



LAKEVIEW *life*

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023



pastor's PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

As you know, one of many signs that a local church is healthy is that the preschool department is thriving and flourishing. Indeed a strong church preschool department reflects that a church has strong married couples who are not only committed to family life, but family life centered around church life.

With that said, our Lakeview family is booming in our Preschool Department. We have one toddler Sunday School class (ages 2-3) that is growing weekly. That is such a blessing from the Lord. But you do know what that means? With growth in toddlers, there is a corresponding need for teachers who are called to love and lead them. In fact, we need two teachers for our toddlers as soon as possible. As well, our "Mission Friends" are exploding. This ministry to ages 3-5 meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 PM. We are in great need of teachers for the three-year-old class. In addition to that need, during worship hours, we need several additional volunteers to serve in the nursery (the more we have, the larger the rotation can be).

Now the instinctive response might be, "what good is there for me to even come to church if I have to work the nursery during corporate worship?" To be clear, I have never heard that reasoning from anyone at Lakeview, but I raise that hypothetical question to offer you this thought: The New Testament, though certainly not denying the importance of our individual walks with God, emphasizes that our Christian lives are to be lived out in the community of the local church. Just consider how the Epistles were written to churches; Hebrews was likely a sermon to a church, and Revelation was written to seven churches. Or note the number of times the phrases "each other" and "one another" are found in our New Testament. These phrases do not address our relationship to God (though that is fundamental and prerequisite) or a relationship to oneself. Neither do they speak of a relationship with the universal church. Rather, they address interpersonal relationships within a local church.

So for example, 1 Peter 1:22 "love *one another* earnestly from a pure heart." Galatians 5:13 "through love serve *one another*." Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind to *one another*." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "encourage *one another* and build *one another* up." Hebrews 10:24 "Let us consider how to stir up *one another* to love and good works." 1 Peter 5:5 "Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward *one another*." And perhaps the most important of these "one another" texts for my purposes in this letter: 1 Corinthians 12:24 "God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for *one another*."

What these verses, and many more, drive home to us is that when I'm not present and serving in the church body, not only am I short-changing myself, I'm cheating others in the body who need my "one-another" ministry to them. But it also means that I must sacrifice my preferences at times so that others may receive the "one-another" ministry that I need myself.

These aforementioned "one-another" texts are just a sample but each of them could be obeyed in part by investing in our Preschool ministry. If the Lord is laying this ministry burden on your heart, please contact our Preschool Director, Joan Moreman or her assistant, Marie Foshee.

One last thing along these same lines, Jennifer Vail, our Children's Director (grades 1-6), is in need of help as well. You can see more about that in her column this week. But how humbling it is that our great God would entrust us, with so many wonderful children in our preschool and children's ministry. Not only are the children and their parents a blessing to us, but it also gives us opportunity to "one another" each other. God is good all the time.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



lamb's **TALE**

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

Nursery workers are needed for this Sunday evening and next Sunday evening at 5:45 PM, March 5 & 12. Due to college students out of town for spring break, there is a need for workers to keep children. If you can help, please contact Marie Foshee (mfoshee@lakeviewbaptist.org).



praise **WORTHY**

WELCOME ZAC & SARAH WHITEHEAD

At the church business meeting on Wednesday, February 22, Lakeview voted to create a Director of Communication and Technology position. This Support Staff position will manage Lakeview's audio/visual and information technology needs (IT), as well as oversee social media platforms and graphic design. The need for this job comes on the heels of Greg Key's departure as Media Pastor.

In addition to Lakeview voting to create this new position at Wednesday's business meeting, the personnel committee recommended Zac Whitehead join the Lakeview staff as the new Director of Communication and Technology. The church voted unanimously to accept Zac Whitehead into this role.

Zac and his wife Sarah are no strangers to Lakeview. Sarah was a member at Lakeview during her years in college and was a very faithful member of the college ministry. Zac served as a Lakeview music intern from June to December of 2020 while also shadowing Greg Key in the media role. Since January of 2021, Zac has been on staff at the Memphis Baptist Church in Dothan, AL. Zac is a talented, hardworking young man who loves Jesus and His church. I am certain he will be a blessing to Lakeview in more ways than one. Zac and Sarah will be moving to Auburn sometime in the near future and he will begin his tenure at Lakeview on March 13. Please join me in welcoming Zac and Sarah Whitehead to the Lakeview family.



cliff's notes **ON FAMILY MINISTRY**

MEN'S BEAST FEAST | MARCH 31

Lakeview men and their school-age sons are invited to gather together at our annual Beast Feast will be held on Friday, March 31st at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This event serves to encourage men in their love of Jesus and to be strong in the faith, so invite other men who need spurring along in their relationship with the Lord! Tickets are \$5 with a limit of 5 (for more see Cliff). Tickets will be available starting Sunday, March 19th.





children's CHATTER

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

Sunday, March 26, is the last day for children grades 1-6 to earn Scripture Memory Medals! The Scripture Memory Banquet will be Sunday, April 23, following the morning service. Pizza lunch will be provided for all scripture memory medalists and their families.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 19-23

Mark your calendars because VBS is on the horizon! Children entering K5-6th grade are invited to join us for our Lakeview's VBS 2023 – "Keepers of the Kingdom!" During VBS, your children will learn how they can be part of God's Kingdom through salvation in His Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in today's battle for truth. Tell your friends and invite them to come along! Registration will be available online March 26, 2023.

Also, we have several places you can serve in this impactful gospel outreach opportunity, even if it's just for part of the week! We love our faith family and your heart for children to come to repentance and saving faith in the One True, Living Creator God. Thank you for considering serving in our Vacation Bible School this summer!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- K5: (2) Rec Leaders and (6) Assistant Classroom Helpers
- 1st Grade: (2) Assistant Leaders
- 2nd Grade: Games Leader and (3) Assistant Leaders
- 3rd Grade: (2-5) Assistant Leaders
- 4th Grade: (2) Assistant Leaders
- 5th Grade: (2) Assistant Leaders
- 6th Grade: full
- Other areas: buddies for each grade, refreshment team, t-shirt sales, and more

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

If you love children and being on-mission with the gospel, the children's department is where it's at! Please consider volunteering for the following ministry areas:

- Sunday School Assistants/Floaters (2)
- Sunday School Front Desk Greeter
- Wednesday MPAC ESL Leader
- Wednesday MPAC Assistants (2)



media MATTERS

THANK YOU

Wow! As the old saying goes, words do not adequately express how grateful Ginger and I are for the outpouring of love and encouragement we received this past Sunday night! We were so encouraged by each person we had a chance to speak to and each card that we've received. Lakeview is such an incredible church family, and we are so blessed by the opportunity to serve on staff for 20+ years. THANK YOU Lakeview for being such a blessing to my family!

Love, Greg & Ginger Key



congregational CARE UPDATE

THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

Hope to see men of every age Thursday, March 9, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from Noon-1 PM. Ken Chance, one of our longtime Lakeview members and chairman of our deacons will be our guest. Come and bring a friend.



fellowship MEAL

WEDNESDAYS FROM 4:45-5:30

MARCH 1

Hamburger Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, Cheesecake

MARCH 8

SPRING BREAK - NO MEAL

MARCH 15

Chicken and Dumplings, Green Peas, Corn, Biscuits, Salad, Cake

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

sympathy

From the pastor, staff, and church family to:
Sara Snead and family in the death of her brother.
Greg and Tiffany Nicoll and family in the death of their daughter.

*thank*YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful peace lily that you sent in remembrance of my father, Hardy Kirk. We appreciate the prayers, cards, and words of encouragement from our pastors and church family. We are so blessed to be part of the Lakeview family.

Scott Kirk Family

REMEMBER IN *prayer*

ARBOR SPRINGS

Louise Morris

CAMELLIA PLACE

Linda Currie

CANTERBURY

Charles Gilliam

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

Shirley Baker

Daniel Benjamin

Matt Beth

Mike Cannon

Dennis Clark

Jackie Cooper

Hugh Fellows

Ambers Hanson

Renae O'Mary

Jane Parker

Matthew Richardson

Lottie Sides

Jackie Snead

Larry Swango

Joe Youngblood

FEBRUARY 26 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,159

EVENING SERVICE _____ 482

FEBRUARY 26 GIVING

BUDGET _____ TBD

RESTRICTED _____ TBD

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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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