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Dear Lakeview Family,

We are coming off a glorious weekend where we celebrated Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday. One of the emphases in our worship services was that the Resurrection matters most centrally because Jesus' death was a substitutionary atonement.

As was said, one of the most important words in the New Testament in driving home Jesus' substitutionary sacrifice is the preposition "for" (ὑπὲρ, *hyper* [sounds like uper]). This preposition means "on behalf of" or "in place of" and so connotes both representation and substitution. In other words, Jesus gave his flesh and blood on behalf of sinners, so at the first Lord's Supper, Jesus took bread, broke it, and said, "This is my body given for you." Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "This is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

So the Resurrection is the great event that confirms that Christ's substitutionary sacrifice is sufficient for everyone who believes. That said, this is where I would like to offer a couple of other small words that are so critical to the gospel, *ephapax* and its related term *hapax*.

Given the news that Pope Francis died on Monday, it is helpful to know as people of the great Reformation, these words have a good claim to being the spark that ignited the Reformation in France. In October 1534, placards were posted all over France attacking the Roman Catholic Mass, using Hebrews 7:27, "He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself." The words "once for all" is the word "ephapax" (ἐφάπαξ) in Greek (see also Romans 6:10; Hebrews 7:27; 9:12; 10:10).

Similarly, the New Testament writers employed the word "hapax." So Peter writes that "Christ also suffered once (hapax) for sins" (1 Peter 3:18). This adverb is used to describe the singularity and finality of what is found in Christ (see also Hebrews 10:1-2).

The point is that "if Christ's sacrifice for sin on the cross was a complete work, and thus neither need be, nor can be repeated, then are our attempts to atone for sin must be both unnecessary and insulting to Christ, in that they (the Roman Catholic Church) suggest his work is not sufficient." (Michael Reeves, *The Unquenchable Flame*, 98). That is, if Christ's sacrificial work "for" us is indeed "once for all," then there can be no need for other priests or high priests to offer up more.

So three small and seemingly insignificant words—*hyper*, *ephapax*, and *hapax*—help to illuminate to us all how glorious, singular, and all-sufficient the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ really is. That is why Charles Wesley served us so well in these words one of his glorious hymns:

*Tis finished! The Messiah dies,  
Cut off for sins, but not his own;  
Completed is the sacrifice,  
The great redeeming work is done.*

*Tis finished! All the debt is paid;  
Justice divine is satisfied,  
The grand and full atonement made;  
God for a guilty world has died.*

We can only hope that Pope Francis came around to believing that.

Love and Gratitude,  
Pastor Brian

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## JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR MUSICAL SUNDAY, MAY 4TH | 6 PM

Our Joyful Noise Kids Choir will present their spring musical in the evening service on May 4th. This choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Eliza Ogle, is so excited to share this drama/musical with each of you as they take us on a journey back in time in “Back to the Beginning.” You will not want to miss this fun night, so please join us and bring a friend.



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## SUMMER COMMISSIONING

At the end of the evening worship service on April 27th, we will be praying over individuals participating in summer mission trips or working at summer camps. Please email Tammy McDonald at [tmcdonald@lakeviewbaptist.org](mailto:tmcdonald@lakeviewbaptist.org) by Wednesday, April 23rd, to let us know where you will be serving. If you miss the deadline to email Tammy, you are still invited to participate in the commissioning service. We will have an updated prayer list available at Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, April 30th.







## children's CHATTER

### SCRIPTURE MEMORY CEREMONY SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH

Our annual Scripture Memory Ceremony honoring this year's medalists will be Sunday, April 27th, following the morning worship service in the fellowship hall. A pizza lunch will be provided for all scripture memory medalists and their families.

### PROMOTION SUNDAY

K5—12th graders will promote to their new Sunday School class on May 25th!

- Sixth Grade Parents (rising 7th graders) – Graduating 6th Grade Celebration on May 14th from 5:30-7:30 PM!
- Kindergarten Parents (rising 1st graders), you and your family are invited to join us for a Meet & Greet Luncheon on May 18th following the morning worship service.

You should receive an invitation in the mail with more information regarding these events soon.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "WONDER JUNCTION" | JUNE 16-20 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Howdy there, partner! Are you ready for a grand ol' time this summer, discovering the wonder of Jesus? If so, grab yer stirrups and lasso and make plans to join us June 16th-20th for Lakeview Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School! Register online at [lakeviewvbs.com](http://lakeviewvbs.com). Registration is available online April 6th through June 8th. Children entering grades K5-6th in the 2025-2026 School year are invited to join us! Pre-registration required. More information about Vacation Bible School can be found on our VBS registration site or by contacting Haley Wine, Children's Ministry Secretary, at 334-887-7094 or [hwine@lakeviewbaptist.org](mailto:hwine@lakeviewbaptist.org).

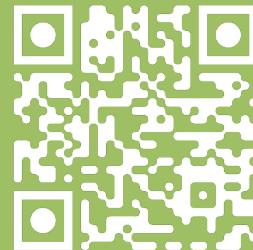
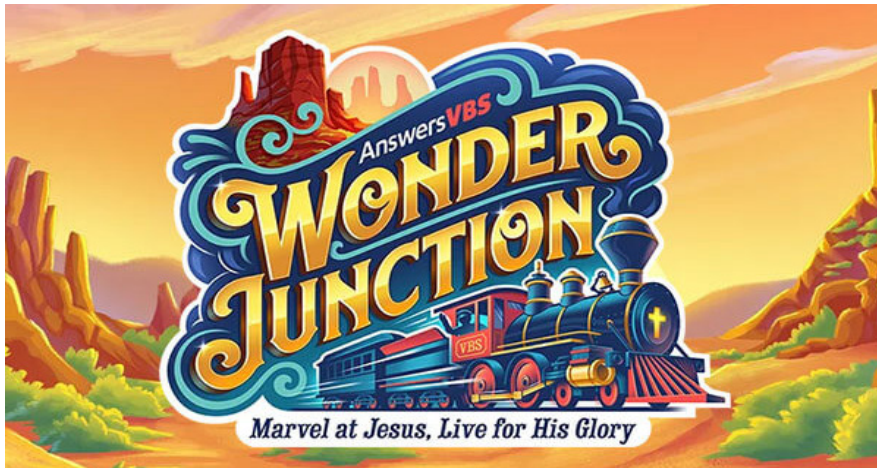
### VBS CRAFT DONATIONS

Donations needed:

- Mostly solid color t-shirts with minimal print on them (like new, but gently used shirts are needed).
  - Plastic pringle can lids (just the lids).
  - Glass spaghetti sauce-sized jars.
  - 16-20oz water bottles (empty, but with the lid).
- Please drop these items off at our donation table in the lobby before June 8th. We really appreciate your help!

### VOLUNTEER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

If you are available to help with this gospel-saturated, community event, we need you! VBS is June 16th-20th from 8:00-12:00, Childcare/preschool VBS is available for all workers with preschool children. Sign up to volunteer using the QR link or by clicking on the link below. Email [hwine@lakeviewbaptist.org](mailto:hwine@lakeviewbaptist.org) if you have any questions.



[Click HERE to](#)  
[volunteer](#)  
[for VBS](#)

## *fellowship* MEAL

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

### APRIL 23

Fried Chicken, Rice & Gravy,  
Bahama Blend Veggies, Salad, Rolls, Oreo Dessert

### APRIL 30

Chicken Fingers, Potato Salad,  
California Blend Veggies, Salad, Rolls, Ice Cream Cups

*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.***

### *stay connected*

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changed both now  
and for eternity  
through the impact of  
the Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering**



Scan the QR code or  
click [HERE](#) to give!

## REMEMBER IN *prayer*

### ARBOR LAKE

Nancy Brownfield  
Emaleen Fagen  
Jennifer Hood  
Shirley Randall  
Joe Waller

### AZALEA PLACE

Barbara Blankenship

### BILL NICHOLS STATE VETERANS HOME

Ira Hayes

### CAMELLIA PLACE

Linda Currie

### CANTERBURY HEALTH CARE FACILITY

Dean Baker

### EASE HOUSE

Anne Dodge  
Harriett McNelly  
Larry Ryan

### THE PHOENIX AT

OPELIKA  
Dick Lane

### AT HOME

Matthew Baker  
Daniel Benjamin  
Matt Beth  
Mike Cannon  
Alice Chambliss  
Dennis Clark  
Ambers Hanson  
Rena O'Mary  
Jane Parker  
Matthew Richardson  
Lottie Sides  
Jackie Snead  
Larry Swango  
Ilze West  
Joe Youngblood

### APRIL 20 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ 1,302

EVENING SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ n/a

### APRIL 20 GIVING

BUDGET \_\_\_\_\_ \$48,055.05

RESTRICTED \_\_\_\_\_ \$22,845.00

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LOVE THE LORD GOD AND TO EXPRESS THAT LOVE BY  
MAKING, NURTURING AND EQUIPPING  
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