



LAKEVIEW *life*
WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2022



pastor's
PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

I have several short menu items today. First of all, I would like to express my deep gratitude for Adam Traylor, our professional grade orchestra, and our incomparable choir for faithfully stewarding your task to lead us in worship this past Sunday evening. You do it faithfully week in and week out and you did not disappoint in our Christmas musical presentation. When talent, commitment, gospel-rich songs, and godliness all converge, that is what we had Sunday night.

Second, this past Sunday, we elected Brett Tyson, Jon Brasher, Rick Richards, and Sam Tate to the fellowship of deacons. As you well know, Lakeview has no shortage of godly men and in God's providence these men are the ones the Lord has raised up to be a part of our fellowship of deacons for this season. Please join me in regularly praying for them as well as all of our deacons.

Third, this past Sunday we adopted our 2023 budget of \$3,500,000. This is an increase of \$200,000 over last year's budget and is our largest and most challenging budget ever. As your pastor, I am consistently astounded and blessed by your sacrificial giving, not just to our budget, but to all gospel causes both locally and globally.

Fourth, this coming Sunday evening, December 11, our Joyful Noise and Re/Gen Choirs will lead us in worship with "A Christmas Playlist." Not only will it enrich you spiritually to be there, it will also be deeply encouraging to our young people who are involved in this evening.

Last but not least, one of the most important weeks of the year is close upon us. Starting the evening of Sunday, January 15, 2023 and extending through Friday, January 20, we have our annual prayer week. We will conclude with the Lord's Supper on Friday evening. We all recognize that the reason Lakeview has flourished for so long is because of God's hand on this church. With that said, I am certain that at the human instrumental level, a central reason for Lakeview's health is the prayers of God's people here. Let us continue to be a praying people.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



praise WORTHY

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!"



congregational CARE UPDATE

BENEVOLENCE GIVING HELP

Please consider giving to the benevolence fund this holiday season. 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. You can give by check or online designated for "benevolence."

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.



lamb's TALE

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER BRUNCH

We'll have a Christmas brunch for the preschool Sunday School teachers on Sunday, December 18 at 8:15 AM in room W101. I look forward to seeing all of our teachers there.



children's CHATTER

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Families, youth, and children are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall on December 14 at 5:45 PM 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 jvail@lakeviewbaptist.org for more information and sign up online [here](#).



cliff's notes ON FAMILY MINISTRY

MEN'S EVENT

Iron Sharpens Iron men's event will be January 26, 6:00 PM at Cypress Hills Event Center on Wire Road, Auburn. Our theme will be on "Strong Foundations". More information to come. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a night of great good, fellowship and spiritual encouragement!



jim's JOTS

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 5:00 PM 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.

special EVENTS

DECEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 17

- dec07 Christmas Banquet
- dec11 *A Christmas Playlist* Concert
- dec14 Family Christmas Caroling
Prayer and Business Meeting

For more information about activities & events, check out the [calendar page](#) on the church website.

sympathy

From the pastor, staff, and church family to:
Sue Demonteverde and family in the death of her mother.

FOOD PANTRY (NOVEMBER REPORT)

Households fed	96
Total pounds of food distributed	4,515
Average pounds per household	47
Average \$ per household	\$7.51



REMEMBER IN prayer

ASPIRE IN B'HAM

Larry Swango

ARBOR SPRINGS

Louise Morris

EAMC

Renae O'Mary

EAMC VALLEY

Shirley Baker

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
Jane Parker
Matthew Richardson
Lottie Sides
Shannon Works
Joe Youngblood

DECEMBER 4 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE	1,062
EVENING SERVICE	998

DECEMBER 4 GIVING

BUDGET	\$54,515.62
RESTRICTED	\$29,458.50

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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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