



# LAKEVIEW *life*

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

September 19, 2020

Dear Lakeview Family,

I first stood in the Lakeview pulpit on Sunday, April 8, 1979 at the invitation of the pastor search committee which was chaired by Larry Swango. Four days later on a Thursday evening, April 12, the congregation voted to extend to me a call to become Lakeview's fifth pastor. When Dr. Swango phoned me following the vote of the congregation, I immediately and enthusiastically said "yes."

One month later, on May 15, Kem and I along with our children, Joshua (age 3) and Hannah (age 1) moved to Auburn. Naomi joined our family the following year. I said to the pastor search committee that if the church calls me to become Lakeview's pastor that I plan to stay in Auburn for the rest of my ministry. That was 41 years ago. I have kept my word and stayed.

Now the time has come for me to yield my pastoral duties to a younger man. While I am dealing with some health issues, this is not my reason for announcing my intention to step away from the Lakeview pulpit and from pastoral ministry. I have made this decision with the deep conviction that the Holy Spirit is leading me to do so. The Scripture says that God's will is "good, pleasing and perfect." This is God's will for me and therefore for Lakeview Baptist Church.

In recent days I informed my fellow pastors and the fellowship of deacons of my intention to retire on or before October 31, 2021. Hopefully, during this next year a new pastor can be chosen before that date so that he and I may serve together for a few months. This will make for a smooth transition from my pastorate to his pastorate.

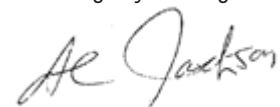
The single most important decision which a church makes is who will be their pastor. Now we face the challenge of finding the man God himself in eternity past has chosen to be our next pastor. Therefore, this is a mandate for each of us to humble ourselves before God and to pray without ceasing until that man is identified and called.

Kem and I have loved serving here with you across these many years. I count myself the most blessed pastor in the world to have been able to stand in the Lakeview pulpit Sunday after Sunday for more than four decades and proclaim to you the whole counsel of God from his inspired, inerrant and holy Word. While I have loved being your pastor, Kem has loved being the first lady of Lakeview. No pastor ever had a more supportive wife than Kem has been to me. Kem and I will continue to make Lakeview our church home until the Lord calls us to our heavenly home. We both look forward to supporting the next Lakeview pastor, his wife and their family when they arrive to take up the mantle of pastoral leadership.

My vocabulary is inadequate to express to you my gratitude for all you have done in loving the Lord God and in expressing your love for God by making, nurturing and equipping disciples of Jesus Christ in Auburn and throughout the world. Therefore, let me say it in big letters, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

In my letter of acceptance of your call to become your pastor in 1979 I concluded with these words: "The future of our ministry is as bright as the promises of God." These words are as true today as when I wrote them 41 years ago.

For the glory of King Jesus among all nations,



Al Jackson

## BUSINESS MEETING THIS SUNDAY

There will be a called business meeting this Sunday, September 27, at the conclusion of the morning worship service. The purpose of the called meeting is to approve the recommendation of the deacons for the following to serve on the pastor search committee:

Kenneth Chance, Chairman  
Bill Hutto, Vice Chairman  
Joseph Capps  
Tin Man Lau  
Macy Maddox  
April Martin  
Rob Martin  
Mark McVay  
Angela Nichols  
Glenn Sollie



Join us to hear  
from a panel of  
Lakeview workers

**Sunday, Sept 27 @ 6PM**

under the tent  
at Lakeview



## DISCOVER LAKEVIEW SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING LAKEVIEW OR JUST FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT US? The Discover Lakeview Class is for you. Bro Cliff and Bro Al walk through what we believe as a church, membership, and our covenant. **This month, we need a reservation from you with the number attending for lunch and childcare.** The class will follow the morning service in the fellowship hall. Please email Laura Gray at lgray@lakeviewbaptist.org to reserve your spot.

## SPECIAL REQUEST BENEVOLENCE NEED

During Covid-19, we have been able to help numerous people with their physical and spiritual needs. The gospel is shared, food and shelter are paid for and we believe God is glorified. Thank you so much to all who have already given so much. We would appreciate others considering this ministry of concern and care. The need is great. But, at this time the funds are lower than normal. After your tithe please consider giving to the benevolence fund. Jesus said, "If you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). You can give online by selecting "Benevolence Fund," or give by writing a check with "Benevolence" on the memo line or on the outside of the envelope. You can mail the check, bring it by the office, or put it in the offering boxes on Sunday.



## *the world* IN AUBURN

### COVID NEW BEGINNING

When we took spring break in March, we had no idea that we would not have classes for the remainder of the semester in Conversational English. Of course, we anticipated beginning again as soon as the university began having classes again. However, it has been anything but a "normal" school year beginning. As the other programs of LBC are beginning to reconvene, Conversational English will attempt to do the same beginning on September 23, 2020.

Recently, we learned that four of our seasoned teaching pairs will not be able to teach this year. If you are interested in making friends, teaching English and hopefully leading students to Christ, please consider teaching Conversational English this semester. Our plan is to contact the students who were enrolled in classes at the end of our fall semester last year and to advertise our classes in the community. There are many international friends who would certainly benefit from friendship and English skills.

Would you pray and ask the Lord how He would have you be involved? If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact me at jferguson@lakeviewbaptist.org or at the church at 887-7094. Please feel free to leave me a message or to speak with my secretary, Pat Wilson. I am usually in my office at the church Monday through Wednesday each week. Many countries are not admitting foreigners so cross-cultural ministry will likely be somewhat curtailed for the present time. As we minister to one another and care for each other during these unusual days, let's not forget those the Lord has brought to us. I hope to hear from you!





## GOER GATHERING

Goer Gathering brings together disciple-makers from across the nation to equip and encourage them as they explore their calling to the field. It is usually hosted in Texas, but this year it will be available via Zoom! It will be October 9th-10th, with a simulcast at Lakeview, for those interested. The cost is \$39. Register by September 28th online at [launchglobal.org/goergathering](http://launchglobal.org/goergathering).



## *thank*YOU

Dear Lakeview Staff & Church Family,  
We are so blessed to be part of such a caring church! The beautiful peace lily was so thoughtful and so appreciated! Such a difficult and sad time but made a bit better with your love and caring!  
Love Ron & Sandy Ramsey

## *sympathy*

From the pastor, staff, and church family to:  
Karen Land and family in the death of her mother.  
Marcia McVay and family in the death of her mother.

## WANT TO GET THE LAKEVIEW LIFE SENT TO YOUR EMAIL?

Send an email to [TheLife@lakeviewbaptist.org](mailto:TheLife@lakeviewbaptist.org) to be added to the email list.



     @lakeviewauburn

# PRAYER MEETING

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00 PM  
WORSHIP CENTER

Join us to pray for our country,  
our community, and for one another.

## REMEMBER IN *prayer*

### EAMC

Tommy Abernathy

### THE HARBOR

Vida Albert

### CAMELLA PLACE

Rita Freeman

Kay Gaillard

### MAGNOLIA PLACE

Nancy Thornton

### OAK PARK

Bobby Jones

Merle Jones

Emaleen Fagen

### AT HOME

Matthew Baker

Daniel Benjamin

Matt Beth

Ray Chambliss

Dennis Clark

Dell Crosby

Joe Denison

Larry Duncan

Hugh Fellows

Karen Ferguson

Ambers Hanson

Jerry Jackson

Betty Martin

Jennifer Morris

Jane Parker

Matthew Richardson

Lottie Sides

Jackie Thompson

Perry Wood

Joe Youngblood

## SEPTEMBER 20 ATTENDANCE

ON CAMPUS ————— 615

## SEPTEMBER 20 GIVING

BUDGET ————— \$68,632.72

RESTRICTED ————— \$2,555.00

REMAINDER NEEDED  
THIS MONTH ————— \$62,798.52