

March Connections

Lakewood Baptist Church

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REVIVAL MARCH 10 – 13

Sunday AM - Lakewood - one service @ 9:30
Followed by Bible Fellowship Classes @ 10:50
Sunday PM – Central Baptist @ 6:45
Monday PM – Lakewood Baptist @ 6:45
Tuesday PM – Central Baptist @ 6:45
Wednesday PM – Lakewood Baptist @ 6:45

Horner's Corner



Revival is not something we bring about by human organization and promotion. It is a sovereign act of God in extending His grace and mercy to cleanse, heal, deliver and empower His people through a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, there must be a spiritual preparedness on our part, and if revival comes, you can be sure that someone has met the conditions and paid the price. Revival can never come without an exposure of and judgment on sin, and we can never expect revival if we are not prepared to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and accept His judgment upon every appearance of sin. I have found that God always visits His people when they reach the point of desperation.

With a burden on his heart, a sob in his voice and tears in his eyes, the prophet Habakkuk prayed, “O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy (Hab. 3:2). Here is the earnest longing of a man in dire straits. He sees sin in the nation as high as the mountains, the law of God disregarded and corrupt rulers in control. So backslidden and sinful were God’s people that God raised up a heathen nation worse than themselves to beat them into submission and repentance (see Hab. 1:6). God had to repeat this pattern again and again in the history of Israel, and it makes me wonder if it may well happen again, this time in our own country. Powerful forces, with sinister and subtle strategy, have been infiltrating our society with increasing strength. How soon will it be before America is overrun and the church is driven underground and persecuted?

We are never going to have revival until God has brought the church of Jesus Christ to a point of desperation. As long as we are trusting religious organization, material wealth, slick and popular preaching, shallow evangelistic crusades and promotion drives, there will never be revival. But when the church comes to the realization of her desperate wretchedness, blindness and nakedness before God, only then will God intervene.

Throughout the Bible, the sovereign operation of the Holy Spirit is associated with the wind. For instance, at Pentecost the Spirit came with the sound of the rushing of a mighty wind (Acts 2:2). The breath of the Holy Spirit came with the four winds to bring life to the dry bones (Ezekiel 37:9). We cannot organize revival, but we can set our sails to catch the wind from heaven when God sends His Spirit upon us. How do we set our sails?

PREPARATION. The period between the ascension of Christ and Pentecost was a time of preparation that involved several things.

Oneness of mind (Acts 2:1). The believers “were all with one accord in one place.” Only when God’s people come together in oneness of mind does heaven open and the wind of revival begins to blow upon the church. Psalm 133:1 declares, “How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity,” and the rest of the Psalm describes the wonderful blessings that issue from such unity.

Only as we are in one accord will we experience the fragrance, freshness and fullness of spiritual revival.

Openness of heart. They engaged in a self-examination in the upper room, as evidenced by their prayer for searching, for examination, for judgment. God will never send revival while there is sin unconfessed, while hearts are closed to the blaze of His glory and to the light that reveals evil. One of the functions of a strong wind is to cleanse and purify. So it is with the wind of the Holy Spirit.

Obedience of will. Those 120 disciples gathered in the upper room in fulfillment of the Lord’s command (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4). Obedience is always a prerequisite to the filling and flooding of the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:32).

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SUPPLICATION. “These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication (Acts 1:14).

Constancy in prayer. They “continued” in prayer (see Luke 18:1; 1 Thess. 5:17). Prayer is not only an activity; it is also an attitude of life. It is not possible for us to spend all our time with the words of prayer on our lips, but it is possible for us to be constantly in the spirit of prayer, realizing our dependence upon God for all that we have and are. Prayer is not overcoming the reluctance of God to give; it is rather bringing our lives into conformity with His will in order that He might be able to send the blessing He is longing to bestow.

Unity in prayer. They prayed “with one accord.” Jesus said, “If two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven” (Matt. 18:19). Have you ever put that promise to the test?

Fervency in prayer. They were with one accord in prayer and supplication. Prayer is a general connotation for waiting upon God, but the word “supplication” is a strong word for beseeching and petitioning and interceding. It’s laying hold of the Lord and not letting go or letting up until God does something. That kind of praying is costly, for it involves fasting, discipline and persistency.

EXPECTATION. The Lord told them to wait for the Promise of the Father, which He identified as being “baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now” (Acts 1:4-5). We can pray diligently and fervently, but if there is no expectancy in our hearts there will be no blessing. There are three characteristics of true expectation.

Faith that believes. They believed so strongly the promise that Jesus gave to them that they were not surprised when it reached fulfillment ten days later (Acts 2:1-4). We also must exercise the faith that believes. Jesus said, “And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive” (Matt. 21:23). There are many promises in the Bible that give us confidence to believe that God wants to send revival (see, for example, James 5:7). The promise is clear enough, but is our faith strong enough?

Faith that receives. “They were all filled with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:4). God fills only the hearts and lives of those who have a receiving faith.

Faith that achieves. On the Day of Pentecost, having been filled with the Holy Spirit, they “began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance . . . and that day about three thousand souls were added to them” (Acts 2:4, 41). “They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness” (Acts 5:31). Filled with the Holy Spirit, those first believers spoke with boldness and achieved great results for God.

So our part in revival is to adjust the sails of our spiritual life to catch the fresh breeze that comes from heaven. What a difference it would make in our churches!

Let it come, O Lord, we pray Thee;
Let the showers of blessing fall.
We are waiting and expecting;
O revive the hearts of all.

--James L. Black

Children Are A Gift From God

All of the Awana kids had a great time at the annual Lock-In, which was held on Friday night, February 22ND. After enjoying a snack supper at the church, the older kids headed to the Hollywood Connection for an evening filled with laser tag, skating and mini golf. The Sparks, our younger kids, headed to Lakewood Elementary to go rock climbing and to play dodge ball. It was a wonderful night filled with fun and fellowship for everyone. A great big thanks to all of the leaders who made this night such a success for our kids!

Children's Choir has resumed on Sunday nights at 6:00PM. If you have kids or grandkids from K-6TH grades I encourage you to bring them and participate in the new musical, L.O.S.T. The kids are just getting started on the musical so this is the perfect time to come out and join the Children's Choir.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 23RD at 11:00AM on the front lawn of the church. I am in need of individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs for the egg hunt. Please bring your donations to the church office as soon as possible so that we can stuff the eggs in time for the hunt. Thanks for your support of this much-anticipated event that our kids and the community love!

Kathy Hollon is our Extended Session coordinator, and she does a terrific job keeping this vital ministry on target. She currently needs a few more volunteers to add to the schedule, so if you can volunteer once or twice per quarter to keep preschoolers during the late worship hour, please contact Kathy Hollon or Patrick Thornton and we will gladly add you to the schedule. Thanks!

Patrick Thornton, Children's Minister

Shaping the Future

Youth & Younger Single Adults

Spring is almost here and summer right behind it and it always seems when March arrives that the year begins to fly by!

Of course, Spring is the time for new growth, and we look forward to new growth as we have a planned revival (March 10TH-13TH). I am encouraging all of our students and singles to fast and pray for revival in their personal lives, homes, schools, jobs, student ministry, and the church as a whole. It is my earnest hope that our students and singles will display a deeper passion for Christ and turn it into action by showing Christ to their friends and loved ones. Over many years of ministry, I have grown tired of church as usual, and have no desire to teach/lead our students to live in a luke-warm relationship with Christ. The student leadership team and I are looking at every area (trips, camps, etc.) of the student ministry and are asking these four things: why do we do this, what purpose does it accomplish, does it follow the biblical example of a New Testament church, and are we just feeding ourselves or reaching/serving the lost? We can be busy with many events, outings, trips, and even coming to church but still be missing what God has called us to do. I intend for this to be the most challenging year for our students since I've been here, it's time for us to stop playing church, accepting sin in our lives, be **REAL** with each other, and seek Him first in every area of our lives. For this reason, we are renaming the student ministry, **REAL-life Student Ministries @ Lakewood Baptist Church. R.E.A.L.** has been our ministry acronym since I came to Lakewood four years ago, it stands for **Reach, Equip, Ask, and Lead**. Our goal remains to **reach** students right where they are (from whatever background), **equip** them with the truth of the gospel, and for those already in relationship with Him, **equip** them as disciples of Christ (not of a ministry, church, or leader), **ask** them to **ask** others about an active, growing relationship with Christ, and then **lead** by becoming leaders themselves, setting the example in life and godliness. Our students have a far bigger reach than I can ever have alone, my job is to encourage them to see that influence they have and to use it for God's kingdom instead of the world. These are tough times that we live in, and social pressures crush our young people daily, please join me in prayer for them on a regular basis, since they are on the front lines of the battle for our culture. I encourage the entire church, during this time set apart for revival, to seek God's face, repent of sin, and recommit fully to Him, not just Savior, but **Lord over** every area of our lives. As always, thank all of you for your support of the student and singles ministries, we can't do what we do without you. Please join us in prayer for the upcoming **Belize Mission trip (June 9TH-15TH)** and **SWO Summer Camp (July 29TH- August 3RD)**.

Adults

Revival Choir and Orchestra – March 10TH & 13TH

Sunday Morning – “The Great I Am” and “God Is Here”

Wednesday Evening – “Joyfully” and “Lord Have Mercy”

Please try to make as many rehearsals as possible this month, not only for revival, but in preparation for Palm Sunday and Easter. Thanks!

Amen Choir Schedule

Monday Evening, March 11TH – Revival Service at Lakewood singing . . .

“Standing on the Promises” and “End of the Beginning”

Monday Morning, March 18TH – Regular Rehearsal and concert at Spring Harbor at 2 p.m.

Tuesday Morning, March 19TH – Jubilee at Bealwood singing . . .

“Hush, Somebody’s Calling My Name” and “End of the Beginning”

Concert with the Burchfield Brothers, March 17TH

Both are instrumentalists. One plays classical guitar and the other plays a percussion/keyboard type instrument like none I’ve ever seen. They were the featured guests at the Sr. Adult Conference where we sang in Branson, Missouri in 2011. I first heard them at the national minister’s of music conference several years ago and have wanted to have them here ever since that time. You will thoroughly enjoy their music. Please invite family and friends to this event. It will be the best thing happening in Columbus and Phenix City that evening.

Firm Foundations for Future Generations



Lakewood Baptist Church Child Development Center

The CDC will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, March 28TH and we are in need of plastic eggs. Please help us by sending in eggs. We would really appreciate your help. Easter is such a fun time here at the CDC and we look forward to hunting eggs.

The CDC will be registering for Summer Camp on Tuesday, April 9TH through Thursday, April 11TH. Space is limited, so please make sure that you come in and register to save your spot. There is a \$50.00 registration fee and \$100.00 activity fee. We have lots of fun activities planned and lots of great crafts. We are looking forward to an exciting summer. We can’t believe that it will be here before we know it.

Cabbi Black, CDC Director

**Welcome
New Members**

Faye McCurry
Jared Freeman

Sympathy to

Onezima Everritt and family in the loss of her mother, Ruby Hall

Jean Faulkner in the loss of her brother, Earl Bentley

The Family of Virginia Kelly

**Wednesday Night
Supper Menu**

Begins at 5:00 each Wednesday.
\$5.00 for adult
\$2.50 for child
\$15.00 max per family

3/6/13
Beef Tips & Gravy over Rice
Peas & Butterbeans
Cornbread,
Salad & Dessert

3/13/13
Canyon Casserole(Beef)
Roasted Potatoes
Green Beans,
Salad & Dessert

3/20/13
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Collard Greens,
Salad & Dessert

3/27/13
Jambalaya with Smoked Sausage over Rice,
Black Beans,
Corn Bread,
Salad & Dessert

Gifts Have Been Given in Memory or Honor of

In Memory

Harold Nevels for
Amen Choir:
Mr. & Mrs. William Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Barbaree
Donna Bowers
Dr. & Mrs. Jack Lawler
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wood
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Carter
Mr. & Mrs. Len Sexton
Dr. Phillip Tully III
Margaret Weaver
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Head
Ginger Isles
Julia Harrison
Toni Stetson
Bonnie Helander
Peggy Bowers
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Lott
Lynn McRae Hurdle
Stephanie Snavelly
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Williams
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Holloway
Lemon Tree Garden Club
Community Foundation of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc.
Mr. & Mrs. Rick Fox
Sybil Inman
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bickerstaff III

For Food Closet:

Fran Loftin
Challenge to Build:
Gail Brantley
Trey Nevels for the Food Closet from Fran Loftin
Cathy Battles for the Food Closet from Dolly Stokes
Alice Quintana for the Homebound Ministry from Ray Quintana
Alice Quintana for the Belize Mission Trip from Ray Quintana
In memory of Ruby Hall:

Food Closet

Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Watson
Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Miller
Fran Loftin

Budget

Mr. & Mrs. Buster DeLucca

In Honor of:

Gail Brantley for Food Closet from Fran Loftin
From Ray Quintana

For Food Closet :

Sally Kennedy
Fran Loftin
Terry and Clara Grimes
Pat Holland
Carol Ray

For Amen Choir:

Janet Turner

For Budget:

H. T. & Dot Oliver

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January Giving	Budget	CTB	Missions	Other	Total
1/6/13	\$15,808.65	\$651.00	\$603.00	\$355.00	\$17,417.65
1/13/13	\$12,602.20	\$131.00	\$479.50	\$679.36	\$13,892.06
1/20/13	\$10,453.50	\$35.00	\$538.00	\$700.00	\$11,726.50
1/27/13	\$5,656.00	\$197.00	\$917.50	\$3,324.53	\$10,095.03

March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 VIP Bed Race
3 Baptism CARE Teams 4:30 Youth Choir 6:00 Children's Choir	4 10:30 Amen Choir	5 6:30 Alleluia Choir	6 VKBW@ 10:00 5:45PM AWANA 5:45PM Youth Bible Study	7	8	9
10 9:30 Revival 10:50 Bible Fellowship PM Service @Central 6:45	11 10:30 Amen Choir Revival- LBC@ 6:45	12 10:00 Sweet Spirits Revival- CBC@ 6:45	13 Supper @ 5:30 Deacon Meeting @ 5:30 Revival- LBC @ 6:45	14	15	16 Getting to know M.R. Hamilton- 10:00 & 2:00 (Details on last page)
	Revival					
17 Burchfield Brothers AM& PM Services 4:30 Youth Choir	18 10:30 Amen Choir	19 Amen Choir- Jubilee 6:30 Alleluia Choir	20 5:45PM AWANA 6:00PM Youth Finance, & CMLT @ 7:00	21	22	23 Easter Egg Hunt @ 11:00 Yard Sale for Missions 8:00- 2:00
24 Men's Break- fast @ 8:00 4:30 Youth Choir	25 10:30 Amen Choir	26 6:30 Alleluia Choir	27 5:45PM AWANA 5:45PM Youth Bible Study CDC Team @ 7	28 JEG/BW @ 7:00PM	29 Office Closed	30
31 Easter 2 Services No PM Service						

Regularly Ongoing Weekly Activities

* All times are Eastern.

Sunday

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 AM Bible Fellowship
10:50 AM Blended Worship Service
10:50 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 14th of the prior month.

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

Getting to know M. R. Hamilton

Plan to come for a time of fellowship, questions and answers on
Saturday March 16TH in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be two meeting for different age groups...
come to the one that applies to you.

Senior Adults and Median Adults ~ 10:00 a.m. – Brunch will be provided.

Young Adults and Youth ~ 2:00 p.m. – Lunch will be provided.

We look forward to a sweet time of fellowship and information
with our prospective Pastor.

Cards of Appreciation were received and can be viewed on the bulletin board
outside the fellowship hall from the following:

Onezima Everritt
Becky Aderhold
Family of Mary Lowe
Claire McMahon
Susan Binns

VIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AROUND THE CORNER

We are privileged to host the families in the VIP program beginning April 7TH
through April 14TH. You may sign up now by emailing Linda at linda@lbcpc.org or
signing up at Information Desk. If you have never had the honor to serve in this
wonderful ministry, we have a short training video that you might like to see.

Opportunities include providing meals, help with
transportation to the next church, stay overnight as a host
or just come visit during a shift.

You will be the one who receives the blessing.

Pray about what you can do to meet the needs of these families in transition.

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