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# A Message from M.R. Hamilton

SENIOR PASTOR, LBC

Now March is a month I can get excited about. Things turn green and I turn one year older and I get to celebrate another year as the Pastor of Lakewood. I came here March the 10th on my birthday in 2013 to preach the joint revival with Central and Lakewood. March has just always been a blessing for me in so many ways that just the mention of March makes me happy. Perhaps what I like about March the very most is the fact that March is all about new beginnings. About nature starting all over again and about my personal life starting all over again and about God filling my heart with a spirit of expectation that has always been the ignition of my enthusiasm for life that made me look forward to tomorrow. This anticipation peeks my curiosity to look for and to discover just how my world around me has changed. You see when we start to expect things to change we watch for it like tourist watching the sun setting into the ocean for the first time. Our anticipation is rewarded with a spirit of appreciation as we discover that our faith in what we had never seen lead us to experience it for ourselves only to discover that it was better in real life than it ever was in our dreams. Passing from this life into eternity is the single biggest change any of us will ever experience in the journey we call life. And I really believe that everything we see there will be so much better than anything we have imagined. Until I discover the truth of that belief I know God wants me to get the most out of the journey that will lead me to that destination. And March reminds me that God is a God of seasons and with each new season comes change, and with each change an opportunity to dream and live a life filled with great expectations. Not because of who I am but because of who is with me. God is good and when I go through those seasons with Him I have every reason in the world to not be afraid. March is so much more than just a month on the calendar to me. My race laid out for me began on March 10th 1960. My ministry here at Lakewood began on March 10th 2013. And God only knows what He has planned for March 10th this year but a family life center ground breaking might be just the change we've been looking for.



Priscilla SHIRER

HERE, AT LBC

SAVE THE DATE!

SIMULCAST

APRIL 23, 2016

God has a plan and a purpose for your life, so resolve to **DIG DEEP** into **HIS WORD** this year. And with Priscilla's unique approach to **TEACHING, ENCOURAGEMENT, and PRAYER**, you'll leave *spiritually revived.*





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

*SENIOR PASTOR, LBC*

Someone said to me a few days ago, "I want to serve the Lord, but I'm so inadequate and unqualified, there's nothing I can do." That's a false statement, because the Bible teaches us that we possess whatever is necessary to do what God calls us to do; otherwise, God would not ask us to do it. We just need to use the ability God has given us. The devil knows that he can't take away that which God has given us, so he tries to keep us from using it. If the devil can keep us from doing what God has commanded us to do, through fear, discouragement, self-pity, or any other means, then he has been successful.

There was a boy in Germany who was labeled "a slow learner." His teacher recommended that he be withdrawn from school because he would never amount to anything. He tried to go to school in Switzerland, but he failed the entrance exam. He was fired from three teaching jobs, but at the age of 26 he won the Nobel Prize for physics. By the way, the boy's name was Albert Einstein. He is only one example of people who used what they had and achieved great things. How much more important is it for children of God to use the ability God has given them?

Many people feel that what they have is **insignificant**. Let me tell you how God took something insignificant from a man's hand and used it to accomplish miraculous deeds. In Exodus 4:2 the Lord asked Moses what he had in his hand. Moses responded that it was only a stick that he used in herding his sheep. As far as he was concerned, the stick had no use or value otherwise. But God said, "Give it to me," and in His hands, that stick became an instrument for the working of miracles (see Exod. 4:5; 14:16; 17:5-6, 8-11).

The devil may tell you that the thing that you have in your life—time, talent, treasure—is insignificant, and it is insignificant as long as you try to use it in your own strength or hide it away. But give God that which seems to be insignificant, and He will use it in a significant way.

Some people do not serve God because they think that what they have is **insufficient**. They don't have enough time or energy or talent. The widow apologized to the prophet Elijah for her meager amount of food, but when she gave it to God, it kept multiplying (1 Kings 17:12-16). If she had hoarded what little she had instead of giving it to God, they would have starved. But when she gave it to God, He multiplied it over and over. People who hoard their time and energies and abilities will starve spiritually, but those who let God multiply what they give to Him will be spiritually full and running over.

Some people do not serve God because they think that what they have is **inane** and will invite the ridicule and laughter of the world. When David went out to do battle against Goliath with only a sling and stones, the giant laughed at him. But when the giant fell with a stone in his forehead, no one was laughing any more, and a great victory was won. People may laugh at what God has given you. They may tell you that it's impossible for you to do anything for God. But remember David and give God what little you have, and He will use it to defeat some great giants.

Some people do not serve God because they think they are **inadequate** because of a handicap or old age or some other reason. Moses argued that he was 80 years old and that he had a stammering tongue that kept him from being an eloquent speaker. But when he gave to God a staff that he used to control the sheep, God enabled him to use it to lead the Hebrews to the Promised Land.

What do you have in your hand? Does it seem insignificant? God wants to use small things. Does it seem insufficient? Little is much when God is in it. Does the world laugh at what God has given you? Like David's slingshot, it can defeat giants. Do you allow your age or frailty or former failure keep you from doing what God wants you to do? God can use an old stick in the hands of a stammering old man to demonstrate His power. It really isn't what's in your hand that matters. It's what you let God do with it.

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



STUDENTS & SINGLES, LBC

The weather is changing and Spring has sprung! The changing of seasons reminds us that summer is looming as well. Summer is the busiest time in the student and young adult ministries with multiple opportunities to serve others and reflect Christ's love to everyone we meet. Right now, we are gearing up for Mission Lab summer camp and the Romania Mission trip. Please make sure your student has turned in their release forms for camp and that the \$50 deposit is paid, only then is their spot secure. We do have several students who have already acknowledged a need for assistance to go to summer camp, if you'd be willing to sponsor them, or to "hire" them to do yard work, house cleaning, or babysitting please let the student ministry office know. We enjoyed meeting with Tom Beal, our Romania missionary, at the end of February and were excited going forward as we meet again in April to train together on the "School of Heroes" VBS materials and further prepare for our trip. There will be several mission fundraisers coming up such as a yard sale, pancake breakfast, and after church dinners, please watch the bulletin and website for dates and times. As always, we deeply appreciate your prayers and support for our summer mission efforts! The biggest event in the month of March is Winter Jam in Birmingham, where students from the surrounding areas gather to worship together with big name bands such as; Lauren Daigle, For King & Country, Matthew West, Crowder, KB & Tedashi, Red, Sidewalk Prophets, and Newsong. The amazing thing is that we get to experience all these great bands for only \$10. This year we're doing something a little different, instead of making the long drive back late on Saturday night March 19th into early morning Sunday the 20th, we are staying overnight at Mountain Brook Baptist Church in Birmingham. We will stay at the church overnight and then attend Sunday morning worship at MBBC before going to lunch, then heading back home. This works out great as most school systems are on Spring Break starting Monday the 21st. Total cost for the weekend including the concert is only \$20 per person including the concert, food, and travel on the church bus. Parents please help me by encouraging your students to attend this powerful weekend centered around worship. Finally, as we head towards the last few months of the school year, please pray diligently for our graduating seniors as they ascertain God's will for their future, I never want to see them go, but I always enjoy seeing what God has planned for them!

*Easter*  
-at-  
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# A Message from Patrick Thornton



CHILDREN, LBC

This month we have two of our favorite events planned for our children's division. The annual Awana/Flyte lock-in is scheduled for Friday, March 4, here at the church. The lock-in is for all of the kids in Awana/Flyte that are in kindergarten through 6th grades. The Sparks, our K-2nd graders, will be staying at the church from 7:00 - 10:00 pm and the cost for them is \$5 each. The 3rd - 6th graders will be staying from Friday at 7:00 pm until 7:00 am on Saturday morning. The cost for them is \$10 each. Dinner and all activities are included for both groups.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday morning, March 19, at 11:00 a.m. There will be a BBQ sandwich plate sale (\$5/plate) to raise money for new chairs in the Flyte room. We will serve lunch between 11:30 and 12:00. Lunches can also be packed to go!

Any donations of individually wrapped candies to stuff in the Easter Eggs would be greatly appreciated. Please drop the candy off at the church office by Wednesday, March 16.

## Lakewood Medley

### IN MEMORY OF:

**Bill Brown for Challenge to Build**  
from Clara Jean Watson

**Hugh Slaphey for Challenge to Build**  
from Clara Jean Watson

**Emily Davis for Challenge to Build**  
from Clara Jean Watson

**Glenda Thomason on the second anniversary of her death for Challenge to Build**  
from her husband, Lewis

**Linda Groff for Amen Choir**  
from Shepherd BFG of  
Golden Acres Baptist Church

**Joyce Costello for Challenge to Build**  
from Clara Jean Watson

**Linda Groff for Amen Choir**  
from Nancy Stainsby

## VIP Week March 13-20

We at Lakewood serve together with Valley Interfaith Promise 4 times a year to house and feed homeless families who are in the process of securing employment and housing.

Our weeks in 2016 were Jan 17-24 and our remaining weeks are March 13-20, Aug 14-21 and Oct 9-16. The sign-up chart is on our website and at the Sanctuary computer. You may also volunteer by emailing [linda@LBCPC.org](mailto:linda@LBCPC.org).

If you have served before or perhaps never heard of this ministry, please look at the opportunities that are yours to touch a family's life. You will be blessed beyond measure.



# What does it mean to give to the Circles of Influence?

Just as a pebble in a pond makes waves far from where they began, a dollar into the Circles of Influence fund touches ministries in our local area, North America and the uttermost parts of the earth.

## Circles of Influence



The scripture basis is **II Corinthians 9:5** "I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given."

It's like a Christmas Club for missions. **EACH TIME YOU GIVE YOUR REGULAR TITHES AND OFFERINGS, YOU DESIGNATE AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT TO CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE...**but rather than waiting for the end of the year to disperse the funds, checks are written monthly to each of these ministries.

Imagine if 150 families gave \$30.00 a month, \$1 a day, for just for 11 months a year to Circles of Influence. That could easily reach \$49,500.00 a year combined! Here's what each ministry could receive versus what they received our last fiscal year.

	<u>What they would receive in 2016 through Circles of Influence only</u>	<u>Received 2015 with add'l gifts</u>
<u>Phenix City &amp; Columbus Area 30%</u>		
L.O.A.F. 5%	\$2,475.00	\$5,532.58
The Baptist Center 2.5%	1,237.50	375.82
Valley Interfaith Promise 2.5%	1,237.50	375.82
Valley Rescue Mission 2.5%	1,237.50	375.82
Mercy Med 10%	4,950.00	1,503.23
Teen Challenge 5%	2,475.00	766.63
Sound Choices Crisis Preg Ctr 2.5%	1,237.50	405.82
<u>Alabama &amp; United States 20%</u>		
AL Bapt. Children's Home 5%	2,475.00	881.63
Kathleen Mallory (St Missions) 2.5%	1,237.50	375.77
Annie Armstrong 10%	4,950.00	1,633.23
Life Action Min. John Rhodes 2.5%	1,237.50	808.82
<u>Global 50%</u>		
Lottie Moon 25%	12,375.00	5,013.75
World Hunger 2.5%	1,237.50	375.82
Laughing Child (HIV Children Mexico) 2.5%	1,237.50	1,075.82
Lakewood Mission Trips 17.5%	8,662.50	2,630.66
Samaritan's Purse (Disaster Relief) 2.5%	<u>1,237.50</u>	<u>496.83</u>
	\$49,500.00	\$22,628.05

Prayerfully consider what you might give to touch our world in the name of Jesus Christ.  
Each of us giving a little becomes a great harvest for those who are fighting  
on the front lines for the Kingdom.



# Lakewood Happenings

## MARCH 2016

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		6:30pm Alleluia Choir	10:30am VKWU	2:00pm Clothes Closet 2:00pm L.O.A.F.	7:00pm AWANA Lock-In	
		1	2	3	4	5
5:00pm Youth Choir 6:00pm Kidz Choir	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Dr. Horner's Class	6:30pm Alleluia Choir	7:00pm Deacon Meeting	2:00pm Clothes Closet 2:00pm L.O.A.F.  BE STRONG Men's Conference	5:30pm Game Night Hot Dogs & Chilli	Young Married's Feed The Homeless
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5:00pm Youth Choir 6:00pm Kidz Choir	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Dr. Horner's Class	6:30pm Alleluia Choir	7:00pm Finance Meeting	2:00pm Clothes Closet 2:00pm L.O.A.F.	7:00pm Women's Ministry Movie Night	11:00am Easter Egg Hunt  Winter Jam in Birmingham
13	14	15	VIP WEEK 16	17	18	19
5:00pm Youth Choir 6:00pm Kidz Choir	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Dr. Horner's Class	Jubilee @ Beallwood 6:30pm Alleluia Choir	7:00pm CDC Meeting	2:00pm Clothes Closet 2:00pm L.O.A.F. 7:00pm JEGBW		Youth & Singles Feed The Homeless
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>EASTER</b>	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Dr. Horner's Class				<b>ONGOING ACTIVITIES:</b> <b>SUNDAY</b> 9:00am Contemporary Worship 10:00am Bible Fellowship 11:00am Blended Worship 11:15am Kidz Worship 6:00pm Evening Worship Kidz Choir	
27	28	29	30	31	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 5:00pm Family Night Supper 5:45pm AWANA, FLYTE, R.E.A.L. 6:00pm Orchestra Rehearsal Adult Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	

## January Giving

	TITHE	CTB	MISSIONS	OTHER	TOTAL
1/3	\$12,962.22	\$650.00	\$1,030.00	\$415.00	\$15,057.22
1/10	\$17,257.52	\$345.00	\$520.00	\$1,858.29	\$19,980.81
1/17	\$13,862.87	\$215.00	\$3,190.00	\$2,922.00	\$20,189.87
1/24	\$9,831.50	\$260.00	\$1,249.10	\$9,563.95	\$20,904.55
1/31	\$24,046.54	\$220.00	\$410.00	\$6,670.50	\$31,347.04

Visit **LBCPC.org**  
for more info  
and activities.

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.

## MARCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

### 3/2

HAM  
SWEET POTATO  
CASSEROLE  
PEAS &  
BUTTERBEANS  
ROLLS  
SALAD  
DESSERT

### 3/9

SCRAMBLED EGGS,  
BACON  
BISCUITS &  
SAUSAGE GRAVY  
GRITS  
CINNAMON ROLLS  
JUICE

### 3/16

PORK LOIN  
BAKED POTATOES  
BROCCOLI  
CAULIFLOWER &  
CARROTS  
ROLLS  
SALAD  
DESSERT

### 3/23

HAMBURGER  
STEAK  
RICE & GRAVY  
TURNIP GREENS  
CORNBREAD  
SALAD  
DESSERT

### 3/30

FRIED CHICKEN  
MASHED POTATOES  
& GRAVY  
LIMA BEANS  
ROLLS  
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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