

CONNECTIONS

LAKEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH OCTOBER 2025 VOL XV: ISSUE 10 LBCPC.org

FALL FESTIVAL

October 26th 12-2pm

Fundraiser Lunch
Hayrides
Trunk or Treat
Games & Candy

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

PLEASE DONATE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED
CANDY TO THE OFFICE
(NO CHOCOLATE OR PEANUTS PLEASE)



A Message from Andrew Spires

LEAD PASTOR

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While we await the cooler Fall temperatures, we are busy with our usual Fall events, such as the Fall Festival (October 26th) and the Feast of Thanks (November 2nd). Many of you remember that we started a new tradition last year called our "Friends & Family Day". A day where we encourage you to invite those within your sphere of influence to join us for worship. This year, we have combined our Friends & Family Day with our Fall Festival to maximize our efforts & effectiveness. In other words, we are encouraging you, the body of Christ here at Lakewood, to make every effort to invite your unchurched friends & family on this day. Our prayer is that God will bring people who need to hear the life-saving message of the Gospel to our campus on this day.

To make this effort as successful as possible, we are mobilizing our church body to get outside the four walls of the church. On Sunday afternoon, October 5th & 12th from 3-5 pm, we will gather at the FAC, split into groups, & go to the neighborhoods around the church. We have printed invite cards & door hangers for this effort. These simple cards convey information about the Fall Festival & give them some information about the church. It also asks a simple question: "How can we pray for you?" We hope this will be a simple conversation starter for our people to engage others in Gospel conversations. Furthermore, on Wednesday nights, we have been engaged in a series called "Easy Evangelism", which is simplified training on how to share our faith more boldly. Even if you haven't been a part of this training, we encourage you to eschew fear & be used by God to advance His Kingdom.

On October 5th & 12th, our students & young adults will also be placing our Annual LOAF Food Drive bags out in the community. This food drive helps stock our food closet shelves

for the increased need we experience during the holiday season. There will certainly be a lot of Lakewood representatives walking the neighborhoods around the church on these days. To add to the student ministry's efforts, we are also having another food drive contest within the church. Visit the downstairs elevator lobby to see the donation boxes with the staff pictures on them. If you remember earlier this year, we had a Polar Plunge Challenge where all four of our pastoral staff had to get wet in the cold creek behind the church. I can testify that Charles absolutely loved that cold water! This time, we have rented a dunking booth for the Fall Festival. The staff member with the largest number of items donated will be the first to get wet. You can decide whether they are the biggest winner or the biggest loser! Let's all get behind this effort & have some fun while doing it!

We are looking for & planning other ways to mobilize our people to be the church to the community God has planted us in. Listen for more announcements that are soon to come on how we can represent Christ to the people outside our four walls. I encourage everyone to make every effort to joyfully take part in these Gospel efforts, which can change someone's eternal destiny. It is worth our time & effort because we have the best news ever in Jesus Christ our Lord. Lakewood, let's always be a Gospel-centered, Great Commission-minded, & Grace Giving church, which exists for His glory. Remember, the results are always up to Him!

God bless,

drew

John 3:30

A Message from **Josh Elliott**

STUDENT & YOUNG ADULT PASTOR

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Hey Church!

September was good to the student ministry! We were able to have worship down at the creek behind the FAC and even baptize one of our students there. It was awesome to be able to worship our Lord and Savior in the midst of His creation in nature. We also had a great time of fellowship as we spent a Saturday at Six Flags. We also started serving meals on Wednesday nights to the students down in the FAC. If you would like

to contribute to this meal in anyway, please let me know! This would be a huge blessing to this ministry which we are incorporating on Wednesday nights. We are also getting ready to start our fundraising efforts for upcoming missions. Please be in prayer as to how you can partner with us to make these fundraising efforts a success!

In Christ,
Josh



A Message from the

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM



Our Children's Ministry continues to be a bright spot in the life of our church. We are still faithfully praying for God to send the right minister to help lead and continue the wonderful growth we have been experiencing. Thank you for lifting this ministry up in prayer and for supporting our children as they learn and grow in their faith.

We are especially excited about our upcoming Fall Festival! This will be a church-wide event, and there will be many ways for you to join in. Volunteers are needed for games, activities, and especially for Trunk or Treat—where your decorated vehicle can be part of the fun. Even if you are unable to volunteer, we warmly invite you to stay and enjoy lunch together. All proceeds from lunch

and the bake sale will go toward filling Operation Christmas Child boxes; helping us share the love of Jesus with children around the world.

This month, our Biblical theme is "God is King." We are teaching the children that God reigns with absolute authority, justice, and love over all creation. Unlike earthly kings, His reign is eternal, unchanging, and filled with mercy and grace. As our sovereign King, He calls us to honor Him with reverence and obedience, while also offering us His everlasting kingdom of peace and joy. Please continue to pray for our children and their families, and mark your calendars for the Fall Festival—we look forward to seeing you there.

Jorja Loftin

Church Work Days

October 24 & 25

8:30am-noon

Breakfast provided



DONATE TO DUNK

STUFF THE PANTRY, SOAK THE STAFF

**Boxes are located
in the downstairs
elevator lobby**



**Now through
Fall Festival
Sunday, Oct. 26**

**The staff member who collects the most cans in their box
will be dunked at the Fall Festival!**

**Most Needed Items:
canned vegetables
soup
cereal**

**any other non-
perishable items**

***please check
expiration dates**



Boxes are located in the downstairs elevator lobby.

SCHEDULE

OCTOBER '25

01
WED

WEDNESDAY -
VK/WMU - 10:30AM

13
MON

SISTER TO SISTER @
6:30PM - F/H

18
SAT

FEED THE HOMELESS
@ 10:00AM

19
SUN

MEMBERS MEETING
@ 6:00PM

23
THUR

MENS EVENT - 6:00PM - FAC
JEG/BW - 6:30PM
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Women's Ministry

Party in the Garden

**October 5@
Lakewood
5:30-7:30pm**

Join us for food,
fellowship & games

Light refreshments provided



Lakewood Happenings

October 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			10:30am VK/WMU	Senior Trip	Senior Trip	Argo Clay Shoot
			1	2	3	4
Lord's Supper 2:30pm Bonus Reh. 3:00pm Food Drive 5:30pm Garden Party 5	10:30am Amen Choir 6	6:00pm Alleluia Choir 7	8	9	5:30pm Senior Game Night 10	11
3:00pm Food Drive 5:00pm Deacons Meet 12	10:30am Amen Choir 6:00pm Sister to Sister F/H 13	6:00pm Alleluia Choir 14	7:15pm Finance Team Meeting 15	16	17	10:00am Feed the Homeless 18
4:00pm RRR Meeting 6:00pm Member's meeting 19	10:30am Amen Choir 20	6:00pm Alleluia Choir 21	22	6:00pm Men's Event @ FAC 6:30pm JEG/BW Chi Chi Peak 23	8:30am Work Day 24	8:30am Work Day 25
9:15am B.F. 10:30am Worship Fall Fest Friends & Family Day 26	10:00am Amen Choir 27	6:00pm Alleluia Choir 28	29	30	31	

August Giving

Week	Tithe	RRR	Missions	Other Des.	Totals
08/03/25	\$25,803.00	\$448.91	\$1,796.50	\$1,242.15	\$29,290.56
08/10/25	\$17,863.93	\$135.56	\$805.00	\$3,822.50	\$22,626.99
08/17/25	\$21,626.44	\$504.75	\$1,365.10	\$2,857.00	\$26,353.29
08/24/25	\$13,965.71	\$612.41	\$1,897.67	\$1,388.00	\$17,863.79
08/31/25	\$11,704.54	\$421.64	\$981.88	\$2,759.00	\$15,867.06

FRIENDS & Family Day

Invite your friends & family for a special
Combined Worship Service on Sunday, October 26th.
Small Groups will begin at 9:15am with service following
at 10:30am. We will transition out to the front lawn for
our annual Fall Festival from 12:00-2:00pm.



WELCOME

NEW

MEMBER:

Alex Chandler

Senior Game Night

**Friday,
October 10th @ 5:30pm
Fellowship Hall**

Food Drive

**Drop off bags Oct. 5th
Pick up bags Oct. 12th
3:00pm**

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