



***pastor's***  
PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

As we recently concluded the Epistle of James, I was deeply, impacted by James' emphasis in chapter 5 on prayer as he mentions it seven times in 5:13-18. Of course, that is not unusual for an epistle. New Testament letters often end with a focus on prayer. Of course, that is consistent with the entire Bible's emphasis on prayer. Did you know there are 650 prayers in the Bible and approximately 450 recorded answers to prayer in the Bible? The Bible records Jesus praying 25 different times during his earthly ministry. So prayer is a big deal.

Today, I would like to offer some ways I have gleaned from Mark Dever's book, *How to Build a Healthy Church* (pg. 230-32) on how to pray in a more corporate way.

**Pray:**

- That we would preserve our unity even in our diversity as a witness to the gospel's uniting power (Ephesians 4:2).
- For a local revival of godly sorrow, conviction, and spiritual interest in the Bible.
- That God would create a new local appetite for expositional preaching of the Bible.
- For good fruit from the regular preaching of God's Word in the local church.
- That all members would look out for each other's interests (Philippians 2:5-7).
- That the pastors would equip the saints for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:11-12).
- That members would be faithful to make disciples, to build a culture of discipleship, and to see disciple making as part of what it means to be a Christian (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:2).
- For growth in the church's ability to encourage and counsel one another from Scripture.
- That established members would be hospitable to new members, visitors, and those different from themselves.
- That the congregation would welcome political, economic, social, and ethnic diversity as God gives it.

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- For growth in personal holiness, love, and faithfulness.
- For Christ to be honored in our work and that we would commend the gospel to others in our words and conduct during the week.
- That the congregation would grow in prioritizing attendance at the public meetings of the church.
- For growing maturity in giving and receiving godly criticism and encouragement.
- For the children of members to become obedient to their parents in the Lord.
- That the church's reach for the gospel would broaden to more people and places.
- For growth in a gracious and patient attitude toward those who disagree with us.
- That God would give the congregation more good purposes to spread the gospel and do good (2 Thessalonians 1:11).
- For growing faithfulness and fruitfulness in private Bible reading.
- For growing faithfulness in private prayer for each other.
- For God to deepen the congregation's relationships with each other to center on encouragement, confession, and gospel ministry.
- For maturity in being slow to take offense and quick to receive correction.
- That the pastors would watch their life and doctrine closely (1 Timothy 4:16).
- That the congregation would bear fruit in every way and increase in the knowledge of God with gratitude (Colossians 1:9-12).
- For growth in a shared heart for personal, local evangelism (Acts 8:4).
- For growth in a shared heart for international missions and that the Lord would raise up more workers for his harvest (Matthew 9:38; Acts 1:8).
- For fruitful Bible-reading friendships between us and our non Christian friends.
- That God would raise up additional qualified pastors, preachers, evangelists, and deacons among us (Acts 13:1-3).
- For good fruit from the ministries of the pastors and deacons.
- For good fruit from the men's and women's discipling relationships in the church.

I think you will find this to be a helpful list of general, biblical prayers you can pray to ensure that your prayers are not just centered on personal and family concerns (though that is important as well).

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.



## *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!

**Every Life Matters,  
Every Penny Counts**

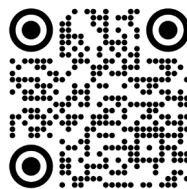


**We're partnering with Women's Hope  
Medical Clinic this summer! Grab a bottle,  
fill it with change, cash, or a check, and  
make a stand for life!**

**July 6 - August 3**

## 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.



[Click HERE to visit the  
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.



A Weekend With  
**Rosaria Butterfield**  
August 1st–2nd, 2025



## FOOD PANTRY – JUNE REPORT

Households fed \_\_\_\_\_ 118  
Total pounds of food distributed \_\_\_\_\_ 5,742  
Average pounds per household \_\_\_\_\_ 49  
Average \$ per household \_\_\_\_\_ \$9.37



## REMEMBER IN *prayer*

**ADAMS HEALTH  
AND REHAB**  
Janice Powers

**EASE HOUSE**  
Anne Dodge  
Harriett McNelly

**ARBOR LAKE**  
Nancy Brownfield  
Emaleen Fagen  
Jennifer Hood  
Joe Waller

**THE PHOENIX AT  
OPELIKA**  
Dick Lane

**AZALEA PLACE**  
Barbara Blankenship  
Susan Lazenby

**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

**BILL NICHOLS STATE  
VETERANS HOME**  
Ira Hayes

**CAMELLIA PLACE**  
Linda Currie

**CANTERBURY HEALTH  
CARE FACILITY**  
Dean Baker



### JULY 6 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ 842  
EVENING SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

### JULY 6 GIVING

BUDGET \_\_\_\_\_ TBD  
RESTRICTED \_\_\_\_\_ TBD

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DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST  
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