Dear Lakeviewers,

Last Sunday we elected Rick Richards, Jim Scarborough, Leon Stanford and Brett Tyson to the fellowship of deacons. Three of these men will be serving as a Lakeview deacon for the first time. As newcomers, they will bring a fresh perspective to the decision making deliberations of the fellowship of deacons. These men, as well as our other deacons, are men “who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom” (Acts 6:3).

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

One of the benefits of giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for International Missions is that it enables those who give to “store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:20). I pray that each of us and all of us will make our most generous Christmas gift this season to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Such giving pays eternal dividends.

FACING DEATH WITHOUT FEAR

Moses, the great leader of the Israelites who liberated them from Egyptian bondage prayed to the Lord, “You sweep men away in the sleep of death” (Psalm 90:5) and “The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have the strength” (Psalm 90:10). Whether we live eighty years or even more, we also know that each one of us faces a rendezvous with death. Nevertheless, for the child of God death holds no fear. The apostle Paul addressed the eternal destiny of all who love and follow Jesus in 2 Corinthians 5:1-10. I look forward to explaining this passage of Scripture to you this Sunday morning, December 9, with a message on “Facing Death Without Fear.” On Sunday evening we will be led in worship by our Re/Gen Choir and our Joyful Noise Choir.

Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come,
Al Jackson
A CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
6:00 PM
Featuring our Joyful Noise Kids Choir and Re/Gen Youth Choir

LADIES FELLOWSHIP OF HOMES
The Lakeview Ladies at the Well invite you to their annual Christmas Fellowship of Homes on December 5, from 8:45 AM until noon. Author, teacher, and pastor’s wife Patti Webb will share with us how to incorporate prayer into our holiday traditions. Meet us in the Fellowship Hall to carpool to our three host homes. A love offering will be taken up for Big House Ministry for foster children. All ladies are invited!

DRIVER CERTIFICATION CLASS
A Driver Certification Class will be offered on Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 AM at Lakeview. Lakeview’s insurance company for vehicles states that the following guidelines must be met before an individual is authorized to drive a Lakeview vehicle:
- Must attend a Driver Certification Class
- Must be a member of Lakeview Baptist Church
- Age of drivers: Between 21 & 75
- Other than glasses, no drivers should have a physical or health impairment.
- No drivers should be taking medication for health problems such as diabetes, heart, etc.
- No driver should have more than two accidents or two traffic violations within the last 5 years.
- No driver will be allowed who has a careless driving, reckless driving, drug related or driving under the influence violation within the last 5 years.
- All drivers must be properly licensed for the size vehicle being driven.
To sign up for the class email Tammy McDonald at tmcdonald@lakeviewbaptist.org.

In January 1994, just prior to our occupying the building here at East Glenn for the first time, we took it upon ourselves to prepare the new Worship Center by “Purifying the Temple” through reading the entire Bible before our first worship service. To celebrate 25 years at our current location we thought it appropriate to repeat that process once again.

Beginning at 6:00 AM on the morning of Thursday, January 10, you will have the opportunity to read out loud (in the Worship Center), a portion of Scripture for 30 minutes as we work our way through the entire Bible before services on Sunday, the 13th. We believe about 144 readers will be necessary to accomplish this wonderful task. The reading will only be suspended for one hour for the week of prayer on Thursday evening but otherwise will continue 24 hours a day until completion early Sunday morning. Records from 1994 indicate it took us 71.5 hours from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21. You may use your personal copy of the Scriptures and you will read from the place where your predecessor finished until your 30 minute time allotment has expired.

Look for a sign-up sheet and further information in the lobby of the Worship Center for the next few weeks as we prepare to celebrate our silver anniversary on this property by “Purifying the Temple” once again by the washing of God’s Word.

Please join us for the annual Family Christmas Dinner
Wednesday, December 12th
6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Adults: $6
Students: $5
Children*: $3
Family Price: $20
*Children under 2 are free
**VISITATION OUTREACH**

Come and share the love of Christ through music and song in our nursing and assisted living facilities through our Sing-A-Longs. All ages are invited to join us as we minister to these special brothers and sisters in Christ through song.

**DECEMBER 6th // 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**
Monarch Estates
(1550 East University Drive, Auburn)

**DECEMBER 20th // 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**
Azalea Place
(1601 Professional Parkway, Auburn)

**YEAR-END GIVING**

A number of the Lakeview family always expresses interest in year-end giving. The following will assist you as you prayerfully consider what God would have you give as we approach the end of 2018.

The church office will be open to receive your gifts through 5:00 PM Monday, December 31, 2018. The church office will be closed for Christmas holidays on December 24 – 27. Your gifts must be dated 2018 to be credited to your 2018 contributions. Gifts can also be given all day on Friday, December 28, and on Sunday, December 30, during morning worship.

In compliance with IRS regulations, gifts received by mail must be both dated and postmarked in 2018 to be credited to your 2018 contributions. (Gifts dated in 2018 but postmarked in 2019, must be credited in 2019.)

Please be sure you indicate how you wish for your gift to be credited (i.e. Budget, I Love Lakeview, Lottie Moon, etc.).

Seniors who have IRAs and are over 70 ½ may want to consider giving part or all of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to Lakeview, which may provide favorable tax considerations, in lieu of paying it directly to the owner of the IRA. Check with your tax advisor for possibilities.

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2018 income tax forms until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax deductible if you file your tax return before receiving this acknowledgement.

As of November 30, $375,691 was needed to subscribe the 2018 budget of $3,000,000. Please contact Jim or Betty in the church office if you have any questions.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE FELLOWSHIP**

**DECEMBER 17th 11:15 AM-12:45 PM**

The Congregational Care ministry of Lakeview Baptist Church will have a Christmas Open House on Monday, December 17 in the Fellowship Hall from 11:15 AM-12:45 PM. This open house is for all of our senior adults, the volunteers of the Monday morning Food Pantry Ministry, and the members of our Benevolence Committee. This is an informal luncheon, so come as you are as we celebrate the birthday of our wonderful Savior, the Lord Jesus! We personally wish everyone in our church family a very Merry Christmas. Remember those around you who may need a word of encouragement during this holiday season.

Merry Christmas!
Dick Lane & Ryan O’Neal

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

**DECEMBER 19 FROM 5:45-7:00 PM**

Families are encouraged to join us as we bless some of our senior adults through song. Bring a flashlight, a smile, and meet in the Fellowship Hall. As always, we will enjoy Mrs. Robbin’s beautiful & yummy birthday cake and hot chocolate afterwards. We need families to bring personal cars for transportation. Permission forms will be required for children who do not ride with their parents.

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Following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall.

Lunch and childcare are provided.
Email membership@lakeviewbaptist.org to register.

AT A GLANCE

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