



LAKEVIEW *life*

WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2023



pastor's PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

This is our brother Greg Key's last week on staff with Lakeview. He has served Lakeview faithfully now for over two decades. As you well know, there was never a task given to him that he did not carry out with excellence, diligence, and utter conscientiousness. You will not meet anyone who works harder than Greg; and all his work is of the highest quality. He will be deeply missed here on staff. Gratefully, he and his precious family will remain members and in time, Greg will be able to minister in ways at Lakeview that his present position has not allowed him because of time constraints. Please pray for him and his family as he makes this transition to the University. Also, consider dropping him a note and expressing to him how much of a blessing he has been to you over the last twenty years. I am sure that testimony could be multiplied in the thousands. Plans are in process for the Lakeview family to honor Greg in the near future. Stay tuned.

On another note, it is that time of year again where I will be teaching the four-week Children's Catechism class. The dates will be February 6, 13, 20, and 27th from 4:00 pm -5:00 PM in Room W208-209 (children's department).

For those of you unfamiliar with the term, catechism (from the Greek word catechesis) is simply instruction in the core doctrines of the Christian faith. Instead of replacing the role of the Bible in Christian education, catechisms done rightly serve as the basis for it. The study of catechisms have been helpfully compared to looking at the box top of a jig-saw puzzle before one starts to put all of those hundreds of little pieces together. It is very important to look at the big picture and have it clearly in mind, so that we do not get endlessly sidetracked by some unimportant or secondary issue.

The theological categories given to us through good catechisms, help clarify the innumerable details found in the Scriptures themselves. In other words, a good catechism serves as a guide to better understanding Scripture. That being noted however, we need to remind ourselves that Protestants have always argued that catechisms are authoritative

only to the extent that they faithfully reflect the teaching of Scripture. This means that the use of catechisms do not minimize or remove the role of Scripture. Instead, catechisms, as summary statements of what the Holy Scriptures themselves teach about a particular doctrine, serve as a kind of springboard to more effective Bible study.

Studying catechisms also serves as an important safeguard against heresy and helps to minimize some of the problems associated with the private interpretation of Scripture. How many times have you sat through a Bible study in which the goal was not to discover what the text actually says, but instead to discover what a particular verse means to each of the studies' participants? When we recognize that virtually every Christian cult began with an open Bible and a gifted leader who could ensure his followers that they alone have discovered what everyone else have missed, we see maybe the greatest benefit of catechism.

So to summarize, catechism helps us to discern the central doctrines of the faith. Additionally, this helps us understand the Scriptures better. Finally, they help guard against false doctrine (heresy). These are some of the reasons why we see the need to teach our young people at Lakeview a catechism. Children should have a parent, grandparent, or guardian present, and the child needs a Bible. I hope to see you there.

Last, but not least, as of this past Sunday, January 29, you have given \$249,126 to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. This is a generous amount and I am grateful for your sacrificial giving. With that said, it is a significantly smaller amount than last year and I want us all to prayerfully consider that the International Mission Board's future plans and strategy to reach the unreached peoples of the world will require churches to increase their giving in order for this strategy to be implemented.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



media MATTERS

THANK YOU, LAKEVIEW

On August 29th, 2002 Ginger & I rolled into town as a young married couple with a 4 month old baby ready to embark on a new journey coming on staff at Lakeview. Last Monday, January 23rd, we rounded a corner to see the finish the line of that journey. I have submitted my letter of resignation to Pastor Brian, Bro Jim, the Personnel Committee, and the Fellowship of Deacons. I have accepted a position at Auburn University as a Graphic Designer in the College of Engineering.

For the past 3-4 years, I have struggled with the evolution of what all this position at Lakeview has become. I began fasting and praying and seeking the Lord to determine what to do. During this time I began to see my desire to transition back into my roots as a Graphic Designer. My love, respect, and comradery with the pastors & staff at Lakeview has made this a difficult decision.

Next Sunday, February 5th will be my last Sunday as a staff member here at Lakeview but it will not be my last Sunday as a church member. I know it may be a little cliché, but words truly don't do justice to express how grateful we are for our 2 decades here on staff at Lakeview. You have loved us and encouraged us in so many ways!

From the depths of our hearts.... Thank you Lakeview!

- Greg & Ginger Key



children's CHATTER

CATECHISM

FEBRUARY 6TH, 13TH, 20TH, & 27TH

Our next Catechism class begins Monday, February 6th. The class meets on Monday afternoons (typically in February and August) for 4 weeks from 4:00-5:00 PM in rooms W208-209. We ask that a parent, grandparent, or guardian stay and attend the class with their child. Childcare is available for younger siblings upon request. To register your child or for more information about the class, email Jennifer at jvail@lakeviewbaptist.org and/or go to <https://www.lakeviewbaptist.org/childrens-ministry/catechism-class/>.

In our Catechism class, Pastor Brian instructs children who are beginning a new life with Jesus as their Savior as well as children who want to learn more about the principles of our faith but have yet to make a profession. Topics in this class include salvation, baptism, Lord's Supper, and Christian growth.



congregational CARE UPDATE

BENEVOLENCE GIVING THANK YOU

Thank you Lakeview family for giving to the Benevolence ministry. Your tender heart toward those in need continues to amaze me. We have had another busy year helping with physical needs. Our goal is to share the gospel with each person who comes across our path. All these needs are met by your individual gifts to the benevolence fund (there is no budget item for benevolence). If you were not able to give Sunday night, 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, February 9, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from Noon-1 PM. Coach Robert Maddox, one of our Lakeview deacons and Sunday School teachers will be our guest. Come and bring a friend.



the world IN AUBURN

IMMEDIATE ESL NURSERY HELP NEEDED

We thank God for the blessing of many, many new students in ESL this semester! God is faithful to send international students to LBC for us to love and lead. Earnestly pray and ask God if He is calling you to minister to our new students – not directly, but through their children. Two very dedicated, long-time childcare workers will be there and will help you love and lead these children well. Will you pray NOW and ask God if this is the ministry opportunity for you?

To volunteer or seek more information, please contact me, Jerry Ferguson, at the church, 334-887-7094 or email me at jferguson@lakeviewbaptist.org. WE NEED SEVERAL ADDITIONAL WORKERS NOW!

NEAR HIS HEART DINNER

Lakeview's annual Near His Heart dinner to minister to families touched by disability is coming up Friday, February 24th at 6:00 PM and volunteer sign up is open! Currently, help is needed in every area from making dinner to serving the dinner, greeters, and child/adult care. To see more ways to help and to sign up, go to <http://nearhisheart.weebly.com> or look for flyers in the church lobby.



FEBRUARY 1

Hamburgers, Cole Slaw, California Blend Veggies, Salad,
& Chocolate Cake

FEBRUARY 8

Chicken Fingers, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Salad,
& Oreo Dessert

*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, FEBRUARY 12

Are you interested in joining Lakeview or just finding out more about us? The Discover Lakeview Class is for you. 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.

JOB OPENING

Do you have a servant's heart? Part time dishwasher needed. No experience required, we will train. Must commit to working every Wednesday night during the school year (3:30 until dishes are done). Will also need to work special events such as Near His Heart, Beast Feast and other events as scheduled. Must be able to lift 30 pounds. If you love to serve, please contact Beth Carlson at bcarlson@lakeviewbaptist.org

REMEMBER IN *prayer*

ARBOR SPRINGS

Louise Morris

CAMELLIA PLACE

Linda Currie

CANTERBURY

Charles Gilliam

EAMC

Jackie Snead

Larry Swango

EASE HOUSE

Anne Dodge

Harriett McNelly

Larry Ryan

MAGNOLIA PLACE

Nancy Thornton

OAK PARK

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Bobby Jones

Emaleen Fagen

Joe Waller

UAB

Shannon Works

VALLEY PARK MANOR

Kay Gaillard

AT HOME

Matthew Baker

Shirley Baker

Daniel Benjamin

Matt Beth

Mike Cannon

Dennis Clark

Jackie Cooper

Joe Denison

Hugh Fellows

Ambers Hanson

Renae O'Mary

Jane Parker

John Dale Rector

Matthew Richardson

Lottie Sides

Joe Youngblood

JANUARY 29 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,062

EVENING SERVICE _____ 473

JANUARY 29 GIVING

BUDGET _____ \$34,898.90

RESTRICTED _____ \$8,744.58

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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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