

June Connections

Lakewood Baptist Church

Love • Family • Child • Marriage • Home • Faith • Community • Relationships

*There
is Nothing
Like a
Father's Love*

Proclaiming the Word of God with boldness

Have you ever woke up one morning only to discover that you have missed something important? Well that is exactly how I feel as I try to write this message. Summer vacation is here and I must have slept through spring and missed it somehow. Now as I look back I can certainly see the things that we did but when did we do them? I feel as though I am brand new here at Lakewood though my calendar says I have been here for over two years. I guess the things I have been told are proving to be true. The older you get the faster life goes. I remember as a child that the days before summer break felt as though they lasted forever. I tell you the truth when I say that the days seemed like weeks back then and now my weeks pass like days.

As I look ahead at our schedule I see that this summer will be going as fast as they once did when I was a child. It is time for VBS and those days will come and go in the blink of an eye. Then comes our summer camp trip to New Orleans which is followed by the Builders for Christ trip to Wyoming. When we return from there we will reload and send forth our team to Belize to do construction, VBS as well as medical missions. When we return from there it is Band Camp and then the summer will be gone. My daughter who was just a tiny sprig the last time I looked will be a senior in her last year with us before college. And our staff meetings will be trying to plan Homecoming and all the Holiday events that will soon be here.

Perhaps the message in all of this is to stop and smell the roses along the way as the race laid out for us is a marathon and not a sprint. I guess many of the sayings we hear from time to time have at their core a kernel of truth. Sayings like “time flies when you’re having fun” because the race the Lord has laid out for me is so much more than the race I was on. As a child my life lacked direction and purpose and the days were endured and slow to pass. But today I dream of tomorrow, excited about the day and what God is going to do next. This anticipation and directed purpose makes a saying of my youth finally true in my present reality. “Everyday feels like a holiday, every meal like a feast. My life is just like a Sunday on the farm, I have never had it so good”! Now if I could just figure out how to save this time in a bottle so I would not have to wake up one morning to realize it is gone. Life is short, and death is there to remind us that our days are numbered. So live like you realize the gift of today and use that gift to be a blessing to others. No life lived with this purpose ends with regrets. No life lived with this goal is endured. No the journey can be the prelude to a glorious finish if we don’t forget what were here for.



LIFE'S SHORT
HEAVEN'S FOREVER.
1 JOHN 2:16-17

Charles Keown

I will sing to the Lord

Alleluia Choir & Orchestra Special Rehearsal

Saturday, June 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Bring Finger Foods to the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.

We will be rehearsing for the morning services of June 7th and 14th.

Amen Choir Rehearsal and Covered Dish Lunch June 15th. (Meat is provided)

We will begin with sectional rehearsals, eat at 11:45 and have full choir rehearsal at 12:30.

Information for the Myrtle Beach Trip should be available at this time

and I would like to know how many plan to make the trip

October 18-22 with Choir Festival on Friday, the 23rd.

We would also like to know how many of you can go

to Evangel Temple on Friday, August 14th

and St. Luke on September 8th.

Patrick Thornton

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 17. This year's Clubber of the Year Award went to Libby Parkman and Lilly Tidwell was awarded the Sparky Award for finishing all 3 books in the Sparks. Many of our kids also received their awards for finishing the 1st and 2nd books for the year. Way to go, kids!

As my "Connections" deadline approaches, I am finishing up all of the last minute preparations for Vacation Bible School, which is May 31- June 4. We will have a light supper being served at 5:15 and programs beginning at 6:00 and ending at 8:30. We look forward to seeing all the kids during this exciting week as they are taken to uncharted territory where they will begin to understand that obedience to God can lead them beyond the expected. So kids, toss the map, stick close to your guide, and prepare to listen for God's direction in a journey that is unknown to us, but known by Him!

On Wednesday nights, beginning June 10th, 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!

**Wet
Wednesdays**

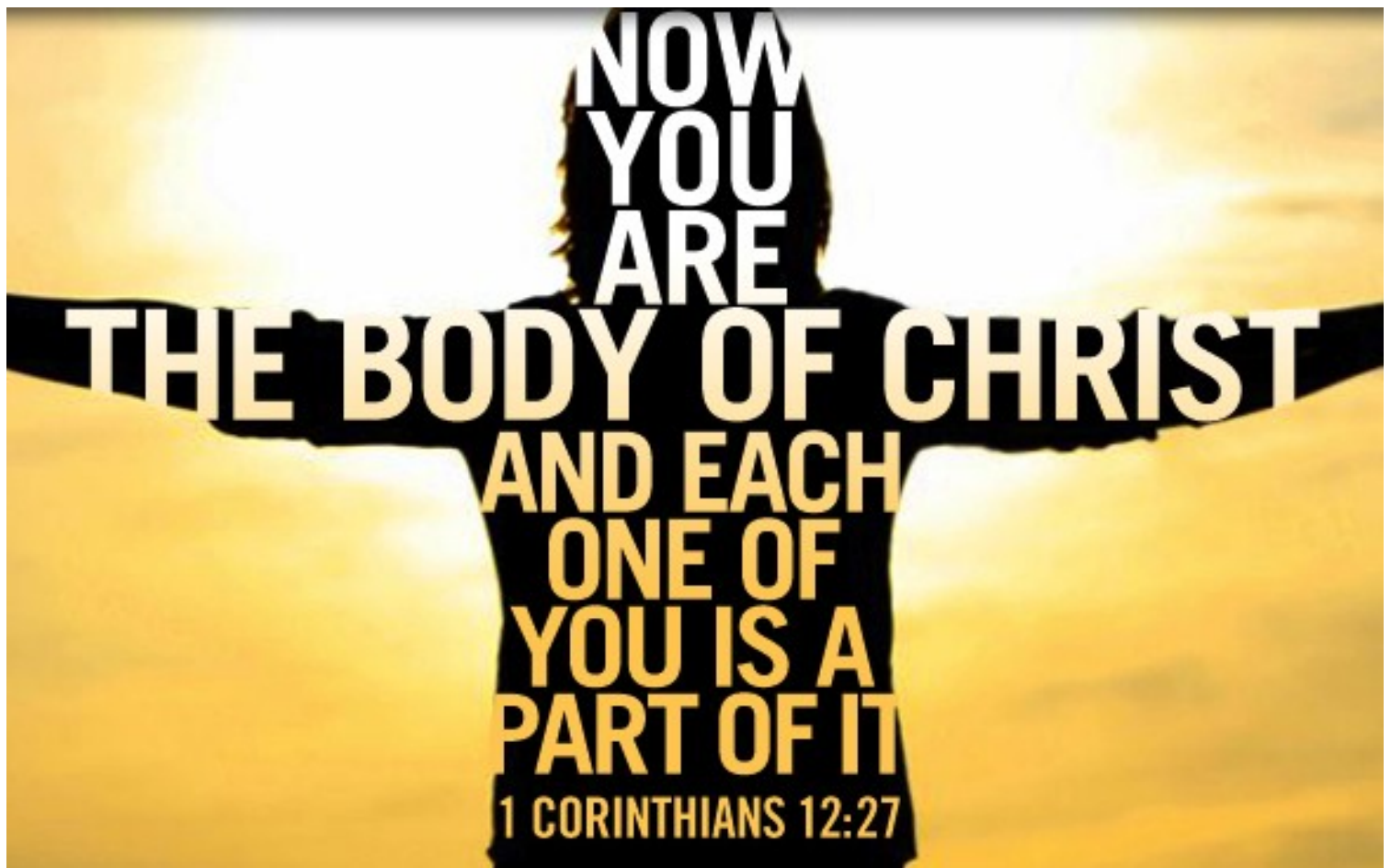


**Beginning
June 10th
5:45**

To know Him and make Him known

The Christian church is a family of brothers and sisters who are committed to uphold and care for one another. Paul expresses this truth very graphically: “So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another” (Rom. 12:5; see Eph. 4:25). Using the analogy of a human body, in which there are many parts but an essential unity, the apostle teaches that the members of the body of Christ are mutually dependent on one another. Therefore, we must serve one another with the gifts that have been granted to us, neither envying nor despising one another, “that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.” Then, “if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it, or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.” (1 Cor. 25, 26).

Several years ago the top student in the graduating class at a noted Midwestern law school was a young blind man. He insisted that half the credit for his honors should go to his friend, a fellow student who was armless. They had met early in their academic career when the armless student guided the blind student down a flight of stairs. The acquaintance quickly ripened into friendship. The blind man carried the books and the armless one read aloud for their common study. Following graduation they formed a successful law partnership. This lovely story is a true illustration of the way Christians should function together as the body of Christ. We do not all have the same gifts, but those that we do have are for the common up building of all believers. Therefore, all that we possess in the way of spiritual gifts are to be put at the disposal of other believers. Only in this way can we be built up together until we come into “the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Eph. 4:13).



Shaping the future

June is the month we are heading off to Mission Lab in New Orleans (7th-13th), and the excitement is building. This week of ministry will challenge our students and adults physically, emotionally, and spiritually. It may be hard to believe but we will encounter people who have not heard about the love of Jesus Christ and we are so glad God chose us and Morningside Baptist from Columbus to display His love to everyone we meet. Some of you have asked why go to New Orleans for summer mission camp? Here are just a few of the reasons; New Orleans has many people who are hurting, in the aftermath of Katrina and Rita many families are still not back on their feet, we will have the opportunity to do clean-up and construction in the Lower 9th Ward which was made famous during the hurricane. There is also a playground (Sampson Playground) located in the 9th Ward where we've been assigned to hold children's ministry, our hope is to love on the children of all backgrounds and for them to see Jesus in us. Addiction and poverty are prevalent in New Orleans and so we've been assigned Homeless Ministry where we'll serve by handing out bibles, hygiene kits, and snacks to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those without a home. It is our hope that this also gives us a chance to witness to them in the boldness of the Holy Spirit. As we here at Lakewood have our own Food Pantry, we will have the chance to work in the Love in Action Food Pantry which specifically assists impoverished elderly or disabled people who need nourishment assistance. They also have a thrift store which we may get to help stock shelves in. Finally, we will work with children at Camp NOLA. These will be a mixture of kids from the surrounding communities and seminary student's children. In this VBS-style ministry, we will help lead bible study and crafts and have the chance to pour ourselves into these young kids who just need someone to show them that we care. I will be supplying a Church Family prayer guide on Sunday, June 7th (day we leave) so that you can be united on how best to pray for this trip daily. We so appreciate all who have sponsored a student, donated items, and those who will pray over us while we represent Lakewood in New Orleans. We can't wait for you to hear and see what God did in and through us.

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Notes of Appreciation

The family of
Juliaette Smith

The family of
Ethel Russell

Sam & Sarah Beman
& Family

New Member

Valerie Rucks

Sympathy to

Rick & Jan McGowan in
the loss of their son,
Mark

Linda Keown in the loss
of her cousin,
Cindy Grogg

**Wednesday Night
Supper Menus**

June 10

Taco Salad
Mexican Corn
Spanish Rice
Dessert

June 17

Baked & Fried Chicken
Macaroni & Cheese
Butter Beans
Biscuits
Salad & dessert

June 24

Hamburger Steak
& Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Peas & Butterbeans
Rolls
Salad & Dessert

~ In Memory of ~

Chris Maurer For Challenge to Build from
Melvin and Sherry Scroggins
Janice Noble
J.D. & Diane Whitehead
Billy & Cathy Greene
Brenda Slappey
Clara Jean Watson
Bill & Margaret Wilson
Mike & Pam Harris
Mr. & Mrs. Jack H. Tinkler
Rick McGowan's Sunday School Class

Luther Martin for Challenge to Build from Melvin & Sherry Scroggins

Ethel Russell for Food Closet from Jimmy & Susan Graham

Mark McGowan for Challenge To Build from Rick McGowan's Sunday School Class

Shirley Yancey for Food Closet from Scott & Diane Bush

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April Giving	Budget	CTB	Missions	Other	Total
4/5/15	\$23,145.10	\$2,019.00	\$4,372.50	\$1,377.00	\$30,913.60
4/12/15	\$12,872.25	\$711.00	\$1,285.00	\$612.50	\$15,480.75
4/19/15	\$11,063.20	\$1,108.00	\$1,687.00	\$1,185.02	\$15,043.22
4/26/15	\$11,484.64	\$2,895.00	\$3,702.70	\$1,194.50	\$19,276.84

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Summer Camp Parent's Meeting @ 7:30 Youth Room	4	5 Breakfast Club	6 Alleluia Ch. & Orch. Supper & Rehearse 6:00
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7 Kidz Ch @ 6	8 Dr. H's Class @ 6:30	9 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	10 Deacon Meeting @ 7:00	11	12 Game Night @ 5:30 Lasagna	13
-----		Youth Camp		-----		
14 Youth Ch. @ 5 Kidz Ch @ 6 S.N.A.G @ 6	15 Amen Choir @ 10:30 Chick Fil A Spirit Night 5-8 Dr. H's Class	16 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	17 Finance Meeting @ 7:00	18	19 Breakfast Club Bus to Atlanta	20
					-----Builders for Christ--	
21 Father's Day S.N.A.G. @ 6	22 Amen Choir @ 10:30 Dr. H's Class @ 6:30	23 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30	24	25	26 Breakfast Club	27 Feed the Homeless 11-2
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28 Yth. Ch. @ 5 Kidz Ch @ 6 S.N.A.G @ 6	29 Amen Choir @ 10:30 Dr. H's Class @ 6:30	30 Alleluia Choir @ 6:30				

Regularly Ongoing Weekly Activities

SUNDAYS

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 AM Bible Fellowship Classes
11:00 AM Blended Worship Service
11:15 AM Kidz Worship
6:00 PM Evening Worship

WEDNESDAYS

5:00 PM Family Night Supper
5:45 PM Youth Get R.E.A.L.
5:45 PM A.W.A.N.A. / FLYTE
6:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal
6:00 PM Adult Prayer and Bible Study
7:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

THURSDAYS

2:00 PM Clothes Closet
2:00 PM L.O.A.F.

* All times are Eastern



Birmingham November 6th & 7th

Register until June 14th

\$50 Registration fee

Total cost is \$180.00

Includes:

Premium Group Seating for Event

Box Lunch on Saturday

Room and Breakfast Saturday morning

Transportation

First Payment (Registration) \$50 due no later than June 14th

Next Payment \$40 due by July 12th

Next Payment \$40 due by August 16th

Final Payment \$50 due by September 13th

**We don't want money to be an issue so if you
want to go and can't afford it talk to Elizabeth
or Onezima privately**

Open to All Women - Youth through Senior Adult

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