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Dear Lakeview Family,

I hope that our study in the Epistle of James has benefited you as much as it has me. Please pray for me as we begin our study of Galatians, an epistle that is made up of six chapters (149 verses).

During the Apostle Paul's first missionary journey with Barnabus (AD 47-48), they visited several places, including the island of Cyprus, the region of Pamphylia and Pisidia (which included a visit to Antioch Pisidia), and three cities in South Galatia: Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe. They then returned home to Antioch in Syria (Acts 14:26).

Paul and Barnabus spent a good deal of time in Antioch; however, at some point, people came from Judea and taught that Gentiles must be circumcised to complete their conversion to Christianity. They did not deny that you must believe in Jesus for salvation, but they stressed that you must be circumcised and keep the law as well. In other words, "you must let Moses finish what Christ has begun" (John Stott). Paul and Barnabus had a debate with this group known as the "Judaizers." They all went to Jerusalem to discuss the issue with the apostles and elders there (Acts 15:1-2).

Galatians was probably written just before Paul left for the Jerusalem council in AD 49. If this is correct, it is likely that Galatians is the first letter Paul ever wrote. Paul sent this letter to the churches he and Barnabus had planted in South Galatia during their first missionary journey (including Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe), to ensure that they did not turn away from the gospel of grace that was preached to them (Galatians 1:6).

Indeed, the central and dominating burden of the epistle is to defend God's free grace in the gospel. The central question of Galatians is, "What is humanity's problem that Judaism and the Mosaic Law cannot fix?" One of the keys to understanding Galatians is to consider the contrast between the old and new covenants, two different eras in salvation history.

Let me close this short background summary of Galatians by presenting to you the key doctrines in the letter: justification by faith alone, the Holy Spirit, adoption, and redemption. Perhaps the main point of Galatians could be summed up in this way - Christians are free from the bondage of the law, which comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

Please be in prayer for me as I prepare these sermons from Galatians over the next few months.

Love and Gratitude,  
Pastor Brian



## *congregational* CARE UPDATE

### THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

I hope to see men of every age on Thursday, July 10th, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from Noon-1 PM. Samuel Lyon, one of our “sent ones,” will be our guest. He is married to Brooke and together they have one boy, two girls and are expecting another child soon. Come and bring a friend. It is a great way to get to know more men in our church. See you soon! Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 14th, 2025.



## *youth* NEWS

### SUMMER RETREAT SCHOLARSHIPS NEEDED!

Summer Retreat is coming up, July 5th–9th, for our Lakeview Youth Ministry. Summer Retreat is our annual getaway full of discipleship, fellowship, worship, and fun. Each year, we ask our Lakeview family to help financially sponsor some students who otherwise would not be able to attend. **We still need a dozen scholarships.** If you are interested in serving as a sponsor, please contact Aaron Wine or Claire Breedlove. Join us in praying for a powerful week in the lives of our students!



## *the world* IN AUBURN

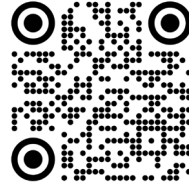
### ESL

Join us for International Summer Gatherings to practice your English from 6:00–7:30 PM on July 9th and July 23rd in the Youth Center. All are welcome for an evening of learning, connection, and community! If you want to volunteer to help on these evenings, [CLICK HERE](#) or contact [mfoshee@lakeviewbaptist.org](mailto:mfoshee@lakeviewbaptist.org) for more information!



### SENIOR SAINTS | GRANDPARENTING MATTERS SEMINAR JULY 12TH

Lakeview Baptist Church’s “Grandparenting Matters” seminar will 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 at [swaimje@gmail.com](mailto:swaimje@gmail.com), scan the QR code or visit the Senior Saints website by clicking the button below to sign up.



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Senior Saints Website



## *praise* WORTHY

### SUMMER SWING CONCERT SERIES JAMES BROWN TRIO | TUESDAY, JULY 15TH @ 7 PM

Bring your lawn chairs to the Opelika Municipal Park and come enjoy an evening of southern gospel music featuring Lakeview’s own James Brown Trio.





## thank YOU

Thank you for the love and support I've received from the pastors and staff during my husband, Ambers', recent illness and death. The beautiful peace lily you sent will have a special place in my sunroom. Please remember me in your prayers as I adjust to my new life without the "love of my life." I love and appreciate my church home!

Jean Hanson

Lakeview,

I want to express our deepest, heartfelt gratitude for the love and support you extended to our family at dad's passing. Your presence and participation were a joy and blessing as we celebrated Dad's life. We felt wrapped in the arms of our brothers and sisters in Christ, even though we don't know them by name. I understand Lakeview has been a part of the Stanley family for years. Glory to God! May the Lord continue to bless your ministry.

In love,  
Kaye, for the Stanley family

## REMEMBER IN *prayer*

ADAMS HEALTH  
AND REHAB  
Janice Powers

ARBOR LAKE  
Nancy Brownfield  
Emaleen Fagen  
Jennifer Hood  
Joe Waller

AZALEA PLACE  
Barbara Blankenship  
Susan Lazenby

BILL NICHOLS STATE  
VETERANS HOME  
Ira Hayes

CAMELLIA PLACE  
Linda Currie

CANTERBURY HEALTH  
CARE FACILITY  
Dean Baker

EASE HOUSE  
Anne Dodge  
Harriett McNelly

THE PHOENIX AT  
OPELIKA  
Dick Lane

AT HOME  
Matthew Baker  
Daniel Benjamin  
Matt Beth  
Jerry Clark  
Judy Clark  
Alice Chambliss  
Dennis Clark  
Renae O'Mary  
Jane Parker  
Matthew Richardson  
Lottie Sides  
Jackie Snead  
Larry Swango  
Ilze West  
Joe Youngblood

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### JUNE 29 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ 1,017  
EVENING SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ 352

### JUNE 29 GIVING

BUDGET \_\_\_\_\_ \$85,837.37  
RESTRICTED \_\_\_\_\_ \$13,584.61

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