

CONNECTIONS

LAKEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2026 VOL XVI: ISSUE 9 LBCPC.org

— WE ARE — RETURNING *to* — NORMAL SUNDAY SCHEDULE!

STARTING *September 13*

8:45AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00AM

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP
CLASSES

11:00AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

A Message from **Andrew Spires**

LEAD PASTOR

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We all look forward to Fall, as the hot weather of summer begins to slowly fade and college football season begins. However, there are more reasons to look forward to September than just the norm. After enjoying a summer of combined worship, as we met together and worshipped the Lord together as one body, we will return to our normal Sunday morning schedule beginning Sunday, September 13th. This means we will have our first service from 8:45 am to 10:00 am, followed by bible fellowship from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, and our second service from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm. While both of these services offer a unique style of worship through song, both remain fully centered in the Word of God and receive the same message each week. Also on September 13th, we will begin a new short series entitled 'The Missional Call'. This series is comprised of messages that I originally prepared and preached overseas this past summer. While a few of our people heard them while on mission, I believe they are appropriate for our entire church to hear and apply.

Another thing to work and look forward to is Sunday, September 20th, 2026. This is referred to as National Back-To-Church Sunday. Studies have shown that the third Saturday of September is the highest attendance Sunday of the year outside of holidays such as Christmas, Easter, and Mother's & Father's Day. This is the time of year when families are settling back into their regular schedules and routines. I'm asking our church body to help us fill both services by this date. You can do this in one of several ways. First, leverage your personal relationships by inviting an unchurched friend or loved one to worship with us that

Sunday. Second, we want to reach out to our people that we might have missed this summer in combined worship. We want to encourage them all to get back into the routine of worship with us here at Lakewood. To help with this, I've asked our bible fellowship leaders to call or text through their rolls and invite their classes to attend small groups and worship that morning. To motivate them even further, we will provide hot, glazed Golden Donuts in each classroom during the bible fellowship hour.

It is never our goal to hit a number, but it is our goal to have the opportunity to share the Gospel with as many people as possible. Acts 1:8 says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Every day we should hear the missional call. Every day we have the opportunity to respond positively or negatively. To respond well, we must forsake this world and all its trappings and turn, simultaneously, fully towards Christ, finding our utmost joy in His calling. We must pray for eyes to see those around us as He sees them. We must eschew fear and open our mouths for the sake of the Gospel and leave the results in His mighty hands.

May God bless our efforts for His Kingdom!
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YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

Back to Church

SUNDAY

SEP 20

LAKWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

8:45 & 11 AM

A Message from Josh Elliott

STUDENT & YOUNG ADULT PASTOR

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Hey Church!

As our students settle back into another school year with new schedules, classes, practices, friendships, and responsibilities, many things are filling up their days. In the middle of all that busyness, I want to remind our students of Paul's words: *"For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation for all people, instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lust and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age."*

Titus 2:11-12

Students, you have an incredible opportunity this year. God has placed you in classrooms, on teams, in clubs, and among friends for a purpose. Following Jesus isn't something reserved for Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. The gospel changes how we live every day. This includes how we treat our classmates, respond to teachers, handle pressure, and make decisions when no one else is watching. My encouragement to you is simple: be faithful where God has placed you. You don't have to have all the answers. Walk with Jesus, love people well, and don't be ashamed to live differently because you belong to Him.

A Challenge for Parents

One of the greatest influences on a student's faith is what they see modeled and discussed at home. Family discipleship doesn't have to mean preparing another Bible lesson every night. Start small. Ask one spiritual question each week. On the drive home from church or around the dinner table, try asking, "What is God teaching you right now?" or "How can I pray for you this week?" Those simple conversations can open the door to meaningful discipleship. Our goal as a student ministry isn't to replace discipleship in the home, but to

come alongside parents as you point your children toward Christ.

Different by Design

This fall during Midweek, we are walking through the book of Titus in our series, *Different by Design*. We're discovering that the gospel doesn't simply change what we believe, it changes the way we live. In a culture constantly telling students who they should be, Titus reminds us that God has called His people to live lives that reflect Jesus.

Also, beginning Wednesday, September 9th, we are launching GROUPS! Following the message, students will gather in age and gender-specific groups with adult leaders. These groups aren't intended to simply rehash the sermon. They are designed to create space for relationships, honest conversation, prayer, encouragement, and discipleship. Our desire is that every student who walks through our doors has people who know them, care about them, pray for them, and encourage them in their walk with Christ.

Church family, would you pray for our students, parents, teachers, and leaders as they settle into this new school year? Pray that our students would remain rooted in the gospel and that God would use our student ministry to raise up a generation that knows Jesus, follows Him faithfully, and boldly makes Him known. We are excited about what God is doing in our student ministry and our church as a whole here at Lakewood, and we believe the best is still ahead!

In Christ,
Josh

A Message from **Noah Godfrey**

CHILDREN'S MINISTER

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Hi Lakewood Family,

I first want to thank every single person for your love, support, and encouragement as I begin my time here at Lakewood. Your kindness has truly meant the world to me as I step into this new season. I am beyond excited to learn, grow, and serve Christ alongside each and every one of you. Parents, thank you for trusting me and the incredible teachers and volunteers to lead, teach, and love on your kids. I do not take lightly what a privilege it is to have the opportunity to invest in the lives of your children and point them toward Christ. I look forward to partnering with you as we help your kids know, love, and follow Christ.

Children's Ministry Announcements

SEPTEMBER CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

This Month's Biblical Theme:

God is Unchanging

We will see how He calls a nation to Himself and, in His love, corrects, restores and rescues her. The confidence we have as Christians doesn't come from our perfect behavior but rather from the consistent, unchanging love of God for us in Christ.

AWANA

We are excited to kick off another great year of Awana on Wednesday, September 9th. Children will join us each week for fun, Bible lessons, Scripture memory, games, and growing together in God's word. We can't wait to see what God has in store for our kids this year!

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 available 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."

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

We are still looking for one volunteer to serve alongside Becky Hawkins in the 1st/2nd Grade Bible Fellowship class on Sunday mornings. If you feel the Lord leading you to serve in this role, please contact me. We are incredibly thankful for every Bible Fellowship teacher and nursery volunteer who faithfully pours into the lives of our children each week!

Blessings,
Noah

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!



EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:00-7:30PM

2 YEARS OLD THRU 5TH GRADE

FIRST AWANA- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH.

REGISTER HERE



Lakewood Happenings

September 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			10:30am VK/WMU			
		1	2	3	4	5
	Labor Day Office Closed	6:00pm Alleluia Choir	6:00pm AWANA begins		5:30pm Senior Game Night B.Y.O.S.	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5:00pm Deacons Meeting Back to regular schedule	10:30am Amen Choir	6:00pm Alleluia Choir	7:15pm Finance Team Meeting		SWO Men's Retreat	SWO Men's Retreat
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
SWO Men's Retreat	10:30am Amen Choir	6:00pm Alleluia Choir		6:30pm JEG/BW		10:00am Feed the Homeless
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	10:30am Amen Choir	6:00pm Alleluia Choir				
27	28	29	30			

July Giving

Week	Tithe	RRR	Missions	Other Des.	Totals
7/05/26	\$26,708.50	\$326.00	\$2,082.50	\$575.00	\$29,692.00
7/12/26	\$20,438.28	\$415.00	\$1,337.00	\$518.00	\$22,708.28
7/19/26	\$16,320.37	\$265.00	\$600.99	\$1,464.00	\$18,650.36
7/26/26	\$10,861.22	\$210.00	\$1,174.10	\$204.00	\$12,449.32

A NEW SERMON SERIES

THE MISSIONAL *Call*

BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 13

Senior Game

Night

Friday, September 11th

5:30pm

Fellowship Hall

B.Y.O.S.

In Memory:

Nancy Stainsby
for Homebound
from Brenda Keown

Feed the Homeless

Saturday

September 26th

10:00am - FAC

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