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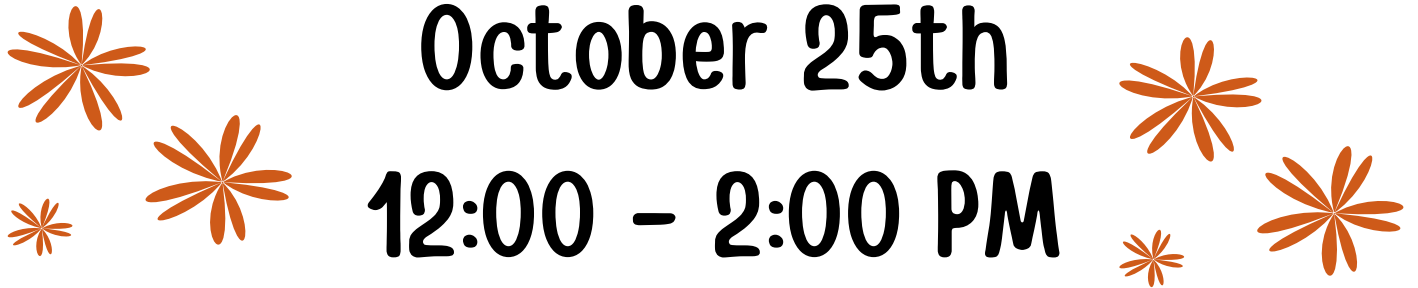


JOIN US FOR LAKEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH'S

FALL FESTIVAL

October 25th

12:00 – 2:00 PM



Inflatables – Hay Ride – Bake Sale
Fundraiser Lunch – Trunk or Treat



A Message from **Andrew Spires**

LEAD PASTOR

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I am writing this article from a farm bunkhouse outside Lovell, Wyoming. I have spent the last few days with a former Lakewood church member & current North American Mission Board church planter, Beau Reimink. Many of you remember the Reimink family when they were an integral part of Lakewood. Beau, his wife Kirstien, & their two children, Kymber & Eyda, were all heavily involved in the past at LBC, becoming key volunteers in the student ministry. At one time, Beau was also on staff as our facilities manager, where he answered the call to ministry, eventually becoming a student pastor at Gentian Baptist in Columbus, Ga. For a few years after that, we partnered with Beau on student ministry events & mission efforts. Over the last few years, the Lord called Beau & his family to plant a church in the small town of Byron, Wyoming. Earlier this year, they sold their home in Phenix City & moved to a town with about 500 people.

Historically, the town of Byron was founded by Mormons & continues to experience a heavy Mormon influence. Therefore, Byron was without an evangelical church, much less an SBC church. Planting a solid Bible-believing, Christ-centric church here was known to be a challenge; however, Beau & his family answered the call. Many of the people here are ranchers & farmers living near the base of the Big Horn Mountains. The weather has always been the most trying thing about this area. Summers can be really hot or pleasantly mild, but winters are always tough & very cold. So those who live here are hearty people who love the land, many with connections to the land that go back generations. There are far more cows & sheep than people, yet the spiritual harvest is ripe for the picking.

Since arriving in Byron, Beau has been able to purchase a home for his family & assimilate into the community. In addition, Beau was able to purchase property for his church plant. On the property, which is near the city limits, sits an old motel. The motel is a one-story building that was left to the elements for many years. As a result, the building is in a state of disrepair. That didn't scare Beau one bit, as he has a background not only as a U.S. Marine but also as a contractor. God has gifted him with the skills to accomplish the repairs. I do not doubt that Beau will get the job done; the only question is how long these repairs & remodeling will take. Of course, he needs help; he needs skilled laborers who can help him with the physical repairs, & he needs the funds/donations to finish the work.

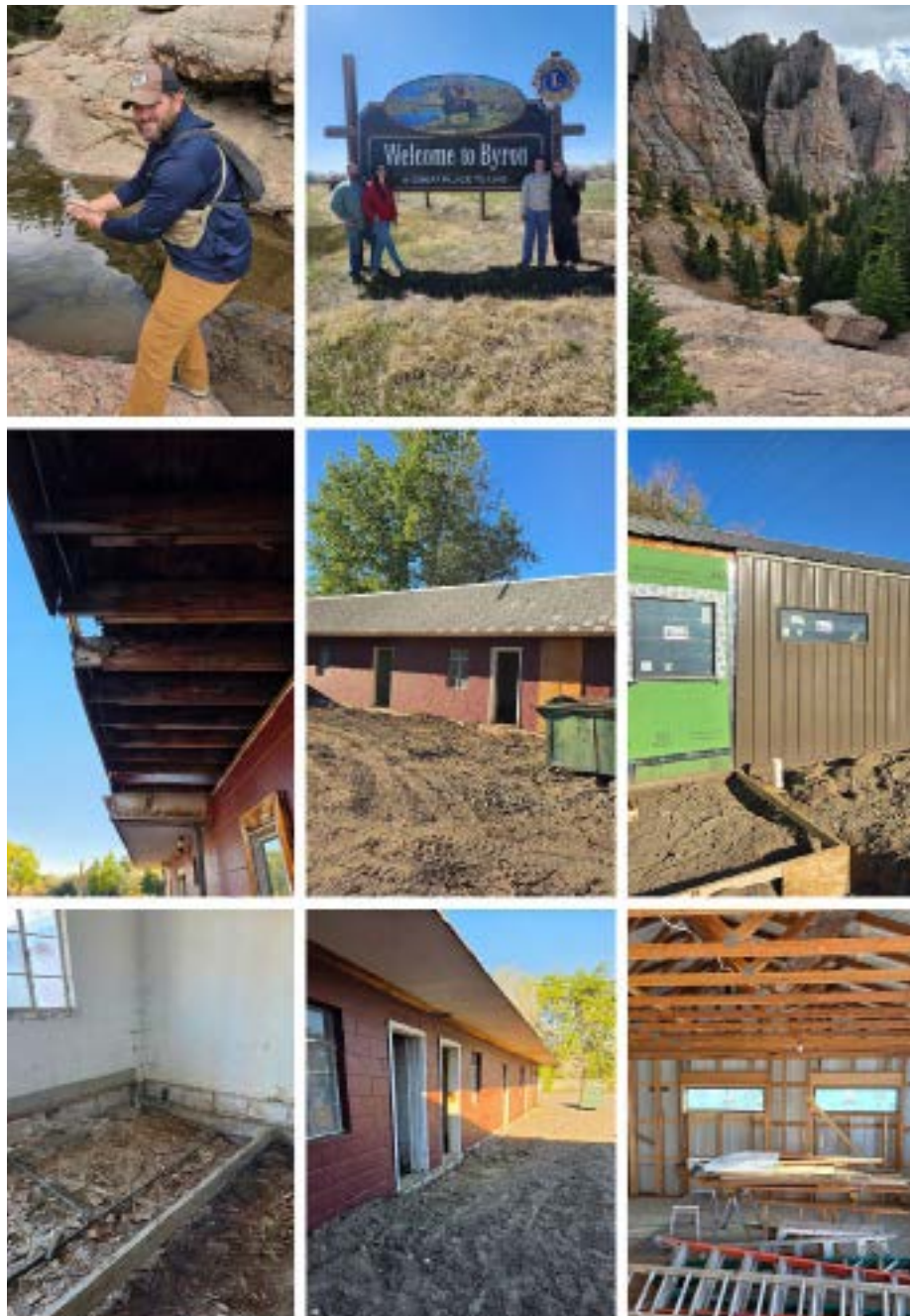
His focus right now is completing a remodel of an outbuilding that is on the property but is not connected to the hotel, where he plans for the church plant to meet. He also hopes to house a coffee shop there as well, along with a thrift store in the motel, to provide regular income for the church plant. At present, he has around 30 consistent attendees at a worship service, which takes place in his home on Sunday afternoons. You can imagine having that many people in your home is a challenge when it comes to space. He is also blessed to have two of our former students & interns, Saige & Deztanee Valfre, who felt led to follow the Lord & the Reiminks to Wyoming. Saige is currently leading worship through song in their weekly worship service, along with working at a local college. Deztanee is a stay-at-home mom for their daughter, Judah, & she is also expecting their second child.

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Why all this detail? First, hopefully you are aware that the Reiminks are one of our mission partners, which we support through our Circles of Influence fund. As you give to missions through Circles, a portion of those funds are given to help support one of our own. Thank you for faithfully giving to Circles & please know that you can designate a special direct gift to this church plant at any time through Circles. Just mark 'Reimink family' under the Circles section when you give in your offering envelope or online. Second, the other reason for my visit, besides accountability & friendship, is to potentially send mission teams in the future.

Join me in praying that God would raise the people & the funds to meet the needs here. As you pray for the Reiminks & the Valfres, please pray for the people of Byron to receive the true Gospel. Pray that spiritual darkness would be destroyed by the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. Pray that God would provide the people & resources to get the work done in His timing. Who knows, perhaps the Lord will call you to go & serve alongside this church plant in the future!

God bless,
drew
John 3:30



A Message from Josh Elliott

STUDENT & YOUNG ADULT PASTOR

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Hey Church!

October is going to be a fun month in our Student Ministry, and we want our students bringing others along with them! At our last Midweek of October (10/28), we will have the Great Pumpkin Games. This will be a Midweek filled with games, competition, costumes, prizes, and plenty of fun. More importantly, we want to use the entire month as an opportunity for students to reach out and invite friends who may not already be connected to a church or student ministry.

That connects directly with what we're building through GROUPS each Wednesday. We're challenging our students throughout October to invite friends into their GROUP, with a little friendly competition along the way to see which GROUP can grow the most. And if our students reach our overall goal, well... there may just be a "punishment" for the Student Pastor. Parents and grandparents, you can help! If you have a student or grandchild in 6th-12th grade who isn't connected to Midweek on Wednesday nights, October is a great month to get them involved. Encourage them to come and encourage the students who are already here to think about the friend who needs an invitation.

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." -
1 Thessalonians 5:11

A Challenge for Parents

Parents, take time this month to talk to your children about what God has done in your life.

Psalm 78:4 says, "We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done."

Sometimes we work so hard to teach our children what Christians believe that we forget to tell them why we believe it and how we have seen God work. So, take a moment this month and tell your child a story from your own walk with Jesus. Tell them about how you came to know Him, or about how God answered a prayer, or about a time where failed and experienced God's grace. Whatever it may be, just let your children hear that the God they read about in Scripture is the same God that Mom and Dad have trusted too.

In Christ,
Josh

A Message from Noah Godfrey

CHILDREN'S MINISTER

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Hi Lakewood Family,

Life can be crazy, can't it? Often, it can feel like there aren't enough hours in the day to get through everything in our lives. First, the kids must be ready for school; then your pets must be fed before heading to school/work. After the workday is over, the busyness continues with picking up the kids, heading to extracurriculars, all while trying to figure out what is for dinner. Through all of life's hecticness, we can easily put Christ and spiritual growth on the back burner. As parents, it is imperative not only that you are growing in Christ each day, but that you are also spiritually transforming your child(ren) as well.

When hearing the phrase spiritual formation or discipleship, it can be extremely overwhelming; however, it is not as complex as one might think. Family discipleship does not have to be a 20-30 minute sermon that you preach to your children. It could be a short, 5-minute devotional that you read together before leaving for school or before bedtime. It could also be committing to memorize Scripture together every other week or every month. One of the biggest ways children are going to be spiritually formed while at home is through watching Mom and Dad grow in their walk with Christ through prayer, studying/memorizing Scripture, building community with other believers, and serving others (Deuteronomy 6:6-9). Parents, we are in this together. My prayer is for your family to grow closer together as Christ deepens your faith each day.

Children's Ministry Announcements:

OCTOBER CHILDREN'S CHURCH

For nothing will be impossible with God.

(Luke 1:37)

This Month's Biblical Theme: God never fails.

This month, we are learning that God never

fails. While people may disappoint us and circumstances may change, God's plan, love, and character remain constant. Through the book of Judges, we'll see that even when people failed God, God never failed them—and Jesus never fails us, giving us a sure and certain hope (Hebrews 6:19).

AWANA OCC NIGHT

Our Operation Christmas Child goal this year is to pack 600 shoeboxes, with shipping costing \$10 per box. Thanks to the generosity of our church, funds from our Spring Festival BBQ fundraiser and VBS offering will help cover a portion of the shipping costs, but we still need your help! Our Operation Christmas Child Amazon Wish List is on the announcement boards, and in the elevator. Amazon is a great option for purchasing items in bulk. You can support this ministry by purchasing items from the wish list or by designating your offering as "OCC."

FALL FESTIVAL

We are so excited to invite our church family and local community to join us for our Fall Festival on Sunday, October 25, from 12:00–2:00 PM! We'll enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, food, games, Trunk or Treat, and more. However, we need your help to make this event happen! We are still looking for volunteers to help with Trunk or Treat, games, serving food, and other areas.

We are also accepting candy donations and dessert donations for our Bake Sale. We are looking for both whole and individually wrapped desserts. Bake Sale donations can be dropped off Sunday morning, October 25, in the Fellowship Hall. If you are willing to volunteer or donate, please let Noah or a member of the Children's Ministry team know!

Blessings,

Noah

Sister to Sister

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:30 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Bring a dish to share.

We will be making cards and letters
to include in the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Please bring one or two WOW items
to go in the shoeboxes.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY **OCC** WISH LIST



Help us bless children around
the world with a gift and
share the love of Jesus!

SHOP OUR WISH LIST

Scan the QR code to view our
Amazon Wish List and send
items directly to the church!



SCAN
ME!



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US
MAKE AN ETERNAL IMPACT!

Lakewood Happenings

October 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	6:00pm Young Adults River Center Event 3
Lord's Supper 3:00pm Food Drive Drop Off 4	10:30am Amen Choir 5	6:00pm Alleluia Choir 6	10:30am VK/WMU 7	8	5:30pm Senior Game Night B.Y.O.S. 9	10
2:00pm Al. Ch. Reh. 3:00pm Food Drive pick up 5:00pm Deacons Meet 11	10:30am Amen Choir 6:30pm Sister to Sister FAC 12	6:00pm Alleluia Choir 13	14	6:00pm Men's Food, Fun, Fire & Fellowship FAC 15	16	17
6:00pm Member's Meeting 18	10:30am Amen Choir 19	6:00pm Alleluia Choir 20	7:15pm Finance Team Meeting 21	6:30pm JEG/BW 22	8:30am Work Day 23	8:30am Work Day 24
9:30am Bible Fellowship 10:30am Worship Fall Festival 25	10:30am Amen Choir 26	6:00pm Alleluia Choir 27	28	29	30	10:00am Reach Day 31

August Giving

Week	Tithe	RRR	Missions	Other Des.	Totals
8/2/26	\$28,069.83	\$215.00	\$1,078.37	\$360.00	\$29,723.20
8/9/26	\$22,244.07	\$170.00	\$1,400.20	\$1,354.00	\$25,168.27
8/16/26	\$18,123.03	\$705.00	\$3,088.85	\$1,500.00	\$23,416.88
8/23/26	\$13,234.61	\$225.00	\$1,153.50	\$1,476.00	\$16,089.11
8/30/26	\$9,894.07	\$95.00	\$1,128.84	\$826.00	\$11,943.91

A collection of colorful, stylized illustrations of various food and drink items. The items include a bowl of red beans, a yellow mustard bottle, a red tomato sauce can, a red tomato bottle, a blue jam jar, a small orange bear, a blue box of cereal, a green bottle of oil, a red packet of instant noodles, and a green box of tea. The illustrations are arranged in a scattered, overlapping manner on a light pink background.

PICKUP- OCT 11

We will need volunteers to sort donations on the 11th.

For more details, see Josh.

Night

5:30pm

B.Y.O.S.

Eli Williams

Cooper Culligan

Saturday

October 31st

10:00am - FAC

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