

# Lakewood Annual Fall Festival Sunday, October 27th, 2013



## Silent Auction for Katie Testament

Hot Dog Supper - \$5  
Includes Hot Dog  
Chips & Drink

Inflatables  
Cupcake Walk  
Free Popcorn

Football Throw  
Go Fish  
Ring Toss

# Message from Brother M.R.

As I begin this month's letter so many great things are happening that I question where to start first. The CDC program is up and running for this year and we opened at near capacity in all age groups. God has blessed us in such a wonderful way with the leadership there, and we as a church have reason to thank God for all the children. Another fantastic program has just begun in the area of our children's program as well. Patrick, along with a great group of dedicated workers have transformed one of the classrooms into a wonderful 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade sanctuary of their very own. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade children are always difficult to keep involved, as they often feel they are a bit too old for the children's programs, but not yet youth. Historically, we have lost a great number of those children, but through the Lord's leadership our kids are now excited. The new room and special treatment has given them a place they feel they belong. The years to come will no doubt see the fruit of this ministry reflected directly into our youth ministry.

Experiencing God classes are well underway, and the numbers and enthusiasm are simply another blessing. From the infants to senior adults, God is blessing, and this is the day that the Lord has made and I can't help but rejoice in it. Every day is a day to praise the Lord regardless of our circumstances. And how much more as we see his hand with us throughout our ministry field. As I continue to pray that this day of the Lord's favor will continue I am reminded of the endless supply of oil reported in the book of 2 Kings chapter 4. Go and get some jars and not just a few was the order from the prophet. Then as she began to fill one jar after another she longed for the experience to never end. After the last jar was full the flow stopped. Oh how she wished she had gotten more jars. So it will be with us here at Lakewood. As long as we are prepared to receive the blessing it will continue to flow. Up until the day we believe we have arrived, and as long as we hunger and thirst for His righteousness will His hand remain with us. The need is great, and the power and authority are only a prayer away from a heart that longs to be a light in the darkness. Like the woman and her jar of oil, God has called on us to go to all of our neighbors who jars are empty and to bring them here, and to not just a few. For God's anointing is greater than all the need within our city, and to the ends of the Earth. Had she only had the faith to bring home ten times the number of jars, the flow would have been sufficient. The only limit was placed there by her faith, and not God. So it is with us as Christians, as only we have placed the limits on how far we can go. In the words of Jesus we see this great truth revealed to the blind men who ask Jesus for a miracle. (Mt.9:27-29) To them he replied "According to your faith will it be done to you". God did not set any limits, only our faith believes in limits. According to God in Mt.17:20, with faith as small as a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for us. God knows only one impossibility, and that is to lie to you or me. It is impossible for God to lie, therefore we alone carry the burden to dare to dream of a world changed all around us. How long will this day of God's favor last? As long as we are able to believe God and take Him at His Word. According to your faith will it be done to you.

Oh how I have been praying that I will not limit what God has planned to do through you by my lack of faith. That I might have the faith to free the Lord to accomplish His will in this place. God is moving among us today in almost every area of our fellowship, and I pray it is only the beginning, the very flicker of a mighty movement of God in this place. God desires us to be a lamp on a stand, a city on a hill that all can see. Not that we might be seen, but that he might be experienced in and through us. The World is in need of a miracle that they can see to believe. I am praying that miracle will be the change they see in you and me.

## Children are a gift from God

Our annual Fall Festival is almost here! This year the Fall Festival is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 27th from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. This is the largest event that our children's ministry puts on during the year, and we depend upon many volunteers to get it accomplished. We will be sending sign-up sheets to the Bible Fellowship classes to obtain help with games, food and registration needs. Please support our children's ministry and sign up to help with this evening of fun, fellowship, and outreach to our community.

We are also sponsoring a Silent Auction to benefit Katie Testament, the granddaughter of Don and Kay Craft. Any donations that can be given for the Silent Auction will be greatly appreciated! Suggestions for possible donations include: bake a cake/dessert, make a craft or an art item, donate a service, prepare a dinner, assemble a gift basket, or donate a weekend in your beach condo or lake house. You can also ask businesses that you frequent if they would be willing to donate a gift certificate or an item to be auctioned. Tax deductible information is available in the church office.

Individually wrapped candy and small prizes for the games are also needed. If you can donate a bag or two of candy, please bring it to the church office where we will be collecting it between now and the festival. Any small prize items, such as pencils, erasers, and small toys for kids would also be appreciated.

## Shaping the Future

Andrew Spires

## Youth & Younger Single Adults

I would like to share with you some of the challenges that were given by our speaker Dr. Steve Stewart at Genesis Weekend in September. We had four group sessions (1 Friday, 2 Saturday, and 1 Sunday morning) that gave our students practical ways to share their faith with their friends. On Friday night we came to understand that **all Christians** are called to be witnesses (**Acts 1:8**), it is not reserved for a special highly trained or "called" few, anyone can do it. To effectively share our faith a witness must **share what they know**, just as a witness is called to testify in a courtroom, so should a Christian be able to deliver the gospel message. We found out it is not enough just to **mention God's name** in our conversations, but intentionally relate what God has done in our lives. Finally we see that we never fail at witnessing **unless we fail to witness at all**, if we share our faith and the other person rejects Christ we are to pray for them and ask the Holy Spirit to break through in their lives. Saturday morning, we studied **Mark 2:1-13**, the story of the men who brought their paralyzed friend to Jesus and lowered him through the roof due to the crowd. We noticed several things about this story, we saw the friends **concern** for the paralytic man, we see their **compassion**, and we see their **conviction** to act and get him to Jesus. Also, we notice the amazing **conversion** as Jesus heals the man and also forgives him of his sin. Others there had **criticism** towards Jesus for telling a man his sins were forgiven, so Jesus also healed him to show his authority over everything. Finally we watch the **conclusion**, as the man rises up and walks out "in full view of all of them". There were four types of people there that day; the **crippled**, the **careless**, the **criticizers**, and the **compassionate**. We can't be **crippled** by fear when sharing our faith, we can't be **careless** that others are lost and dying without Jesus, we can't heed the **criticizers** who say we're too extreme in our faith, and we must show our changed lives by our **compassion** for the lost. Saturday afternoon we read Paul's impassioned speech/testimony before the king in **Acts 26**, where he boldly attempts to lead the king and all who listen to Jesus. We have to **share our story**, people will relate to your testimony. We learned three steps when giving our testimony; first share **my life before Christ**, next **how I met Christ**, and thirdly **share my life since I met Christ** and the new creation I've become. We found **7 S's** that helpful for us to remember when witnessing; be **sure**, be **simple**, be **specific**, be **short**, be **sincere**, be **scriptural**, and be **sensitive**. Finally, Sunday morning we ended in the book of **Philemon** with Paul's love for a slave and recent convert named Onesimus. Onesimus had been a slave, owned by Philemon, and had run away from his master. Not only had he fled, but he also stole from Philemon before he left so that he could survive on his own. Philemon was a believer, a supporter of Paul's ministry, and a wealthy man, who even hosted a church in his home, but God would ask more of him. We don't know the exact circumstances of how Paul and Onesimus meet, but we know that Paul loves him as a son and sends him back to his master Philemon, no longer as a slave, but to be **"useful"** as a fellow brother in Christ. He asks Philemon not to punish him as was deserved but to accept as if it were Paul coming to him. Paul didn't see a slave when he saw Onesimus, he saw an opportunity to share his faith. We need to learn to see others as God sees them, and consider just as worthy of Christ's sacrifice as we are. After all, if we are selfish with our faith (keeping the truth to ourselves) aren't we really saying we don't care what happens to others by our actions? God sees us all as useful to the cause of Christ, no matter what our background, no matter what our social status or financial ability, God loves us equally and calls us all to be a witness for Him. My hope is that this encourages you to step out of your comfort zone, be bold, and tell others about the gospel story and what Jesus has done in your life!

# Music & Senior Adults

“ I will sing to the Lord”

Charles Keown

**Amen Choir in Concert at Evangel Temple**

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Lakewood will be combining our evening service with Evangel Temple for this special event.

**Amen Choir to sing at Senior Adult Revival in McDonough, GA**

Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Choir Festival in Montgomery**

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

**Choir Festival at Central Baptist**

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

(Detailed information for each of these events is on the website)

# Firm Foundations for Future Generations

Lakewood Baptist Church  
Child Development Center

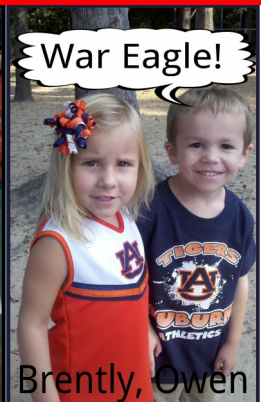
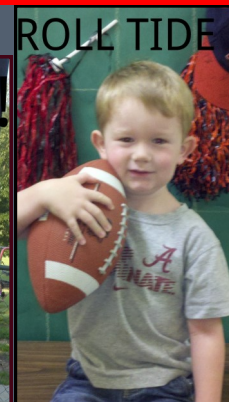
Cabbi Black

Celebrating football season at the CDC by wearing our favorite team colors on Fridays.

ROLL TIDE!!



Noah, Zachary, Bryson



Brently, Owen





# What does it mean to give to the Circles of Influence?

## Circles of Influence



Just as a pebble in a pond makes waves far from where they began, a dollar into the Circles of Influence fund touches ministries in our local area, North America and the uttermost parts of the earth.

It's like a Christmas Club for missions. Each time you give your regular tithes and offerings you designate an additional amount to Circles of Influence...but rather than waiting for the end of the year to disperse the funds, checks are written monthly to each of these ministries.

The scripture basis is II Corinthians 9:5 "I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given."

Imagine that every family gave \$30.00 a month, \$1 a day, to Circles of Influence. That could easily reach \$36,000.00 a year combined. Here's what each ministry could receive versus what they received our last fiscal year.

| <u>Ministry</u>                          | <u>What they could receive</u>               | <u>Received 2012</u> |
|--|--|----------------------|
| Teen Challenge                           | \$1,800.00                                   | \$575.05             |
| Sound Choices Crisis Pregnancy Ctr       | 900.00                                       | 452.57               |
| L.O.A.F                                  | 1,800.00 plus additional offerings necessary | 7,325.69             |
| Valley Interfaith Promise                | 900.00                                       | 287.57               |
| The Baptist Center                       | 900.00                                       | 337.57               |
| Valley Rescue Mission                    | 900.00                                       | 180.89               |
| AL Bapt. Children's Home                 | 1,800.00                                     | 700.08               |
| Kathleen Mallory (State Missions)        | 900.00                                       | 287.57               |
| Annie Armstrong                          | 3,600.00                                     | 2,360.93             |
| Lottie Moon                              | 9,000.00                                     | 5,073.76             |
| World Hunger                             | 900.00                                       | 312.57               |
| Cadence @ Ft. Hood                       | 2,700.00                                     | 862.61               |
| World Wide Church Planters (Africa)      | 1,800.00                                     | 574.72               |
| Laughing Child (HIV Children Mexico)     | 900.00                                       | 287.57               |
| Lakewood Mission Trips                   | 6,300.00                                     | 2,012.98             |
| Samaritan's Purse (Disaster Relief Only) | 900.00                                       | 180.89               |
|  | <u>\$36,000.00</u>                           | <u>\$21,813.02</u>   |

Prayerfully consider what you might give to touch our world in the name of Jesus Christ. Each of us giving a little becomes a great harvest for those who are fighting on the front lines for the Kingdom.



### S.N.A.C (Sunday Night After Church!)

We will have a home-made ice cream social on October 13th immediately following the Evening Worship Service and Church Conference.

Make a tub of your favorite flavor or buy one if you'd rather.

The church will provide the toppings.

You may serve your own but there is a team of volunteers lead by Judy May to help with the set-up and serving if you'd like.

Bring a friend!

**Welcome New Members**

**Winston Newton**

**Sandra Johnson**

**Sympathy to**

Family of Bea Barrow

Fran Ellis in the loss of her mother, Cleo Slater

Grace Cook in the loss of her brother.

Check out our website for up to the minute changes @ [www.LBCPC.org](http://www.LBCPC.org)

**Wednesday Menus**

\$5 Adult \$2.50 Child  
\$15.00 max per family

10/2  
Baked Fish, Rice Pilaf, Squash Casserole, Rolls, Salad & Dessert

10/9  
Hamburger Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Salad & Dessert

10/16  
Fried Chicken & Baked Chicken, Rice, Peas & Lima Beans, Cornbread, Salad & Dessert

10/23  
**No Wednesday Night Supper**  
**Kitchen Renovations**

10/30  
Home Made Pizza  
Salad & Dessert

**In Memory of:**  
**Bea Barrow**  
**For Amen Choir from J.P. and Esther Benton**  
**For Food Closet from Billy and Cathy Greene**

**In Honor of:**  
**Parker May's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
**For Food Closet from Janice Noble**  
**For Sweet Spirits from Sally Kennedy**  
**For Youth-Genesis Weekend from Bill and Margaret Wilson**

**Gail Brantley for Food Closet from Billy and Cathy Greene**

**Betty Burrows for Homebound Ministry from Brenda Slappey**

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| August Giving | Budget        | CTB      | Missions | Other       | Total        |
|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|-------------|--------------|
| 8/4/13        | \$19,760.41   | \$501.00 | \$676.35 | \$1,359.00  | \$22,296.76  |
| 8/11/13       | \$13,911.86   | \$56.00  | \$117.00 | \$2,701.92  | \$16,786.78  |
| 8/18/13       | \$ 5,413.25   | \$61.00  | \$125.00 | \$1,143.01  | \$ 6,742.26  |
| 8/25/13       | \$ 10, 553.37 | \$106.00 | \$190.00 | \$ 1,381.00 | \$ 12,230.37 |
|               |               |          |          |             |              |

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| Sun   | Mon                         | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat                                      |
|---|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
|   |                             | 1   | 2<br>VKBW@10:00<br>5:45 Awana/<br>Flyte/Youth   | 3<br>Experiencing<br>God @ 6:30<br>F/H  | 4   | 5  |
| 6<br>Lord's Supper<br>Experiencing<br>God @ 4:00<br>6:00 Kidz Choir<br>6:00 All CARE<br>Teams | 7<br>Amen Choir<br>@ 10:30  | 8<br>10:00am<br>Sweet Spirits<br>Alleluia Choir<br>@ 6:30 | 9<br>5:45 Awana/<br>Flyte/Youth<br>7:00 Deacon's  | 10<br>Experiencing<br>God @ 6:30<br>F/H   | 11  | 12                                       |
| 13<br>Experiencing<br>God @ 4:00<br>Youth Choir<br>@ 5:00<br>Kidz Choir@6<br>Conference       | 14<br>Amen Choir<br>@ 10:30 | 15<br>Alleluia Choir<br>@ 6:30                            | 16<br>5:45 Awana/<br>Flyte/Youth<br>7:00 Finance  | 17<br>Experiencing<br>God @ 6:30<br>F/H   | 18  | 19                                       |
| 20<br>Experiencing<br>God @ 4:00<br>Kidz Choir @6<br>Joint Service                            | 21<br>Amen Choir<br>@ 10:30 | 22<br>Alleluia Choir<br>@ 6:30                            | 23<br><b>NO SUPPER</b><br>5:45 Awana/<br>Flyte/Youth<br>7:00 CDC Team<br>6:30 am Amen<br>Choir to Mc. Ga. | 24<br>JEG BW @7<br>Experiencing<br>God @ 6:30<br>Amen Choir to<br>Mont. 8:30-3:30 | 25<br>Amen Choir<br>Festival @<br>Central<br>10:30-12 | 26<br>Feed The<br>Homeless<br>11:15-2:00 |
| 27<br>Fall Festival<br>4:00-6:00pm<br>Experiencing<br>God @ 4:00                              | 28                          | 29<br>Alleluia Choir<br>@ 6:30                            | 30<br>5:45 Awana/<br>Flyte/Youth/<br>Not So<br>Halloween party  | 31  |   |  |

## Regularly Ongoing Weekly Activities

\* All times are Eastern.

### Sunday

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service  
9:30 AM Bible Fellowship  
10:45 AM Blended Worship Service  
10:45 AM Bible Fellowship  
11:15 AM Kidz Worship  
5:30PM PRAYER TIME  
6:00 PM Worship

### Wednesday

5:00 PM Family Night Supper  
5:45 PM Youth Bible Study  
5:45 PM Awana  
6:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal  
6:00 PM Adult Prayer and Bible Study  
7:00 PM Praise Team

### Additional Information

The church office should receive all submissions to be considered for the monthly newsletter (*Connections*) by 2:00 PM on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the prior month.

Weekly submissions for consideration should be received by noon each Tuesday.

The family of Parker May wishes to thank everyone who helped celebrate his 100th birthday.



**Feast of Thanks  
November 10th  
Sunday Night**

If you would like to decorate a table  
Please contact the church office or  
Margaret Wilson @ 706-332-7536

### Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for coming to the Kick-off held in September! Our church deadline is NOVEMBER 17th so we have time to make our boxes as well as share with groups who may not have participated before. You may know of Boy Scout/ Girl Scout groups, PTAs, Dance teams, Departments at your work place, Cheerleader squads, Science clubs or any other groups whom we could encourage to become involved. Remember that 1/3 of the world's children who live in need get a shoebox once in their lifetime. That means 2/3 of these precious souls do not get a gift or the gospel message that is given along with it in their language. Ask God who you could share this powerful ministry with. He loves these little ones and is at work to bring them to Himself. You may be the one He uses to generate many more boxes for them. Let's join Him!



**We will be decorating the church for Christmas  
On November 25th**

**If you are interested in helping out  
Please call the church office or  
Margaret Wilson @ 706.332.7536  
for details**

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### Child Development Center:

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Hours: M- F 6:30 - 6:00

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