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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, our incomparable choir, and our narrator Kris Mobbs, 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 Bob Brownfield, Brian Cole, Bill Hutto, and Robert Maddox 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 the 2024-2026 term. Please join me in regularly praying for them as well as all of our deacons.

Third, this past Sunday we adopted our 2024 budget of \$3,600,000. This is an increase of \$100,000 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 10, 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 investing in this evening.

Fifth, as of this past Sunday, December 3, \$54,963.94 has been given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. I am so very encouraged and grateful for your sacrificial giving to this important offering. We are off to a good start. Please continue to pray that Lakeview would be a means of blessing to our International Mission Board in this regard.

Last-but-not-least, one of the most important weeks of the year is close upon us. Starting the evening of Sunday, January 14, 2024 and extending through Friday, January 19th, we have our annual week of prayer. 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



youth NEWS

MOTHER/DAUGHTER CHRISTMAS TEA

This week our youth girls and their mothers will come together to celebrate the Christmas season at our Mother Daughter Christmas Tea! Please pray that the Lord will bless our time of fellowship as family and friends. What a gift to celebrate the birth of Christ and the great things He has done!



children's CHATTER

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Families, youth, and children are all invited to help us give gifts, sing carols, and pray for our senior saints and homebound members! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45 PM for instruction and regroup together after caroling to enjoy a delicious "Happy Birthday Jesus" cake made by Robbin Fowler. Signed permission forms are required for all participants riding church vehicles. Email Jennifer at jvail@lakeviewbaptist.org for more information or pick up an instruction packet from the KidZone.

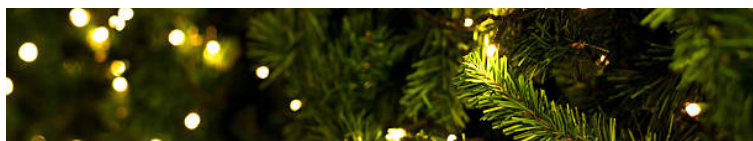
LBC FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER – No MPAC WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

No MPAC WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 20 & 27

MPAC RESUMES – Watching a missionary movie WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10:

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIPS

Just a reminder that Christmas class fellowships for Adult Bible Study/SS are scheduled for Sunday night, December 17th, in lieu of our normal evening service. Your class may have a different date, so be in touch with your leaders.



jim's JOTS

END OF YEAR GIVING

We thank the Lord for the faithfulness and generosity of His people at Lakeview. January through November have been excellent giving months for us. In December, our budget requirement is set at \$546,000 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 mailed offerings, your check must be dated in 2023 and your postmark must also reflect 2023. Finally, you may bring your offerings to the church office. In this regard, please note that the office will be closed December 21st through 26th. As information, the office will be open on Friday, December 29th, until 5:00pm, and closed on Saturday, December 30th. The final opportunity for 2023 giving will be on Sunday morning, December 31st.

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. Blessings!

LBC SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

On Thursday, December 7th, Lakeview will be partnering with Joni and Friends ministry to deliver gifts of hope and encouragement to families touched by disability. This is an opportunity to encourage our own and to reach out to some in our community who have visited on a Sunday or attended Near His Heart. JAF ministry provides Biblical resources and Lakeview this year will provide the Christmas gifts. Please see the Sign Up Genius below if you'd like to bring a gift OR would like to sign up to help deliver gifts. We will meet at the church at 5:00 on December 7th, be given gifts and instructions and divide up into cars and go. For questions, contact Robyn Harrison at auharrisons@gmail.com.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BA8AE29ABF85-46083607-christmas#/>



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congregational CARE UPDATE

RETIREMENT HOME CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Here's the itinerary for the different Christmas concerts in our retirement homes starting in December! Please note the dates and times below.

- December 7th — Auburn Assisted Living at 6:00–7:00pm
 - December 8th — Camellia Place at 6:00–7:00pm
 - December 14th — Azelea Place at 6:00–7:00pm
 - December 15th — Monarch Estates at 6:30–7:30pm
- (NOTE LATER TIME)

THURSDAYS OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

This is to remind you that we will not meet in December. But, please mark your calendars for our next meeting on Thursday, January 11th, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from 12pm–1pm. Come and bring a friend. It is a great way to get to know other men.

LAKEVIEW WOMEN

PREPARE HIM ROOM SIMULCAST

Ladies, join us on Saturday, December 9th from 9:00am–11:00am for the “Prepare Him Room” simulcast featuring Kristi McLelland where we will intentionally make space to seek Jesus this season. Participants will be assigned one of three lovely homes to view the simulcast and enjoy brunch with friends. Locations will remain a surprise! We'll text or email you the address of your host home on the Thursday before. To RSVP, scan the QR code or visit the link below.

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praise WORTHY

A CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 | 6:00 PM

Join us for a night of worship with our Joyful Noise Kids Choir and Re/Gen Youth Choir leading us in praises to Jesus and celebrating the wonderful season of Christmas.

HAPPENING AT LAKEVIEW

“BEHOLD”: SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE

The Celebration Choir and Orchestra did a wonderful job on Sunday night at our Christmas musical. We are thankful for the Lakeview family and how they use their talents and gifts for God's glory!



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REMEMBER IN *prayer*

ARBOR LAKE
 Nancy Brownfield
 Emaleen Fagen
 Joe Waller

ARBOR SPRINGS
 Louise Morris

CAMELLIA PLACE
 Linda Currie

**CANTERBURY HEALTH
CARE FACILITY**
 Dean Baker

EASE HOUSE
 Anne Dodge
 Harriett McNelly
 Larry Ryan

MAGNOLIA PLACE
 Nancy Thornton

VALLEY PARK MANOR
 Kay Gaillard

AT HOME

Matthew Baker
 Daniel Benjamin
 Matt Beth
 Mike Cannon
 Dennis Clark
 Jackie Cooper
 Ambers Hanson
 Fred Holmes
 John Kennedy
 Renae O'Mary
 Jane Parker
 Matthew Richardson
 Lottie Sides
 Jackie Snead
 Larry Swango
 Latrice Jones-Thomas
 Ilze West
 Joe Youngblood

COMING UP THIS MONTH:

- 06 — Family Christmas Caroling
- 10 — Sunday School & AM Worship Service
- “A Christmas Playlist” (PM Service)
- 13 — “A Family Christmas Dinner”
- 17 — Sunday School
& AM Worship Service
- Sunday School Fellowships
(in lieu of PM Service)
- 20 — Prayer and Business Meeting
- 21 — Church Office Closed
- 22 — Church Office Closed
- 24 — NO Sunday School
- AM Worship Service only
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 25 — Church Office Closed – Merry Christmas!
- 26 — Church Office Closed

DECEMBER 3 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,193
 EVENING SERVICE _____ 1,129

DECEMBER 3 GIVING

BUDGET _____ \$77,093.45
 RESTRICTED _____ \$31,206.32

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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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