



pastor's PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

One of the great blessings I have seen and experienced since our time back at Lakeview has been the “unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3) that pervades our church’s culture. It is indeed the work of the Holy Spirit and it is also a mark of a mature body of believers. It is also something you have consistently prayed. In fact, as I write this, I can say this unity is as strong as ever.

With that said, it is also sobering to read in the same Ephesians passage that we have a responsibility to “maintain the unity.” This means we cannot rest on our laurels. One of the principal devices of the enemy is to stir division.

This came to mind for me, not because of any unrest that is currently happening at Lakeview, but because of an appendix written by Kevin DeYoung from a book I just completed. DeYoung’s piece was eye opening because not only does it generally describe the kind of person who can be a source of division in a church, it also too closely describes me at times. Because of that, I thought I would offer you its insights. I will not give you the entire article but some highlights that were particularly convicting to me.

You might be a quarrelsome person if . . .

1. You defend every conviction with the same degree of intensity. There are no secondary or tertiary issues. Everything is primary. You have never met a hill on which you would not die.
2. You are quick to speak and slow to listen. You rarely ask questions and when you do, it is to accuse or to continue prosecuting your case. You are not looking to learn, you are looking to defend, dominate, and destroy.
3. Your only model for ministry and faithfulness is the showdown with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel or, the aspect of Jesus you prefer is the one who cleared the moneychangers from the temple. Those are real examples in Scripture but sarcasm and whips are not the normal method of personal engagement.
4. You are incapable of seeing nuances, and you do not believe in qualifying statements. Everything in life is black and white without any gray.
5. You never give the benefit of the doubt. You do not try to read arguments in context. You put the worst possible construct on others’ motives, and when there is a less flattering interpretation, you go for that one.
6. You do not have any unarticulated opinions. Do people know what you think of everything? They should not.

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7. You are unable to sympathize with your opponents. You forget that sinners are also sufferers. You lose the ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes.
8. Your first instinct is to criticize; your last instinct is to encourage. Quarrelsome people nearly always see others in need of rebuke, rarely in need of refreshing.

Do any of these hit close to home? Unfortunately, they do with me. If not dealt with, being argumentative or quarrelsome can affect the unity of a church. It can also harm a marriage or destroy friendships. Look to Christ. He has the power to change us and He has made provision to forgive. By the death of the Prince of Peace, we can be at peace with God and at peace with one another.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian

JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR MUSICAL THIS SUNDAY EVENING AT 6

Our Joyful Noise Kids Choir will present their spring musical in the evening service this coming Sunday. 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.





cliff's notes

ON FAMILY MINISTRY

SENIOR ADULT CELEBRATION

Lakeview is hosting a Senior Adult Celebration on Monday, May 12th, at 11:30 AM, sponsored by our Tuskegee Lee Baptist Association. There will be a free meal followed by the wonderful music of the James Brown Trio. If you are 55+, we need you to register so we can plan accordingly. Call the church office this week and let Mrs. Laura know you are coming. You can also contact the Senior Saint leadership and sign up through them. We look forward to seeing you there and fellowshiping with others in our community through this event.



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CARE UPDATE

THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

Hope to see men of every age Thursday, May 8th, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from Noon-1 PM. Jarret Layson will be our guest. He is one of our new deacons who is married to Jenna and has two beautiful girls. He is a lawyer by profession, but enjoys the farm lifestyle. That is a unique combination, so maybe he can explain that to us. Come and bring a friend. It is a great way to get to know some more men in our church. See you soon! Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 12th, 2025.

SENIOR SAINTS

WEEK OF MAY 5TH & 12TH

Those over 55 are encouraged to join the Senior Saints for monthly fellowships, activities, day trips, and spiritual growth. Thursday, May 15th, from 11:30am–1:00pm is a historical lecture study of Timothy by Jordan Hoge, Pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Lunch is catered for \$10 per person. If you have questions, contact Jann or Jenny Swaim or Larry or Miranda Webb.

Signup has begun for Lakeview Baptist Church's "Grandparenting Matters" seminar to be held on Saturday, July 12th. This seminar is designed to inform, equip, and inspire participants to become more intentional about grandparenting and build a spiritual legacy with their families. The cost is \$20 per person. Contact Jenny Swaim, swaimje@gmail.com or visit the Senior Adults website, lakeviewbaptist.org/senior-saints, to sign up.

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!

FOOD PANTRY – APRIL REPORT

Households fed	_____	126
Total pounds of food distributed	_____	6,258
Average pounds per household	_____	50
Average \$ per household	_____	\$7.82





children's CHATTER

MEDALISTS IN AM SERVICE SUNDAY, MAY 4TH

We invite our Scripture Memory Medalists to wear their medals to the morning service THIS Sunday, May 4th. The boys and girls will meet on the stage stairs during our welcome time and we will all, as a congregation, congratulate them for their amazing accomplishment!

CONGRATULATIONS! SCRIPTURE MEMORY 2025 MEDALISTS

1ST GRADE

GOLD | Emmie Arthur, Sawyer Arthur, Zoey Coniglio, Rhett Dunn, Savannah Faye Geiger, Vera Jordan, Evie Grace Kidd, Elizabeth McCabe, Henry Starling, Lyle Tate

BRONZE | Lydia Black, Hudson Carter, Will Groce, Abigail Melvin, Hampton Webb

2ND GRADE

GOLD | Henry Davis, Naomi Gay, Hallie Gallant, Olivia Layson, Abigail Martin, Henry Peden, Khanpi Siam, *Elsie Williams

SILVER | Olivia Siquiera

BRONZE | Ford Barber, Noah Benson, Adleigh Capps, Everett Folta, Jane Morgan, Marina Oliviera, Charlie Sisson

3RD GRADE

GOLD | Madeline Coniglio, Catherine Groce, Walker Hall

SILVER | Nathan Black, Rylee Dorminy, Derek Gann, Miranda Henderson, Felicity Watts

BRONZE | Savannah Carter, Camden Carlisle, Amelia Melvin, Anderson Wine, Lincoln Wine

4TH GRADE

GOLD | Tucker Arthur, Walker Black, Robert Davis, Lydia Gay, Lee Geiger, Clarissa Knox, James McVay, Kim Sing, Lane Webb, Barrett Williams

SILVER | Nathan Folta

BRONZE | Reid Morgan

5TH GRADE BOYS

GOLD | Walter Jordan

SILVER | Silas Folta

BRONZE | Timothy Webb

5TH GRADE GIRLS

GOLD | Reagan Gann, Elizabeth Hall, Madison Ryals, Annabelle Webb

BRONZE | Phoebe Benson, Kylie Ann Carlisle

6TH GRADE BOYS

GOLD | **Michael Traylor, **Joseph Mayes, Joseph Mayo

BRONZE | Shepherd Davis

6TH GRADE GIRLS

GOLD | **Melody Freeman, **Rylynn Gallant, **Lily Marley

SILVER | Rowan Benson

BRONZE | Sophia Peterson, Hannah Sisson

*Melody Freeman also completed her 1st and 2nd grade gold medals

*Rylynn Gallant also completed her 1st grade gold medal

*Elsie Williams also completed her 1st grade gold medal

6 YEAR GOLD MEDALISTS

**Melody Freeman, Rylynn Gallant, Lily Marley, Joseph Mayes, and Michael Traylor



6 YEAR GOLD MEDALISTS

fellowship MEAL

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

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.***

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Jennifer Hood
Shirley Randall
Joe Waller

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

APRIL 27 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,181

EVENING SERVICE _____ 513

APRIL 27 GIVING

BUDGET _____ \$61,330.37

RESTRICTED _____ \$18,046.45

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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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