



# LAKEVIEW *life*

WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2022



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**PEN**

Dear Lakeview Family,

I am sure many of you are like me in that at the end of every year and the beginning of every New Year, I get quite reflective on how fast time goes and so resonate more and more each year with such truths as Psalm 144:4 *Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow.*

So the inevitable question arises for me, “Am I making the best use of my time?” And this question always leads me back to a couple of texts to consider: Psalm 90:12 and Ephesians 5:15-16.

As for the Psalm 90:12 text, no one impacted me more in the application of this than a former church member of mine, Dan Williams. Weeks before his death, Dan asked me to preach his funeral and he handed me his spiritual journal that he had told me about on several occasions.

As to the relevance of this journal, the day Dan turned fifty, he was reading Psalm 90. He was already feeling how fast time was going so Psalm 90 uniquely impacted him on his fiftieth. He read 90:10 *the years of our life are 70, or even by reason of strength 80...<sup>12</sup> so teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.*

So on his fiftieth birthday, he reasoned that the psalm is saying, generally speaking, the years of our lives are around 70-80. He said, “I’m 50. That means, I have got twenty years left based on this generality and the psalmist is calling us to number our days so that we might live wisely.”

So he took a calculator, and he multiplied 20 (years) x 365 (days), which totaled 7300. So Dan started a spiritual journal. Day 1, 7300 days left. Day 2, 7299 and so on and this discipline kept him mindful to live wisely. With the countdown on, he didn’t want to waste a single day. I read excerpts from his journal at his funeral. Each day was filled with spiritual disciplines, Great Commandment and Great Commission pursuits. He only lived to be 67, but anyone who knew him would tell you, he redeemed his time and it impacted everyone.

I think the Apostle Paul would have agreed that Dan’s approach to life is a wise application of Paul’s words in Ephesians 5:15 *Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,<sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.*

As we begin 2022, let me offer you some practical ways on how to make the best use of your time: (1) It starts corporately: ensure that church life is the center of your family’s gravity. It is not just a box to check. Your kids will see that for what it is. (2) Regular family devotions: Open your Bible and pray as a family. Pray for the church roll and for our corporate gatherings so that your children can hear how crucial those gatherings and the church are. Sing songs together. A good place to start would be to get your family a good hymn book, like the Grace Hymnal; (3) Identify an unbeliever in your sphere of influence who needs the gospel and invest in that relationship. (4) Identify a young believer in your sphere of influence and invest. (5) Identify a more mature believer who will invest in you. (6) Read through a Bible reading plan. Pray and memorize the Scriptures (7) Have scheduled time with your spouse and family where you set aside your phone and have them set aside theirs as well. (9) Enjoy leisure activities for the purpose of regrouping; but have a time budget. Binging leisure is not redeeming the time. (10) Budget time to read Christian books: Sit at the feet of Christian authors who have been called and gifted to teach and write spiritually edifying books.

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Indeed, the Apostle Paul says that wise people redeem their time. The reformer Philipp Melancthon got this. He kept note of every wasted moment and brought his list to the LORD in confession at the end of each day.

Somebody once advertised as follows: *Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward offered, for they are gone forever.* This concern drove Jonathan Edwards to make his 70th *Resolution* just before his twentieth birthday: *Resolved: Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.*

May that, by God's grace, be our heart's cry this year.

Love and Gratitude,  
Pastor Brian



## youth NEWS

### FUEL WEEKEND — SCHEDULE CHANGE

After consulting with Lakeview Staff and Lakeview doctors, we have made the tough decision to change the schedule of FUEL and remove host homes this year. We know that this move is disappointing for many of our students, but we believe it is a step towards wisely moving forward with FUEL. Please pray for us as we shift plans and prepare for a powerful weekend in the lives of our youth.

### FOUR CORNERS DONATION DRIVE FOR MISSIONS

Are you doing some cleaning to ring in the New Year? Do you have a box full, or even a truck full, of unwanted items? Next Saturday, January 15th, Lakeview youth will be hosting a donation drive for Four Corners ministries, a missions organization training up pastors in northern Uganda. Donations will stock their thrift store that raises money for the mission. If you have things to donate, please drop by the church on the 15th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.



## congregational CARE UPDATE

### 2022 CO-ED THEOLOGY STUDY GROUP

Beginning in January, you have an opportunity to start an incredible journey through a readable and transformative Systematic Theology, 2nd edition by Wayne Grudem. Go ahead and purchase your book. Starting with the first chapter, we will learn why it is so important to study systematic theology and then we'll dive into the doctrine of the Word of God. This group meets Wednesday mornings, at 6:30 AM beginning January 12.

A second systematic theology group meets on Wednesday, at 7:35 AM and is on Chapter 31 on Common Grace. You are welcome to join either group but the earlier group starts at the beginning of the book. Please contact Tom McClendon at [tmccclendon@lakeviewbaptist.org](mailto:tmccclendon@lakeviewbaptist.org) if you have any questions.

### THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

Men of all ages mark your calendar for the second Thursday of each month. Our first lunch of the new year will be Thursday, January 13 in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from 12:00-1:15 PM. Cliff Knight will be our guest for a question and answer time. Cliff has ministered at Lakeview for over forty years in a number of ministry positions. Invite a friend. Look forward to seeing you there.

### FOOD PANTRY (DECEMBER REPORT)

Households fed	79
Total pounds of food distributed	3,870
Average pounds per household	49
Average \$ per household	\$6.29
Average \$ per pound	\$0.13

### FOOD PANTRY (2021 YEAR-END REPORT)

Households fed	1,034
Total pounds of food distributed	50,604
Average pounds per household	49
Average \$ per household	\$7.19
Average \$ per pound	\$0.15

*The Food Pantry has received numerous contributions and donations. We would like to say thank you to the church body for their continued support of this ministry. What a blessing you are!*







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## GIVING

Praise the Lord! And thank you for your financial faithfulness! Counting continues on your generous and sacrificial giving for 2021, but as of now, your contributions total \$3,218,377 for the Church Budget and \$303,608 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Both of these amounts are records! Here are two reminders for you:

1. Lottie Moon giving continues through mid-February. If you haven't given yet, there is still time and our IMB missionaries certainly need your gifts in order to reach more people.
2. Our 2022 Church Budget is \$3,300,000. This is a 6.5% increase over 2021. I look forward to seeing how the Lord will use your continued faithfulness this year.

## COVID UPDATES

As you know, due to the Omicron variant, more and more people are being diagnosed with Covid in Lee County. Hospitalizations are spiking. Many employees are having to miss work, even here on the Lakeview staff. For our gatherings on the Lakeview campus, we continue to suggest that high-risk individuals not attend in person. If you have symptoms that could be Covid, you are asked not to come on campus. You are also reminded that we continue to have sections in the balcony set aside for those who want to wear masks and distance. Since the greatest risk of spread is in confined spaces, please consider in Sunday school and similar meetings to wear masks, distance as much as possible, and/or attend remotely. None of these are mandates, but are for your prayerful consideration.

## DISCOVER LAKEVIEW CLASS SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Are you interested in joining Lakeview or just finding out more about us? The Discover Lakeview Class is for you. Pastor Brian and Bro Cliff will walk through what we believe as a church, membership, and our covenant. 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](mailto:lgray@lakeviewbaptist.org) to reserve your spot.



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ON FAMILY  
MINISTRY

## ALABAMA BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

Lakeview is hosting Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief training from February 24-26. There are various roles of training available, such as chaplaincy, cleanup/recovery & mudout, feeding units, childcare, chainsaw, administration and more. Reserve the dates on your calendar. More information on how to sign-up will be coming soon!





## *fellowship* MEAL

WEDNESDAYS FROM 4:45-5:30

Temporarily, our Wednesday night fellowship meals are postponed due to COVID. We will let you know when we resume the meals. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## *thank*YOU

Dear Church Family,

It has been evident God heard and answered each fervent prayer offered on Jim's behalf during his recent surgery and recovery. Your thoughtful gestures of love, not only provided the support we needed during a difficult time, but were a wonderful demonstration of God's love for us.

Jim is improving daily and we are so grateful, but please continue to remember him in your prayers. God is good and has blessed us tremendously. May He richly return the blessings to you, as you were a blessing to both of us.

In His Love,  
Shelia and Jim Scarborough



## REMEMBER IN *prayer*

### ARBOR SPRINGS

Louise Morris

### EASE HOUSE

Ann Dodge  
Harriett McNelly  
Larry Ryan

### MAGNOLIA PLACE

Nancy Thornton

### MONARCH

Minnie Crosby

### OAK PARK

### INDEPENDENT LIVING

Bobby Jones  
Emaleen Fagen  
Joe Waller

### OAK PARK

### NURSING HOME

Mary Newton

### VALLEY PARK MANOR

Kay Gaillard

### AT HOME

Matthew Baker  
Daniel Benjamin  
Matt Beth  
Mike Cannon  
Dennis Clark  
Joe Denison  
Billy Edens  
Hugh Fellows  
Rita Freeman  
Ambers Hanson  
Lorene Hayes  
Nelda Kennedy  
Sharon Newman  
Renae O'Mary  
Jane Parker  
Matthew Richardson  
Donn Rodekhor  
Susan Scales  
Lottie Sides  
Nita Sims  
Joe Youngblood

## JANUARY 2 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ 492

EVENING SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

## JANUARY 2 GIVING

BUDGET \_\_\_\_\_ \$36,204.69

RESTRICTED \_\_\_\_\_ \$4,314.26

REMAINDER NEEDED  
THIS MONTH \_\_\_\_\_ \$198,795.31

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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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