



# LAKEVIEW *life*

WEEK OF APRIL 4, 2022



## *pastor's* PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

As you well know, we are in the midst of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) season. It has been a remarkable twelve months for Lakeview with regard to sacrificial giving to the Great Commission. Last year, you broke a Lakeview record by giving \$107,787 to the AAEO. Then you proceeded to break a Lakeview record by giving over \$360,000 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which by the way, was originally called simply The Christmas Offering until in 1919, Annie Armstrong herself suggested that it be renamed the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

You may not have known that anecdote about Annie Armstrong. Given the fact that you are so very committed to a mission offering named after her, I thought it would be useful for you to learn something about her. Annie was born on July 11, 1850, in Baltimore, MD and died at the age of 88 on December 20, 1938 in the city where she was born.

"Miss Annie" was born again at the age of 19 under the preaching ministry of Dr. Richard Fuller at Seventh Baptist Church in Baltimore. It was there where she was baptized by Dr. Fuller and was equipped to be a missionary. She would eventually work with various Baltimore missionary arms ministering to the marginalized in Baltimore.

In 1882, Annie helped organize and became the first president of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Maryland. She also led the formations of missions' organizations for children, raised support for missionaries to Italian and Jewish immigrants, fund-raised to build churches in Cuba, gained support for the first black, female missionaries, advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people, and secured funds to relieve China missionary, Lottie Moon, who had served for eleven years without a furlough.

Her greatest legacy though may be her leading the creation of the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) in 1888. She became the WMU's first correspondent secretary (executive director) and in that role facilitated communication between denominational leaders, local congregations, and missionaries on the field. In this role, she was known for her mass letter writing; in fact, one time she handwrote 18,000 letters in one year alone. To put that in perspective, that is over 49 letters per day for an entire year.

Yet, in her role as essentially the executive director of the WMU, she refused a salary and traveled profusely on her own dime on behalf of the WMU. Her goal in her travels was to rally churches to support mission work through prayer and sacrificial giving. She personally visited missionaries who were on the ground in the United States and then took their stories back to the churches and state conventions.

It was largely due to her efforts that in 1895 an offering was first collected for the work of the Home Missions Board. In 1934, this offering was renamed the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions to honor the work of Annie Armstrong as a seemingly tireless advocate for giving, praying, and going to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who do not know him in a saving way.

Today, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goes to train, resource, and send more than 2,200 missionary families across the United States and Canada. One hundred percent of money given to this offering goes directly to the missionaries for their use in the field. None goes to administration.

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## PASTOR'S PEN CONTINUED

That is why giving to the AAEO is such a wise stewardship of your resources. In a very real sense, it models the faithfulness that Annie Armstrong demonstrated herself as she gave her life away so that sinners might come to the saving knowledge of God in Jesus Christ.

Thus far, we have given \$40,289.95. I am encouraged by that figure. The AAEO season is still young. I have personally known for over two decades how the people of God at Lakeview "excel in this act of grace" of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7). Please join me in praying for this offering, not just for the Lakeview portion of the offering, but for the North American Mission Board's overall goal of \$70 million. I am grateful for you.

Love and Gratitude,  
Pastor Brian

## DISCOVER LAKEVIEW CLASS THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 10

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.



## youth NEWS

### SUMMER RETREAT SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED

Hey Lakeview Family! From May 30 to June 3rd, Lakeview Youth is headed to Lee University for our annual Summer Retreat! We have a handful of students, both in our church and from local ministries, who need financial support in order to attend. We never want money to be the reason a student cannot come to camp, so that's where you and your generosity comes in. If you are willing to scholarship one or more students to camp, please contact Aaron or Mary in the church office. Your support will be an investment in a student's spiritual life!



## media MATTERS

### EASTER DEVOTIONALS

We are excited to have the Easter devotionals back again this year. Each morning from Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday we will have video devotionals from different pastors. These are intended to encourage us and help us focus as we lead into the most important event in all of human history -- the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The videos will be available online at [lakeviewbaptist.org/easter](http://lakeviewbaptist.org/easter) as well as our Facebook page. The audio will also be available on our podcast.



The flyer features a large, stylized white cursive word "easter" on a red-to-pink gradient background. Below it, the text "HE IS RISEN HE IS RISEN INDEED!" is displayed in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. The schedule is organized into four sections:

- APR 10** **6:00PM**  
**EASTER SONGS + HYMNS**  
Featuring The Celebration Choir + Orchestra
- APR 17** **6:15AM**  
**SUNRISE SERVICE**  
With our Family Breakfast Following in the Fellowship Hall (no charge; donations accepted)
- 9:30AM**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 10:45AM**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
No Afternoon or Evening Activities

At the bottom right, the website [lakeviewbaptist.org/easter](http://lakeviewbaptist.org/easter) is listed.



## congregational CARE UPDATE

### THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

I hope to see men of every age Thursday, April 14, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from 12:00-1:15 PM. Greg Key will be our guest for a question and answer session.

### BENEVOLENCE FUND

Thank you so much for the donated food items to the Food Pantry and your monetary gifts to the Benevolence Fund. We are so blessed to have so many "cheerful givers" (2 Cor. 9:6-7).

### WHAT IS SECRET CHURCH?

What we call 'church' in America looks vastly different from the expression of church in other cultures—especially in places where church is illegal in the first place.

We praise God for the freedom we have to meet openly in buildings, to advertise our services publicly, and to worship Jesus our King loudly and without fear. The additional comforts, freedoms and programs included in the version of church that we experience here do not make it inherently better or worse than church elsewhere, but what if all of that were stripped away?

What if all we had was the Word of God and nothing else? No band, no large building, no church staff, no children's programming, no youth or college or... anything else. But we had the WORD.

Would it be enough?

This is the question that led David Platt (pastor, author, and former IMB President) to start something called "Secret Church," an in-depth one-night study focused on nothing but the Bible and how it comes to bear on our lives.

### LAKEVIEW'S SECRET CHURCH SIMULCAST FRIDAY, APRIL 29 | 6:00 PM - MIDNIGHT

Anyone is welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall to watch the simulcast. You can register and pay online at [lakeviewbaptist.org/sc22](http://lakeviewbaptist.org/sc22). The cost is \$12 through April 21, and \$15 starting April 22. The cost covers the materials Secret Church will provide for the notes.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...

- SEXUALITY AND GENDER
- RACE
- ABORTION
- JUSTICE
- GENOMICS
- INFERTILITY
- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
- THE METAVERSE



## cliff's notes ON FAMILY MINISTRY

### BEAST FEAST UPDATE

Beast Feast was a great success last Friday night. We had over 350 men attend. Men heard the gospel and were challenged to be better spiritual leaders on the home front. We had plenty of great food and had a lot of fun with the door prizes. Most of all, our hearts were challenged and encouraged through the message from Rich Wingo. A big thanks to Beth and her team for the food preparation. Thanks to our ladies who helped serve and cleanup. A BIG thanks to Bobby Thompson, Jerry Dicky and their team of men who helped cook. To God be the glory!



## jim's JOTS

### MAINTENANCE POSITION(S) AVAILABLE

A part-time maintenance position(s) will be available soon. Hours may be needed during the summer months but definitely during the fall semester and beyond. Generally, work hours are flexible and can be scheduled around other commitments, such as classes. Typically, these types of maintenance positions are filled with college or high school students. However, adults are more than welcome to apply as well. Please let me know if you are interested.

### LAKEVIEW WOMEN RECONNECT FELLOWSHIP

Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall Friday evening, April 22, at 6:00 PM for a time to reconnect with friends and make new ones. Bring a salad to share for a supper—green, pasta, fruit, sweet, savory—any kind! And invite a friend.

After dinner we'll enjoy games and hear from a multi-generational Lakeview Women Q&A panel. Submit questions for the panel to [lakeviewwomen@gmail.com](mailto:lakeviewwomen@gmail.com).



# fellowship MEAL

WEDNESDAYS FROM 4:45-5:30

## APRIL 6

Lemon Pepper Chicken, Roasted Baby Potatoes, Spring Mix Veggies, Rolls, Salad, & Carrot Cake

## APRIL 13

Hamburgers, Tater Tots, Veggies, Salad, Oreo Dessert

*Fellowship Meals are open to everyone and cost \$4 per person with a \$20 cap per family. Cash or Check only.*

## FOOD PANTRY (MARCH REPORT)

Households fed	86
Total pounds of food distributed	4,152
Average pounds per household	48
Average \$ per household	\$7.76



## 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

### VALLEY PARK MANOR

Kay Gaillard  
Larry Swango  
Shannon Works  
Joe Youngblood

### AT HOME

Matthew Baker  
Daniel Benjamin  
Matt Beth  
Mike Cannon  
Dennis Clark  
Joe Denison  
Hugh Fellows  
Ambers Hanson  
Nelda Kennedy  
Sharon Newman  
Renae O'Mary  
Jane Parker  
Matthew Richardson  
Susan Scales  
Lottie Sides  
Nita Sims  
Larry Swango  
Shannon Works  
Joe Youngblood

## APRIL 3 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE	1,061
EVENING SERVICE	441

## APRIL 3 GIVING

BUDGET	\$75,926.28
RESTRICTED	\$24,018.17
REMAINDER NEEDED	
THIS MONTH	\$164,073.72

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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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