



pastor's PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

On January 23rd, a former church member of mine, who is now a new pastor in Minneapolis, texted me and asked me, "Is it normal for the lead pastor to send a thank you letter with the giving statements?" I responded, "I am not aware of that being done. After all, they are not giving to you or because of you. They are giving to the Lord. With that said, it could be done in a way that does not look self-serving. Something like, 'I thank the Lord that I have the privilege to pastor a congregation with so many sacrificial givers. The gospel pattern is grace comes down, gratitude goes up, and generosity flows out-for the Lord's glory.' You are a people who understand this and I am grateful to the Lord for you."

As I texted that response to my brother pastor, it did not occur to me that I would be using that very response just two weeks later in my Pastor's Pen. Indeed, as we heard the recent reports on the 2023 giving, I was amazed at God's goodness on our Lakeview family as evidenced in part by the fact that his grace has "overflowed in a wealth of generosity" from you (2 Corinthians 8:2).

For those of you who were not at our monthly business meeting, last year you gave a Lakeview record of \$3,744,119 to the work of the Lord. That is \$224,119 over the 2023 budget. Not only that, you have given thus far \$275,043.30 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO). That will be deeply impactful for the International Mission Board (IMB) in its goal to reach the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Indeed, I can say, I am so very grateful for you. You give, because God's grace has taken hold in your affections and will. In other words, you give because you love. I have known that about you since Heather and I first came to Lakeview in 1999 when I served as an intern.

That said, maybe the Lord is leading you to give more to the LMCO. Or maybe, you have not yet given and you desire to give. This next Sunday, February 11, will be the last Sunday we will be taking up the LMCO. I would love to see us get to \$300,000 as a church. What a blessing that would be for our IMB.

Thank you for the privilege of being able to pastor such an exemplary church.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



cliff's notes

ON FAMILY MINISTRY

ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday, our Adult Bible Study reached a milestone of 500 in attendance. We have had over 450 attend for several weeks. It is exciting to know so many of our members see the importance of this weekly time of gathering to study God's Word, fellowship, and minister to one another. Another encouraging fact is our total Sunday School attendance (all ages) represents 84 percent of our worship attendance. This has to be above average for most churches anywhere.

I believe most of the credit should go to our teachers and leaders who are among the best anywhere. We have great teachers who take very seriously the responsibility to teach and shepherd the members under their care. I give thanks for their faithful service! All of this makes for a healthy church family. Let us give thanks to God for his goodness and grace!

FOOD PANTRY: JANUARY REPORT

Households fed _____	92
Total pounds of food distributed _____	5,261
Average pounds per household _____	55
Average \$ per household _____	\$7.08



congregational

CARE UPDATE

THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

We will not meet in February due to our "Iron Sharpens Iron" event Thursday night, February 8th, with Wes King. Please mark your calendars for our next meeting on Thursday, March 14, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from Noon—1PM.

LEGACY MUSEUM TRIP

The February trip with Mt. Moriah Baptist and Pastor Bernard Anderson to visit the Legacy Museum in Montgomery will be rescheduled to sometime late summer or early fall. It is a must experience at least once in your lifetime. Keep an eye out for further information.



children's

CHATTER

MPAC SWEETHEART BABY SHOWER

Help us throw a "Sweetheart" baby shower for our local Women's Hope Medical Clinic next Wednesday, February 14th, from 6:00–7:00PM.

WHAT TO BRING

Nickels, Dimes, and Quarters for the Baby Bottle Challenge! Boys vs Girls—we'll see who can bring in the most coins for their team!

New baby items:

- Diapers (Size 3 and up)
- Wipes
- Baby Socks
- Baby scratch protection mitts
- New crib sheets
- Baby girl onesies

We have a fun night planned with games, snacks, a special guest, sweet messages to share, and prizes for the team who brings in the most coins! Meet on the grassy field. Pick up in the KidZone.

Lakeview Women

SAVE THE DATE

Ladies, join us at Lakeview from 8:30AM—12:15PM on Saturday, March 16th, for our Spring 2024 Women's Conference, titled "The Legacy of Eve." Our guest speaker, Dr. Georgia Purdom, is the Vice President of Educational Content for Answers in Genesis. Ticket info and details coming soon!



youth
NEWS

YOUTH AND COLLEGE GIRLS GALENTINES — FEBRUARY 9TH

Please join us on February 9th from 6:30-8:30, for Lakeview Youth and College Galentines!! We will provide snacks, play games, and have a painting party! The only thing you need to bring is something to paint! It could be a canvas, candles, tote bag, shoes, etc!! (Paint will be provided.) It will be a great time to connect with one another! We hope you will join us!



college
LIFE

COLLEGE & SENIOR SAINTS VALENTINES BANQUET

We are looking forward to our annual Lakeview College Ministry & Senior Saints Valentine's Banquet on February 13th at 5:30pm. We have already had so many people sign up, both students and seniors. It's going to be such a fun night. Our hope is that new friendships will be made, and old friendships will continue to grow deeper. We are praying for this event to be encouraging for all who come.

NEAR HIS HEART MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Near His Heart is coming up on February 23rd and we are in need of more volunteers in ALL areas to make this event happen including 2-3 more nurses or medical professionals to be on hand during the evening. Please visit the link below to participate in blessing these families of special-needs children.

signupgenius.com/go/20F0F49A9AE28A2FF2-near8



for a special night for parents and caregivers
of those with special needs

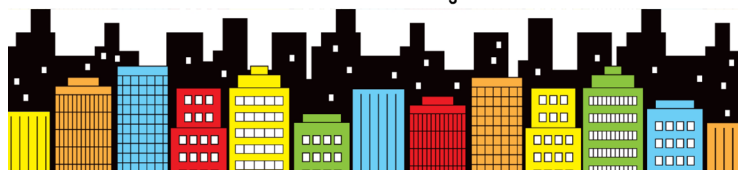


Friday, February 23 at 6pm

Lakeview Baptist Church
1600 E. Glenn Avenue, Auburn, Alabama

with guest speaker Mike Fennema

Please register for the dinner and for childcare at
www.nearhisheart.weebly.com



SING-A-LONGS

AZELEA PLACE
Tuesday, February 27th
11:00am — 11:45am

AUBURN ASSISTED LIVING
Thursday, February 29th
10:00am — 10:45am

fellowship MEAL

WEDNESDAYS FROM 4:45-5:45

FEBRUARY 7

Chicken Fingers, Baked Beans, Spring Blend Veggies,
Rolls, Salad, Oreo Dessert

FEBRUARY 14

Baked Potatoes, BBQ Pork, Toppings, Broccoli,
Rolls, Salad, Apple Crisp

*Fellowship Meals are open to everyone and cost \$5 per person
with a \$20 cap per family. Cash or Check only. Menu subject to change.*

thank YOU

Lakeview family,

Since 1987, we have had the honor of calling Lakeview our family. You have walked with us through joys, victories, and sorrows. There is nothing quite like the family of God. Thank you all so much for your outpouring of love, food, calls, texts, cards and prayers during Ronnie's home going. He lived his life with eternal eyes. He loved Jesus and sought to leave a legacy of honoring his savior. We love you dear friends.

Love, Cathy Weaver and family

stay connected

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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

EAMC

Jackie Adams
Barbara Blankenship
Renae O'Mary

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
Jane Parker
Matthew Richardson
Lottie Sides
Jackie Snead
Larry Swango
Latriece Jones-Thomas
Ilze West
Joe Youngblood

FEBRUARY 4 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,053

EVENING SERVICE _____ 492

FEBRUARY 4 GIVING

BUDGET _____ \$96,222.04

RESTRICTED _____ \$16,390.50

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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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