

# Welcome!

Each of these made a public profession of their faith in Christ during the month of October!

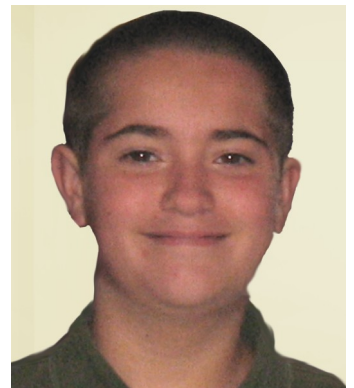
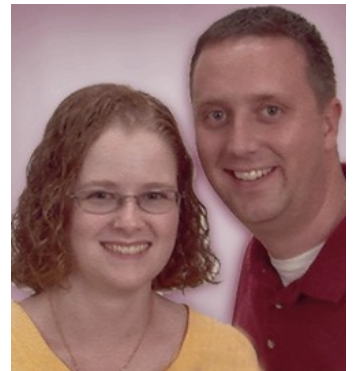
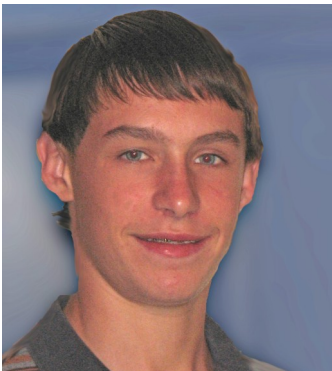
Pictured: Ellen Scarborough, Jared McPherson, Royce & Jodi Powell, Elizabeth Giles,

Cody Hodge, Hugh Herrington, Janinna McPherson, Brandy & Andrew Lee,

Derandre' Dunbar, Mike Minor, Ben Breault, Matthew Miller

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November 2008

# Connections

*"Connecting People With The Master, Membership, Ministry and Missions"*



# From The Pastor's Heart

## A Powerful Move Of God's Spirit!

Although many of our people were away on Columbus Day weekend, the presence and power of the Holy Spirit was evident nonetheless! As guest Evangelist Bailey Smith invited those in the congregation who needed to be saved to come forward; 19 precious souls eagerly came down the aisles. Praise the Lord for the great movement of His Spirit and may this be only the beginning of what we see Him do among us this upcoming year!

## Welcome Chris May, Interim Children's Minister

Chris May began serving as our Interim Children's Minister October 20<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to pray for him and support him as he seeks to lead this vital area of ministry at Lakewood!

## Alabama All-American Football Player, Siran Stacey, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM

In November of last year, a fatal car accident resulted in the tragic deaths of Siran's wife and 4 of their children. Plan to come and hear Siran share his incredibly moving testimony.

## Operation Christmas Child, November 17<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

It's that time of year again and like last year, Lakewood Baptist Church will be the primary "drop-off" point for our area. Be listening as to how you can prepare a shoebox filled with gifts and the gospel to be given to a needy child!

## Annual Feast Of Thanks, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM

Plan to join your church family in the Fellowship Hall for this special Thanksgiving occasion. The church is providing the meat and drinks and you are asked to please bring vegetables and/or a dessert... and, of course, an un-churched friend!

## Upcoming Sermon Topics:

### New Series: Kingdom Living Matthew 5 - 7

<i>How To Be Happy</i> .....	<i>Matthew 5:1-6</i> .....	November 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<i>Special Guest Testimony</i> .....	<i>Siran Stacey</i> .....	November 9 <sup>th</sup>
<i>How To Be Happy</i> .....	<i>Matthew 5:3-6</i> .....	November 16 <sup>th</sup>
<i>How To Be Happy</i> .....	<i>Matthew 5:7-8</i> .....	November 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<i>How To Be Happy</i> .....	<i>Matthew 5:9</i> .....	November 30 <sup>th</sup>

## From The Heart

America is facing uncertain times indeed! (the presidential race, gas prices, the stock market, the mortgage crises, drought, etc.) However, even in uncertain times like these, for those of us who are saved there are many things about which we can still be certain. For example, God is still in control and He has promised that He will never leave us or forsake us... that He will be faithful to continue to meet all of our needs... that we can find shelter underneath the shadow of His wings!

Don't lose heart! Keep looking up and pressing on...

His return is close at hand!

Pastor Billy  
Luke 21:28

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# Children Are a Gift from God

## Getting To Know Me

I was born in Columbus and spent my early years living in Phenix City. When I was 6 years old, my dad joined the Army. I spent the rest of my school years moving from place to place. At the age of 15, I was introduced to Christ by my 13-year old friend, and with his help came to understand my need for Christ. When I was 18 years old I began to sense God calling me into ministry. It was only as I grew in Christ that I realized that all Christians are called into the ministry.

I attended Beacon University in Columbus where I received a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies. After completing that degree I attended Southwestern Baptist Theological in Fort Worth, Texas. There, I completed a Master of Divinity in May 2008. Upon returning to Phenix City, I began to see the potential for children's ministry in Phenix City and specifically at Lakewood. After much prayer and consideration, I began to realize that God was calling me to serve in this capacity at Lakewood. I am so excited about the opportunity to

serve such a wonderful church. This body of believers has been very important in my salvation and growth as a Christian. I became a Christian at this church, married my wife here, and dedicated all four of our children here. Many of the leaders of Lakewood have been vital in my Christian walk. I am looking forward to giving back to this church and helping us to grow the kingdom of God through working with children and parents from our community.



My wife, Elizabeth, and I have four children. David is 8 years old, Caleb is 5, and our identical twin girls, Abigail and Julia, are 4. I enjoy playing ultimate Frisbee and volleyball as well as the guitar and board games. My favorite sport to watch is football. I am an

Auburn fan and a diehard Atlanta Falcons fan. I also enjoy watching professional basketball.

Chris May,  
Interim Children's Director

*"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed." 2 Cor. 4:7-9*

**Attention All RA's** The boys of the Royal Ambassadors will be going camping on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a father, son, brother campout. All men and boys of the church are invited. Plan to meet at the church at 5:45 PM and return Saturday at noon. We will be camping on private property between Phenix City and Opelika. \$5 per person, will cover all food for the trip. A list of what to bring is available in the church office. Chris May has a sign up sheet and the deadline to sign up will be Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.



**Veritas Academy** I would like to thank everyone for being such gracious hosts on Veritas Sunday. I know of many who willingly gave up "their" pews to our guests!

What a great day we had. There were 225 people from Veritas who joined us as our guests at lunch, and there were a total of 429 here during the worship service.

I got a glimpse of how the children's ministry should look on a typical Sunday. When I went to the children's building to count attendance, we had 49 children K5-4<sup>th</sup> grade in Kidz worship. This is how a normal Sunday should be! I am so glad that Lakewood made the decision a year ago to hire a children's minister. This has needed to be an emphasis. You do put your resources where your priorities are.

Thanks again to the Lakewood family for making Veritas Sunday such a success!

Hank Austin,  
Veritas Academy Administrator and Child Development Ctr. Director



Shaping the Future

## Youth, College & Career

### **Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

It's back again! Come and be a soldier for Christ on a walk up-and-down the sidewalk's of the mall and movie theaters to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. This ministry is a great opportunity for each of you to live out the Great Commission that God has called all of us too. Please meet at the church at 4:45 PM; we will be returning to the church at 7:00 PM.

### **Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**

There is another *Walking Out* ministry opportunity at 6:00 PM. Come and ride along to take the love of Christ to the community. After *Walking Out* the group will be heading over to Hollywood Connection for a time of fun and fellowship, leaving the church around 7:00 PM and returning around 9:00 PM. Bring your money and enjoy things like, skating, mini golf, and arcades.


### **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

Lakewood Baptist Student Ministries would like to ask all teenagers, with a heart for ministering to the homeless, to come and be a part of an awesome experience designed to impact homeless people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. This trip is to the House of Mercy in Columbus to help these people during some of the toughest times of their lives. You may be serving food, sweeping floors, or busing tables. Come prepared to look for ways you can serve Christ by serving others. Meet at the church in the back parking lot at noon.

### **College and Career**

The College and Career Bible Fellowship Class is at it again with the ***Change the World*** Christmas fundraiser. Starting Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, ***Change the World*** collection jars will be available. The jars are meant to be taken home and filled with any loose change that is laying around the house. On Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, all jars will be turned in, the change will be counted, and all the money collected will go toward gifts for the young women at Teen Challenge. Please start collecting that loose change and get ready to impact this group of women with the love of Christ.

Looking forward to seeing you then,  
Philip Hart,  
Minister - Student, College & Career



Restoring the  
Joy of childhood to  
Children living with  
HIV/AIDS

### **Shane Clark in Concert**

**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 PM**

Shane will be premiering his new CD featuring many of the finest musicians in Nashville. One of his songs features country music singer Charlie Daniels. His CD is a compilation of old hymns with a bluegrass -country feel. He is a gifted vocalist and his spoken message is even more powerful. Shane is founder of Laughing Child, a ministry to orphans with aids in the continent of Africa. God has called him to serve the least of the least. Having worked with Mother Teresa for 6 years, his message is compelling. Invite someone to come with you.



Lauren & Bill Vance

# Adults



## Feast Of Thanks

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 PM**

Come join your church family for a celebration of God's bounty in our lives. The church will provide the meat, dressing, tea and coffee. Please bring vegetables, salads, bread or dessert.

**Do not forget to bring an un-churched friend!**

A sign-up sheet will be outside the kitchen door for you to designate the item you intend to bring. RSVP with the number attending: [office@LBCPC.org](mailto:office@LBCPC.org), or the church office at 334.298.6433.

## Sweet Spirits

This lively group of Seniors meet monthly to share fellowship, food and fun. November's meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM. Chris Bankston will present a musical concert; this will be followed by a potluck lunch.

## Trips! Trips! Trips!

All music fans should join the bus trip on November 22<sup>nd</sup> to hear Jason Colman! Jason, Floyd Cramer's grandson, will perform at the Langdale Theatre, Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM. The bus will leave the church at 4:30 PM and stop for dinner at The Little White House in Valley before the concert. Tickets are \$16, the bus ride is \$4, and your meal is variable. You should return by 11:00 PM.

## Alabama Singing Women

This is a select group of women from all across Alabama who are actively involved in their church's music program. Many of them are ministers of music, wives of ministers of music, and accompanists. They are under the direction of Gayle Smith who is head of the music department at CVCC. They will be the worship choir on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 AM. You don't want to miss this wonderful service. Every week at Lakewood is special!

## Thank You to the Sweet Spirits.

Words cannot express how beautifully you represented Lakewood Baptist Church to the Russell Baptist Association at their annual meeting. The decorations, the awesome desserts, your hard work and your wonderful service was a true ministry to your brothers and sisters in Christ from other churches. God bless you for reaching out so unselfishly. You truly are Sweet Spirits!

## Rehearsals in November

### Madrigal Christmas

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 3 - 4:30 PM  
(Shane Clark in concert at 6)
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 7 - 8:15 PM
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 4:30 - 6:00 PM  
(Town Hall Mtg. to follow)
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 7 - 8:15 PM
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 7 - 8:15 PM
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 2 - 3:30 PM

### 12 Days Singer's Schedule

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday 2 - 3:00 PM  
(Choir to follow)
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 8:15 - 9:00 PM  
(Extra Rehearsal)
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 3:30 - 4:30 PM  
(Choir to follow then  
Town Hall Meeting at 6)
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 8:15 - 9 PM
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 8:15 - 9 PM
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 3:30 - 4:30 PM  
(If needed)

### AMEN CHOIR

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Monday  
Regular Rehearsal till 11:30 AM
  - 10<sup>th</sup> - Monday - 9:00 AM  
Sing at Lakewood Retirement  
(Smiths) and Bell Oaks  
(Montgomery)
  - 17<sup>th</sup> - Monday - No Rehearsal  
(AL Baptist Convention)
  - 24<sup>th</sup> - Monday - 9:00 AM  
Sing at Calvary Gardens on  
Moon Rd. and Opelika
- Dress for both occasions is Black Pants and Blue Shirts.

Thank you to everyone involved in the parking lot sign refurbishing project. *It's Team Work that makes the Dream Work!*

**Gifts Have Been Given In Memory of**

**Mable Grimes for Golf Cart by:**

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Green

**Denny Helton for Amen Choir by:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Rice

**Natalie Hollon for Children's Department by:**

Janet Turner

**Virginia Kennedy for Amen Choir by:**

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Benton, Sr.

Connie Marriott

Jessie & Bertha Newsome

Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Rice

**Lewis Roberts for Orchestra by:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Giles

**James Slappey for Amen Choir by:**

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Ezell

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Greene

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ben Kelly

Sally Kennedy

Ray & Barbara Milliner

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Spivey

**Gifts Have Been Given In Honor of**

**The Amen Choir Tour for Circles of Influence by:**

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Van Horn

**LAKWOOD WISH LIST:**

*Below is a list of some current needs. Any group or individual willing to help with any of these projects is encouraged to contact the church office.*

1. \$50,000.00 Surplus in Church Checking Account
2. New flooring in the Student/Senior Adult Building
3. Curbs Pressure-Washed
4. New Paint On Parking Areas (White & Yellow)
5. New Street Signs (corner of Lakewood & Summerville, corner of Summerville & 40<sup>th</sup>, Corner of 40<sup>th</sup> & Lakewood)
6. Playgrounds Updated

**Sympathy to:**

Jim Bryant and family in the passing of his dad

Joyce Costello and family in the passing of her son-in-law, Anthony Addonizio

The family of Myrtle Fender

Jamie & Paula Graham in the passing of her mother, Linda Venable

Judy May & family in the passing of her brother-in-law, James Creel

Drew & Beth Parkman in the passing of his grandfather, David Parkman

Brenda Slappey and family in the passing of her husband, James

**Worship Through Giving— September**

	Budget	Renovations	Missions	Fam. Act .Ctr.	Other	Total
9-07-08	\$20,781.41	\$2,842.00	\$820.00	\$761.00	\$1,100.00	\$26,304.41
9-14-08	\$10,063.74	\$715.00	\$291.00	\$211.00	\$1,855.00	\$13,135.74
9-21-08	\$10,472.85	\$808.00	\$172.00	\$165.00	\$1,229.00	\$12,846.85
9-28-08	\$12,394.19	\$932.00	\$323.50	\$50.00	\$1,525.00	\$15,224.69
Average	\$13,428.05	\$1,324.25	\$401.63	\$296.75	\$1,427.25	\$16,877.92

Spending Plan Goal to date: \$775,542.50 Spending Plan Receipts to date: \$740,122.16

**Y-T-D Decisions**

**October - September**

By Letter ..... 30

By Statement ..... 5

Total Baptized ..... 12

Total ..... 47

September Attendance	10:45 Worship	Kidz Worship	Total in Worship	Bible Fellowship
9-07-08	251	35	286	292
9-14-08	276	27	303	275
9-21-08	325	16	341	304
9-28-08	258	25	283	299
Average	278	26	303	290

# November 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 10:30AM Women's Ministry Mugs & Muffins
2 <b>Time Change (Set Back 1 Hour!)</b> Baptism 4:45PM Bible Fellowship Team Meeting 6:00PM C.A.R.E Team C 6:00PM Shane Clark	3 10:30AM Amen Choir 6:45PM <i>Stepping Up</i> Bible Study Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer	4 6:30PM Alleluia Choir	5 6:00PM Children's Missions 7:00 PM WMU L'ship Team Meeting (Library)	6	7	8 5:00PM Youth M&M
9 Baptism 10:45AM Siran Stacey 4:45PM Operation Phenix City (FH) 6:00PM C.A.R.E Team A 6:00PM Town Hall Meeting 6:00PM Youth - Walking Out	10 9:00AM Amen Choir (Smiths & Montgomery) 6:45PM <i>Stepping Up</i> Bible Study	11 10:00AM Sweet Spirits 10:00AM V.K. Bapt. Women (Choir Suite) 6:30 PM Alleluia Choir	12 6:00PM Children's Missions 7:00 PM Finance Team Meeting (Library) 7:00 PM Veritas Team Meeting (Sr. N206)	13	14 5:45PM RA Camping Trip 6:30PM Ladies Night Out (Sr. Bldg.)	15 Noon Youth Homeless Ministry
16 10:45AM Alabama Singing Women 4:30PM Deacon Meeting (FH) 5:00PM Finance Team Meeting (Library) 6:00PM C.A.R.E Team R 7:00PM Spending Plan Discussion	17 6:45PM <i>Stepping Up</i> Bible Study	18 2:00PM Baptist Women (F/H)	19 6:00PM Children's Missions 6:00PM Church Conference 7:00PM Spending Plan Discussion	20 7:00PM Jane Ellen Gaines Baptist Women	21	22 4:30PM Bus Trip to Langdale
<b>AL Baptist Convention</b>						
<b>Operation Christmas Child</b>						
23 6:00PM Feast Of Thanks	24 9:00AM Amen Choir (Columbus & Opelika)	25	26 No Services	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29
<b>Operation Christmas Child</b>				<b>Offices Closed</b>		
30 The Lord's Supper 4:30PM Operation Phenix City (FH) 6:00PM C.A.R.E Team E						

Be sure to smile when you see one of the contributing photographers: Larry Bush, Elizabeth May, Aubrey Cochran, Diana Warren

## Ongoing Weekly Activities

### Sunday

9:30 AM Bible Fellowship (Sunday School)  
10:45 AM Worship Service  
11:15 AM Kidz Worship  
5:00 PM Youth Bible Study  
6:00 PM Adult Worship

### Wednesday

5:00 PM Family Night Supper  
6:00 PM Mission Friends, GA's, RA's  
6:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal  
6:00 PM Adult Prayer and Bible Study  
6:00 PM Youth Bible Study  
7:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

## 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.  
Possible submissions for the weekly bulletin must be received before 2:00 PM each Tuesday.

\* All times are Eastern.



# Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Operation Christmas Child is an arm of Franklin Graham's ministry Samaritan's Purse. To participate, we fill a shoebox with the necessities and toys for a boy or girl ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. A donation of \$7 in each box helps cover the fuel to get the box to war-torn or needy countries all over the world. With the box, the child is given a tract with the gospel of Jesus Christ written in their language.

Over 7.5 million hurting children experienced the joy of Christmas in 2007 as shoeboxes were distributed to some 100 countries! The heartbreaking truth is that more than half of the world's needy children were not reached, and at many events where shoeboxes were handed out, hundreds of children were turned away due to the overwhelming turnout. There simply were not enough boxes for all those who came.

This year Lakewood Baptist is once again the Chattahoochee Valley Collection Center for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We serve with 4 other relay centers who feed their boxes to us – Columbus, Eufaula, Auburn, and LaGrange. Here, we carton the boxes and ship them to

Atlanta for processing and packing...the final step before they are delivered to the some 100 countries and the children that will receive them. The Collection Center will open November 17<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup>, with hours from 9 to 7 Monday through Friday, 10 to 2 on Saturday, 12 to 4 on Sunday, and the final Monday from 9 to 6. The best deadline for your church would be November 16<sup>th</sup>, since that gives you a week to receive last minute boxes and get them all to Lakewood before noon on the 24<sup>th</sup>. If your youth, WMU, or any other ministry would like to come volunteer in helping put the boxes into cartons, please call Linda Keown at 334.298.6433 (Lakewood) or 706.718.4240 (cell).



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