



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY?

Life has changed in so many ways with the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of those changes have tested our faith and strength, others have caused us to hold more closely to the Lord and to rely on Him with greater fervor!

In Lakeview's International Ministry, there have been many changes. While our numbers have been fewer this past year, we are finding that our students are much more open to hearing about the hope that lies within us – Jesus. Our Wednesday night English classes have fewer numbers but our students are just as committed if not more so than prior to COVID. We have had the opportunity to share Jesus with International ladies in a thriving Bible Study held on Tuesday mornings. One of the employers in our area brought a group of 25 Internationals to be trained as workers in their manufacturing operation and requested that Lakeview teach them English. We agreed with the stipulation that we could share the Good News of Jesus as well as language and culture to which they readily complied. Another of our teachers hosts a group of International ladies in her home weekly to share Jesus as well as English at the students' request.

So, we see how the Internationals ministry here at Lakeview fits in with the promise from Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you...Though we were initially very concerned about the reduction in our numbers, we remembered that there were many, many restrictions on Internationals coming into the U.S. Along with that, there have been – and continue to be – alterations to International travel preventing many from going abroad. So, what we initially saw as a great hampering to our Internationals Ministry, has become a great opportunity because so many people have become much more open to the Gospel as they faced their own mortality.

Now! What does that have to do with you? Perhaps God is calling you to minister cross-culturally but you couldn't see a way. Well, God is bringing Internationals here for us to minister to them in the name of Jesus! We at Lakeview know as Esther did that, "Perhaps this is the moment for which you/we were born" – paraphrase of Esther 4:14. PLEASE ASK THE LORD IF HE HAS PLANS TO USE YOU IN THIS WONDERFUL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY.

You may feel called but unequipped – God has provided a solution! On Friday, July 29, from 4:30-9:00 PM and continuing on Saturday, July 30, from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM we will have a training session here to equip you for teaching English and for incorporating Gospel truth into classes. If God has whispered His call to you, WE NEED YOU – to teach, to co-teach, to provide support in a classroom with English and/or Gospel presentation.

Please seek the Lord! To sign up for the training or if you have questions, please call Jerry or Marie in the church office at 334-887-7094 or email <u>iferguson@lakeviewbaptist.org</u>. God bless you as you wait on the Lord.

OUR *newest*

ANNIE KATHLEEN ROBERTS Born: July 14, 2022 Parents: Jordan & Megan Roberts

HOMESCHOOL INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Want to learn more about home educating your children? Need some encouragement to get started or keep going?

The Lakeview homeschool ministry fall meeting will be Monday, July 25, from 6:30-8:30 PM in the fellowship hall. This will be a time of information for parents needing to know how to homeschool in Alabama, what resources are available, and to meet and network with seasoned homeschool parents. It will also be a time of encouragement and equipping for parents currently homeschooling. Anyone in the community is invited so let others know who might want to explore this educational option. For more information contact Deborah Stabler, homeschool coordinator, at stablerlhsm@gmail.com.

There will also be a used book sale of educational materials in the fellowship hall Tuesday, July 26, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to shop for or sell curriculum materials. To reserve a table, contact Nikki Adams at <u>photogfam4@gmail.com</u>.



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ARBOR SPRINGS Louise Morris

BETHANY HOUSE Minnie Crosby

EASE HOUSE Anne Dodge Harriett McNelly Larry Ryan

MAGNOLIA PLACE Nancy Thornton

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 Renae O'Marv Jane Parker Matthew Richardson Susan Scales Lottie Sides Larry Swango Shannon Works Joe Youngblood

JULY 17 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE	856
EVENING SERVICE	296

JULY 17 GIVING

BUDGET	– N/A
RESTRICTED	– N/A

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