

LAKEVIEW *life*

WEEK OF JUNE 20, 2022



pastor's
PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

The staff is fresh off of our trip from the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC). As several have asked about the SBC, I would like to offer you a few thoughts from the week.

First of all, Brother Al preached the closing sermon from the pastor's conference and by all accounts, it was the highlight of the conference. He preached from the text given him, Colossians 4:7-18. It was so very powerful. If you have not had the opportunity to listen to it, I would recommend that you do so. You can find it on the Southern Baptist Convention website. The Lord's unction was clearly on Brother Al and he preached a sermon in which every Christian would benefit.

A second thing I would like to share with you is that each year at the Convention's wives luncheon, the Willie Dawson Turner Award, established in 1963, is presented to a pastor's wife for making a distinct denominational contribution beyond the local church and for her Christian character and service to others. This year, the award was presented to Mrs. Kem Jackson. As you would agree, there is no pastor's wife more deserving. She has been an exemplary, devoted, and intentional pastor's wife for five decades and it was so very fitting that she was honored as the pastors' wife of the year.

Third, I was reminded again of two main reasons why it is so strategic to be a Southern Baptist: (1) missions and (2) the training of ministers of the gospel! With regard to missions, we were given some really sad numbers at the SBC that drive home how very crucial being a Great Commission people really is. For instance, there are still 4.6 billion people worldwide who have never heard of Jesus. There are 7,327 unreached people groups. An estimated 157,690 people die every day without Jesus. Indeed, 59% of the world's population are considered unreached. Those numbers are staggering but get this: through the SBC's Cooperative Program, SBC churches provide 37% of the International Mission Board's annual support. Of course, as Lakeview has learned from the last forty plus years, missions to the

nations will be largely fueled by pastors who have a Great Commission vision and burden. And because 22% of all Cooperative Program contributions are directed to the six theological seminaries of the SBC, it allows future pastors to train at reasonable costs. So synergism in missions and the training of ministers are two strategic reasons to be a Southern Baptist.

Fourth, I left encouraged that the SBC wants our churches to be safe. The central issue heading into the SBC 2022 was the recommendations of the Sex Abuse Task Force. When the vote came, over 90% of messengers approved the recommendations. It is clearly the will of Southern Baptists that the SBC implement much needed abuse reform. Of course, it is legitimate to discuss whether the recommendations represented the optimal way forward. It is good to ask whether the entire convention needs a systemic overhaul even though the Guidepost report exposed problems mainly with the Executive Committee and with the Credentials Committee. And do the new proposals provide adequate due process protections for the accused? Those are issues to think about and discuss. But with that said, I came away encouraged that Southern Baptists want our churches to be safe, regardless of what the cost might be.

Fifth, I was encouraged to see a real strong impulse towards a high view of Scripture and fidelity to the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 (BF&M 2000). In fact, all six of our seminaries affirm verbal-plenary inspiration, an orthodox understanding of the Triune God and the person of Christ, as well as the exclusivity of the gospel. And all six seminaries require all professors to teach in accordance with and not contrary to the BF&M 2000. All four of the presidential candidates affirmed these doctrines as well. I also saw a conservative theological impulse on display on the first day of the convention in response to Saddleback church who has ordained several women pastors.

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The Credentials Committee recommended taking a year to study matters related to this issue. But, thankfully, that recommendation did not fly even for a moment. When R. Albert Mohler rose to speak against such a practice, it was very clear that the floor of the convention was overwhelmingly behind him. So much so that the Credentials Committee withdrew its proposal concerning Saddleback church's female pastors. It was very apparent that the SBC does not see the need to study this matter. The Scripture is clear that women are not to be pastors (1 Timothy 2:12-3:7). Article VI of the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 is also clear: *While men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.* This week, we saw that an overwhelming majority of Southern Baptists want to be faithful to the Word of God, not culturally appeasing.

With that said, a sixth and final thought is actually a concern I have. In spite of that show of solidarity on the floor of the SBC, a debate is developing about whether the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 (BF&M 2000) really counts as a confessional standard in the SBC. The dispute centers on what Article III of the SBC Constitution really means. It reads this way: *The Convention will only deem a church to be in friendly cooperation with the Convention...which...has a faith and practice which closely identifies with the Convention's adopted statement of faith (By way of example, churches which act to affirm, approve, or endorse homosexual behavior would be deemed not to be in cooperation with the Convention).* The convention's adopted statement of faith is the BF&M 2000 and the issue is in dispute what "closely identifies with" means. The preamble of the BF&M makes it

clear that no SBC church is required to adopt the BF&M as its official statement of faith. On that much, both sides agree.

If that is the case, then what does "closely identifies with" mean? One interpretation says that churches may hold to some or all of the BF&M while actively promoting doctrines that contradict the BF&M 2000. But I would submit to you that this is not the intended meaning of the SBC Constitution. While it is true that the Constitution does not require churches to adopt the BF&M 2000, the Constitution does suggest that churches may not violate the BF&M in their faith or practice. Again, remember Article III used the language of "by way of example" to help us conceptualize what it means when it says, "closely identifies with" and that example was the negative example of endorsing homosexuality. In other words, the church that endorses homosexuality would not be closely identifying with the BFM and so not in friendly cooperation with the SBC. And, likewise, a church that is at odds with Article VI of the BF&M 2000 would not be in friendly cooperation with the SBC either.

All in all, I left this convention encouraged about the direction of the SBC. Is it perfect? No. But as Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them in the truth, your word is truth" (John 17:17). Any denomination or church that is under the authority of Scripture will be progressively sanctified. In the main, the churches of the SBC are. That means there are hopeful days ahead.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS
WITH HAL & JERE**

RUNNING THE RACE
EST. 1992

WITH ENDURANCE
HEBREWS 12:1-2

JUNE 26 | 6:00 PM

A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW
Please bring letters / notes for Hal & Jere to the reception. We will also receive a love offering for them during the Morning Service & Evening Service.

DISCOVER LAKEVIEW CLASS THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 26

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.



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RE/GEN SUMMER REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

4:00 PM (Choir Room)

SUNDAY, JULY 10

3:00 PM (Sanctuary)

(please note the time change)

RE/GEN CONCERT AND COMMISSIONING SUNDAY, JULY 10 | 6:00 PM

Join us on Sunday evening, July 10, for our Re/Gen Youth Choir Concert and Commissioning. The concert will feature Re/Gen singing songs for their upcoming On-Mission trip to Cincinnati, OH. Please make your plans to support and pray for our Lakeview Youth Choir by attending this special time of worship and commissioning.



cliff's notes ON FAMILY MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

I am so thankful for a church family that loves studying God's Word. Our leaders do a great job teaching and ministering. Our church family is present and participating. Every Sunday I walk around and see so many families (kids and adults) involved at our Bible study (Sunday School) hour. What a blessing! As a side note, we will have Sunday Bible study for all ages July 3.



jim's JOTS

MEDICAL RESPONSE TEAM

In case you are not aware, we have a medical response team that faithfully serves us each Sunday. This team is headed by Randy Boone and is comprised of physicians, nurses, EMTs, etc. In the event of a medical emergency or a routine need for medical care during Sunday school or worship, these team members are called on special radios to respond.

The team is currently recruiting new members. If you have a desire to learn more about this, please be on the lookout for information on an upcoming meeting/training in the days ahead. You may also contact me by phone or email.



congregational CARE UPDATE

THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

Hope to see men of every age on Thursday, July 14, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from 12:00-1:15 PM. Aaron Wine will be our guest for a question and answer session.



Coffee & Connections

JULY
14
7:00

*the Barber
Home*

2741 PARTRIDGE LANE, AUBURN

AUGUST
11
7:00

*the Nahikian
home*

2740 DOE AVENUE, OPELIKA

Lakeview Women

LAKEVIEW HOMESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Lakeview members who choose to enroll in Lakeview Christian School as a homeschool covering for 2022-2023 can pick up enrollment forms at the table just inside the door in the office and at the lost and found counter in the downstairs lobby. The forms are due July 1. Completed forms can be mailed to Lakeview or left in the homeschool mailbox in the church office.

On-campus classes for elementary, junior high and high school students are available to anyone in the homeschool community. To learn what classes are being offered next year and how to enroll, visit lakeviewbaptist.org/lakeview-christian-school. If you have questions about the homeschool ministry, or feel the Lord leading you to serve in the ministry, contact Deborah Stabler at stablerlhsm@gmail.com.



OUR *newest*

RUTH MARIE TATE
Born: June 16, 2022
Parents: Sam & Rachel Tate

sympathy

From the pastor, staff, and church family to:
Wheeler Foshee and family in the death of his
stepfather I.D. (Pete) Glenn.

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

AT HOME

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

JUNE 19 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE	_____	900
EVENING SERVICE	_____	N/A

JUNE 19 GIVING

BUDGET	_____	\$58,379.17
RESTRICTED	_____	\$9,046.66

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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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