



Dear Lakeview Family,

As we approach the season of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, I would like to challenge each one of us to place great emphasis on the upcoming Week of Prayer for International Missions. The beginning point for faithfulness in the Great Commission is prayer. Ephesians 6:18 *Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.* With that said, December 4-11, Southern Baptists will observe our yearly Week of Prayer for International Missions, praying for missionaries, their ministries, and the unreached peoples they serve.

Will you please join me in committing to this? To help you in this, we will have prayer guides on the table in the foyer this Sunday. Those guides will walk you through how to specifically pray. It would be a very helpful addition to your family or personal devotion time.

We know the Lord works beyond our prayer lives or we would all be in trouble. With that said, we should not expect him to do so. Recently, Pastor H.B. Charles said of prayer that it is *arguably the most objective measurement of our dependence upon God. The things you pray about are the things you trust God to handle. The things you neglect to pray about are the things you trust you can handle on your own.* 

Do you get that? The things we pray for reflect the things we trust the Lord for; the things we do not pray for, betray self-sufficiency. That is not a wise course of action at all.

Now, let me offer another spin on this impactful quote from Pastor Charles. *The things you pray about reflect what is truly important to you. The things you neglect to pray about reveal what is ultimately not important to you.* 

Even as I ponder those two last sentences, I stand convicted. There is a host of things that are of utmost importance for which I should be more prayerful. Thank you Lord for the gospel of Jesus Christ and the righteousness of Christ that is imputed to me. With that said, because I have the righteousness of Christ imputed to me through faith, and because Jesus' righteousness is being imparted in me by the work of the Holy Spirit, I do have a growing desire to address those areas of my prayer life that need sanctification. And one area I/we need to always be committed to is prayer for the nations and the missionaries on the field who are reaching the nations.

Incidentally, did you know that over 90% of International Mission Board teams actively engage at least one unreached people or place? Do you know why they are unreached? Because they are hard to reach.

Our missionaries need our prayers. Those unreached people lost in darkness need our prayers. So, please plan to make this a commitment starting on December 4. I do not think there is a better way to begin the Lottie Moon Christmas offering season.

Love and Gratitude, Pastor Brian

# **DEACON** RECOMMENDATIONS

FROM THE DEACON NOMINATION COMMITTEE

**VOTE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022** 4 Men to Serve a 3 Year Term



## **Jon**Brasher

- Husband of Leslie
- Lakeview Member Since October 1981
- Previous Deacon at Lakeview

AREAS OF SERVICE AT LAKEVIEW Orchestra | Praise Band



# AndyCarden • Husband of Becky

- Lakeview Member Since Dec 2019
- · Deacon at Previous Churches

AREAS OF SERVICE AT LAKEVIEW Multiply Group Leader | Prayer Group Leader



## **Rick**Richards

- Husband of Cheryl
- Lakeview Member Since June 2012
- Deacon at Previous Church & at Lakeview

### AREAS OF SERVICE AT LAKEVIEW

Media Team | Sunday Bible Teacher | Driver for Various Events



## **Sam**Tate

- Husband of Rachel
- Lakeview Member August 2017 through June 2020; Rejoined September 2021

### AREAS OF SERVICE AT LAKEVIEW

Teaches (on a rotating basis) at Monarch Estates Assisted Living



## **Brett**Tyson

- Husband of Lauren
- Lakeview Member November 1998 through February 2009; Rejoined December 2013
- · Previous Deacon at Lakeview

AREAS OF SERVICE AT LAKEVIEW Choir | Praise Team | College Sunday School Table Leader



children's CHATTER

### UPCOMING MPAC CALENDAR

### NOV 30: M&M'S FOR LOTTIE & FOOD PANTRY

M&M's for Lottie Moon Offering & LBC Food Pantry Donations. Please send in pasta sauce, mac-n-cheese, cereal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soups (pop top cans only). Drop off at the KidZone desk.

### DEC 7: LBC FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER No MPAC

### **DEC 14: FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING** 5:45-7:45 PM

Families, youth, and children are invited to meet in Fellowship Hall to give gifts, sing carols, and pray for our senior saints and homebound members. A signed permission form is required for all children riding church vehicles. Email Jennifer at <a href="mailto:jvail@lakeviewbaptist.org">jvail@lakeviewbaptist.org</a> for more information and sign up online here.



*praise*WORTHY

### "REJOICE!" CHRISTMAS MUSICAL SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 | 6:00 PM

It's time once again for Lakeview's annual Christmas musical featuring our Celebration Choir and Orchestra. This year's musical entitled "REJOICE" will be held on Sunday, December 4, at 6:00 PM and you don't want to miss it. Come hear the Gospel message proclaimed through word and song...from classic carols to new Christmas favorites, you'll hear sounds of the season and praise to the Son of God.



### A CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 6:00 PM

Come and join the Re/Gen Youth Choir and the Joyful Noise Childrens' Choir on Sunday evening, December 11th for our annual "Christmas Playlist" service. You'll love hearing and singing classic carols and soon to be favorites that exclaim "Christ the Savior is born!".



### **CHRISTMAS DELIVERIES 2022**

Lakeview is partnering for the 3rd year with Joni and Friends International to deliver the gift of the gospel and hope to families touched by disability in our church and in our community. JAF is providing the reading materials for the caregivers and we/Lakeview families are providing gifts of kindness to let them know we see them and we care. If you would like to help either purchase and/or deliver gifts on Thursday, December 8, please see the Sign Up Genius link here. Email Robyn Harrison for details: auharrisons@gmail.com.

### ALABAMA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

We have seven families with Alabama Baptist Children's Homes who need help providing Christmas gifts to their foster care kids. You can give a \$200.00 VISA card or pick-up a name with a list of items needed and then shop for them. The names/list will be available in the church office and you must return the card or gifts back to the church office by December 15.

### WOMEN'S HOPE

Women's Hope will have a Christmas tree decorated with their ornaments in the foyer by the Welcome Center on the pre-school side of the lobby in December. Items collected through this project provide supplies needed by families in the Auburn/Opelika area who are facing unplanned pregnancies. Help support the baby boutique by choosing an ornament with a new baby item to donate.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIPS

There will be no worship service Sunday evening, December 18, so that all Sunday School classes may enjoy a time of food and fellowship with their class members. As a note, there will be morning worship services only on December 25 and January 1.

# FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 6:00 PM

Our annual Family Christmas Dinner will be next Wednesday, December 7. The buffet line will begin at 6:00 PM and the doors to the lobby will be open at 5:30 PM. Tickets are sold out and no longer available for purchase.





### YEAR END GIVING

We thank the Lord for the faithfulness and generosity of His people at Lakeview. Each month thus far in 2022 you have collectively given more than our monthly budget has required. In December, our budget requirement is set at \$515,000 or 16% of the annual budget. We need to finish strong.

As most of you know, there are various ways to give towards the Lakeview budget. You may place your offerings in the plates as they are passed during our worship services. You may also take advantage of our online-giving platform (see the Lakeview website for directions). Also, you may use the mail for your offerings. For these offerings, your check must be dated in 2022 and your postmark must reflect 2022. Finally, you may bring your offerings to the church office. In this regard, please note that the office will be closed December 21 through 26. As information, the office will be open on Friday, December 30, until 5:00pm and closed on Saturday, December 31.

In addition to these normal giving methods, I'd be happy to come by and pick up your offering if this would be of benefit to you. Please call me at 334-887-7094 if I can assist you in any way.



# congregational CARE UPDATE

### BENEVOLENCE GIVING HELP

Lakeview family, after your tithe and Lottie Moon gift, would you consider a gift to the Benevolence ministry? We have had an extra busy month and year. We have broken daily and monthly records of people coming in with needs. Our funds are lower than we would like, as we assist with food, lodging, water and light bills, rental help, etc. Our goal is to share the gospel with each person who comes across our path. All these financial needs are met by your individual gifts to the benevolence fund (there is no budget item for benevolence). You can give by check or online designated for "benevolence." Thank you again. You are an amazing and generous family (Proverbs 14:31).

### THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

Hope to see men of every age Thursday, December 8, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from Noon-1:15 PM. J. Capps, one of our Lakeview deacons and active in our mission's going effort will be our guest.

### FOOD PANTRY APPRECIATION LUNCH

If you work or have worked in the Food Pantry, you are invited to a lunch in your honor on Monday, December 12, at 11:30 AM in the Lakeview fellowship hall. We will have a special meal together and be entertained by the James Brown Trio. Senior Saints will join us in lieu of their regular monthly meeting.



### **NOVEMBER 30**

Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Spring Mix Blend, Rolls, Salad, Cheesecake

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

## thankyou

Thank you Lakeview Family,

The past few weeks have been a real challenge for my family in the passing of my dad. During these weeks, my family has been flooded with love, encouragement, hugs, notes, and kind words. We are so grateful for our church family here at Lakeview and how much you have loved on us during these hard times. The Bible reminds us that we do not grieve like those without hope, but we still grieve; and you, as our Church Family, have encouraged us so much. Thank you!

Love, the Key Family

# special EVENTS

NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 4

nov30 ESL Ends for the Semester

decO3 Youth Mother-Daughter Christmas Tea

decO4 Christmas Musical in the PM Service

For more information about activities & events, check out the calendar page on the church website.

### REMEMBER IN *prayer*

### **ASPIRE IN B'HAM**

Larry Swango

### **ARBOR SPRINGS**

Louise Morris

### **EAMC**

Emaleen Fagen Renae O'Mary

### **EASE HOUSE**

Anne Dodge Harriett McNelly Larry Ryan

### **MAGNOLIA PLACE**

Nancy Thornton

### OAK PARK

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Bobby Jones Joe Waller

### **VALLEY PARK MANOR**

Kay Gaillard

#### AT HOME

Matthew Baker
Daniel Benjamin
Matt Beth
Evelyn Boone
Mike Cannon
Dennis Clark
Jackie Cooper
Joe Denison
Hugh Fellows
Ambers Hanson
Sharon Newman
Jane Parker
Matthew Richardson
Lottie Sides
Shannon Works

Joe Youngblood

### **NOVEMBER 27 ATTENDANCE**

MORNING SERVICE 829
EVENING SERVICE 439

### **NOVEMBER 27 GIVING**

BUDGET \$32,000.83 RESTRICTED \$16,781.34

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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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