

# Connections

LAKWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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## SPRING FORWARD

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD!**

**Sunday, March 10th**



*Welcome Home.*



# A Message from M.R. Hamilton

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SENIOR PASTOR, LBC

March has always meant so many things to me over the years because my birthday is in March. Not only that but March is all about change as the flowers start to bud and the trees awaken from the dark days of winter. New life is everywhere in March and perhaps that is the magic of the season whose symbols are newborn baby rabbits and fuzzy little chicks playing among the many flowers of spring. Life seems to follow this same cycle of seasons on a personal as well as an organizational level. We go through dark days of winter and experience great days of harvest but nothing is as sweet as our seasons of renewal because they signal the end of the darker days we have just recently passed through. March is the Alpha and Omega of months in so many ways representing the beginning of spring and the end of winter and that is why I just love it. Yes it will represent the beginning of my 59th year and the beginning of the end of my years in my 50s which really is ok with me. I guess I will always be just a big baby because just like a baby I have always liked to be changed. I pray that this New Year will be another year of great change in my life and the life of this great church. By that I mean a year of growth both physically and spiritually because I believe with all my heart that God wants us to have a bigger impact on our community and to reach more people with the good news of great joy. I want the world to see new signs of life in every area of our church as we attempt to support and maintain each and every member of our church family from the cradle to the pearly gates. March is a month of anticipation and expectation and I like that a lot. It really is my hope and prayer that we might move both individually and as the body of Christ into a season of renewal and spring with all types of spiritual and physical growth. After all, it is March!

Grief Support Group

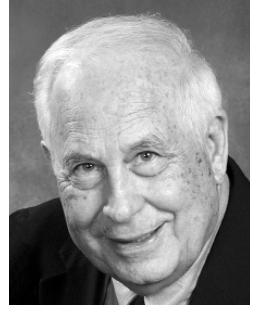
GRIEF  SHARE

Classes begins March 18th  
in the Fellowship Hall @ 6:00pm

Taught by Dean Knipe  
Chaplain for Columbus Hospice

Your Journey From  
Mourning To Joy

# A Message from Dr. Jerry Horner



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MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH

No one who looks objectively at the religious, moral, and political status of American society can honestly deny that our country is stricken with a sickness almost to death. America has a glorious heritage, but no longer remembers it, especially the part that pertains to the country's spiritual foundations. The hard truth is that to a large extent America has either forgotten God or has chosen to ignore Him. That truth became quite prominent when a former president stated, when in office, that we are a secular nation and thus we can no longer be identified as a Christian nation. We are witnessing the erosion of Christian values, a process abetted by the cowardly compromise of many pastors, churches, and denominations who have abandoned clear and strong biblical principles in favor of public opinion. As a result, this country is sinking into a cesspool of iniquity. Oh, we are still perfumed with an aroma of religion and culture, but it's nothing more than spiritual potpourri disguising the deadly decay of a rotten society.

I could offer much proof of what I am saying, but I'll give only one piece of evidence, the holocaust of abortion. In 1973 our Supreme Court, in that infamous court ruling, *Roe vs. Wade*, did the same thing that Adolf Hitler did. Hitler, in order to exterminate Jews, simply reclassified them as nonpersons. As such, they were removed from the protection of the law and could be treated any way the government wanted.

The society in which we live has by law declared that pre-born babies are nonpersons with no constitutional rights at all, not even the right to live. Consider the recent anti-biblical, godless, inhuman legislation in New York and Virginia pertaining to abortion. And the politicians in New York had the audacity to celebrate infanticide by lighting the Empire State Building in dazzling pink. And the governor of Virginia who signed the bill making infanticide legal is a pediatrician!

People were horrified some time ago when a man in a delivery room killed his newborn baby by dashing his head against the wall. They arrested that man and charged him with murder, as they should have. But it's ironic that under our present laws, a doctor could be paid for killing the same baby only minutes earlier. Can you tell me where the logic is in such legislation? On an average day in the USA, 4,300 babies are legally killed under the protection of the Supreme Court. What makes it even more tragic is that 97% of those abortions are abortions for convenience, the most effective birth control method known.

Federal law in this country decrees that anyone who destroys the egg of a bald eagle can be fined \$5,000 or be sentenced to a year in prison. Now, let's get this straight. You can go to jail for killing an unborn bird, but you can win praise if you kill an unborn baby. It's pathetic that we value a bird more than a baby made in the image of Almighty God. We can sing God Bless America, but it's a wonder God doesn't blast America from the face of the earth.





# A Message from Andrew Spires

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STUDENTS & SINGLES, LBC

Purity and the elephant in the room! We'll be starting a new teaching series on Wednesday nights in March tackling the effects of pornography, secular moralism, and social media on purity. Purity is a heart issue, a personal holiness issue which can't often be seen by others (except God), which makes the lack of purity an insidious sin. In the past, it was more of a male issue, but no one is exempt any longer. In fact, now I have more females coming to me, admitting addictions to pornography, and sexual sins than males. To make matters worse, society is challenging what defines morality instead of God's Word, and our students are biting, hook line and sinker. Pornography is rampant, even within the church, and it is an addiction that is changing our relationships, our homes, and our students slowly and intentionally. You may feel you keep pretty good tabs on your children and know what they are watching and doing, however, did you know that porn, and nudity are readily available thru social media apps and YouTube? Some of these social media apps were even created to hide what your children are doing and looking at. Not to mention the countless shows and movies available on streaming services like Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime which contain nudity and sexual material. It is quite possible that as you're reading this right now, you too are feeling conviction, as this isn't merely a young person problem, it is a pandemic and it is destroying innocence daily, in many forms, around the world. It's not enough to just talk about it, we must combat the lack of purity with a specific game plan, with boundaries, and with accountability. I would ask all of our parents to encourage your students not to miss a week of this poignant series. Parents, as always, you too are welcome to sit in. Please don't buy into the lie that your child is too young, or too naïve, as the average first exposure to pornography is now down to the 9-10 yr. old age bracket. I am seeing the acceptance of the lack of purity and personal holiness as the norm among our church-going students and that must change, and we need to equip them for the fight ahead. Parents and grandparents please intercede in prayer for your children and grandchildren daily. The enemy has them in his crosshairs, and we need to prepare them for battle. If you are struggling seek help. Don't forget the wisdom of Proverbs 6:27; "Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned?" Also, remember the old saying; "Be killing sin, or sin will be killing you!" It's time to fight, because we're already in the war!

God bless,

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Women's Bible Study "Knowing God"  
based upon Dr. David Jeremiah's book

"The God You May Not Know"

led by Katie Hamilton

DATE: Begins Thursday, March 7th (until completed)

TIME: 6:30pm - 8:00 pm.

WHERE: Home of Katie (and M.R.) Hamilton  
Sign-up sheet on Fellowship Hall bulletin board.

Child care will be available if needed.

# A Message from Gina Fusillo



CHILDREN, LBC

Great is the news of growth throughout our church. With more visitors and members attending the 9:00 am Sunday Worship Hour, our KIDZ Church attendance is growing as well. Don and Kathryn Huffman and Judy McCarley lead this worship with praise music, hands on activities and bible stories. Children arrive at 9:00 am and are dismissed at 9:55 am in time for Bible Fellowship Class. Leaders for KIDZ Church during the 11:00 Worship Hour are on a rotational schedule. Kidz-style praise and worship begins at 11:30 (or when the sermon begins). Kidz are led to the meeting place from the front of the sanctuary by the leaders. Children are dismissed to parents at 12:00. Both services are held in the Children's Building in the classroom near the front upstairs entrance. All children age Kindergarten – Fourth grade are welcome for KIDZ Worship. We continue to offer childcare for birth through four year olds downstairs in the Preschool Division during the early worship hour. Our long time volunteers, Jean Brown, Kathy Hollon and Amy Casey, have many years of experience with these age groups and will love on your children in a safe and happy place while you worship.

AWANA and FLYTE Kidz get ready! AWANA Night Out is MARCH 8<sup>th</sup> in the Family Activity Center from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The leaders have plans for lots of fun so come prepared. Pre-registration is required and the deadline is March 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10 per child and includes supper, snacks, and crafts. This event is a fun night to reward the kidz for their hard work so far this year. The event is reserved for ages K-6<sup>th</sup> grade kidz who now attend AWANA or FLYTE. Registration Permission Slips have been sent home and should be sent back promptly if your child plans to attend. Extra Registration Permission Slips are available in the Church Office.

March 8	AWANA/FLYTE Night Out	August 21	WET FEST FAMILY DAY
April 7	EGGSTRAVAGANZA EGG HUNT	September 4	AWANA/FLYTE 2019 – 2020 begins
April 14	PALM SUNDAY	October 27	FALL FESTIVAL
May 19	AWANA Night Program & Ice Cream Social	December 6	PARENTS NIGHT OUT
May 22	AWANA Organizational Meeting (for current and interested volunteers)	December 11	Christmas Caroling – Cubbies and FLYTE kidz
June 2 –6	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL		Birthday Party for Jesus - Sparks and T&T kidz
June 12	WET WEDNESDAYS begin	December 18	Christmas Caroling - Sparks and T&T kidz

NO AWANA/FLYTE DATES: March 27, November 27, December 25, 2019 and January 1, 2020

I wish to extend my thanks to all who volunteer in our ministry, extending yourselves in so many ways, to ensure our children have the best programs and events possible and sharing your love for God while leading them to the love of Christ.

Gina Fusillo  
Children's Minister

# Lakewood Medley

## In Memory of:

Margaret Maurer for Bereavement:  
Joyful Servants Bible Fellowship Class  
Kathy Harrison  
J. D. and Diane Whitehead  
Wesley and Missy Upchurch  
Jerry and Sheila Barbaree  
Bill and Judy McCarley  
Bob Woodburn  
Fred and Margaret Van Horn  
Tommy and Becky Cline  
Clara Jean Watson

Bert, Lisa and Ashley Woodburn for Amen Choir  
Brenda Slappey for Food Closet

Rosemarie Mast  
Clara Jean Watson for Bereavement  
Tommy and Becky Cline for Bereavement

O. D. Hamrick  
J. D and Diane Whitehead for Bereavement  
Fred and Margaret Van Horn for Amen Choir

## In Honor of:

Rex and Judy Carter for Amen Choir from Terry and Clara Grimes  
Margaret Weaver for Window Replacement from Terry and Clara Grimes

## Women's Ministry CRAFTS WITH SHANNON

When: Saturday, March 23 @ 10:00 am

Where: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10 to cover supplies

Sign Up Sheet on Bulletin Board



# Lakewood Happenings

## March 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						8:00am Missions Yard Sale in FAC 11:00am H H Ministry FTH 1 2
6:00pm Amen Choir Concert @ Concord 3	10:30am Amen Choir 6:00pm Dr. Horner Bible Study 4	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Alleluia Choir 5	10:30am VK/WMU 6	6:30pm Women's Bible Study @ The Hamilton's 7	5:30 Game Night Pizza, Salad & Dessert 6:00pm AWANA Night Out -FAC 8	7:00pm Builders For Christ Meeting in F/H 9
<b>Time Change</b> <b>Spring Forward</b> FR Lunch - Tacos 10	10:30am Amen Choir 6:00pm Dr. Horner Bible Study 11	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Alleluia Choir 12	7:00pm Deacon Meeting 13	6:30pm Women's Bible Study @ The Hamilton's 14		
	10:30am Amen Choir 6:00pm Grief Share Class 17	10:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Alleluia Choir 18	7:00pm Finance Meeting 19	6:30pm Women's Bible Study @ The Hamilton's 20		10:00am Women's Craft Class F/H 21
Amen Choir Tour 24	6:00pm Grief Share Class Amen Choir Tour 25	Amen Choir Tour 26	7:00pm CDC Meeting Amen Choir Tour 27	6:30pm Women's Bible Study @ The Hamilton's 7:00pm JEG/BW @ Jill Clark's Amen Choir Tour 28		10:45am Y&YA FTH 29 30

## January Giving

	BUDGET	CTB	MISSIONS	OTHER	TOTAL
1/6	\$22,933.80	\$873.63	\$837.75	\$302.08	\$24,947.26
1/13	\$14,802.99	\$478.67	\$6,664.00	\$741.33	\$22,686.99
1/20	\$11,902.32	\$70.00	\$1,926.23	\$4,057.76	\$17,956.31
1/27	\$10,302.06	\$155.00	\$2,910.36	\$5,678.71	\$19,046.13

### 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	AWANA/FLYTE
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

## MARCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

### 3/6

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

### 3/13

ASIAN CHICKEN  
NOODLE  
STIR FRIED  
VEGGIES  
SALAD & DESSERT

### 3/20

TACO SALAD  
DESSERT

### 3/27

CHICKEN  
BROCCOLI  
CASSEROLE  
LIMA BEANS  
ROLLS  
SALAD &  
DESSERT

To make dinner reservations, email Carol at [carol@lbcpc.org](mailto:carol@lbcpc.org) or call 334.298.6433.

### AWANA NIGHT OUT

MARCH 8

6:00-9:00PM

FAC

SIGN UP SHEET ON BB

### March Greeters

TAMMY SMITH

SHEILA BARBAREE

## Check Bulletin Board

FOR

THANK YOU NOTES  
EVENTS, NEWS

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