



## LAKESIDE BIBLE CHURCH 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 10-12 | SPECIAL GUEST: DR. R. KENT HUGHES

What a joy it is to celebrate God's faithfulness these past 10 years at Lakeside Bible Church. Plan on joining us September 10-12 for our 10th Anniversary Celebration weekend where we have the great honor of welcoming Dr. R. Kent Hughes as our special guest speaker. Dr. Hughes, author of many great Christian resources including *Disciplines Of A Godly Man*, will be speaking on Grand Truths For Today. Don't miss out on this momentous occasion in the life and history of Lakeside Bible Church.







## EQUIPPING HOUR CLASS

Join us this Fall during the Equipping Hour on Sundays for a 4 week study - Worship God. Lakeside will be looking at what the Bible has to say about worship, what that means for the local church today and how it particularly plays out in the philosophy of Music Ministry here at LBC. In a time when culture and tradition battle over styles of worship in the local church, there is an obvious need for us to remember what God wants as His children seek to praise Him.

August 29

## LIVING LIFE AS A BLIND AMPUTEE

by Ken Ramey | Pastor-Teacher



The other day my oldest son Zach played me a song off a new Christian rap album he wants to buy, or I should say, he wants me to buy for him.

The song was about staying pure from sin. While I couldn't make out many of the lyrics, I did here one line about being a "blind amputee." My mind immediately recalled the words of Christ in Matthew 5:29-30 where He told His followers, "If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell." What Jesus was implying here is that our eternal destiny is at stake with how we deal with sin in our life. This reality should motivate us to take radical steps in "amputating" sin from our lives.

A few years back I read an unbelievable article in the *Houston Chronicle* about a 27 year old mountaineer from Aspen, Colorado named Aron Ralston who almost died after getting his arm pinned by an 800-pound boulder while hiking in Utah's Canyonlands National Park. For five long, lonely days he threw his body against the rock and chipped away at it in order to free himself. When he used up the last of his food and water, he realized his only chance of surviving was to cut off his arm. So he began by breaking the bones in his arm and

proceeded to saw it off with his dull pocketknife. Then he rappelled down a canyon and hiked about six miles before he came across some other hikers who had him airlifted to a local hospital.

This amazing story illustrates that anyone who has a will to live will do anything it takes not to die. Ralston wanted to live so bad that he was willing to amputate his own arm. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are expected to take the same radical approach toward sin in our lives. Obviously, Jesus wasn't commanding us to literally gouge out our lustful eyes or cut off other sinful body parts. The principle is simply this: we must remove or cut ourselves off from anything in our life that has the potential to cause us to sin. Our sinful flesh is constantly looking for ways to satisfy itself. The Bible warns us to "make no provision for our flesh" (Rom. 13:14). In other words, we must not provide our flesh with any opportunities to feed itself. We need to make it very hard for ourselves to sin. We need to be honest about those things we are tempted by and be willing to get radical in the way we escape temptation. That might mean getting rid of things we have in our home that appeal to our flesh (e.g. cable TV, books and magazines, the internet, Blue Bell icecream, etc.) or driving a different route to avoid places where we have given into temptation (e.g. the bar, the strip joint, the jewelry store, the donut shop, etc.) or it may mean even getting another job or moving to a different neighborhood, as long as you

understand the real problem ultimately lies not in your external environment but inside your heart (Mt. 7:20-23).

This is one aspect of the doctrine of mortification which is a theological term that simply refers to the duty of every believer to kill sin in our lives with the help of the Holy Spirit's power who indwells us. Paul succinctly explained the concept of mortification in these words: "If you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live" (Rom. 8:13). That is to say, if we continually give in to the desires of our sinful flesh with no repentance or remorse, we are probably not saved and will die in our sin (Rom. 6:23). But if we are constantly fighting against the desires of our flesh and see forward progress in our battle with sin and temptation, that assures us that the Holy Spirit resides in us and we are on our way to heaven where we will be forever freed from sin (Rom. 8:16-17).

But until that glorious day, we must struggle against sin day and night with the strength God provides us by His Spirit. We will lose some of the skirmishes along the way but we will eventually win the war. You can always recognize those spiritual soldiers who are constantly at war with their sin by their battle scars. Many of those who have fought in the military often have a patch over their eye and are missing a limb. Like them, may we find great joy in living our lives as blind amputees which distinguishes us as faithful soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Aug 27-Sept 8

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## CASTING CROWNS

by Adam Tyson | Associate Pastor



Recently in my reading through the book of Revelation I have been refreshed with a heart to worship Jesus and to cast my crowns at His

feet. In Revelation 4, we get a glimpse into the throne room of Heaven. There we see a throne with One sitting upon it Who is worthy of our worship. Around His throne are twenty-four thrones with twenty-four elders sitting clothed in white garments and golden crowns on their heads.

From the throne of our Lord comes flashes of lightning and pealing thunder. At the throne living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever. These twenty-

four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and they will worship Him and will *cast their crowns* before the throne, saying, "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created." (Revelation 4:11)

I don't know about you but that glimpse into the throne room of heaven makes me forget about myself, my problems, my desires, and my life. This passage makes me want to cast whatever crown or reward I receive at the bema seat down at the feet of Jesus. Do you need a motive to worship? Do you need some spiritual perspective? Do you want to dull your senses for the world and maximize your passion for Christ? Read Revelation 4. And don't wait until you get to Heaven to cast your crowns

at His feet. Do so today with a lifestyle of worship.

What a fantastic camp we had in Glorieta, NM, this past Summer. We were privileged to take 85 people to Regeneration where John MacArthur, Rick Holland, and Austin Duncan brought God's truth with incredible insight and great passion. The game time was wild and crazy, the small group time was sizzling, and our transportation on a couple of charter busses was a blessing! This Fall we anticipate exciting things as TRUTH starts back, D-Now is coming up, and we have the opportunity to return to Gospel Lakes to reach out with the gospel. What a privilege to serve at a church that believes in, and supports, a vibrant student ministry!

**GROW GROUPS  
BEGIN**  
September 19

Weekly & bi-weekly small  
groups meeting in local homes

**LIFE AT LAKESIDE  
BEGINS**  
October 3

A 4-week membership class

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HEART OF FAITH



### SPECIAL GUEST: RYAN BOYS

Ryan Boy serves as the Teaching Pastor at Providence Community Church. He graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary with a master's degree in Biblical exegesis and linguistics. He received his bachelor's degree from The Master's College in Bible exposition. Ryan was married to Lindsay in July of 2000 and celebrated the birth of his son, Jackson Ryan, on January 18, 2007 and his daughter, Kate Abigail, on April 20, 2009. Ryan enjoys watching the Detroit Redwings as often as possible and has no opinion about the rivalry between Florida and Florida St. in any sport. His passion in ministry is to see God change lives through the clear explanation of the Bible. His academic passion is understanding the Old and New Testaments in their original languages.





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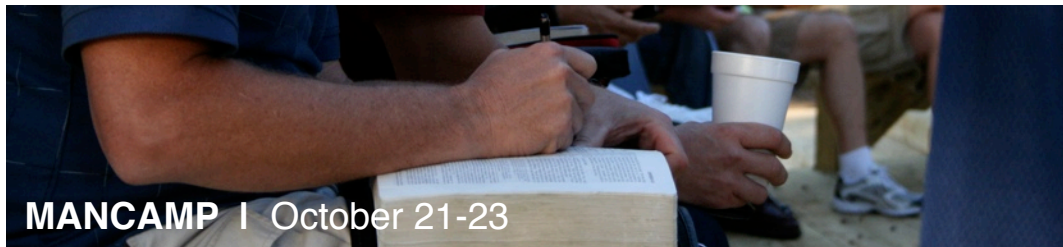
## BIBLE CHURCH



THE BRIDGE • TRUTH • WOL | September 15



TRUE WOMAN CONFERENCE | October 14-17



MANCAMP | October 21-23

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY

- 8:00am Worship Service
- 9:30am Equipping Hour
- 10:45am Worship Service

#### WEDNESDAY

- 5:30pm Fellowship Supper
- 6:30pm The Bridge  
Truth  
WOL Club

For information on upcoming  
events visit us at  
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