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Welcome Home.



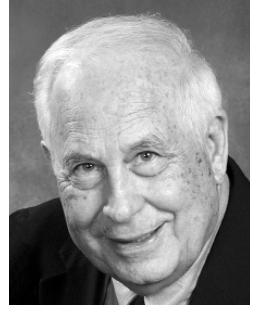
A Message from M.R. Hamilton

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SENIOR PASTOR, LBC

June, can it really be June already? I was once told that time goes a lot faster the older you get and I never believed it until now. I still introduce myself as the new pastor here at Lakewood and the funny look I get when they hear I have been here more than 5 years. I promise you my weeks feel like days and my months like a week. But, here I am looking at my calendar realizing that it is June and 2018 is almost half gone. How many of you feel this same way? June means the end of another school year and Vacation Bible School. Mission trips to Idaho and my wife will be having a birthday. Now I could never tell you just how young she really is but I can give you a hint. It is exactly half way between zero and 100! I once listened to a country song where a man over 100 years old was asked for a word of wisdom and his answer was to not blink. In the song he reminded me that life really is just a vapor as God would say and it gets past you without you noticing somehow. Perhaps that is why God put June in our world to just remind us how fast a year can get away. Perhaps June is here to remind us of all the things we dreamed of doing this year while we still have time to get them done. It really is here and with it comes the need for massive prayer support for our VBS as well as our mission trips that are coming our way. Please take time to make time to pray us through this busy summer that soon and very soon the praise reports will echo through the church of all that God has done. For everyone who has volunteered to work in VBS or travel with us on missions this summer I want to praise God for your willingness to try. For all those who have sacrificed to make it possible for so many to go I want to thank God for your generosity. And for those who will pray us through may God bless you for the great work you are doing and the faith it takes to really pray. Yes it is already June and God has placed an open door before us and I just can't wait to see the fruit of all that we have planned. I am already looking forward to looking back on June and that spirit of anticipation is one of the great blessings of pastoring here at Lakewood. It is also the reason my years feel like a month these days. Time really does fly when you're having fun.



A Message from Dr. Jerry Horner



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MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH

I'm writing this article in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, formerly Saigon, but I will not send it until I'm out of this country. You may understand when I tell you that my host pastor here has been arrested twenty-one times and has spent time in jail, simply because he is a Christian leader. As a westerner, I cannot be seen talking to more than one or two Vietnamese on the street, lest the police stop to investigate.

Tonight I preached at a youth rally that meets every Sunday night. Everything is planned, organized, and directed by young people. They call themselves the "New Generation Church," and I was the speaker at their first meeting in 2016. It was a thrill to see how they have grown in numbers and maturity since then.

What happened in our meeting tonight, which was held in a non-descript building on a quiet street just off a major thoroughfare, was a stark contrast to the activities in a large ornate building directly across the street. In front of that building is a statue of Ho Chi Minh, and the building houses a school in which all the students, from kindergarten through high school, are selected by the government to be trained as future communist leaders. They receive the best education possible in the arts and sciences, but they are also indoctrinated in the philosophies of atheistic communism.

Physically, only a narrow street separated the two groups of young people, but spiritually they were as far apart as darkness is from light. That realization caused me to ponder the actions of our own government in the modern era that have effectively forced God out of our educational system. I would like to review with you some court decisions that led to the present situation.

Engel v. Vitale, 1962, was the first case to separate religious principles from public education. In this case, which resulted in removing prayer from schools, there was no legal precedent cited from the entire history of America. Not one! There was no reference to the constitution at all. The seven members of the Supreme Court who were responsible for this ruling had no background on court benches. They were all politicians appointed by politicians. The landmark decision of this court changed the direction of the legal system of America. It was no longer constitutional law.

Would you like to read the prayer that these justices deemed unsuitable for our school children? Here it is: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers, and our country." Isn't it ironic that while this prayer acknowledges God only once, the Declaration of Independence acknowledges Him four times, and our Constitution is dated "in the year of our Lord"?

Abington v. Schempp, 1963, was the case that resulted in the prohibition of Bible reading in our schools. Without any constitutional basis, the court declared that Bible reading in the school could be "psychologically harmful."

In its 5-4 decision of *Stone v. Graham* in 1980, the Supreme Court removed the Ten Commandments from schools, even though the justices agreed that the Ten Commandments were a "passive" display, meaning that people would have to stop on their own will to read them. I suppose those justices had never read what James Madison, the chief architect of our constitution, said: "We have staked the whole future of American civilization not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments."

As I think of the future of Vietnam under the leadership of people like those children whose minds and hearts are being hardened against God, I cannot help thinking of our own country in light of this quote from Thomas Jefferson, inscribed on his memorial in Washington: "Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever."



A Message from Andrew Spires

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STUDENTS & SINGLES, LBC

We have begun our summer missions season, as I write this article we've completed our first day of service in North Carolina. Today, we began building a disability ramp for a senior adult with physical problems and also began scraping and painting her home. Although the weather was poor and very wet, our students, young adults, and chaperones slogged through the mud and rain and served valiantly without complaining. I love missions because it forces our students and young adults out of their normal schedules, out of their homes (out of their rooms), and puts them on display for Christ in ways they never imagined in places they've never been. It's easy to think that this life is all about us until we are engaged with the truth that there are people in this world, in our country, in our own state, and even in our own city who are in desperate need for the things we take for granted daily. Even worse there are people all around us who don't know Jesus Christ, and we don't often think much about them. I am constantly reminding our students to be on the lookout for those in need, the hurting, the downtrodden, and especially the lost, being on mission in their everyday lives. As adults, it's easy to get so busy in our lives, that we forget each one of us is called and commanded to represent Christ as His ambassadors. I truly believe we are all walking past numerous people who we could impact for the sake of the Gospel, but somehow in our busyness, and in our complacency we just pass them by. While this summer mission season has just begun, and we cannot yet imagine all the things God will do and accomplish in and through us, let us all renew our commitment to serve others in our daily lives. My prayer and challenge is this; that we will all be stretched into uncomfortable circumstances for the cause of Christ and be led by the Holy Spirit by divine appointment to those God intends for us to speak His truth in love. Make yourselves available to God, and He WILL use you! As we serve, we thank you all for your prayers and support!

God bless,

Drew

*Join us in the
LBC FAC
to celebrate*

*Onezima
& Tommy's
50th
Anniversary*

*June 9th
2 - 4*



A Message from Gina Fusillo



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CHILDREN, LBC

SUNDAY June 3RD—THURSDAY June 7th

At Shipwrecked VBS . . .
Discover how Jesus rescues us!
through life's storms.



When you're lonely . . . Jesus rescues!
When you worry . . . Jesus rescues!
When you struggle . . . Jesus rescues!
When you do wrong . . . Jesus rescues!
When you are powerless . . . Jesus rescues!

Awana/Flyte program ends with record high attendance. High weekly attendance was 82 with an average attendance of 76. So weekly with kidz and workers, we had more than 100 people in this program alone on Wednesday nights. The Program night was a delightful combination of groups singing and reciting scripture from memory. Attendees were rewarded with awards, followed by an Ice Cream Social. We are thankful for the many workers that continue to serve in the Children's Ministry.

Much hard work and dedicated time is required, yet so willingly given.

Two precious children of God, Penelope LeeAnn Rae and Cooper Wayne Culligan,
were dedicated to our Lord on Mother's Day.

WET WEDNESDAYS begin on June 13th.

Please welcome Brooke Witmer to our Children's Department. Brooke is a recent college graduate and we are blessed that she is our new TODDLER's Teacher on Sunday mornings. She is an answer to many prayers. We are still in need for many workers, including a Teacher for the Two Year old Sunday morning class.

Please contact Gina Fusillo with any questions about service opportunities in these ministries.



Lakewood Medley

In Memory of:

Harris Henderson from Janet Turner for the Gideons International
 Donald Johnson from Myra Currier for Amen Choir
 Sue Newsome from Gary Newsome for Amen Choir
 Cathy Evans from Glenda Medley for Budget

In Memory of Jeanne Gordy for Amen Choir:

Mr. & Mrs. Lamar Martin
 Gary Newsome
 Carol Marland
 Faye Lisle
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bridges
 Connie Griffith
 Melony Horne
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hightower
 Mr. & Mrs. Owen Hodges
 Malinda Wilkes
 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Van Horn
 Janice Noble
 Myra Currier
 Dorothy Robinson
 Mr. & Mrs. Terry Grimes

Jeanne Gordy for Youth Missions:

Margaret Wilson
 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Greene

Jeanne Gordy for the Food Closet

Brenda Slappey

In Honor of:

Linda Keown for Circles of Influence from Elizabeth Holmes
 Bum Clegg for Youth Missions from Margaret Wilson
 Gail Brantley for Amen Choir from Dorothy Robinson

Lakewood Happenings

June 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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VBS 5:15-8:30 3	VBS 4	VBS 5	10:30am VK/WMU VBS 6	VBS 7	10:00am Breakfast Club 5:30pm Game Night 8	11:00am Helping Hands Ministry 2:00 4:00pm Onezima & Tommy's 50th FAC 9
2:00pm Bridal Shower for Katie Martin F/H 3:30pm Rehearse for America - LBC 10	10:30am Amen Choir 11	6:30pm Alleluia Choir 12:00pm Zombie Pig BBQ 12	7:00pm Deacon Meeting 5:45pm Wet Wednesday 13	7:30pm YA Bible Study - FAC 14	10:00am Breakfast Club 15 Builders for Christ Leave	16
17	10:30am Amen Choir 18	6:30pm Alleluia Choir 19	7:00pm Finance Team Meeting 5:45pm Wet Wednesdays 20	7:30pm YA Bible Study - FAC 21	10:00am Breakfast Club 22	Builders for Christ Return 23
Belize 24	10:30am Amen Choir Belize 25	6:30pm Alleluia Choir Rehearse @ Philadelphia Belize 26	7:00pm CDC Meeting 5:45pm Wet Wednesdays Orchestra Rehearse @ Phil. Belize 27	Belize 28	Belize 29	10:45am S&YA Feed the Homeless 9:30am Dress Reh. for America @ Philadelphia Belize 30

April Giving

	BUDGET	CTB	MISSIONS	OTHER	TOTAL
4/1	\$20,585.22	\$1,028.42	\$2,821.00	\$1,521.25	\$25,955.89
4/8	\$18,433.89	\$70.00	\$2,531.76	\$1,436.31	\$22,471.96
4/15	\$16,444.99	\$505.00	\$1,551.00	\$796.44	\$19,297.43
4/22	\$12,021.92	\$100.00	\$4,678.02	\$1,140.06	\$17,940.00
4/29	\$12,365.08	\$403.00	\$891.00	\$1,340.96	\$15,000.04

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY	
9:00am	Contemporary Worship
10:00am	Bible Fellowship
11:00am	Blended Worship
11:15am	Kidz Worship
6:00pm	Evening Worship
WEDNESDAY	
5:00pm	Family Night Supper
5:45pm	FLYTE, AWANA
6:00pm	Orchestra Rehearsal
	Adult Prayer & Bible Study
6:30pm	Youth Worship
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

JUNE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

6/6

VBS

6/13

FRIED CHICKEN
MASHED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
ROLLS
SALAD & DESSERT

6/20

CHEESEBURGERS
FRENCH FRIES
BAKED BEANS
SALAD & DESSERT

6/27

BAKEDPORK LOIN
BAKED POTATOES
BROCCOLI
ROLLS
SALAD & DESSERT

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

Game Night

JUNE 9

5:30 PM

June Greeters

ROY McHARGUE

KATIE WHITE

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Bulletin
Board

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