feed The Homeless  <b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	10:30am Amen Choir  <b>25</b>	6:30pm Alleluia Choir  <b>26</b>	5:45pm Kidz Wet Wednesday  6:00pm Student Worship <b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	Breakfast Club to Six Flags  <b>29</b>	10:45am Youth & Singles Feed The Homeless  <b>30</b>		
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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.

## JULY WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

### 716

TACO SALAD  
SPANISH RICE  
WATERMELON

### 7113

BAKED POTATO  
BAR  
SALAD  
BANANA PUDDING

### 7120

HOT DOGS  
SLAW  
CHILI  
CORN ON THE COB  
APPLE PIE

### 7127

CHICKEN &  
BROCCOLI  
CASSEROLE  
PEAS &  
BUTTERBEANS  
SALAD  
DESSERT

To make dinner reservations, email Carol at [carol@lbcpc.org](mailto:carol@lbcpc.org) or call 334.298.6433.



# Welcome Home.

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Steve & Rhonda Harris  
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