

# Connections

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Franklin Graham delivered Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to children in Bosnia in 1995.

Since 1993 Operation Christmas Child has given 157 million shoeboxes to children in 160 countries & territories. That's 1/3 of the world's children in need today.



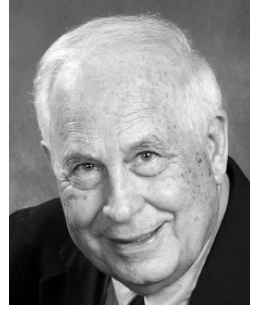


# A Message from M.R. Hamilton

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SENIOR PASTOR, LBC

October has always been one of the greatest months of the year for me for a multitude of reasons. When I was a teen October was all about the opening of archery season and I lived for October 1st. Then during my years in the Marines, October took on a new meaning you can only really appreciate at the end of a summer spent at 29 Palms, California. It is located just up from Palm Springs on one side and Death Valley on the other smack dab in the middle of the Mojave desert. In my mid 20's living in the mountains of Colorado, October was a time of very real change and soon and very soon the snows would come bringing a silence to the mountains that had been full of life only a few days before. The Aspen whose leaves rattled with the least breeze are now as stark and colorless as the landscape. The bubbling brook has been silenced by the heavy ice and snow and even the waterfalls now stand still, frozen unable to move until spring. The great bears are now buried beneath it all where they will sleep protected until it is over. October for me then was a time of reflection as the few people who ventured this high were now gone. October was a time to settle in and work hard and make the best of the time without interruption. At the age of 34, October took on a whole new meaning as I found myself in the farm country of the Midwest and October was a time of harvest, a time of plenty. It was a time to travel to the north woods with my friends from Minnesota and it was a time to walk miles and miles behind my bird dogs wondering if anyone had ever stood where I was that very moment. It was a time when the hardwoods turned every color in the world it seemed and the Ruff Grouse would fly at speeds that seemed impossible through the bramble as though it were a walk in the park. Then came the days in Wyoming when October would bring the sheep and cattle by the thousands down from the high country where the shepherds had kept watch over them in the summer. No need to be in a hurry driving when you find yourself in the middle of a few thousand sheep. It was there that I learned the reason for the black sheep as you could tell how many thousand if you kept count of the black sheep. One black sheep for every 100 sheep in the flock. But now it is October in Alabama and the North woods is only a memory just like the thousands of sheep I would count to pass the time when stuck in a Wyoming traffic jam. Here there is no time of silence and a frozen waterfall is only seen in a magazine or on television. No, here October is all about the end of the hot days of summer. It is a time of refreshing and a time of celebration as soon and very soon the Holidays will be here and we celebrate the Holidays like no one else on Earth. This is the season of college football and all that that means if you are in the SEC. Yes, October is here and I am excited for a whole new reason this year. This October is filled with anticipation for me as I see and feel God moving in the lives of young families in our church and community. We have added a new college and career class to better meet the needs of these families and God is blessing. I honestly believe this October is going to be a month of great spiritual harvest and I am excited to be a part of it. I would love to invite everyone who attends our eleven o'clock service to make a visit (not all at once) to the nine o'clock service and see and feel what is happening there. If you know of any young couples who are presently not attending a church somewhere make sure and invite them to come taste and see if God isn't good and our fellowship sweet. I promise you they will not be disappointed with our worship services or our small groups. It is my hope and prayer that one day in the future I will find myself speaking about these days as the most fruitful days of October I have ever known. Jesus really did say look and see the fields are white and needing to be harvested but the workers are few so pray for harvesters. I am praying we will make the most of this opportunity.

# A Message from Dr. Jerry Horner



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MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP & OUTREACH

When you receive this edition of *Connections* I will have just finished teaching the basic doctrines of Christianity to hundreds of rapt listeners in Indonesia, most of whom are under the age of 25. I have been preaching and teaching in Southeast Asia annually for more than 20 years, and I never cease to be thrilled by the numbers of young people who have committed their lives to Jesus Christ. It's the same in every country in this region of the world. Young people by far make up the congregations of churches and attendees of assemblies where I minister, and most all of them are from Buddhist, Muslim, or Hindu backgrounds and are the only believers in their families. Perhaps you don't understand what it means for them to leave the strong traditions of their families and to risk alienation from them and their friends. Imagine yourself facing the challenges of being the only Christian in your family or in your class at school or in your work place, daily facing the pressure of opposition, ridicule, and hostility. Just this week I asked one such person, a young lady of 27 who glows with the joy of the Lord, how she handles it. She replied, "It's Christ in me. I just consider what He would do, and by the power of the Holy Spirit I do the same."

Another young believer, who was a Muslim, was part of a work crew that prepared the stage for a church Christmas play. The work required that he be present during the play, so he witnessed the Christmas story. It was the first time he heard the amazing story of a God who loved us so much that He actually came to earth as a baby, to live among us and to suffer and die for us. What he heard was far different from what he had been taught about his god, and he became a believer in Christ. As a result, his family disowned him and he cannot return to them, nor even to his own country. However, he began working for a Christian ministry and won other Muslims to the Lord and soon established a church whose membership is primarily ex-Muslims. I have had the privilege of ministering at that church.

Paul described people like this as those who have "turned from idols to serve the living and true God" (1 Thess. 1:9). The testimony that I hear from the youth of Asia who have turned from the idolatry of their traditional religions is invariably the same. They are disheartened by the lifeless ceremonies, dreary ritual prayers, empty creeds, vain sacrifices, and idealistic slogans that call for the exercise of your inner strength to achieve a higher level of existence. There is no reality or hope in what they have been taught. But then they hear of the love of God in sending Jesus to die for their deliverance, and how they can experience the joy of a vibrant relationship with Christ instead of the bondage of a religion of superstition, fear, and hopelessness, and they surrender themselves to the Lordship of Christ. Almost all of them immediately share their new faith. When I ask them how they heard the gospel, they usually respond, "A friend told me," or "My friend persuaded me to come to a youth meeting," or "I saw the change in my friend's life." Is there a lesson here for us?

On this trip I still have ministries in Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia. Please pray for me, and pray for these young believers who are a definite minority.

## In Honor of:

Billy & Cathy Greene for Food Closet by Donnie & Tammy Smith  
Nova Loftin for Budget from Montie Waldrep  
Roy & Betty McHargue for Food Closet by Terry & Clara Grimes  
Fran Loftin for Homeless Ministry by Delta Kappa Gamma  
Society



# A Message from Andrew Spires

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STUDENTS & SINGLES, LBC

This month I thought I'd share a child-like story that I heard a long time ago, it's an excellent illustration of the power of sin/world in our lives. Once there was a duck named Wally. Wally was a wild duck but instinctively he flew in formation with other wild ducks when heading South for the winter. People would look to the sky and marvel at the perfect "V" the ducks would form. One day, while flying in formation, Wally glanced downward and something caught his attention. On the ground were other ducks, who seemed to have a great life, living on a farm. They waddled around, they quacked merrily, and they were eating corn that was thrown to them by a farmer. They even had a beautiful pond to swim and play in, and there was a big barn to keep them out of the elements. All this sure seemed nice to Wally, after all, life was a struggle for him. He flew all day, and even when he wasn't flying, it was hard to find food, and even harder to find shelter. Many days he had suffered in the blistering sun, and many nights he nearly froze to death. Sometimes while flying around people would even shoot at him, he had barely escaped several times. He began to think to himself; "flying around all day sure gets tough, and I'd sure like to just waddle around sometimes". So, Wally decided to take a chance, he left the perfect "V" formation and dove sharply towards the ground. Wally landed safely around the tame ducks who readily accepted him. He began to waddle around like they did, he quacked merrily as they did, and sure enough the farmer brought him corn just like the rest of the ducks. Wally's friends in the sky continued to head South, but Wally didn't care, he had found a better way. He thought to himself; "if I miss the others I'll just rejoin the formation when they head North in six months or so. Time passed and life seemed good for Wally for a while. One day Wally looked up and low and behold there was the formation of wild ducks he once knew. Wally began to think to himself; "this life isn't all I thought it would be. The ground gets all muddy and the pond isn't all that clean with all the other ducks around, I do the same things day in and day out. I have to fight the other ducks for food, and sometimes some of the ducks disappear and never come back. Maybe it'd be best for me to fly again?" Wally made up his mind and decided to leave. Wally began to flap his wings and run, but unfortunately he had gained a lot of weight from all the corn, and he hadn't exercised his wings at all. Wally struggled and he barely was able to get off the ground, he flew so low he ran straight into the barn and fell to the ground. Dazed Wally looked upward and thought to himself; "oh well, I'll just wait another six months or so and I'll rejoin my group when they come by again." Once more the flock flew overhead in perfect formation but this time Wally had gotten even weaker, and he didn't even make an effort to get off the ground. Eventually Wally no longer looked upward to pay attention to the ducks flying overhead, he sighed and said to himself; "I guess I'm just a barnyard duck like the rest." Sometimes we get tired of being wild ducks, followers of Christ. It's not always easy to hang in there and to discipline ourselves to hang in there for the long haul. Often, the enemy tempts us to "fall out of formation" and to join the barnyard ducks of the world. Don't forget the example of Wally, he just wanted to check it out for a little while but when he wanted to leave he couldn't. Sin always takes more than you want to give, always drags you further than you were willing to travel, and sometimes sin slams you into the side of a barn and you really get hurt or hurt others. We can easily lose touch with who we were called to be. Our life devolves into distraction, seeking ease, and self-centeredness. Living the Christian life is hard, and it will have its ups and downs, but God is upholding you in His strong right hand. We are called to be disciples who make other disciples, but we can only do this if we're not distracted by sin and this world.

God bless,  
Drew





SUNDAY

**OCTOBER 28th**

4:00—6:00

**ON THE FRONT LAWN OF LAKEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FALL FESTIVAL GAMES INFLATABLE GAMES HAYRIDES COSTUMES**  
**\$5.00 HOT DOG SUPPER**  
**Hot Dog, Chips, Cookie & Drink**  
**(All profits are for SHOEBOXES)**

The *Annual Fall Festival* is a fun time at Lakewood. Please come out and join us. Whether you are a spectator, or volunteer, you are guaranteed a good time! If you want to volunteer to help with a game area this year, please contact Gina Fusillo. It's time to collect candy for this event. Please drop off individually wrapped candy offerings in the church office by October 21st.

The leaves are falling as we head into our busy fall season in the Kidz Ministry. The AWANA Clubs kicked off the season with our first meeting on Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>. An exciting season is planned with passionate leaders excited to teach the Gospel to Cubbies, Sparks, T&T's and Flyte. With music integrated into the Clubs, short group rotations bring musical praise to the Awana Ministry. AWANA is a safe and happy place for your kidz to "hang out" on Wednesday evenings for bible study, fellowship and lots of fun. But BEWARE.... They will return home with some Gospel in their souls. This year began with 69 kidz, and we look forward to exceeding last year's high attendance of 88. AWANA Clubs welcome any child age 3 through 6th grade. We welcome the addition of our *AWANA STORE cart* where the kidz may redeem points they earn for prizes. If you would like to help stock the cart, your offerings will be a blessing to provide a child with rewards for his or her efforts.

Please pray about your talents and service in our Kidz Ministry. We are in need of volunteers.

- Substitute Teachers    ■ Two Year Old Teacher
- Assistant Leader for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades
- Helpers in AWANA Clubs
- Photograph projects
- Leaders/Organizers for various projects or events
- Leader to plan and direct Kidz Musical or Drama

# Lakewood Medley

## In Memory of:

Slade Bush for Challenge to Build by Jerry & Shelia Barbaree

Pat Devlin for Youth Missions by Fran Loftin

### Bill Phillips:

for Builders for Christ by Fran Loftin  
for Amen Choir by Donnie & Tammy Smith  
for Bus Maintenance by Gail Brantley  
for Amen Choir by Jerry & Sheila Barbaree

### Barbara Thomas:

for Amen Choir by Donnie & Tammy Smith  
for Food Closet by Terry & Clara Grimes  
for Challenge to Build by Gail Brantley  
for Amen Choir by Mr. & Mrs. Steven Elliott  
for Amen Choir by Mr. & Mrs. J. Robert Redmond  
for Amen Choir by Co-workers at Ft. Benning  
for Amen Choir by Larry Maxwell  
for Amen Choir by J. D. & Diane Whitehead  
for Joel Kimbro Orchestra Memorial Fund by Jerry & Linda Scarborough

Robert Holland for Food Closet by Pat Holland

Kristi Jones for Budget by Fran Loftin

Buddy Jackson for Budget by Fran Loftin

Glenn Anderson for Amen Choir by Donnie & Tammy Smith

Janie Maxwell for Amen Choir by J. W. Martin

### Joel Kimbro for Joel Kimbro Orchestra Memorial Fund:

Lakewood Baptist Church  
George & Barbara Martin  
Richard & Claire McMahan  
Robbin Brasfield  
Jerry & Linda Scarborough  
Jim & Angela Combs  
Brandon Stewart  
Victoria Green  
Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Reed  
Trimcor, LLC, Steve Corbett and Juston Trimback  
Mr. & Mrs. John Mitchell  
Lawrence Manry, Jr.  
Dan & Cynthia Downey Detman  
Donnie & Tammy Smith  
Terry & Clara Grimes  
Myra Currier  
Billy & Cathy Greene  
John & Elizabeth Giles  
Jimmy Kimbro

[Honors are listed on Dr. Horner's page](#)

# Lakewood Happenings

## October 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	10:30am Amen Choir  1	6:30pm Alleluia Choir  2	10:30am VK/WMU 7:00pm Church Council  3	7:30pm YA Bible Study  4		5  6
Lord's Supper 4:30pm Ladies Bible Study-FAC 6:00pm Proclaimers  7	10:30am Amen Choir  8	10:30am Ladies Bible Study FAC 6:30pm Alleluia Choir  9	5:45pm AWANA/FLYTE 7:00pm Deacon Meeting  10	7:30pm YA Bible Study  11	5:30pm Game night 7:00pm YA Game Night @ Midtown Coffee  12	10:00am Ladies Crafting in F/H 11:00am Helping Hands Ministry  13
4:30pm Ladies Bible Study - FAC Church Conference  14	10:30am Amen Choir-  15	10:30am Ladies Bible Study FAC 6:30pm Alleluia Choir  16	7:00pm Finance Meeting  17	7:30pm YA Bible Study  18		7:30am-2:00pm Youth Yard Sale in FAC  20
4:30pm Ladies Bible Study FAC 6:00 Evangel Temple  21	10:30am Amen Choir 2:00Spring Harbor  22	10:30am Ladies Bible Study FAC 6:30pm Alleluia Choir  23	7:00pm CDC Meeting  24	7:00pm JEG/BW 7:30pm YA Bible Study  25	11:00am Senior Adult Choir Festival Opelika  26	10:45am Y/SA Feed the Homeless  27
4:00pm Fall Festival  28	10:30am Amen Choir  29	6:30pm Alleluia Choir  30	NO AWANA/ FLYTE  31			

## August Giving

	BUDGET	CTB	MISSIONS	OTHER	TOTAL
8/5	\$21,714.10	\$917.35	\$1,125.12	\$1,008.00	\$24,764.57
8/12	\$14,222.28	\$100.00	\$509.74	\$140.83	\$14,972.85
8/19	\$17,321.66	\$198.67	\$2,602.01	\$1,494.00	\$21,616.34
8/26	\$11,164.33	\$323.77	\$383.42	\$102.11	\$11,973.63

### 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

## OCTOBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

### 10/3

BAKED  
 SPAGHETTI  
 GARLIC BREAD  
 SALAD  
 DESSERT

### 10/10

CHICKEN  
 BROCCOLI  
 CASSEROLE  
 LIMA BEANS  
 ROLLS, SALAD  
 DESSERT

### 10/17

BEEF STIR FRY  
 W/VEGETABLES  
 OVER RICE  
 GREEN BEANS  
 ROLLS  
 SALAD & DESSERT

### 10/24

CHICKEN &  
 DUMPLINGS  
 PEAS, BROCCOLI  
 CORNBREAD  
 SALAD & DESSERT

### 10/24

BEEF  
 STROGANOFF  
 OVER NOODLES  
 GLAZED CARROTS  
 ROLLS  
 SALAD & DESSERT

To make dinner reservations, email Carol at [carol@lbcpc.org](mailto:carol@lbcpc.org) or call 334.298.6433.

**Welcome  
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 &  
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