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Dear Lakeview Family,

I am excited to make you aware of upcoming foster care training classes in Auburn through Alabama Baptist Children's Home (ABCH). Classes start on September 9th and will meet for 10 consecutive weeks (5:30-8:30). Childcare will be provided. Every year, 6,000 children in Alabama are in the foster care system, and, unfortunately, there are fewer than 2,400 total foster homes (AL DHR). In other words, there is a deep need for foster care parents. As Martin Luther quipped, *'God does not need our good works; but our neighbor does'* and there are some 6,000 neighbors in Alabama, alone, who need care.

If you remember, I preached 2 Samuel 9 on Sanctity of Human Life where King David brought Mephibosheth to eat at the king's table, even though Mephibosheth, who was lame in both his feet, had nothing to offer the king (2 Samuel 9:11-13). It was David showing "the kindness of God to him" (9:7).

In one sense, this text is a **picture** of what the greater David, our Lord Jesus Christ, does for us who has nothing to offer him. But I would also submit that for those of us who have been brought to that table by "the kindness of God," it is more than a picture. It should serve as a **pattern** to follow.

Indeed, one evidence we have **experienced** the kindness of God is that we **exude** the kindness of God. Now, given our finitude, no one here can even skim the surface of the needs out there, but you can be a role player and foster care would be a highly, strategic role.

Let me offer you one family in our church who has taken up that challenge, Nathan and Anna Clair Moore. They have been fostering for over two years now and are currently on children number four and five. Recently, the Moores transferred a baby girl who had been in their care for four months to a new home. When they arrived, they walked into the home and were greeted by a couple in their upper 60s. The man was a hospital chaplain and a pastor at a small church in Theodore. Nathan saw on the wall 18-picture frames, each showing a different foster child who had been in that home. The woman was rocking baby number 19 in her lap, and Nathan was holding the baby who would be number 20 after they left. The Moores were stunned by these photos and asked the lady, "These are a lot of kids! How long have you been fostering?" She replied, "About seven years." This couple **STARTED** fostering little babies in their 60s!

Fostering is not for everyone, but in a church the size of Lakeview, there has to be others called to this ministry who just do not know it yet. If a family like the Moores, with three kids who were 6 years old and under when they started, AND empty-nesters who did not start until their 60s, are both doing this, surely there are other families at Lakeview who God might be calling but need some information, encouragement, or support in order to take the first step.

Furthermore, there are so many other opportunities to serve existing foster families, like getting background checks to be an "approved" babysitter, to being a transporter, to giving to ABCH, etc.

Here are some benefits of investing in the Mephibosheths of this world: (1) Foremost, we demonstrate our gratitude for grace by being conduits of grace. That glorifies God. (2) It follows the example of the king who brought us to his table. (3) It is one of God's means of transforming the world. (4) You can learn the gospel better this way.

If you have any questions about this, you can reach out to Lakeview's own foster care specialist, April Martin (www.alabama.child.org), and/or Nathan Moore who would love to discuss this with you (Nathanm1992@gmail.com).

If God is moving on your heart about this, trust and obey, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian

FALL 2025 LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Lakeview Women's Ministry is delighted to announce our Fall 2025 Bible study lineup covering three books of the Bible: Titus, Genesis and Isaiah. Classes are available on Wednesday mornings, Sunday afternoons, and Thursday evenings beginning August 21st. Take a look at the schedule and find the class that best fits you. If you've never done a Bible study at Lakeview before, the new school year is the perfect time to start! Email lakeviewwomen@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to studying God's Word with you! For more details and registration, click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code below.

TITUS: DISPLAYING THE GOSPEL OF GRACE
BY COURTNEY DOCTOR AND HUNTER BELESS

Sunday evenings at 4:00 PM | Beginning August 24th

Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM | Beginning August 27th

PRECEPT: ISAIAH PART 1
Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM | Beginning August 21st

PRECEPT: JOSEPH, FOLLOWED BY TITUS
Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM | Beginning August 27th

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STUDENTS ARE COMING BACK

Thank you, again, to all of you who prayed for us during the Oaks Retreat a couple weeks ago. We were able to make over 200 contacts with incoming freshmen. We will personally reach out again to every single one of them, and we know that ultimately the Lord will bring those students whom he desires to be here. This Sunday will be our first big Sunday with students back, so please help us make them feel welcome. Thank you so much for all you do for our college students.



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CELEBRATION CHOIR AND CELEBRATION ORCHESTRA

There is never a better time to join the Celebration Choir or Orchestra than right now so come join us as we begin a new season of praise leadership. We would love for you to utilize your gifts and abilities with us as we praise the Lord together. Weekly rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 13th, from 6:00 – 7:15 PM. The choir meets in the choir room and the orchestra meets in the sanctuary.



congregational CARE UPDATE

THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

Hope to see men of every age Thursday, August 14th, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from Noon–1 PM. Shannon, a “sent one,” from Central Asia will be our guest. Come and bring a friend. It is also a great way to get to know more men in our church. See you soon! Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 11th, 2025.

THE FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Kroger pick-up bags
- Mac N Cheese
- Canned fruit
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned corn

All cans should have a pull tab.

SENIOR SAINTS FELLOWSHIP

Senior Saints will have their next fellowship on Thursday, August 21st, at 11:30 AM. Our speaker will be our Children's Director, Jennifer Vail. Lunch will be catered (\$10 per person). If you have any questions, please contact Jann or Jenny Swaim, or Larry or Miranda Webb.

fellowship MEAL

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

AUGUST 13

Chicken Parmesan, Buttered Pasta and Sauce,
Green Beans, Salad, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream Cups

AUGUST 20

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes,
California Blend Veggies, Salad, Rolls, Apple Crisp

*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.***

DISCOVER LAKEVIEW CLASS THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Are you interested in joining Lakeview or just finding out more about us? The Discover Lakeview Class is for you. Pastor Brian and Bro. Cliff will walk through what we believe as a church, membership, and our covenant. We need a reservation from you with the number attending for lunch and childcare. The class will follow the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. Please email Laura Gray at lgray@lakeviewbaptist.org to reserve your spot.

OUR *newest*

KENNETH SCOTT BURCHFIELD III (TREY)
Born: August 6th, 2025
Parents: Scott and Emily Burchfield

SAVE THE DATE

2025 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 28th – Wednesday, October 1st

REMEMBER IN *prayer*

ADAMS HEALTH
AND REHAB
Janice Powers

ARBOR LAKE
Nancy Brownfield
Emaleen Fagen
Jennifer Hood
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

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

AUGUST 10 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,113
EVENING SERVICE _____ 558

AUGUST 10 GIVING

BUDGET _____ \$99,033.88
RESTRICTED _____ \$12,206.00

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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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