

LAKEVIEW *life*

WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2022



pastor's
PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

As I mentioned last week, we are beginning the BP's MVP's (formerly known as Al's Pals) class on Sunday, August 7, at 5:00 for grades 1-6. This class focuses on discipling our Lakeview children in how to steward their time in corporate worship. We will also do some Scripture and hymn memorization and it will allow me to continue to get to know Lakeview's children.

As well, on Monday, August 8, we will begin the catechism class. Again, this is a ministry that was started by Brother Al many years ago that has had an impact on many through the years.

Historically, the ministry of grounding new believers in the essentials of Christianity has been known as *catechesis*. It really flourished between the second and fifth centuries in the early church.

Unfortunately, during the Dark Ages, the ministry of catechesis largely floundered for much of the next one thousand years. The line between natural and spiritual birth all but disappeared as the line between the church and the state in the West also vanished. Consequently, untold numbers of persons who claimed to belong to Jesus had very little idea of what they actually meant.

The Reformers (Luther, Calvin, etc) sought to change that. Luther restored the office of catechist (a teacher; the one who catechizes others) to the churches. Providentially, the printing press, which had been invented just decades before their time, allowed Luther, Calvin, and others to print and distribute catechisms. These were small handbooks to instruct children, and others, who were interested in the essentials of the Christian faith. Catechisms of greater depth were produced for Christian adults and leaders. Moreover, entire congregations were instructed, through catechetical preaching, regular catechizing of children in Sunday worship, and in many cases, through the renewed practice of congregational singing of psalms and hymns.

The deep-seated conviction of the Reformers that such catechetical work must be primary is very apparent. Just consider the words of John

Calvin as he wrote in 1548 to the Lord Protector of England, "Believe me, Monseigneur, the Church of God will never be preserved without catechesis." Many Protestant leaders understood this. Richard Baxter, John Own, Charles Spurgeon, and countless other pastors and leaders saw catechesis as the one of their most obvious and basic pastoral responsibilities. If they could not wholeheartedly embrace and utilize an existing catechism for such instruction, they would adapt or edit one or would simply write their own.

Of course, the Church of Rome, responding to the growing influence of the Protestant catechisms, soon began to produce its own to counter the spread of Protestant, evangelical theology. Unfortunately, for many in the Western church today, when they hear catechism, they think Roman Catholicism.

Yet, historically, it was the Protestant Reformation behind the revival of catechizing. The Roman Catholics just followed suit. Unfortunately, while the Catholic Church has renewed its catechetical labors with vigor, most evangelical churches have not likewise returned to their own catechetical roots. Because of a variety of reasons like subtle liberalism, revivalism, or pragmatism, for most contemporary evangelicals the entire idea of catechesis is largely a foreign concept.

In a 2009 article titled, "The Coming Evangelical Collapse," Michael Spencer warns, *We Evangelicals have failed to pass on to our young people an orthodox form of faith that can take root and survive the secular onslaught. Ironically, the billions of dollars we've spent on youth ministers, Christian music, publishing, and media has produced a culture of young Christians who know next to nothing about their own faith except how they should feel about it. Our young people have deep beliefs about the culture war, but do not know why they should obey Scripture, the essentials of theology, or the experience of spiritual discipline and community. Coming generations of Christians are going to be monumentally ignorant and unprepared for culture-wide pressures.*

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PASTOR'S PEN CONTINUED

In the summer of 1979, Brother Al was convicted to do something about this trend. I am glad he did; and so are countless families whose children have been catechized under Brother Al. So we continue this Lakeview ministry on August 8 at 5:00. Our goal is to equip and prepare our young people to be arrows that we send out into the world, armed with the faith once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3).

Let me close with a few terms that might be helpful: *catechesis* (a catchall word for this particular form of ministry, most often used to refer specifically to the process); *catechize* (a verb referring to the process of teaching in this particular manner); *catechism* (the actual content in which persons are catechized); *catechist* (the teacher, the one who catechizes others); and *catechumen* (the learner; the one being catechized).

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



children's CHATTER

BP'S MVPS

BP's MVPs starts THIS Sunday, August 7th.

CLUB RULES:

1. Get an MVP notebook in Sunday School or the KidZone welcome desk Sunday morning on your way to Morning Service.
2. Take notes during the morning and evening services on August 7, 14, 21, and 28. Must attend and take notes for five out of eight services
3. This year's memory verse for 1-4th graders is 1 Peter 3:18. 5-6th graders will memorize Galatians 4:4-7. Memory verses will be recited to MVP leaders
4. Learn the Hymn "To God Be the Glory" and sing it together during morning worship on September 11.
5. Ask Pastor Brian or your MVP leader to sign your notes during weekly meetings.

BP's MVPs will meet on August 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 5:00 PM in the KidZone. Follow all the rules and you will get to spend a day of fun together with Pastor Brian on September 10!



youth NEWS

BACK TO SCHOOL COLOR WAR

The summer break is winding down, which means school is fast approaching! We will kick off the school year with a Color War out on the grassy field on August 10 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Think paint powder, water balloons, some games, and more! So get your students to invite their friends and prepare to get messy!



cliff's notes ON FAMILY MINISTRY

FISHING TECHNIQUES FOR FISH AND FOR MEN

If you are interested in fishing for men and fishing for fish, Jann Swaim will offer a class combining both. The class will offer real help fishing techniques and combine it with biblical evangelism ideas and strategies. If you are interested, email Jann Swaim at swampj@auburn.edu.



Coffee & Connections

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7:00 2740 DOE AVENUE, OPELIKA

Lakeview Women



lamb's TALE

PRESCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY

Our preschoolers will promote to their new classes on Sunday, August 21. We need 5 new teachers! Please pray for a smooth transition for our little ones and for God to raise up teachers.



praise WORTHY

CELEBRATION CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

There is never a better time to join the Celebration Choir or Orchestra than now so come 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 meets Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:15 PM in the choir room and the Celebration Orchestra meets Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:15 PM in the worship center.

RE/GEN YOUTH CHOIR

Calling all 7th-12th Graders to the choir room as we begin our 2022-2023 Re/Gen season this Sunday, August 7 at 4:30 PM.



college LIFE

PRAYER NEEDS

Hey Church Family,

I just want to remind all of you that in these next few weeks the floodgates are going to open for new students being here. Our first big Sunday will be August 14, and I simply want to ask all of you to be in prayer for those students and for us as we try to reach and to shepherd them. I tell our students all the time that they are not just a part of our college ministry, but a part of Lakeview Baptist Church. I believe that. And it is for that same reason that I ask all of you to help be a part of our college ministry not only by praying for those students, but by actively speaking to and welcoming them when you see them. I am thankful for all of you, and look forward to these next few weeks to see what the Lord has in store for us.

Kevin



congregational CARE UPDATE

2022 CO-ED THEOLOGY STUDY GROUP

What does the Bible teach us today about any given subject? (God's Word, Christ, Holy Spirit, Prayer, Angels, Future, etc.) That's what Systematic Theology is all about. It is that simple. Beginning Wednesday, August 17, you have an opportunity to start or to continue an incredible journey through a readable and understandable Systematic Theology, 2nd edition by Wayne Grudem. Go ahead and purchase your book if you haven't already. We will continue with Chapter 19 on Angels (there are 57 chapters). The first time I started this study with Bro. Al and others, I started in the middle of the book. You can too. This group will include both men and women and will meet Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am, beginning August 17. Read the chapter before we meet and come prepared to discuss it. Please contact Tom McClendon at tmccclendon@lakeviewbaptist.org to register or if you have any questions.

SENIOR SAINTS POLO SHIRTS

Order your Ultra Club Classic polo shirt with embroidered "Lakeview Baptist Senior Saints" by check or cash (\$20) through my administrative assistant, Kathy Jones at the LBC office Monday through Wednesday. Call (334-887-7094) or email Kathy Jones, kjones@lakeviewbaptist.org. Money is due at the time you place your order.

THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

Hope to see men of every age on Thursday, August 11, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from 12:00-1:15 PM. Jim Wilkerson will be our guest for a question and answer session.

fellowship MEAL

WEDNESDAYS FROM 4:45-5:30

AUGUST 17

Baked Chicken, Corn, Broccoli, Salad, Rolls, & Ice Cream Cups

AUGUST 24

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, Salad, Rolls, & Apple Crisp

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

DISCOVER LAKEVIEW CLASS SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

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.



sympathy

From the pastor, staff, and church family to:
Jere Cooper and family in the death of her father.
Chris Knox and family in the death of his father.

REMEMBER IN *prayer*

ARBOR SPRINGS

Louise Morris

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'Mary
Jane Parker
Matthew Richardson
Susan Scales
Lottie Sides
Larry Swango
Shannon Works
Joe Youngblood

JULY 31 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE	_____	952
EVENING SERVICE	_____	347

JULY 31 GIVING

BUDGET	_____	\$72,266.26
RESTRICTED	_____	\$4,245.00

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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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