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SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

VBS

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12



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2 YEAR OLDS — 5TH GRADE
MAY 31—JUNE 4 (SUN—THURS)
5:30PM—8:30PM
LAKWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

A Message from **Andrew Spires**

LEAD PASTOR



It's almost Mother's Day, a day when we pause to honor the grace that God has given us through our mothers. No human being is more uniquely endowed with God-given ability to love and serve their children more than mothers. I often think of a mother's love as being as close to God's sacrificial (agape) love as humanly possible.

Here at Lakewood, we designate Mother's Day as the day we return our filled baby bottles, which supports Sound Choices. This Gospel-centered ministry literally saves the lives of unborn children while offering the Good News to prospective mothers. This Mother's Day, I wanted to share a story that you might not be familiar with. This is Pam's story.

I recently read about a woman named Pam, who knows the pain of considering abortion. Almost 40 years ago, she and her husband, Bob, were serving as Baptist missionaries in the Philippines and praying for a fifth child. Pam contracted amoebic dysentery, an infection of the intestine caused by a parasite found in contaminated food or water. She went into a coma and was treated with strong antibiotics before they discovered she was pregnant.

Doctors urged her to abort the baby for her own safety and told her that the medicines had caused irreversible damage to her baby. She refused the abortion and cited her Christian faith as the reason for her hope that her son would be born without the devastating disabilities physicians predicted. Pam said the doctors didn't think of it as a life; they thought of it as a mass of fetal tissue. While pregnant, Pam nearly lost their baby four times but refused to consider abortion. She recalled pledging to God with her husband: if you will give us a son, we'll name him Timothy, and we'll pray for him to be a preacher. Pam

ultimately spent the last two months of her pregnancy in bed and eventually gave birth to a healthy baby boy on August 14, 1987. Pam's youngest son is indeed a preacher of sorts. He preaches in prisons, makes hospital visits, and serves with his father's ministry in the Philippines. He also played football and baseball professionally. Pam's son is named Timothy, or Tim Tebow.

The former University of Florida's star quarterback became the first sophomore in history to win college football's highest award, the Heisman Trophy. He later played quarterback for the Denver Broncos, which provided an incredible platform for his Christian witness. After that, he played minor league baseball for the New York Mets organization. He is now a regular commentator on the SEC Network and ESPN college football broadcasts. Tim's notoriety and the family's inspiring story have given Pam numerous opportunities to speak on behalf of Women's Pregnancy Centers across the country. Pam Tebow believes that every baby you save matters and might change the world for Jesus. One life can make a difference for eternity.

I pray this story of a famous son and his faithful mother reminds us of the value and purpose of every life. Every child is precious in God's sight. Every human life has value, worth, and dignity because we are created in the image of our Father in heaven. God has a plan and purpose for every life. Let us be found as believers who defend life on every front.

God bless,
drew

A Message from Josh Elliott

STUDENT & YOUNG ADULT PASTOR



Hey Church!

As we step into summer, I want to take a moment to remind you of what lies ahead for our student ministry. It is going to be a busy summer, but in the best possible way. These are not just events thrown on the calendar. Rather, they are opportunities for us to be faithful to the mission Christ has given us.

This summer, we will be sending students on multigenerational mission teams to New England, Belize, and Romania. Each of these trips represent open doors for the gospel. There will be opportunities to serve, share Christ, and to encourage fellow believers. We ask that you be in continual prayer for those who are going, that the Lord would prepare hearts, grant boldness, and bear much fruit through their efforts.

Closer to home, we are also excited about Horizon Camp, taking place July 22-25 at Timberlake in Millport, AL. This is a special year for us, as we are putting this camp on ourselves at Timberlake. We do have a few students who are in need of being sponsored for Horizon Camp. If the Lord leads you to help sponsor a student, it would be a direct investment in the next generation and their walk with Christ.

We are looking forward to all the Lord has in store for us this summer. Thank you all for your continued faithfulness to pray, give, and your willingness to serve. The Lord is at work in our church, and it is a joy to labor together with you all for the sake of the gospel.

In Christ,
Josh

C O N G R A T S



Brandon Stephens, Ethan Henderson, Shelby Wilkerson, Marsh Stephens, Cameron Clarke, Summerlee Shivers

A Message from the

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM



Thank you to our bible fellowship teachers, Awana volunteers, and children's church volunteers—Your love, patience, and dedication make such a difference in the lives of our kids and children's ministry each week. We are so grateful for the way you show up, serve, and share Jesus so faithfully!

This month in children's church our focus is: **God Is in Control**

God is in control of everything—even the weather! Nothing catches God off guard. The weather may be unpredictable to us, but it's never outside His command. He is all-powerful and always prepared, even when we are not. No matter what the skies above are like, we can rest knowing that God remains sovereign over it all. Our key verse this month is 1 Chronicles 29:11a "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours."

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Spring Fest so much fun for the kids! We lost count on how many eggs we put out that day but it was enough that every kid had a full basket! We'd like to thank Mike n Ed's BBQ for donating our BBQ! Also, thank you to Mrs. Sandy Carter and her crew for preparing all the food and running the food line during the Spring Fest. The BBQ fundraiser raised \$1,693.40 for our Awana Pack Night for Operation Christmas Child.

What a great year it's been in Awana—we've loved every moment! We would love for you to join us for our final Awana night of the year on May 13th from 6:00-7:30 PM! We'll celebrate with a special Family Night on the Front Lawn. This fun-filled evening will include games for all ages and a special treat from the Icy Girl truck. We encourage you to bring the whole family and enjoy this time together as we wrap up a great Awana year!

As we prepare for Kids Merge (July 6–9), we ask that you join us in praying for meaningful spiritual moments for the 42 students attending. This year's theme is ECHO, with our key verse, Ephesians 5:1: "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children." The envelopes in the sanctuary lobby are quickly filling up—thank you for your generosity! Your support is helping us LEVEL UP camp by providing extra fun experiences like the Wet Willy Water Slide, Bazooka Ball, and Aqua Island. These moments help make camp even more memorable for our kids. Our team will be on Team Pink for Color Wars, so a portion of the donations will go toward pink items and glow items for our students.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and planning is already underway! This year's theme is Illumination Station: Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is. Each year, we welcome over 100 children, and it takes an amazing team to make it all happen. Whether you enjoy teaching, crafts, dinner prep, music, games, registration, decorating, or serving behind the scenes, there is a place for you! Registration is now open for children ages 2 through 5th grade. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to our VBS leader, Brian Benton. We would love for you to be part of what God is going to do through VBS this year!

We will be hosting two Wet Wednesday events this summer! One event will be June 17 and the other July 15. More details will be coming soon—get ready for some fun summer splash days!

Thank you to our church family for praying, giving, and investing in the lives of these children!

Your Children's Ministry Team



LBC KIDS SUMMER EVENTS



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
MAY 31ST-JUNE 6TH
5:30-8:30 PM**



**WET WEDNESDAY
6:00-7:30 PM**



**WET WEDNESDAY
6:00-7:30 PM**



**AWANA REGISTRATION
ICE CREAM SUNDAE SOCIAL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH
6:00-7:30 PM**



JOIN US FOR

Combined Worship

Sunday, May 24th at 10:30

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES
WILL BEGIN AT 9:15

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Supporting Sound Choices Pregnancy Clinic



Pick up a baby bottle to fill with
coins, bills, or a check

Return your bottle on
Mother's Day, May 10



Lakewood Happenings

May 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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Graduate Sunday Josh Preaching 5:00pm Women's Bible Study 3	7:30am Bus leaves for Prattville for Senior Adult Conf. 4	6:00pm Alleluia Choir 5	10:30am VK/WMU 6		5:30pm Senior Game Night - BYOD 8	
Mother's Day Baby Dedication 10	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Sister to Sister F/H 11	6:00pm Alleluia Choir 12	6:00pm AWANA Family Game Night Everyone Invited 13			5:00pm Young Adult Cookout @ the Hedges 16
4:00pm Deacons Meet 5:00pm Missions Team Meeting in FAC 17	10:30am Amen Choir 18	6:00pm Alleluia Choir 19	7:15pm Finance Team Meeting 20			
9:15am Bible Fellowship 10:30am Worship 24	Memorial Day NO Amen Choir 25	6:00pm Alleluia Choir 26		6:30pm JEG/BW Home of Lisa Woodburn 28		10:00am Feed the Homeless 30
5:30pm VBS 31						

March Giving

Week	Tithe	RRR	Missions	Other Des.	Totals
3/01/26	\$30,824.73	\$945.00	\$3,491.05	\$90.00	\$35,350.78
3/08/26	\$17,072.63	\$32,170.00	\$3,758.05	\$5,035.00	\$58,035.68
3/15/26	\$13,640.48	\$399.00	\$11,757.87	\$2,447.50	\$28,244.85
3/22/26	\$23,216.89	\$335.00	\$1,868.30	\$609.00	\$26,029.19
3/29/26	\$10,123.71	\$220.00	\$761.40	\$1,996.00	\$13,101.11

In Memory of:

Cecil Robinson

For Amen Choir

From Gail Head

From Mr. & Mrs. Norman

Davis

From Mr. & Mrs. Dennis

Hall

From Gail Brantley

From Glenda Medley

For Missions

In Honor of:

Janice Noble

For Annie Armstrong

From Joyful Servants



Baby Dedication

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10

Reach out to the church
office to sign up

Senior Game

Night

Friday, May 8th

5:30pm

Fellowship Hall

"Bring your

own dinner"

Dessert & Tea

provided

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