



pastor's PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

We began our journey in the Gospel of John during Advent Season 2021. This past Sunday, April 28th, we completed our time in that glorious document.

This coming Sunday, we begin our study of Paul's Letter to the Colossians, which was written between A.D. 58-62. As a brief overview, Colossians has four chapters, 95 verses. The first half of the letter (chapters 1-2) is a theological treatise that gives us one of the most profound statements in all of Scripture on the person of Christ. The second half of the letter (chapters 3-4) is a power packed mini ethics course, addressing virtually every area of the Christian life by the Christology we read of in chapters 1-2.

The Apostle Paul's purpose in writing it is really threefold: (1) to assert the all-sufficiency of Christ, (2) to correct specific false doctrines and practices on the basis of the sufficiency of Christ, and (3) to encourage believers in practical living on the basis of that sufficiency. This makes Colossians the most explicit statement in the Bible about the all-sufficiency of Christ. Jesus is sufficient to fill all spiritual longing and needs, so that we have no need of anything beyond Christ's person and work to make our salvation complete and to experience the fullness of God. And if Christ is truly supreme and sufficient, our love for him should be absolute. That is, if we were as devoted to Christ as we ought to be, our behavior (as given in the second half of Colossians) will take care of itself.

So as we make our way through this inspired letter, pray that it will lead us by the Holy Spirit to praise our God and Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. Indeed, *as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving* (Colossian 2:6-7).

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



praise WORTHY

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

Come join us as we sing hymns of our faith this 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.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT MP | MINISTER OF MISSIONS

How long have you been on staff at LBC?

I have been on staff in my current position since October 2023. Previously I was “on staff” as a pastoral intern from '05-'08 and then as a custodian from '08-'09.

Tell us about your family:

My wife and I met at Auburn during our college years. We will have been married for 20 years this coming June. My oldest two children (son and daughter) were born in Opelika, while my youngest daughter was born in France while we were in language school. All 3 of our kiddos grew up overseas.

What does an average work week look like for you?

Up to this point, there really has not been an average work week! However, my weeks generally include communication with some of our Sent Ones, finding out the needs of our Sent Ones, budgeting, learning my new role, getting to know the people of LBC, planning future events (e.g., IMF, Vistas, trips for 2025, Security Training, Team Leader Training, etc.), breakfasts/lunches/suppers with folk, fixing items in our “new” house, and having our family’s nightly rituals - among many other things!!

What Bible verse has been encouraging to you lately/what is your life verse?

I’ve been struck the past couple of years with “It is finished.” Looking over the whole of the Old Testament, what was promised, the covenants made, etc. has made me realize anew just how deeply this phrase is dripping with meaning. As far as a life verse, Acts 20 has been one of the many life chapters for me going on 20 years.

What is a fun fact about you?

I love carpentry work - or any good, hard labor.

How has God been working in your life lately?

Daily I have been reminded that the Rock upon which I stand is Christ. Apart from Him I can do nothing. This new role is overwhelming at times and there have been many moments that I have been tempted to doubt my (God-given) ability to fulfill this role well. He reminds me daily that HE gives to all men life, breath, and everything. I must serve “by the strength that God supplies - in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.” It is Him through me.



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.



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.



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 IN *prayer*

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 Lottie Sides
 Jackie Snead
 Larry Swango
 Ilze West
 Joe Youngblood

IN *memoriam*

Mary Daniels
 September 19, 1947 – April 26, 2024

Kay Gaillard
 January 5, 1945 – April 21, 2024

Heston Webster
 July 29, 1925 – April 23, 2024

sympathy

From the pastor, staff, and church family to:

Bill Daniels and family in the death of his wife.
 Carl Owens and family in the death of his sister.
 Bregitti Sumner and family in the death of her father.
 Dr. Wendell Gaillard and family in the death of his wife.

APRIL 28 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,150
 EVENING SERVICE _____ 623

APRIL 28 GIVING

BUDGET _____ TBA
 RESTRICTED _____ TBA

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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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