



LAKEVIEW *life*

WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2022



pastor's PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

This morning I was reading my Bible and I came across a line in a verse that I am sure I have read many times but it had never really stuck out to me until today. I am quite sure you have had that same experience.

In Psalm 10:14b, the psalmist writes, “ . . . to you the helpless commits himself.” Now, there is no superscription for the psalm that informs us of the exact situation. This is actually beneficial for us because that means this psalm may be applied to a whole host of situations. But the context seems to be that the wicked in whom the psalmist is having to deal with are flexing, smirking, taunting, and strutting (10:2-11) and it seems like the LORD is distant, even hiding in the psalmist’s time of trouble (10:1).

Yet, the psalmist does not give up on the LORD. To appeal to the LORD as he does is to declare faith in God’s goodness, ability, love, and promises. Indeed, the psalmist responds to the wicked by going straight to the LORD (10:12-15).

That is the background that stuck out to me this morning, “ . . . to you (the LORD) the helpless commits himself.” Here is what the psalm drives home to us all: in a broken world as people who are broken ourselves, we are all helpless. Those who recognize that, and only those who recognized that, commit themselves to the LORD.

In the psalm, to commit oneself to the LORD is to pray. Indeed, the psalmist goes on and declares, “O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear” (10:17).

Here is the point I want to make. One of the evident signs of our awareness of our helplessness and of the LORD’s sufficiency to meet us in our helpless state is that we pray. And the emphasis in the Bible is on corporate prayer. The Bible addresses us as the corporate people of God before it addresses us as individuals, as important as our individual walks are.

Next week, starting on Sunday evening, January 16 at 6:00 and extending through Friday, January 21, we will have our annual corporate week of prayer. Great things are happening at Lakeview. They have been for forty plus years. But the moment we start to think that we can accomplish God’s purposes without his omnipotent power and provision coming to bear, we have at that moment lost our sense of helplessness.

Only the helpless commit themselves to the LORD in prayer. My hope is that we have a throng of helpless but hopeful believers who come together next week confessing by our dependent prayer that “The LORD is King forever” (Ps 10:16a); that we together might say to him, “Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand” (10:12). The LORD has lifted up his hand at Lakeview for four decades. May he continue to do so as we commit ourselves to him in prayer.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



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 this Wednesday, 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 tmclendon@lakeviewbaptist.org if you have any questions.

THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

Our first lunch of the new year will be this 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.



praise WORTHY

CELEBRATION CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Join us as we begin a new season of praise leadership. We would love for you to utilize your gifts and abilities with us as we praise the Lord together. The celebration choir will meet in the choir room and the orchestra will meet in the sanctuary each week beginning this Wednesday the 12th.

JOYFUL NOISE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Joyful Noise Choir will resume Sunday, January 23, 4:45-5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing all 1st-6th grade boys and girls as we begin preparing for our spring musical!

RE/GEN YOUTH CHOIR

The Re/Gen Youth Choir will resume Sunday, January 23 at 4:30 in the choir room. We invite all 7th-12th graders to join us as we sing each Sunday evening while preparing for our On-Mission Tour in July.





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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? This 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.

SENIOR ADULTS - DESSERT REQUEST

Hey Senior Adults! Each FUEL weekend, we have enjoyed your wonderful desserts as a part of our meals. It's that time of year again! So if you're willing and able, please come by the church with a treat this Friday. We really appreciate your generosity!

LADIES BIBLE STUDIES

We are excited to announce our Spring 2022 Bible study line-up set to begin the last week of January. Please join us and invite a friend!

GOD OF FREEDOM (BY JEN WILKIN)

WEDNESDAYS | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

STARTS JANUARY 26*

SUNDAYS | 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

STARTS JANUARY 23*

Workbooks are for sale online at Lifeway.com and other booksellers.

PRECEPT: DANIEL PART 2

WEDNESDAYS | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (via zoom only)

STARTS JANUARY 26

TUESDAYS | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

STARTS JANUARY 25

Workbooks are available online at precept.org

Register for all classes on the Lakeview website at:

www.lakeviewbaptist.org/lakeview-women/ladies-bible-study/

*Childcare is available for these studies, but space is limited. Register by January 20.

Lakeview Women



cliff's notes ON FAMILY MINISTRY

ALABAMA BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

Lakeview is hosting Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief Training February 24-26. More details about times and cost are on the website. Brochures will be available in the foyer on Sunday as well.

Training Opportunities:

- Administration
- Chainsaw
- Chaplaincy
- Mass Feeding
- Clean / Recovery / Mudout
- Temporary Child Care
- Shower / Laundry

Visit their website to register: <https://alsbom-gm.org/Home/QuickRegistration>



MULTIPLY GROUPS INTEREST MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

Whether you have been sharing the Gospel for decades or you've never shared your faith before, God designed for us to make disciples as a community of believers. We all need a team! In a Multiply Group, you will be equipped with practical tools and join a community focused on making disciples who make disciples. Your love for Jesus and trust in him will grow as you walk in obedience to his commands.

The Multiply Group Interest Meeting will be Sunday, January 23 from 2-3:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Come to this meeting if you want to learn more about Multiply Groups before you commit, and to determine your group meeting time and location.

Sign up on the Lakeview Missions page or by clicking here: <https://www.lakeviewbaptist.org/missions/#multiply>



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.

sympathy

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

IN memoriam

MARY SUE NEWTON
September 18, 1955 - January 6, 2022

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 to reserve your spot.



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.

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

UAB SPAIN REHAB

Shannon Works

VALLEY PARK MANOR

Kay Gaillard

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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 9 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 810

EVENING SERVICE _____ 316

JANUARY 9 GIVING

BUDGET _____ \$70,644.12

RESTRICTED _____ \$13,645.00

REMAINDER NEEDED
THIS MONTH _____ \$128,151.19

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