

Connections

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H A P P Y *Thanksgiving*

**Feast of Thanks in FAC
November 4th @ 6:00pm
OCC Drop off Week
November 12-16**





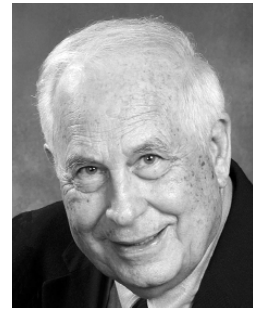
A Message from M.R. Hamilton

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SENIOR PASTOR, LBC

November has always been a magical month for me both as an outdoorsman and one who loves the holiday seasons. November means thanksgiving and this year I have even more to give thanks for since the arrival of our 1st grandchild. My anniversary is the 12th so I get reminded that I am the luckiest guy around because God only made one Katie. November means I will be forced by the very nature of the season to count my blessings and anything that brings us to a place of appreciation is certainly a blessing. I hope and pray the focus of last month's spotlight on the celebration of those who serve us in all the unseen places has already opened our hearts to lay claim to all the reasons we have to thank God for the gift we have of one another. I also hope this holiday season causes us to remember all those in our church family who will be faced with the reality of spending this holiday season without a loved one as so many of our members saw them go home to be with the Lord this year. Perhaps as we look upon the reality of the holidays this year we can each one grasp just how blessed we are to have our loved one with us this year as well. I know Thanksgiving carries a very new meaning for Katie and I this year as we are now empty nesters for the first time and this year we are hoping to be all back together again. It is great to see how well our children are doing out on their own and to see the great joy they have found in their own lives as well. This year I can thank God for the joy and enthusiasm I saw in Daniel's life getting to fulfil his dream of playing in the Ram Corp. And I just can't stop thanking God for the joy Elizabeth now knows as a mother and the awe struck wonder that encompasses my wife at the mention of Raelynn's name. I knew it would be life changing for them both but I never dreamed it would be as magical as it is. I guess by this point you can catch a glimpse of just why I say November is a magical month for me and it is my hope and prayer you find yourself all caught up in the very same magic. After all November sets the stage for December and we all know the magic that is Christmas. Until then I plan to just keep on counting my blessings and deciding that my problems just don't count. And before I close let me remind you of this simple truth. You are loved and I thank God for you! So I need to get busy as I only have a month to get through all the things I have to thank God for and I might want to thank Him for some more than once.

The word "Thankful" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive script. It is surrounded by several autumn leaves: a red maple leaf on the left, a yellow leaf above the 'h', and a yellow oak leaf on the right.

A Message from Dr. Jerry Horner



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MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH

1 Peter 4:10 teaches that every Christian has a gift that should be used for ministry. The Holy Spirit imparts to each member of the body of Christ a spiritual gift that should be used for the good of the entire body, just as each member of the physical body functions for the good of the whole body. The context of 1 Peter 4:10 concerns supernatural gifts like prophecy and healing, but even natural abilities you had before you became a Christian can be empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring spiritual results. For example, before they became Christians, Scott Bush had an amazing voice to sing, Karen Kimbro could do wonders with a paint brush, Sam Beman could make people laugh, and others were likewise gifted with various skills. Now under the direction of the Holy Spirit, those natural talents are translated into tremendous assets to build the kingdom of God. God doesn't give us anything just for our own benefit; He blesses us that we might be a blessing (Gen. 12:2).

It distresses me, however, that in an age when we glorify spiritual superstars, many Christians think that they have no gift to offer, whether natural or supernatural. Their attitude is that if they had the talents that certain other individuals have, they would gladly use them for God's glory, but they have nothing. I want to state as emphatically as I can that if you say God can't use you, then you are insulting the grace of God. "But," someone may say, "what I have is so little it doesn't count for anything." Let me tell you that in the hands of God, nothing becomes everything. All Moses had was a stick that he used to herd sheep, but God used it to work miracles. All Andrew had was a boy's lunch of a couple of fish sandwiches, but Jesus used it to feed more than 5,000 people. All Elisha had was a small cup of cooking oil, but God used it to save a widow's two sons from slavery. All David had was a sling and a few rocks, but God used that insignificant weapon to save a nation.

"But what I can do amounts to nothing," someone may say. Why don't you let God decide that? He can take a spoken word or a sympathetic gesture and transform someone's life. One simple act of obedience can impact a nation. If you are a Sunday morning greeter at the door of the church building, do you realize what a great opportunity you have? You are the first person people see, and you may set the tone for their entire experience. You may be the one to determine the blessing they may or may not receive.

You may never know this side of heaven the full significance of what happens when you use your gift. You probably never heard of a man named Edward Kimball. He was a dry goods salesman in Boston who taught a boys Sunday School class at Mt. Vernon Congregational Church, and he took a special interest in each one of the boys. A seventeen-year-old boy, crude and unlettered, with only a fifth-grade education, had come to Boston to work at his uncle's shoe store. Part of the agreement with the uncle was that the boy would attend church, so he wound up in Mr. Kimball's class. One day shortly thereafter, in the year 1855, Edward Kimball used his lunch hour to visit the shoe store where the boy worked. He first walked past the place, but the Holy Spirit helped him overcome his doubt and fear, and he went into the store and saw the young man stacking shoes on the shelf. Placing his hand upon his shoulder, and with tears in his eyes, he told the boy about Jesus and his need to be saved. That boy immediately surrendered his life to the Lord. His name was Dwight L. Moody, and he became the greatest evangelist of the nineteenth century.

In 1873 Moody conducted an evangelistic crusade in England. There the Lord used him to impact the life of the distinguished London pastor F. B. Meyer, changing him from an orator into an impassioned evangelist. At Moody's invitation, Meyer engaged on a preaching tour in America. A statement he made in one of his meetings, "If you're not willing to give up everything for Christ, are you willing to be made willing?" changed the life of a young man named Wilbur Chapman. Chapman became a powerful traveling evangelist, and at one of his services at the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago in 1886, a professional baseball player by the name of Billy Sunday was saved. Sunday served as Chapman's associate and later became the foremost evangelist of the early twentieth century. His ministry impacted the life of a man named Mordecai Ham, who also became an evangelist. At one of Ham's crusades in Charlotte, North Carolina, a sixteen-year-old boy named Billy Graham was saved. Edward Kimball never knew that his act of service in a Boston shoe store in April of 1855 would result in the salvation of millions of people. You may not know how greatly God will use the exercise of your gift, even though at the time you think it's nothing at all.



A Message from Andrew Spires

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STUDENTS & SINGLES, LBC

November is the month of Thanksgiving, the time when we reflect on the people and things God has blessed us with. We look forward to see family and friends around the Thanksgiving table, enjoying memories recounted, and catching up on what the passing year has brought us. At this time of year I am challenging our students and young adults to be thankful for each other. To be thankful for our differences and our similarities. To be thankful that we are united in one body, as one church, given one mission, by the one true God. To be thankful that God chose us to be part of the Church, which is the institution created by God with the purpose of preaching the Gospel to the nations. Thankful that God placed us in our church body so that we would find our true place of ministry, so that we would reflect His love to our neighbors. That church is more than a place we go, it is who we are to be. That church isn't an add-on to our schedule, it is where we place priority, to join together with other believers and worship the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. The New Testament church had this thankful heart. They devoted themselves to prayer, meeting together for teaching, eating together, meeting one another's needs, public evangelism, and to communion where they constantly reminded themselves of what the Lord had done for them. Think how far we have strayed from this standard laid out for us in the early church? Are we devoted to any of these things? This question troubles me greatly. The early church was powerfully effective by the power of the Holy Spirit because they were devoted to one another and devoted to the Lord. God used their devotion to change the world with the power of the Gospel. I pray we as a church here at Lakewood can return to this model. To love one another truly, not just come to church, but be the church. To be thankful for the diversity of gifts He has placed within our body, and to use those gifts for the advancement of His kingdom. To learn passionately and grow in our walk, but then take what we've learned and put it into practice outside the four walls. To be united together with thankful hearts remembering what we once were, and how Jesus changed us forever through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit living within us. As you give thanks for the many blessings in your life this Fall, don't forget to be thankful for the church and its people. After all, we'll spending eternity together!

God bless,

Drew

John 3:30

A Message from Gina Fusillo



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CHILDREN, LBC

Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

God is faithful to provide our needs as well as extra blessings. He deserves to hear our thanksgiving often through praise and prayer.

Fall came just a few days ago, but right on time for our annual Fall Festival. The church lawn was adorned with people buzzing around dressed festively in costumes. It was a fun day for all ages with great music, hayrides, blow out on the blowups, games, food, and of course, candy. The success for our AWANA ministry's Operation Christmas Child box packing each year is greatly dependent on the Bake Sale Auction and Hot Dog supper purchases made at the Fall Festival. Thankfulness abounds as the fundraiser generated \$1217.00 for our OCC boxes, which AWANA/FLYTE kidz will pack this month. The shared efforts of our faithful servants made the event delightful and entertaining for all who attended. We are thankful for our faithful servants who donated their time supporting the Festival and the guests who contributed to the fundraiser event.

Planning for 2019 Children's Ministry events will begin this month. Contact Gina if you feel led to serve in any way in the Children's Ministries. There are many areas in which to serve our God. Event plans are detailed and require numerous people to make them possible.

Kidz will decorate the Christmas tree in the upstairs elevator foyer on November 18th. If your child misses the decorating day, decorations will be available.

Summer Merge Camp was a highlight in July. Make plans now to attend MERGE Camp 2019 in Shocco Springs. Fundraisers will begin early in 2019 to assist attendees and chaperones with camp expenses. Our goal is 25 attendees next year.

Note these Dates:

December 7th 6-10pm PARENTS NIGHT OUT ~ Volunteers needed.

December 12th AWANA/FLYTE Annual Nursing Home Caroling and Birthday Party for Jesus ~ Group 1

December 19th AWANA/flyte Annual Nursing Home Caroling and Birthday Party for Jesus ~ Group 2

December 26th No AWANA/FLYTE for Christmas break

January 2nd No AWANA/FLYTE for Christmas break

January 9th AWANA/FLYTE resumes 5:45 - 7:00 pm

Kidz Worship . . . Beginning Sunday November 4th

Children's Church is offered in the Children's Building during both Worship services. Children ages K-4th grade may attend worship with their families, or attend Children's Church. We have faithful servants leading this ministry and feel blessed by their love for children and God and their faithfulness to serving Him.

Lakewood Medley

In Memory of:

Slade Bush from Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Graham for Challenge to Build
Mildred Benton from Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stainsby for Homebound Ministry
Jeanne Gordy from Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stainsby for Homebound Ministry
Mamie Lindsey from Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stainsby for Homebound Ministry
Bill Phillips from Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stainsby for Homebound Ministry
Glenn Anderson from Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stainsby for Homebound Ministry
Buddy Jackson from Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stainsby for Homebound Ministry

Joel Kimbro
Joel Kimbro Memorial Orchestra Fund
Women of Faith Bible Fellowship Class
Mr. & Mrs. George Robinson
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Bush
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Motycka
Arlene Taff
The Bob Barr Community Band
Mr. & Mrs. David Slocumb
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Van Horn
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Scroggins
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Windham
Mr. & Mrs. Bill McCarley

Barbara Thomas
For Amen Choir from:
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Scroggins
Mr. & Mrs. Bill McCarley
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Van Horn
For Homebound Ministry from Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stainsby

Preston Tillery
Mr. & Mrs. Sherry Scroggins for Challenge to Build
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Graham for Food Closet
Mr. Bill Benton for Food Closet

Larry Bush
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Scarborough for Amen Choir
Hilda Bozzelli for Budget
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd McKemy
Jan David Ivey
Mr. & Mrs. David Danner
Mr. & Mrs. Billy Greene for Food Closet
Gail Brantley for Bus Maintenance
Mr. & Mrs. Bill McCarley for Food Closet
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Watley
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Noble for Challenge to Build
Mr. & Mrs. Terry Grimes for Joel Kimbro Memorial Orchestra Fund
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Van Horn for Food Closet
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Graham for Food Closet
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stainsby for Homebound Ministry

Wallace Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Graham for Food Closet
Mr. Bill Benton for Food Closet
Katherine Nottleman for Budget
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Stainsby for Homebound Ministry

In Honor Of:

Katie, Reed and Gavin Gibbs for Amen Choir from Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Scarborough

Lakewood Happenings

November 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				6:00pm Cookie/ Candy Swap & OCC Boxes 7:30pm YA Bible Study 1	2	3
Time Change 6:00pm Feast of Thanks 4	10:30am Amen Choir 5:00pm Spirit Night @ Jason's Deli 5	6:30pm Alleluia Choir 6	10:30am VK/WMU 7	7:30pm YA Bible Study 8	5:30pm Game night Heavy Horderves D-NOW 9	11:00am Helping Hands Ministry FTH D-NOW 10
D-NOW 11	10:30am Amen Choir- OCC 12	6:30pm Alleluia Choir OCC 13	7:00pm Deacon Meeting OCC 14	7:00pm JEG/BW 7:30pm YA Bible Study OCC 15	OCC 16	OCC 17
OCC 18	OCC 19	6:30pm Alleluia Choir 20	6:00pm Prayer Meeting Only 21	Thanksgiving Office Closed 22	Office Closed 23	10:45am Y/SA Feed the Homeless 24
25	10:30am Amen Choir 26	6:30pm Alleluia Choir 27	7:00pm CDC Meeting 28	7:30pm YA Bible Study 29	7:00pm Young Adult Game Night Red Door 30	

September Giving

	BUDGET	CTB	MISSIONS	OTHER	TOTAL
9/2	\$13,777.81	\$255.00	\$570.00	\$125.00	\$14,727.81
9/9	\$14,016.02	\$436.59	\$1,493.79	\$427.07	\$16,373.47
9/16	\$17,600.11	\$263.67	\$470.94	\$1,111.43	\$17,031.24
9/23	\$15,078.87	\$370.00	\$383.42	\$102.11	\$11,973.63
9/30	\$12,624.14	\$120.00	\$697.31	\$1,656.11	\$15,097.56

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 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

NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

11/7

BEEF
STROGANOFF
OVER NOODLES
GLAZED
CARROTS
ROLLS, SALAD
DESSERT

11/14

FRIED CHICKEN
MASHED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
ROLLS, SALAD
DESSERT

11/21

THANKSGIVING
BREAK

11/28

TACO BAKED
POTATOES
CORN,
SALAD & DESSERT

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

GAME NIGHT
NOVEMBER 9TH
5:30PM
HEAVY HORDERVES

November
Greeters
MERITA NORRIS
SARA BUSH

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Bulletin
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EVENTS, NEWS
&
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