



## *pastor's* PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

Unless I am mistaken, the last movie I attended in the theater was the 2017 film, “The Greatest Showman.” In that movie, there is a stirring song called, “Never Enough.” It sometimes concerns me that I provoke you to break into “Never Enough” when I remind you of offerings like the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEA), especially with it coming so close off the heels of the Lottie Moon Christian Offering.

I certainly do not want you to feel that way. The fact is, a relatively large percentage of Lakeview members are faithful and sacrificial when it comes to giving to missions’ offerings like the AAEA. But the fact is, it can sometimes feel that given the need to preach the gospel in North America (and beyond), the financial burden to pull this off seems unreachable.

So how can my individual contribution to the AAEO even make a dent in what is needed? After all, our North American Mission Board (NAMB) has to support more than 2,900 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada. What good can my small pittance do?

But I want you to think of it this way. All of us are simply role players. It is no individual’s (or church’s) responsibility to carry the entire burden of NAMB. To help you process that, I think the parable Jesus told of the talents is helpful here.

Jesus told the story of a man who entrusted his servants with his property when he went on a journey (Matthew 25:14-30). The master gave to one servant five talents, to another, two talents, and to the third, one talent (which were monetary units). After a time, the master returned and settled accounts with the three servants. The first servant made five talents in addition to the five he entrusted to him. The second servant, likewise, made two talents. But the third servant, fearing that his master was over demanding, buried his talent in the ground so that at least he would not lose what he had been given. To the first two servants, the master pronounced, “Well done, good and faithful servant” (25:21, 23), but the third servant heard he was a “wicked and slothful servant” (25:26).

Let me offer you three points drawn from this parable that I think can encourage you here (with help from Kevin DeYoung’s book, *Impossible Christianity*, pg. 13-15). First, this parable is about how God will assess us at the end of the age (25:13). “Well done” is what ordinary, faithful stewards will hear.

Second, the two good servants were commended for being faithful with what they had been given. They did not change the world. They were simply faithful with what was entrusted to them. In fact, the second servant’s investment yielded only forty percent of what the first servant yielded. Yet they both received the same commendation. Neither one was held accountable to do what they could not do. Just be faithful with the opportunities they had.

Third and finally, the last servant was deemed unfaithful because he thought his master was impossible to please. This made him lazy and a poor steward. (Pastor’s Pen continued on next page)

The lesson for us: when we think our giving (or service) is “never enough,” we will likely respond like the third servant. When we think our responsibility is impossible, we generally do not do more for Christ; we do far less.

Let us remember this parable as we complete AAEO season. Currently, the Lakeview family has given \$67,801 to the AAEO. Just as a reference point, last year \$100,782 was given. No individual or individual church, for that matter, can move the needle on meeting the vast needs in North American missions’ efforts, but we can sure steward what God has entrusted to us. And that will be enough!

Love and Gratitude,  
Pastor Brian

## ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

We will be collecting the Annie Armstrong Easter offering through May 12th.



## children’s CHATTER

### SCRIPTURE MEMORY CEREMONY SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Our annual Scripture Memory Ceremony honoring this year’s medalists will be Sunday, April 21st, following the morning worship service in the fellowship hall. Pizza lunch will be provided for all scripture memory medalists and their families.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 17–21 | [LAKEVIEWVBS.COM](http://LAKEVIEWVBS.COM)



## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

Please consider volunteering for the following Children’s Ministry areas:

- Sunday School 5th Grade Girls Co-Teacher
- Sunday School 2nd Grade Assistant

Email [jvail@lakeviewbaptist.org](mailto:jvail@lakeviewbaptist.org) if you are interested in volunteering for VBS or Sunday school.



## *congregational* CARE UPDATE

### MIKE CANNON AND A FULL LIVER TRANSPLANT

Thank you for your special gifts to the Benevolence Fund. There is no line item in the Lakeview general fund, thus we depend on your generous giving. Our desire is to continue to show Mike and Sharon Cannon our love by covering some of their financial needs. Any and every amount will be much appreciated. Thank you so much.

PRAYER & BUSINESS MEETING  
THIS WEDNESDAY  
6:00 PM



## *college* LIFE

### SECRET CHURCH

The College Ministry will be hosting Secret Church THIS Friday, April 19th, from 6pm to midnight. The theme this year is a study through the book of Ruth. We will host the event in the Fellowship Hall. Registration to participate with us is now open to everyone, not strictly college students, and the cost is \$14. If you plan to come, we encourage you to eat dinner prior to the event or bring your own dinner with you. We will provide snacks and drinks throughout the evening. You can find a link to register and more information at [www.lakeviewbaptist.org/secretchurch24](http://www.lakeviewbaptist.org/secretchurch24).

# *fellowship* MEAL

SERVING MEALS 4:45 UNTIL 5:35PM; CLEARING TABLES AT 5:45PM.

## APRIL 17

Baked Spaghetti, California Veggie Blend,  
Garlic Bread, Salad, Chocolate Cake

## APRIL 24

Poppyseed Chicken, Bahama Blend Veggies,  
Rolls, Salad, Oreo Dessert

*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.*

## OUR *newest*

### SHEPHERD HENDERSON CALL

Born: April 13th, 2024

Parents: Chris & Joanna Call

Grandparents: Ralph & Dianna Henderson

### KALLIE ANN PEPPERS

Born: April 14th, 2024

Parents: Cullen & Lauren Peppers

## *sympathy*

From the pastor, staff, and church family to:

Nelda Kennedy and family in the death of her husband.

## IN *memoriam*

John Kennedy

June 2, 1938 – April 15, 2024

## REMEMBER IN *prayer*

### ARBOR LAKE

Nancy Brownfield  
Emaleen Fagen  
Jennifer Hood  
Joe Waller

### VALLEY PARK MANOR

Kay Gaillard

### VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Mike Cannon

### AZALEA PLACE

Barbara Blankenship

### BETHANY HOUSE

Rosalyn Payne

### CAMELLIA PLACE

Linda Currie

### CANTERBURY HEALTH CARE FACILITY

Dean Baker

### EASE HOUSE

Anne Dodge  
Harriett McNelly  
Larry Ryan

### MAGNOLIA PLACE

Nancy Thornton

### AT HOME

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

## APRIL 14 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ 1,175

EVENING SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ 519

## APRIL 14 GIVING

BUDGET \_\_\_\_\_ \$65,187.21

RESTRICTED \_\_\_\_\_ \$18,738.93

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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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