

LAKEVIEW *life*

WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2021



pastor's PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

Forty years is a long time to serve one church. The number of pastors to do so is very small. But our own Cliff Knight is among those who have done so. Therefore, it is fitting that we recognize this signal achievement, which we will do this Sunday evening, April 25.



Cliff joined our staff in 1981 while still a student at Auburn University. He began as a part-time Youth Director. When Cliff graduated from Auburn University, we made him Minister of Youth and Evangelism, a full-time position. In 1991, I asked Cliff to become our Minister of College Students where he served with great fruitfulness for seventeen years. Then in 2008, I asked him to become our Minister to Families, where he currently serves.

In the 1980's, Cliff met and courted Toma Ford. I had the privilege to officiate at their wedding. The Lord has blessed their marriage with six children: Becky, Whit, Ansley, and Clay, as well as Cliff Jr. and Ben who are deceased.

Across these many years, Cliff and Toma have walked before this church family in holiness and humility. Their marriage is a wonderful example for all of us of God's design for husband and wife. Together, they have hosted thousands of students and adults in their home with meals and lodging. Cliff is a gifted preacher of God's Word. Toma is a gifted Bible teacher. Together, they have influenced thousands of students and other people to love the Lord Jesus and to serve him faithfully.

Personally, Cliff has been a wise counselor to me for forty years. Even as a young man, Cliff was unusually wise. He has been my strong right arm for a long time, but especially so in recent years.

Lakeview owes Cliff and Toma a huge debt, which we can never adequately repay. Nevertheless, we want to make a down payment on that debt this Sunday, April 25. At both the morning and evening worship services, we will receive a love offering for Cliff and Toma. I pray that you will join me in making a very generous love offering to say thank you to Cliff and Toma for forty years of dedicated ministry to the Lord Jesus Christ at Lakeview.

On Sunday at 6:00 pm, we will have a special service to honor the Knights. Afterwards, our Carpenters for Christ will serve a free hamburger and hot dog meal on the grass field. You do not want to miss Sunday evening's special occasion.

God willing, I will see you on Sunday morning, April 25, with my Bible opened to Proverbs 22:6.

For the Glory of Our Coming King,
Al Jackson

P.S. Please note on your calendar Thursday, April 29, when we will host an event to honor Israel with Coach Bruce Pearl and Aaron Fruh. More information can be found on the last page of this newsletter.



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SECRET CHURCH I THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 23

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



children's CHATTER

SCRIPTURE MEMORY AWARD CEREMONY

The award ceremony to honor all of our medalists will be held this 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!

PINE COVE CAMP IN THE CITY | JULY 19-23

Camp is coming to Auburn this summer and we need your help! Register your kids online at pinecove.com.

NEEDS:

- Host Homes
 - Host at least 3 leaders (single-beds)
 - Be available to host July 17-24
 - Provide 2 dinners during week
 - Provide a Grab-n-Go breakfast
- Nurses (1 per day)
- Scholarships for Lakeview Children

Contact Jennifer Vail if you would like to help with any of these needs at jvail@lakeviewbaptist.org. We will have a limited number of need-based partial and full scholarships available. See Jennifer or Marie to apply.



cliff's notes ON FAMILY MINISTRY

The Lord is good! As I reflect back over this past year, I am reminded how faithful God has been! He cared for us at every juncture in the challenging journey of COVID. Though it is not over yet, we are seeing some very encouraging signs.

One of the encouraging factors is the regathering of our church. Every week more families, members and guests are joining us for worship and Sunday morning Bible study. What a joy and privilege we have to teach God's Word, shepherd, and nurture the lives of so many people. What an honor for us as the family of God to gather around the GOSPEL – Christ Jesus, the Son of God who gave his life for our salvation!

With all of the wonderful things that are happening, we are also experiencing the challenge of filling teacher roles for many areas of our ministry. We presently need the following teachers in Sunday school with our children:

- 6 in preschool
- 5 in children

This is a great opportunity to teach young hearts and minds the Word of God and the love of Jesus.

I am praying and humbly asking you to consider giving at least one year of service in these areas so we can continue to minister to these precious lives and families. These are challenging times as we transition into the new normals. Let us as a church rise to the challenge and recover our ministries with the same grace that God gave us to endure the initial challenges of COVID a year ago.

Please contact our ministry directors, Joan Moreman and Jennifer Vail, to volunteer as the Lord so leads.

Because He Lives!
Cliff

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.



A NIGHT TO HONOR ISRAEL
APRIL 29 | 7:00 PM

Join us for a special evening sponsored by Israel Team Advocates International to honor the Jewish people and Israel in a time when anti-Semitism is on the rise globally. Speakers will be Bro Al; President of Israel Team Advocates International, Aaron David Fruh; and Auburn Men's Basketball Head Couch, Bruce Pearl.



LIFESOUTH BLOOD DRIVE
MAY 2 | 12:00-4:00 PM

Lakeview will be hosting the Lifesouth bloodmobile in our parking lot on May 2 from 12:00-4:00 PM. There is an emergency need for all blood types. Donors must be 16 years or older. More information can be found at lifesouth.org.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 6 | 12:00 PM

Believers from our area will be gathering in the Lee County Courthouse square in Opelika to pray on May 6th at 12:00 PM. In the event of rain, the meeting will be moved to the First Baptist Church of Opelika's 3:16 Center. The gathering will also be broadcast on Hallelujah 1520AM.

sympathy

From the pastor, staff, and church family to:
 Mark McVay and family in the death of his mother.

REMEMBER
IN prayer

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
 Billy Edens
 Ambers Hanson
 Renae O'Mary
 Jane Parker
 Matthew Richardson
 Donn Rodekhor
 Susan Scales
 Stone Shelnut
 Lottie Sides
 Joe Youngblood

APRIL 18 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE	_____	880
EVENING SERVICE	_____	285

APRIL 18 GIVING

BUDGET	_____	\$ 46,104.66
RESTRICTED	_____	\$ 20,663.31
REMAINDER NEEDED THIS MONTH	_____	\$ 57,302.18

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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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