



pastor's PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

At the conclusion of our Sunday morning worship service on April 11, Kenneth Chance, who has served as the chairman of the pastor search committee read the following letter to our congregation announcing their recommendation of Brian Payne to become the sixth pastor of Lakeview Baptist Church. I am in wholehearted agreement with this recommendation and look forward to calling Brian "my pastor." All of us owe the ten members of the pastor search committee a mega thanks for finding the man God chose in eternity past to be our next pastor.

I first want to thank the church for praying for the pastor search committee. I have been greeted many times with these words, "we are praying for you." I believe prayer has been the key to where we are today.

The committee has spent many hours in prayer also. We have spent 50 plus hours in meetings and more hours listening to many, many sermons online. Vice chairman, Bill Hutto, has provided excellent leadership along with the other members: Joseph Capps, Mark McVay, Rob Martin, Tin Man Lau, Glenn Sollie, Macy Maddox, Angela Nichols and April Martin. Jim Wilkerson has made all our arrangements and has provided information and support.

Some may think we took too long or maybe we had the wrong process. I believe the Holy Spirit guided our steps. We began on October 3 of last year, and on March 7, we finished our work.

During the interview process, we asked 140 plus questions. Starting with a Zoom interview that contained key questions, which could stop the process or encourage us to continue. A written questionnaire was completed and evaluated and then an in-person interview was conducted.

After that 7-hour interview on Saturday, March 6, we met on Sunday, March 7 to discuss the interview. The Holy Spirit moved on each member and we agreed with confidence this is the man that God has chosen to be our next pastor.

On Sunday, May 2, the pastor search committee, the fellowship of deacons and the pastor will recommend to the church for your vote, Dr. Brian Payne to be our next pastor. Brian is the pastor of the First

Baptist Church of Fisherville, Kentucky. He is also Associate Professor of Christian Theology and Expository Preaching at Boyce College and Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. He grew up in Enterprise where his father, brother and family live. His wife is Heather and they are not strangers to Lakeview. Brian was a seminary intern from 1999 to 2002. They have 5



children: Ella who is 18 and graduating this year; Nate is 16; Seth is 14 (both are good athletes in football, baseball and basketball; Ava is 13 and enjoys playing the piano; and Seefen is 12 and he is God's gift to them, all the way from Ethiopia.

Brian will preach in view of a call on Sunday, May 2. Afterwards, the recommendation will be made to call Brian as pastor and the church will vote. He will be available on Saturday, May 1, to meet church members. His first Sunday on staff would be June 20.

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About one hour ago, Brian shared with First Baptist Church of Fisherville. Please pray for them. Your pastor search committee embraced these three words as a guide: holiness, humility and harmony. Unity for our fellowship and other fellowships has been a priority. Therefore, we have not reported details of our search as we worked through the process. Now, I am available any time to answer your questions. Thank you again for selecting such a dedicated committee and for your prayers.

PROVERBS: WISDOM FOR HUMAN FLOURISHING

This Sunday morning, April 18, I will be preaching on one of the most misunderstood verses in all the Bible. I speak of Proverbs 22:6, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." I look forward to opening up for us the true meaning of this verse.

On Sunday, evening, our missions pastor will preach at our annual summer missions commissioning service.

Until He comes, Al Jackson



SECRET CHURCH | APRIL 23

Registration for Secret Church 2021 is still open! Lakeview will host this simulcast on Friday, April 23 in the Fellowship Hall. Please visit www.lakeviewau.org for more information and registration. The price per person is \$8. The price will increase to \$12 on Monday, April 19.



MEN'S CARPENTERS FOR CHRIST TRIP MAY 28 - JUNE 4 | WARRIOR, AL

Men of all ages are invited to join the Carpenters for Christ on their mission trip to Warrior, AL from May 28th through June 4th. Register online at carpentersforchrist.com. The registration cost for adults is \$125 and 14-year-olds through college students can register for free. There is no registration deadline, but men are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible.



CELEBRATION CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Please note the change of time for choir and orchestra practice. We will start meeting from 6:00-7:00 PM. The Celebration Choir will rehearse in the choir room and the Celebration Orchestra will rehearse in the worship center. Hope to see you Wednesday!

RE/GEN YOUTH CHOIR

Re/Gen will be singing in the evening service this Sunday, April 18 at 6:00! Rehearsal will be at 4:30 PM in the sanctuary and snacks will be served on the green space between rehearsal and the worship service. See you then!





SCRIPTURE MEMORY AWARD CEREMONY

The award ceremony to honor all of our medalists will be held Sunday, April 25th at 2:00 PM in the worship center. All medalists and their families are invited to attend. Afterwards, everyone is invited to the grass field for ice cream!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 21-25

Mark your calendars because VBS is on the horizon! We hope you will join us as discovery awaits at "Destination Dig" where our junior archaeologists will explore and uncover truths about Jesus. Online registration for children entering grade K5-6th grade will be available in April. Volunteers needed!





LIFEWAY WOMEN LIVE SIMULCAST

Lakeview Ladies' Ministry is pleased to be hosting this multi-site simulcast this Saturday, April 17 from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM. Register online at www.lakeviewbaptist.org/ladies-at-the-well. Tickets are \$10 and are payable by cash or check at the event. We will take a one-hour break for lunch. Feel free to pack a lunch and enjoy some time on our patio, or grab some friends for a bite at your favorite local lunch spot. The virtual event, emceed by Angie Smith, will feature practical Biblical teaching from authors like Lisa Harper, Jackie Hill Perry, Kelly Minter and Ruth Chou Simons, along with worship led by Austin Stone Worship and Point of Grace.

Make plans to spend your day with women across the globe—unapologetic and unshakeable in their pursuit of Christ— coming together to know Him more.

*We will adhere to Lakeview's COVID guidelines current to the event.



OUR *newest*

LOTTIE JONES WINE Born: April 7, 2021 Parents: Josh & Haley Wine

BROOKE OLIVIA ELZEY
Born: April 11, 2021
Parents: Mitchell & Rye (Sibely) Elzey
Grandparents: Jeff & Brigitte Sibley
Great-Grandparents: Jerry & Reba Sibley

REMEMBER IN *prayer*

EAMC

Susan Scales

THE HARBOR

Vida Albert

CAMELLIA PLACE

Rita Freeman

MAGNOLIA PLACE

Nancy Thornton

OAK PARK

Bobby Jones Emaleen Fagen

VALLEY PARK MANOR

Kay Gaillard

AT HOME

Matthew Baker
Daniel Benjamin
Matt Beth
Ray Chambliss
Dennis Clark
Joe Denison
Hugh Fellows
Ambers Hanson
Renae O'Mary
Jane Parker
Matthew Richardson

Donn Rodekhor Stone Shelnutt Lottie Sides

Joe Youngblood

APRIL 11 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE 845
EVENING SERVICE 340

APRIL 11 GIVING

BUDGET \$ 69,246.93

RESTRICTED \$ 26,711.00

REMAINDER NEEDED
THIS MONTH \$ 103,406.84

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WE BELIEVE THAT GOD'S PURPOSE FOR
LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH IS TO
LOVE THE LORD GOD AND TO EXPRESS THAT LOVE BY
MAKING, NURTURING AND EQUIPPING
DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST
IN AUBURN AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.





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