



pastor's PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

We are nearing the end of our sermon series in the Gospel of John, all 21 chapters and 878 verses. I thought it might be helpful to offer a brief review as it has been since December 2021 that we began this journey.

As I have emphasized throughout, the reason for which John wrote his gospel is clearly offered in 20:30-21 – *Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

Believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God is so very vital that in John 6:28 Jesus was asked, *What must we do, to be doing the works of God?* He responds (v. 29), *This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.*

And John does not leave us in the dark as to what believing in Jesus looks like. In concluding his Gospel, John gives us Jesus' own definition of saving belief, *Follow me* (21:19).

The necessity of believing in John is clear. He uses the verb believe 98 times. The importance of believing is seen later in chapter 6 when many “would be” disciples were abandoning Jesus, for they were scandalized by what he said. Jesus asked those who remained if they wanted to leave as well and Peter responded (6:69) *we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the holy one of God.* We see the same response from Martha after Lazarus died. Even in her grief she confesses, *I believe you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.*

First to achieve his purpose, John centers his gospel on seven signs, which all testify to Jesus' identity as the Son of God: (1) Jesus turns water into wine (2:1-11); (2) Jesus heals an official's son (4:46-54); (3) Jesus heals the sick (5:1-15); (4) Jesus feeds 5,000 people (6:5-13); (5) Jesus walks on water (6:16-21); (6) Jesus heals a man who was born blind (9:1-7); and (7) Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (11:1-44).

Incidentally, it could be argued that the first and seventh sign miracles are connected and the most important. When Jesus turned the water into wine, he brings to mind prophecies from Isaiah and Amos that speak about the abundance of wine in the new creation (Isaiah 25:6-8; Amos 9:11-15). And when he raised Lazarus, he was signaling how he would bring about this new creation—his own Resurrection from the dead.

A second way John fulfills his purpose that we would believe in Jesus is in the use of the “I am” statements. Jesus employs the phrase “I am” seven times to describe his unique identity as the God-man who reveals the Father to the world: (1) *I am the bread of life* (6:35, 48, 51); (2) *I am the light of the world* (8:12; 9:5); (3) *I am the gate of the sheep* (10:7, 9); (4) *I am the good shepherd* (10:11, 14); (5) *I am the resurrection and the life* (11:25); (6) *I am the way, the truth, and the life* (14:6); and (7) *I am the true vine* (15:1). Jesus uses the phrase “I am” five more times to identify as the God of the Old Testament who revealed his name as “I am who I am” or YHWH (Exodus 3:14; John 6:20; 8:24, 28, 58; 18:5).

A third way John fulfills his purpose that we might believe is by giving us the results of believing. Several stages are involved in the process: (1) our present state, we are condemned (12:48; 5:24, 29); (2) we can be saved (3:17; 10:9, 12:27); we can have life (6:33; 11:25; 14:6; 20:32); (3) we can have eternal life (3:16; 3:36; 6:40, 47; 10:28); and (4) we can have a life of love (8:42; 13:34-35).

(Pastor's Pen Continued) Finally, one last way John seeks to prompt us to believe is by the key doctrines in John: (1) the incarnation-Jesus Christ is both human and divine-God in human form; (2) salvation and faith-sinners can be saved and receive eternal life if they believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior; (3) damnation-people who do not receive God's only provision for salvation in Jesus Christ will be eternally condemned; (4) resurrection-Jesus has power over death. He raised Lazarus from the dead and was himself resurrected from death; (5) The Doctrine of Christ (Christology)-God's plan for the ages finds its fulfillment in the person and work of Christ; and (6) the Holy Spirit-Jesus' message in the upper room includes one of the key New Testament sections on the person and work of the Holy Spirit (16:5-15).

I hope this summary is helpful. Next up for us on Sunday morning is Paul's Letter to the Colossians. Please pray for me as I prepare to preach it.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



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HYMN SING
SUNDAY, MAY 5TH | 6:00 PM

Come join us sing hymns of our faith on Sunday evening, May 5th. What a wonderful night awaits as we lift our voices in praise to God while declaring His timeless truths through song.

JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR MUSICAL
THIS SUNDAY @ 6 PM

Our Joyful Noise Choir will present their Spring Musical in the evening service this coming Lord's Day. You will love the incredibly energetic songs and thought provoking drama which enhances this epic tale of superheroes known as "The God Squad," who relentlessly fight off the powers of the self-centered ME Dominion! Based on Ephesians 6, this musical will help to remind all of us to put on the full armor of God each day. You don't want to miss it!



cliff's notes ON FAMILY MINISTRY

SUPERSTARS ENRICHMENT DAY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Lakeview Disability Team needs volunteers to cover the last four weeks of our Superstars Enrichment Day on Fridays from 9am-1pm. Two (2) adult volunteers are needed each week to assist our teacher and aide. No experience is necessary. For questions about the program, including dress code, background check, and ministry safe training, contact Julie Brown at brown2077@bellsouth.net or call/text at (334) 546-3759.

SUPERSTARS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Superstars Sunday School class has an opening for two (2) volunteers to serve as aides to the teacher and help with the special needs class members. A background check and Ministry Safe Training are required. Please contact Cliff Knight or Laura Gray if you are interested and have a heart for this ministry.



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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TRAINING

Are you interested in becoming certified to teach English as a Second Language? Lakeview will host a basic workshop on May 10th (5:30PM - 9:00PM) and May 11th (8:00AM - 4:30AM). Meals will be provided. To register, contact Jerry Ferguson at jferguson@lakeviewbaptist.org or Marie Foshee at mfoshee@lakeviewbaptist.org.



children's CHATTER

SCRIPTURE MEMORY MEDALISTS SUNDAY, APRIL 28

We invite our Scripture Memory Medalists to wear their medals to the AM service THIS Sunday, April 28th. The boys and girls will meet on the stage stairs during our welcome time and as a congregation, we congratulate them for their amazing accomplishment!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCRIPTURE MEMORY 2024 MEDALISTS

1ST GRADE

GOLD | Adleigh Capps, Henry Davis, Naomi Gay, Hallie Gallant, Olivia Layson, Abigail Martin, Henry Peden

SILVER | Rhett Dunn

BRONZE | Everett Folta, Jane Morgan, Berkley Peters, Khanpi Siam, Olivia Siquiera, Charlie Sisson, Eastlee Thomas, Elsie Williams

2ND GRADE

GOLD | Madeline Coniglio, Walker Hall, Andy Wine, Lincoln Wine

SILVER | Savannah Carter, Rylee Dorminy, Jethro Mobbs, Matthew Mobbs

BRONZE | Nate Black, DC Gann, Catherine Groce, Miranda Henderson, Amelia Melvin, Felicity Watts, Jackson Works

3RD GRADE

GOLD | Tucker Arthur, Walker Black, Judson Capps, Robert Davis, Lydia Gay, Lee Geiger, Clarissa Knox, James McVay, Lane Webb

BRONZE | Reid Morgan, Kim Sing

4TH GRADE

GOLD | Elizabeth Hall, Walter Jordan, Madison Ryals, Annabelle Webb, Timothy Webb

SILVER | Reagan Gann

BRONZE | Silas Folta, Wyatt Jaques

5TH GRADE BOYS

GOLD | Shepherd Davis, Joseph Mayes, Michael Traylor

BRONZE | Ethan Dean

5TH GRADE GIRLS

GOLD | Melody Freeman, Ryllynn Gallant, Lily Marley, Sophia Peterson

SILVER | Hannah Sisson

6TH GRADE BOYS

GOLD | Asa Capps, Erick Fernandez, Jadon Hutto, Reuben Jordan, Clinton Marley, Troy Ryals

6TH GRADE GIRLS

GOLD | Sarah Campbell, Adriel Coppenger, Evie Poole, Hannah Webb, Sterling Webb

SILVER | Miyah Casson, Chloe Cox

BRONZE | Anna Freeman

- Melody Freeman also completed her 3rd & 4th grade gold medals
- Madeline Coniglio also completed her 1st grade gold medal

CONGRATULATIONS!

6 YEAR GOLD MEDALISTS | Sarah Campbell, Jadon Hutto, Clinton Marley, Evie Poole, Troy Ryals, Sterling Webb



congregational CARE UPDATE

THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

Hope to see men of every age Thursday, May 9th, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from Noon-1 PM. Brett Tyson will be our guest. He is a deacon, husband of Lauren, a long-time member of Lakeview, a businessman and faithful member of our choir. Come and bring a friend. It is a great way to get to know other men.

SING-A-LONG

Our next sing-a-long will be at Auburn Assisted Living on Thursday, April 25th at 10:00AM.

fellowship MEAL

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

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.



DISCOVER LAKEVIEW CLASS SUNDAY, MAY 19

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.

REMEMBER IN prayer

ARBOR LAKE
Nancy Brownfield
Emaleen Fagen
Jennifer Hood
Joe Waller

VALLEY PARK MANOR
Kay Gaillard

AZALEA PLACE
Barbara Blankenship

AT HOME
Matthew Baker
Daniel Benjamin
Matt Beth
Dennis Clark
Ambers Hanson
Fred Holmes
Latriece Jones-Thomas

BETHANY HOUSE
Rosalyn Payne

CAMELLIA PLACE
Linda Currie

Renaë O'Mary
Jane Parker
Matthew Richardson
Lottie Sides
Jackie Snead
Larry Swango
Ilze West
Joe Youngblood

**CANTERBURY HEALTH
CARE FACILITY**
Dean Baker

EASE HOUSE
Anne Dodge
Harriett McNelly
Larry Ryan

MAGNOLIA PLACE
Nancy Thornton

APRIL 21 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,196
EVENING SERVICE _____ 572

APRIL 21 GIVING

BUDGET _____ \$53,871.10
RESTRICTED _____ \$8,089.30

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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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