



pastor's
PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

In the less than subtly titled sermon, “The Hellish Sin of Discontent,” Thomas Boston (1676-1732) argued that discontentment that leads to grumbling and complaining and is the fruit of inordinately desiring something that God has not given you. I wanted to consider this issue today, not because I am seeing this among Lakeview brothers and sisters, but because I see it in my heart on a regular basis.

Boston gives several reasons why discontentment is a much more serious sin than we tend to think. He asserts that discontentment is equivalent to spiritual adultery because discontentment:

- Mistrusts God
- Complains against God’s plan
- Reflects a desire to be sovereign
- Covets something God has not been pleased to give us
- Communicates (even if unwittingly) that God has made a mistake
- Denies the wisdom of God and exalts our wisdom

Now perhaps you are like me. When discontentment is diagnosed like this, it is quite convicting and unsettling. There is so much that could be said in striving for contentment. In other words, we have responsibility in pursuing it. To be sure, contentment involves more than simply “turning over a new leaf.”

Christian contentment is heart work. I think it is reflected in Jeremiah Burroughs helpful definition of Christian contentment: “Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God’s wise and fatherly disposal in every condition.”

I love this definition because it emphasizes the fact that contentment is an internal disposition, grounded in knowing God. So the crowning achievement of Christian contentment is that it trusts and actually delights in God’s decisions in every situation and condition.

Now to be clear. That does not mean we like everything that happens. It is good to be sad at sad things.

However, we do trust that God is working all things together for the good of those who love him. As a result, we can die to complaining (Philippians 2:14), abound in thanksgiving (Colossians 2:7), and pursue knowing the God of the gospel who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all (Romans 8:32).

Indeed, Paul reasons from the Romans 8:32 truth that if he would give his greatest provision for our greatest need, “will he not also with him graciously give us all things” we need for our “good” (Romans 8:28).

The more this truth is internalized and believed, the more we will delight in God’s wise, good, and holy plan for our lives and will humbly allow him to direct us in that plan.

(Pastor's Pen continued)

Let me close with a very hopeful, contentment feeding verse from Psalm 37:23 "The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives" (NLT).

If we believe this, how can we not be content?

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian

FALL 2025 LADIES BIBLE STUDY

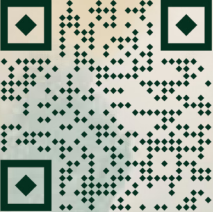
The Lakeview Women's Ministry is delighted to announce our Fall 2025 Bible study lineup covering three books of the Bible: Titus, Genesis and Isaiah. Classes are available on Wednesday mornings, Sunday afternoons, and Thursday evenings beginning August 21st. Take a look at the schedule and find the class 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

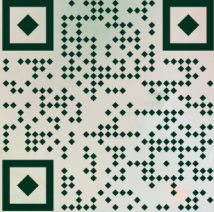
PRECEPT: JOSEPH, FOLLOWED BY TITUS
Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM | Beginning August 27th

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VOLUNTEER TO DRIVE A BUS

The ESL program needs volunteers to serve as bus drivers or navigators on Wednesdays, either from 4:30–5:30 PM or 8:00–9:00 PM. Bus drivers and navigators must complete MinistrySafe, a background check, and drivers must also complete Lakeview's certification training to drive a church bus. Navigators should be comfortable using maps on their cell phone. Please contact Jerry Ferguson at jferguson@lakeviewbaptist.org or 334-887-7094 if you are interested.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY?

Do you feel called, but unequipped? God has provided a solution! On Friday, September 5th, from 4:30–9:00 PM (dinner is provided), and Saturday, September 6th, from 8:00 AM–4:00 PM (breakfast & lunch provided), we will have a training session at Lakeview to equip you for teaching English and incorporating Gospel truth into classes. If you have questions, email Jerry Ferguson, jferguson@lakeviewbaptist.org or Marie Foshee, mfoshee@lakeviewbaptist.org.

Training registration deadline is August 28th. Sign up by scanning the QR code below:



congregational CARE UPDATE

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.

PRAYER and BUSINESS MEETING
THIS WEDNESDAY
6:00 PM
Room N108-109

fellowship MEAL

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

AUGUST 20

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

AUGUST 27

Chicken Fingers, Roasted Baby Potatoes,
Cole Slaw, Salad, Rolls, Oreo Dessert

*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.***

SAVE THE DATE

2025 INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 28th – Wednesday, October 1st

thank YOU

My family appreciates the care our church family and staff extended to us with the passing of my father. These moments have been an encouragement to us through prayer, cards, attendance at my father's service, and the lovely peace lily. We are thankful!

Cindy and Bill Golden

stay connected

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REMEMBER IN *prayer*

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
Janice Powers
Matthew Richardson
Lottie Sides
Jackie Snead
Larry Swango
Ilze West
Joe Youngblood

AUGUST 17 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,323

EVENING SERVICE _____ 603

AUGUST 17 GIVING

BUDGET _____ \$59,176.83

RESTRICTED _____ \$8,513.00

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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
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