

June Connections Lakewood Baptist

Vacation Bible School



June 2-6 5:30-8:30
2 yrs- 6th Grade

MESSAGE FROM BROTHER M.R.

This month has been a time of great blessings. A time for rejoicing and thanksgiving in my life, and the life of my family. Therefore, I have spent a great deal of time trying to discover the words to express my great joy, and to thank God for all the ways he shows His love for me.

Many times I fall back on the Bible, and the celebrations of the saints before me who also discovered the joy of being in the middle of God's plan for their lives. I look for words like Joy, Delight and Praise as these are the reality of a heart that has found freedom in obedience to the Word of God. That very truth sounds like a contradiction, but nothing could be further from the truth. God proclaims that truth in Galatians 5:1 when He says "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then and do not let yourselves be burdened again with the yoke of slavery". What God is trying to get us to realize is that we really aren't free because we can do as we wish. No, true freedom is only found when we are free to do what is right. Christ died to set us free from the slavery of sin. To enable us to live outside of the control of the sinful nature and actually live the life God had planned for us. To actually offer up our bodies as living sacrifices Holy and pleasing to God, as we are commanded in Romans 12:1. Now I realize to many this might feel like a great sacrifice, and even a loss of freedom in the present world in which we live but it is not. Sin is not a reward, nor is it the source of true joy, nor contentment. Sin is a trap! A means by which our enemy gains his advantage with the hopes of making us His slave. God and the Devil are not alike, they are opposites. God gives freedom to all who dare to believe him and take Him at his word. God did not create mankind to be enslaved. One of the most interesting facts of the creation story is found in the first thing God said to man. The first thing God commanded Adam to do was to be free and to not sacrifice that freedom for the slavery of sin. (Genesis 2:15-17) "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden". "You are free" were God's first words to man! However God did not stop there, he went on to give Adam a plan that would protect him from the Devil's plan to enslave him. You must not eat from one tree. Now did God give him those instructions to make Adam his slave, or was it given to protect him and keep him free? It was given to protect him and allow him to remain free. The direct application of God's Word to his life would have set him free from the plans of the enemy to harm him. Well, we all know the rest of the story. Adam and Eve both took a worldly view of God's Word and felt that they were missing out on something the world had to offer, and their freedom was lost. Satan had convinced them that sin offered true freedom, not obedience.

I know that I have felt that same way myself. I have often looked at the scriptures and felt that obedience would be a sacrifice. Only to find that I was yet foolish, and that had I done things God's way, it would have brought about those dreams that are now lost. Obedience to God's Word will set us free from the plans of the enemy. And when we break free from His plans we will live and experience the life more abundant and free that Jesus promised us. God's plans for us are good! God set forth His plans for us in Jeremiah 29:11 where He said "I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". What exactly is the hope that God has planned for us? It is the hope that we will all one day see Jesus face to face. That we will in the end finish the race laid out for us before the beginning of time. It is that we might take hold of the hope we have in this world that we are not alone. It is the hope of the second coming and the truth that one day all the tears will be washed away. It is the hope that comes from the realization that God is good all the time and we can trust him with the everyday things that concern us and enjoy the life we have here, and know our life in the hereafter is safe and secure as well.

In Hebrews 6:17-20 God paints a beautiful picture of just why we can have such hope. It begins by saying "Because God wanted to make His purpose very clear", now what exactly is God's purpose? Why did he give us his word in the first place? That we might not have to live without this great hope. Romans 15:4 reads "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.". God's Word is not here to limit our freedom but is in

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fact here to encourage us to take hold of the freedom offered by God that we might escape the slavery of sin set before us by the enemy.

The picture God set before us of how this has been done, is really quite beautiful. The image is that of the forerunner, who went out before the ship when it could not enter a port because of the wind. The forerunner would row a small boat into the safety of the port, and there tie off the ship to an anchor. To this very day if you visit the old ports you can still see the anchor that was bored into the solid rock to be used by the forerunners. Once this rope was secure, the ship could be pulled inch by inch into the safety of the port. Using this illustration God paints this wonderful picture of Jesus returning to the safety of heaven, and there anchoring our souls with the three strand cord that can not be broken. Faith hope and love but the greatest of these is love. With this picture in mind listen to the words from Heb.6: 19-20 once again. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain where Jesus has gone before us, and has entered on our behalf". Jesus has entered heaven on our behalf and has anchored our souls there as day by day he draws us nearer to our final destination where He is. This is the hope that encourages us to get back up and try again. This is the hope that drives us to dare to believe, and take God at His Word. This is the hope that gives us peace in the midst of the storm. Knowing that no storm can break the cord of love that holds us secure. This is the hope that leads us to say If God is for us, who can be against us. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:35).

Silence is the answer to that question, for nothing in our past or our present, nothing in heaven nor on earth, no nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. Oh what a gift we have in the Bible, because with it we can stand the test of the enemy, and discover the reality of true freedom. God's Word applied directly to our lives is the answer to all of life's struggles. Not only that, it is the best way I know to avoid a lot of the worlds problems in the first place!

HAMBURGERS HOTDOGS AND APPLE PIE **SUNDAY NIGHT JUNE 30**

Our church will celebrate the 4th of July together after the Proclaimers sing for us during the evening Worship Service.

We will have burgers and dogs hot off the grill ready for everyone in the Fellowship Hall.

YOU get to bring all the sides.

Bring either potato salad, slaw, baked beans or your favorite cook-out side dish.

Dessert are always welcome too!

We will have tea made but if you'd rather bring a drink than a dish...bring it on.

Children Are A Gift From God

Congratulations to all the kids who were a part of the Awana Night Program, which took place Sunday evening, May 19. Awana is one of the best programs available for reaching kids for Christ and teaching them foundational truths about our faith. However, as any of our kids can tell you, it is not an easy program to work through. Our kids have worked very hard this year on their books, and I am very proud of them for all that they have accomplished.

Vacation Bible School is June 2-6, with a light supper being served at 5:30 and programs beginning at 6:00. We look forward to seeing all the kids during this exciting week as we learn how to "Stand Strong in the Battle for Truth." June 2 is VBS Sunday, so dress up in your medieval costumes (princess, prince, knight, etc.) and come ready to begin our week of fun and adventure as we learn what it means to "put on the full armor of God." Kids, remember to bring your friends!

On Wednesday nights, beginning June 12, we will be having "Wet Wednesdays." All elementary age kids, K-6, are invited to come for a time of fellowship, devotion, and swimming fun. We will meet in the children's church room at 5:45 for our devotion and will return to the church by 7:15. Make sure you wear your swimsuit and bring a towel with you!

I would like to thank all of the adult Bible Fellowship classes who donated money for our VBS suppers. Your investment will help spread the Good News to some wonderful children-thanks for your support!

A great big thank you to Jill Henderson for designing the new mural in the hall outside of the children's church room. The mural highlights all of the children's ministries available at Lakewood. Stop by the upstairs hallway in the children's building and take a look!

Shaping the Future

Andrew Spires

Youth & Younger Single Adults

Summer is here and with it comes a very busy schedule! The Belize Mission Team is ready to go serve the children of Belize. Specifically, we will be ministering in two village schools; San Roman and San Juan. San Roman is a large school with over 800 students where we served last year while San Juan is a smaller school of 150. We will be splitting our time between these two villages and it is our prayer that God will lead some of these children into relationship with Him while we are there. Please be in prayer for both these villages in the following areas; San Roman- the Jehovah's Witnesses have developed a strong presence there including recently building a grass roof Kingdom Hall near the school, pray that we can display the TRUTH of gospel effectively to combat false teaching. San Juan- is a much smaller, more impoverished area where International Servants house one of their Feed-A-Child centers, they have not had a mission team in about five years, please pray that God would use the food we serve them to open the doors of their hearts to receive the gospel message. Your prayers are essential as we go on this trip, please intercede for us daily as we serve.

Don't forget our Father's Day Shotgun Raffle which will benefit the student ministry in general. You may purchase a raffle ticket for only \$10 from any student or at the welcome desk in the church lobby and the drawing will be immediately after church on Father's Day, June 16th. Also in June we start our Breakfast Clubs once again. What is Breakfast Club you ask; we meet each Friday during the summer for breakfast at a local restaurant and then have a short bible study followed by swimming at a church members home. Many of our bible studies are student led, so it gives them a chance to speak what God is teaching them in their relationship with Him. Also, this summer we want to give back, we are still looking for Saturday day projects to meet needs within the church body. If you know of a senior adult, or a widow/widower who need help with minor home repairs, painting, house cleaning, or yard work please let me know as soon as possible. All projects will be scheduled promptly and done at no cost. The church body is so often a blessing to the student ministry, we want to use the abilities we have to be a blessing in return. Thank you for all your support of the Belize Mission Team, we are taking you along with us to Belize and you will share in the eternal reward for the souls saved and lives changed as the Holy Spirit works through us. May God richly bless you for your sacrificial giving.

Firm Foundations for Future Generations

Lakewood Baptist
Church Child Development Center



The CDC wants to thank Ms. Margaret Wilson and her committee for decorating the fellowship hall for our Pre-K 4 graduation. It looked so beautiful!!! Also, Ms. Gail and Don Craft's Sunday School class for providing all of the food!!! It was delicious!!! Thanks to Jeremy Casey for recording our graduation, he did such a great job!! Also special thanks to Linda Keown for a great job with the slideshow and all of the music and Carol Breault for the beautiful programs she printed up for us!! We graduated 44 children from the CDC and wouldn't have been able to do it without these wonderful people.

It's almost that time again when we register for Fall. The CDC will be registering current students for the fall starting the week of June 24th. We will register from our waiting list starting July 1st through July 5th. We will begin open registration on July 10th for all of those that are interested in joining the CDC.

The CDC had a great time participating in a St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon in May. The children rode their bikes on our new track that we had put in on the playground. They were excited that they were able to ride their bikes to help raise money for children who were sick. It showed them that giving is a wonderful thing and they had so much fun while giving. The CDC raised \$1,457.00 for St. Jude's.

The CDC has put a new security system on our doors to make sure that our children are always safe. We will be using a magnetic card in order to get into the building. We will keep the doors open on Wednesday nights and on Sundays.

Cabbi Black, CDC Director

Sympathy to

Donnie & Beverly Locke
in the loss of their son,
Ryon.

The family of
Geraldine Shine

Dorothy Atkins in the
loss of her husband,
Richard.

Fran Loftin and family in
the loss of her mother,
Mary Ann Hall

In Memory of :

Ollie Mae Norris

Challenge to Build from Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Anderson
Food Closet from Mr. & Mrs. Billy Greene
Food Closet from Pat Holland
Food Closet from Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wilson

Richard Atkins

Challenge to Build from Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Anderson

Food Closet
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Greene
Brenda Slappy
Pat Holland
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Grimes
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wilson

Amen Choir:

Myra Currier
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Taff
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mitchell
Mr. & Mrs. Simons Taff
Mr. & Mrs. John Dudley
Mr. & Mrs. Phil Tomlinson
Lois Gray For Food closet from Mr. & Mrs. Billy Greene
Eunice Adams for Food Closet from Myra Currier
Billie Adams for Food Closet from Myra Currier
Bessie Currier for Food Closet from Myra Currier
Charles Turner for Food Closet from Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wilson
Alice Quintana for Budget from Fran Loftin

In Honor of :

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Graham for Food
Closet from Mr. & Mrs. Richard Atkins

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aderhold for Food
Closet from Mr. & Mrs. Terry Grimes

Dr. & Mrs. Jerry Horner for Food
Closet from Pat Holland

Rev. & Mrs. M.R. Hamilton for Sweet
Spirits from Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Benton

Dorothy Atkins for Amen Choir from
Mr. & Mrs. Simons Taff

Check out our website
For up to the
minute changes
@ **LBCPC.org**

A Thank you card
was received from
Allyne Dault
and can be viewed on the
bulletin board

Wednesday Menus

\$5 Adult \$2.50 Child
\$15.00 max per family

June 5
No Supper
VBS

June 12
Deli Sandwiches,
Lettuce, Tomato,
Cheese, Chips,
Potato Salad,
Chocolate Chip Cookies

June 19
Chicken Fajitas Wrap,
Mexican Corn,
Spanish Rice,
Salad & Dessert

June 26
Stuffed Peppers,
Glazed Carrots,
June Peas, Rolls,
Salad & Dessert

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April Giving	Budget	CTB	Missions	Other	Total
4/7/13	\$17,238.23	\$576.00	\$1,015.00	\$974.50	\$19,803.73
4/14/13	\$10,446.30	\$476.00	\$1,148.15	\$1,323.03	\$13,393.48
4/21/13	\$10,070.00	\$406.00	\$1,542.50	\$2,133.74	\$14,152.24
4/28/13	\$ 9,822.00	\$110.00	\$2,859.00	\$260.98	\$13,051.98
Total	\$47,576.53	\$1,568.00	\$6,564.65	\$4,692.25	\$60,401.43

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Beth Moore Conference
2 Baptism Youth Fundraiser Lunch	3	4 -VBS-	5	6	7 Breakfast Club 10-2	8
9	10 10:30 Amen Choir	11 Sweet Spirits @ 10:00 -Belize Mission Trip-	12 5:45 Wet Wednesday 5:45 Youth Get R.E.A.L. 7:00 Deacon's	13	14 Breakfast Club 10-2	15
16 Father's Day-Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 No PM Service	17 10:30 Amen Choir	18 6:30 Alleluia Choir	19 5:45 Wet Wednesday 5:45 Youth Get R.E.A.L. 7:00 CMLT 7:00 Fin. Team	20 Defense Class 6:15-8:00 Fellowship Hall	21 Breakfast Club 10-2 Kid's Movie Night 6:30-9:00	22
23 4:30 Youth Choir	24 10:30 Amen Choir	25 6:30 Alleluia Choir	26 5:45 Wet Wednesday 5:45 Youth Get R.E.A.L. 7:00 CDC Team	27	28 Breakfast Club 10-2	29
30 4:30 Youth Choir 6:00 Proclaimer's Quartet/ Fellowship						

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
5:30PM 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
7:00PM Praise Team

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.



UP TO THE MINUTE NEWS

We truly try to be sure that everything we print is accurate...but just in case some scheduling has to be changed you can get UP TO THE MINUTE corrections by going to LBCPC.org and clicking on the calendar. All events are listed there and if you click on the event itself you will get even more information! If you miss a week at Worship you can either watch the service or listen to it...both available on our website. You don't miss a beat when you stay connected to Lakewood Baptist Church through the web!
It's great!

In Concert June 30th PM Service

The Proclaimer's Quartet
With our own Scott Bush

Fellowship immediately
Following concert



Men's Prayer Breakfast Sunday Morning
June 16th at 8:30

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