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AMAZING ENCOUNTERS
WITH JESUS

JOHN 20:31



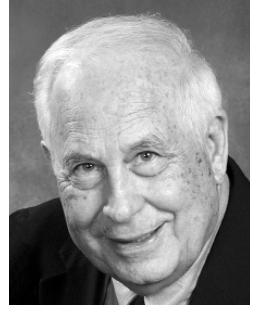
A Message from M.R. Hamilton

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SENIOR PASTOR, LBC

I had to check my computer and my phone before I could convince myself it was really time for the June Connections. I can remember hearing that time just goes faster the older you get and I never believed it until I got older. Now you might wonder how I might define older and it really is very simple. When you think something was just the other day and it was actually several years ago, you are older. When you start noticing that your weeks feel like days and a year seems more like a month you are older. Just this week we were helping with an air conditioner that went bad and I celebrated that I was blessed to have two new units at my house so I was good for several years. Then someone reminds you that you put them in when you moved here over six years ago and just like you they are older than you think. In my case you might actually notice that some of your hair has turned grey while most of it has turned loose. I guess like most older men I have a 25 year old mind trapped in a slightly older body. I share all this to make a point that we all realize but we seldom live like we believe it. Our days are numbered and none of us has a promise for “one of these days” as one of these days does not really exist. One of these days is not on any calendar anywhere and all we have is today. God’s promises are for right here, right now and today really is the one of these days you promised yourself the other day. In the military they teach how important it is to live in the moment and they call it situational awareness. All that really means is stay alert and deal with the challenges that exist in your present world because they must be handled if you hope to make it to your future plans. As the reality of life passing so quickly begins to dawn on me I am hard pressed to get things done and even more anxious than ever before to see results come quickly. Then God reminds me to be anxious about nothing and to just pray about everything and the God of peace will guard my heart. God knows the number of my days and He alone knows the race laid out for me. He has kept no good thing from me and His timing is better than all my efforts.

Perhaps like me you find it hard to believe that 2020 is really on it’s way. I know I find it hard to imagine this month will put half of 2019 behind us. Time really is flying and we have been given the ability to look back and remember but not to see what is ahead for a reason. God wants us to live like this may well be the very last day of our lives because then we will invest it in the things that really matter. So what really matters in your life today? What special something have you been putting off for one of these days? Well, today really is the one of these days you promised to get that special something done, so get to it. Soon and very soon it will be next year and I have some serious plans for 2020 so I need to get to seeing a few of my dreams for this year done. And the surest way to get any job done is to get it started and there is no time like the present to get around to it. That is really an inside joke I like to tell myself as it reminds me of my father. You see he had a bunch of coins made one time that were stamped “TO IT” and of course they were round. So any time he wanted me to do something right now he would give me a round “TO IT” and tell me not to say I couldn’t get around to it. I hated those things and did away with everyone I could only to realize just how much I would love to have one today. My Dad and I were always going to do a lot of neat things but we never got around to it. Now my father in heaven is wanting to do a lot of great things with me and I need to make the time to get around to it. I need to get around to praying like I should, witnessing like I should, studying like I should and loving like I should because time is getting away from me a lot faster now that I’m older.

A Message from Dr. Jerry Horner



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MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH

As I write this article, I have just returned from Orlando, where I had the honor of officiating at a very significant wedding, which differed from any other ceremony I have performed. Since June is traditionally known as the wedding month, I would like to share a portion of the message I presented at the wedding in Orlando, omitting the parts that apply personally to the happy couple.

God has providentially ordained and planned the covenant to which you are committing yourselves today. Marriage came before the church. It came before the government. It's the basic unit and institution of society. Marriage is one of the most powerful covenants in the world. It has the power to bring us unspeakable joy, happiness, peace, contentment, companionship, intimacy, and love. God meant for the marriage relationship to be the most delightful, as well as the most sacred and solemn of all human relationships, and a Christian home is the nearest thing to heaven on earth. Love doesn't make the world go around, but it does make the trip worthwhile.

But marriage is more than moonlight and roses, much more than whispering words of undying affection. Love is far more than an emotion. The Bible does not define love as a flush of romantic hormones. It's interesting that in 1 Corinthians 13, there is no discussion of love as emotion. Love is patient, kind, and forgiving, among many other things. Love is primarily commitment, not primarily feeling. Love is a choice. Love is something you do. And it's not your love that sustains your marriage; it's your marriage that sustains your love.

Here's what true love is like: "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:10). Jesus acted out love as an example when He washed the feet of His disciples. The Bible says that even though he knew He was only hours away from a horrible death, He loved His disciples to the end. That phrase "to the end" doesn't refer to time, but to extent. That is, He loved them ultimately, completely, perfectly, to the fullest capacity. At the time of His greatest crisis, His concern was for others, not Himself. Love is giving yourself up for each other, a daily decision to give up your own rights in order to serve the other, giving of yourself to the other in the same way that Jesus gave His life for you.

In the Bible, God uses marriage as a living picture of Christ's love for the church, and that's why God says that husbands must love their wives as Christ loved the church. This love is a self-sacrificial love patterned after the cross, and it's not conditional or situational. According to Ephesians 5:31-32, marriage is a commitment that is based on the covenant relationship between Christ and the church. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and his mother"—that's the priority of marriage. "And cleave unto his wife"—that's the permanence of marriage. "And they two shall be one flesh"—that's the purpose of marriage.



A Message from Andrew Spires

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STUDENTS & SINGLES, LBC

Most of us have heard of the Nobel Prize. Each year six people around the world are recognized for their outstanding contributions in the areas of; peace, economics, chemistry, literature, medicine, and physics. This is a distinguished honor that few people will ever receive. However, few know the history behind the award. The awards' namesake was Alfred Nobel, a Swedish chemist who lived in the 19th century. While he has become synonymous with the award that bears his name, his greatest achievement in life was the invention of dynamite. Dynamite is made from nitroglycerin, a volatile substance, that is highly unstable and explosive in its raw form. Nobel didn't create nitroglycerin, but he found a way to mix it with other chemicals to make it more stable so it could be formed into sticks for blasting and mining. However, world powers recognized dynamite could be used as an implement of war and it became a weapon. Nobel's invention helped pave the way for modern warfare through controlled explosives. Dynamite, and several of its derivatives, made Nobel an immensely wealthy man. In 1888, Alfred's brother Ludwig died, and a French newspaper printed the obituary. However, a grievous error was made, instead of printing Ludwig's obituary, they mistakenly printed one for Alfred Nobel. They proclaimed him the "Merchant of Death" and said he had made it possible to kill more people, more quickly, than ever before! Can you imagine reading your own obituary while still alive? Much less finding out how the world saw your greatest accomplishment? From that point on Nobel sought to change how the public viewed him. He became much more benevolent in charity, and created the Nobel Prize. As Christians, we aren't in the legacy building business. Our greatest accomplishment will not be our careers, our money, our property, or even our kids and grandkids. Our greatest accomplishment will be what is done for the sake of the Gospel. Our careers are fine, but only if we use them as a way to preach the Gospel to those who need to hear. Our money is worthless if not used to further the kingdom of God. Our property is just space if not used to help others in need. Our families, though a wonderful lineage and gift from God, will come to nothing if we haven't raised them in the fear and admonition of the Lord, if they too don't go on to impact the world for Christ. The only legacy we want to leave behind is Christ! Ask yourselves a simple question; are you living your life investing in what matters most? If not, pronounce that old way of life dead, pick up your cross daily, and follow Jesus!

God bless,
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A Message from Gina Fusillo



CHILDREN, LBC

The true value of VBS . . .

It does not matter how large or small a church is, or whether you have 5, 50, or 500 kids. VBS brings significant energy to the church in a way nothing else can. It's fun for kids, and it's great for families. Conversations about Jesus happen in a natural setting and hearts are changed for an eternity. It's no secret that Vacation Bible School requires a hard working, dedicated team of staff and volunteers to make it happen every year.

We've got This!

We are truly blessed with the team of volunteers that it takes to make VBS successful each year. We welcome you with open, loving arms and we want to share our VBS experience with every child who is able to come. Please say "YES to VBS" and join us for our first Encounter with Jesus on Sunday, June 2nd at 5:15. Pre-registration is open on line at www.lbcpc.org.

With the closing of the school year, we say "happy summer vacation" to our AWANA/FLYTE kids and faithful servants who make this ministry a success. We were consistently blessed with 70 - 80 kids each and every week and 24 - 27 workers. We pray that you all enjoy a well deserved and much needed summer vacation. The kidz and workers worked relentlessly on learning scripture and praising God through music throughout the year which paid off grandly when awards night rolled around. We are truly blessed in this ministry and are thankful that God provides us with the tools necessary to continue to grow. We pray that each child will return to continue learning about God's word. Thank you to all of the leaders and workers who gave selflessly to this ministry throughout the year. We have 15 FLYTE kidz who will promote to 7th grade in the Fall and pray that all of these will continue to fill their hearts with a love for Jesus as they grow into the Youth Ministry. Nine of these kidz joined the Youth during our last session where they were invited to become acquainted with new surroundings, new leaders, and fellow worshipers. Please enjoy some candid moments with our AWANA clubbers.



Coming up following VBS: Wet Wednesdays.
.. Enjoy a splash around a pool or an exciting fast slide down the water slide on Wednesdays starting June 12th. Non swimmers must be accompanied at all times by parent or guardian.

Lakewood Medley

In Memory of:

Rosemarie Mast for Builders for Christ from Mary Kay Wilson

In Honor of:

Gene & Robbie Cameron for Food Closet from Terry and Clara Grimes



Lakewood Happenings

June 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						11:00am H/H Ministry FTH 1
FR Lunch Burger and Fries VBS 2	VBS 3	10:30am Women's Bible Study VBS 4	VBS 5	VBS 6	7	8
9	10:30am Amen Choir 10	10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Alleluia Choir 11	7:00pm Deacon Meeting 12	13	10:00am Breakfast Club 5:30pm Game Night 14	15
Father's Day 16	10:30am Amen Choir 17	10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Alleluia Choir 18	7:00pm Finance Meeting 19	20	10:00am Breakfast Club 21	22
23	10:30am Amen Choir 24	10:30am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm AlleluiaChoir 25	26	27	10:00am Breakfast Club 28	10:45am Y&SA FTH 29
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April Giving

	BUDGET	CTB	MISSIONS	OTHER	TOTAL
4/7	\$30,459.82	\$945.00	\$1,971.75	\$1,166.91	\$34,543.48
4/14	\$7,454.32	\$1,843.67	\$684.93	\$308.83	\$10,291.75
4/21	\$18,964.37	\$240.00	\$3,776.74	\$929.13	\$23,910.24
4/28	\$14,844.53	\$463.00	\$2,866.65	\$2,171.34	\$20,345.52

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY

- 9:00am Contemporary Worship
- 9:15am Kidz Worship
- 10:00am Bible Fellowship
- 11:00am Blended Worship
- 11:15am Kidz Worship
- 6:00pm Evening Worship
- 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study/FAC

WEDNESDAY

- 5:00pm Family Night Supper
- 5:45pm Wet Wednesday
- 6:00pm Orchestra Rehearsal
- Adult Prayer & Bible Study
- 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

6/5

NO SUPPER
DUE TO
VBS

6/12

HAMBURGER STEAK
RICE & GRAVY
GREEN BEANS
ROLLS, SALAD &
DESSERT

6/19

CHICKEN BROCCOLI
CASSEROLE
BUTTER PEAS
ROLLS, SALAD
DESSERT

6/26

BEEF MACARONI
SQUASH CASSEROLE
CORN
GARLIC BREAD
SALAD & DESSERT

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

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