

Connections

LAKWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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Fall Festival

Bake Sale | Bible Story Hay Rides | Games | Candy

Donations can be made for Lunch and our Bake Sale



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**October
2022**

**Proceeds to benefit
Operation
Christmas Child**

Lakewood Baptist Church

**12pm
Front Lawn**

Cheeseburger Lunch Available

A Message from **Dr. Jerry Horner**

MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH



The Bible strongly declares that in Christ we are a family of brothers and sisters, and it gives clear instructions concerning how we are to treat one another, both positively and negatively, in order to live in unity. I want to dwell particularly on only one topic among those myriad decrees, and it's one that is perhaps the most destructive factor in disrupting Christian fellowship and unity. The Bible forbids us to speak evil against, criticize, or slander a brother (James 4:11), and lists it among the sins that characterize the pagan world (Romans 1:30). The word usually means to speak evil of someone in that person's absence, when he isn't there to defend himself. Let's just call it what it is—gossip. There are few sins that the Bible so unsparingly condemns as the sin of irresponsible and malicious gossip. That condemnation is not without good reason, for failure to discipline "the unruly member" of the body (the tongue, James 3:8) has caused terrible havoc in human relationships. The evils caused by gossip, destructive criticism, and idle words enable us to understand our Lord's severe statement: "For every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:36, 37). Let me offer several questions concerning our utterances that may be helpful in cooperating with God in answering the prayer, "Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips" (Psalm 141:3).

Is it true? A Christian should never, of course, say anything that is not true; yet we often give false impressions by exaggeration, by distortion, by withholding all the facts, by half quoting

and other departures from strict honesty of word. For example, on one occasion I was at a certain event at which some words were spoken and some actions occurred. The next day I read a report of the event in a leading newspaper. The article was grossly misleading, not so much because of what it said, but because of what it did not say, leaving the reader with a distorted picture of what actually happened.

Is it kind? One of the greatest evils of the tongue is the negative and destructive criticism of others in their absence. This practice can be eliminated altogether by observing a simple rule such as the following: "I will not say in anyone's absence that which I would be unwilling to say in his presence." There is a place for constructive criticism, but that should always be made privately to the person concerned, and not to others in his absence.

Is it necessary? Words are precious things, and the Bible repeatedly warns us about the dangers of too much speech. Mr. Talkative is not among the King's pilgrims on the way to the celestial city. I certainly do not decry the mentioning of certain things as a matter of prayerful concern to others, to enlist their aid in intercession, but it is probably true to say that most of us talk far too much, and listen too little.

The Bible superbly sums up all these suggestions in the great phrase "speaking the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15). If this guideline were followed, much unkind gossip would be avoided, more serious backsliding would be prevented, the good of the church would be advanced, and the name of Christ would be glorified. Yet, there are few activities that delight the average person more than spicy gossip. To tell and to listen to some (Cont.)

Lakewood Happenings

October 2022

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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Israel Jane 2	10:30am Amen Choir 3	10:30am Women's Bible Study F/H 6:15pm Alleluia Choir 4	10:30am Virginia Kennedy Women's Missions 6:00pm AWANA 5			8:00am Work Day 8
Dr. Horner Lord's Supper 5:00pm Deacons Meet 9	10:30am Amen Choir 10	10:30am Women's Bible Study F/H 6:15pm Alleluia Choir 11	6:00pm AWANA 12		5:30pm Senior Adult Game Night Hot Dogs & Dessert 14	7:30pm Women's Ministry Outdoor Movie Night 15
9:00am - David Stephens 11:00am Andrew Spires 6:00pm Ch. Conf. 16	10:30am Amen Choir 17	10:30am Women's Bible Study F/H 6:15pm Alleluia Choir 18	6:00pm AWANA 7:00pm Finance Team meets 19			8:00am Work Day 22
Israel Jane 12:00pm Fall Festival Front Lawn 23	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Sister 2 Sister Home of Tammy Smith 24	10:30am Women's Bible Study F/H 6:15pm Alleluia Choir 25	6:00pm AWANA 26	6:30pm Jane Ellen Gaines Baptist Women 27		11:00am Feed the homeless 29
Jerry Horner 30	10:30am Amen Choir 31					

August Giving

	BUDGET	CTB	MISSIONS	OTHER	TOTAL
8/7	\$26,491.54	\$75.00	\$850.00	\$1,685.00	\$29,101.54
8/14	\$12,818.72	\$250.00	\$13,312.00	\$14,035.21	\$40,415.93
8/21	\$16,439.10	-	\$1,035.00	\$1,475.00	\$18,949.10
8/28	\$18,124.10	-	\$320.00	\$2,778.59	\$21,222.69

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY

9:00am Contemporary Worship
10:00am Bible Fellowship
11:00am Blended Worship

WEDNESDAY

6:00pm Prayer Meeting
6:00pm AWANA
6:30pm Youth Worship

A Message from **Andrew Spires**

MINISTER OF STUDENTS & SINGLES



Train up a child

We all know that Proverbs 22:6 says; "Train up a child, in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (KJV).

We live in a day and time where there is little to no spiritual training done in the home. Because of this, we are seeing the damaging results in lower church attendance among young people and we also feel the ripples of this throughout our decadent society. Theologians like to argue over the true meaning of this verse. The most common thought says it is a command with a promise; raise your kids in a God-fearing home, and even if they stray as adults they will eventually come back to God. If we interpret this verse this way it brings comfort and hope to parents when their adult child moves away from God. After all, the Prodigal Son is one of the most famous stories in the bible. Others see this verse as more of a warning to parents. If you don't start a child off in the correct way they may not change in the future. Going a step further, if you allow a child to go their own way don't be surprised when they never cease going their own way. This gives us much to think about. One thing is certain; how we train our children and teens will give some direction for the rest of their lives. If we raise selfish kids, that we treat as if they were perfect, they will likely become selfish and egotistical adults. If we raise respectful loving kids they will likely continue to be loving respectful adults. If we raise kids in a godly Christian home they will be much more likely to create a godly Christian

home for their kids in the future.

We all know God-fearing parents who brought their kids to church every time the doors were open, who invested in the spiritual lives of their children when they were young, but as those children became adults, they walked away from God and never returned. These parents are left to wonder and worry if it was partly their fault, and if they truly did the best they could to raise their kids in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Furthermore, parents wonder and worry if their kid's one-time profession of faith as children was actually authentic or not. Conversely, we see kids who grew up with absolutely no godly influence in the home who passionately pursue the Lord as adults. So, what gives?

Understanding the context and theme of the book of Proverbs is important. Proverbs is a book of positive and negative wisdom statements, mainly written by Solomon, and its overall theme is wisdom versus folly. The wise person is the one who heeds the wise instruction of the Lord, while the fool is the one who spurns such wisdom. In light of this context, we understand an encouragement that we must be careful with our children's character development. When we notice something is awry in their character we do our best to correct it. We must also be careful about what we emphasize and what we prioritize. Think of it this way. Many moms and dads coach their kid's sports teams. They spend hours each week at practice teaching the fundamentals of the game. How to shoot, how to throw, how to tackle, and how to catch. Most parents spend hundreds or even (Cont.)

(Andrew's article continued)

thousands of dollars on sports gear and travel so that their children can be a part of a team and enjoy their chosen sport. Yet, many of the same parents have trouble spending any personal time in the Word, much less investing any time teaching the Word to their kids. The same parents will give up weeknights and weekends to travel everywhere for ballgames or performances but don't consistently worship together as a family at church. This isn't intended as a guilt trip. Instead, the point is; what we emphasize will likely become reality, whether we are talking about our schedules or spiritual training.

Psalm 127:3 reminds us that children are a heritage and reward from the Lord. Those godly parents, enabled to have children, should do all they can do to pass along their faith. Even for those of us whose children are adults and may have their own children now, our job is never done. We must still be daily examples of Christ to our adult kids and grandchildren. We must lovingly encourage them to pursue Christ. We must practice our faith in front of them. We must passionately pray for their salvation if we

are concerned that they are lost. We must look for every opportunity to speak the truth in love. Remember, there are no perfect parents and no perfect homes. If you realize you've emphasized the wrong things in your home, it will take time and effort to change it. Some things may need to go from your schedules and some new things may need to begin. However, if you are serious about giving your kids and grandkids the right godly heritage, aren't they worth the effort?

God bless,
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(Dr. Horner's article continued)

slandorous story is a fascinating activity. Most always, the source of the story, and hence the authority for its truthfulness is "they." The most dangerous phrase in the English language is "they say," but nobody apparently has ever been able to identify "they." If only we could locate "they" in order to put a stop to their polluting activity, relationships in society at large would be sweetened in a moment and half the ills of the church would immediately be healed.

Sister 2 Sister

10/24/22 | 6:30pm

Home of Tammy Smith

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Basket Raffle Sponsored by the *JEG Baptist Women* to
benefit *Builders for Christ* mission work

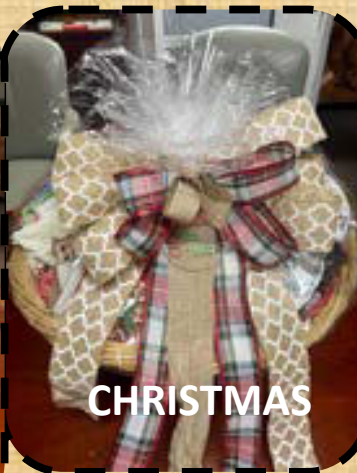
Tickets: \$5 each or 3 for \$10 | Drawing to be held at Fall Festival



GONE FISHIN'



MOVIE NIGHT



CHRISTMAS



HAPPY FALL Y'ALL

Upcoming Work Days

10/8 & 10/22 | 8am—1pm

Breakfast Provided

Let's work together to get ready for our Fall Festival

Women's 7 week Bible Study

"What Love Is" Kelly Minter

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Begins Tuesdays 10/4 - 11/22

10:30am in Fellowship Hall

A Message from **David Stephens**

CHILDREN'S MINISTER



It is now FALL! The leaves are changing. The temperature is dropping. We are soon coming into sweatshirt weather. This is a wonderful time of the year. We have activities stacked up on our calendars for us to attend, and, for-sure we must not miss game-day football.

It is important that when we enter into busy times of our life that we remember who allows us to be able to do all of the wonderful things we are doing. The simple thought is: Yes, Jesus he takes the lead. He gives us the patience, the energy to do well in the 'busy'. When we are super busy we spend much of our energy working a strategically planned out calendar. During times like this it is easy to take control of the wheel and start steering the car on our own. We must fight against this urge and have people that are holding us accountable. We must always be 'releasing' our will to the will of the father. When we release ourselves, our calendars, our agenda's, our worries we are then moving with the kingdom of God. Now that does not mean that we do away with our calendars and events. NO, we need to be staying strategically positioned in the flow of what God has given and gifted us to serve his kingdom. In all things we should be looking for opportunities to serve, and point people to Jesus. It's when we go into something on our calendar without the heart to serve God that we get into trouble. We must sacrifice our agenda for His agenda. We must release what we are carrying, laying it on the cross. God released His son, providing a sacrifice so you and I can have an opportunity to say Yes to God. Think about it, the church was predicated by sacrifice. Our life is a worship to God, and sacrifice is at the heart

of worship. This season let's remember, in all things, put God first. We are not culture. We are Church. We sacrifice.

**Our FALL FESTIVAL is coming up
SOON! SUNDAY October 23
from 12-2pm.**

We will have lunch on the front lawn for a love offering. We will have our Annual Silent Auction Bake Sale. All proceeds will go towards Operation Christmas Child. We will have our Hay-Ride with Bible stories thru-out the woods. We are planning on 2 tractors to accommodate more people on the ride. We will have activities on the lawn and if your Sunday School class is looking to participate with a game let me know. We will need candy and baked goods donations. Our Bake Sale is always A LOT of fun and a huge success. We will need all baked goods assembled on festival morning by 11. We need helpers to work with our hayride team.

Let's all invite our friends and neighbors to 'Come and see' what is happening here at Lakewood.



In Memory of

**Christine Graham for General Fund
from Glenda Medley
Linda Scarborough for General Fund
from Fran Loftin
Yvonne Cole-Melvin for Bereavement
from Jodi Powell
Stella Hughes for Food Bank
from Patricia Thomas
David Mathews for Food Bank
from Sylvia Huggins
Glen McLendon for General Fund
from Glenda Medley**

In Honor Of

**Carol Clegg & Team for Bereavement
for Church Socials
from Mr. & Mrs. Fred Van Horn**

**MOVIE NIGHT
"Run the Race"**

**Saturday 10/15 | 7:30pm
Behind the FAC**

Everyone is Welcome

**Popcorn & S'mores
makings provided
Bring Chairs
Drinks & Candy**

**Sponsored by the
Women's Ministry**

**SENIOR
GAME NIGHT**

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 14TH

5:30PM - FH

HOT DOGS & DESSERT

**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD
DROP-OFF WEEK**

NOVEMBER 14-20

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