



pastor's **PEN**

Dear Lakeview Family,

I have several short menu items today. First, this past Sunday, we elected Chris Call, Trey Gallant, Ben Gay, and Rob Martin to the fellowship of deacons. As you well know, Lakeview has no shortage of godly men and in God's providence, these men are the ones the Lord has raised up to be a part of our fellowship of deacons for this season. Please join me in regularly praying for them as well as all of our deacons.

Second, two Sundays ago, we adopted our 2026 budget of \$4,100,000. This is an increase of \$200,000 over last year's budget. As your pastor, I am consistently astounded and blessed by your sacrificial giving, not just to our budget, but to all gospel causes both locally and globally.

Third, over the last two Sunday evenings, Lakeview choirs and musicians have led us in worship. Specifically, I want to thank Adam Traylor (Minister of Music), Zac Whitehead (Director of Communications and Technology), Chad Vail (Accompanist), Josh Wine (Orchestra Director), Karen Parten (Music Ministry Administrative Assistant), Jacob and Eliza Ogle (Directors of Joyful Noise), and all the numerous other helpers, including the choir and orchestra members themselves, who made these last two Sunday nights what they were. They used their spiritual and natural gifts to edify us and we were all blessed for it.

Fourth, as of this past Sunday, December 14th, \$111,082.11 has been given to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Although we have a long way to go on this, I want to reiterate how very encouraged and grateful I am for your sacrificial giving to this important offering. Please continue to pray that Lakeview would be a means of blessing to our International Mission Board in this regard.

Lastly, one of the most important weeks of the year is close upon us. Starting the evening of Sunday, January 11th, 2026 and extending through Friday, January 16th, we have our annual prayer week. We will kick our evening off with a time of confession and the Lord's Supper. We all recognize that the reason Lakeview has flourished for so long is due to God's hand on this church. With that said, I am certain that at the human instrumental level, a central reason for Lakeview's health is the prayers of God's people here. May we continue to be a praying people.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian

WEEK OF PRAYER 2026

JANUARY 11TH—16TH

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

- 21 — NO Sunday School
 - AM Worship Service (Lord's Supper)
 - Sunday School Fellowships (in lieu of PM Service)
- 24 — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 28 — NO Sunday School
 - AM Worship Service
 - NO PM service
- 31 — NO Wednesday night activities



congregational CARE UPDATE

NEXT MEN'S LUNCHEON AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET
JANUARY 8TH, 2026



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END OF YEAR (EOY) GIVING

This year our Budget giving goal for the month of December is \$582,000. This represents 15% of our annual budget. While this is a challenging amount, it is in line with our EOY giving for the past several years. With the Lord's help and your continued generous and cheerful giving, we can reach and even exceed this amount.

I want to remind you of the various ways that you can give. First, you may make 2025 gifts through offering plate giving on December 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. Also, you may make 2025 online gifts until midnight on December 31st. Additionally, you may make 2025 gifts in the church office at the end of the month on December 22nd, 29th, 30th, and 31st (by 5:00 PM each day). Note that the church office will be closed on December 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th for Christmas. Finally, you may make your 2025 gifts by check through the mail, recognizing that mail service is highly unreliable currently. To qualify as 2025 gifts, your envelopes must be postmarked as 2025 mail.

I look expectantly to the month ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist with your giving in any way. I can be reached at 334-887-7094 and jwilkerson@lakeviewbaptist.org.



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2026 CHOIR START DATES

CELEBRATION CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Wednesday, January 7 | 6:00 – 7:15 PM

Join us as we begin a new season of praise leadership. We would love for you to utilize your gifts and talents with us as we praise the Lord together. The celebration choir meets in the choir room and the orchestra meets in the sanctuary each Wednesday beginning the 7th.

RE/GEN YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday, January 25 | 4:30 PM

Calling all 7th-12th graders to the choir room as we begin our 2026 Re/Gen season. Come and join us as we lead in worship each Sunday night.

JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR

Sunday, January 25 | 4:45 PM

Join us Sunday, January 25th, at 4:45 PM in the KidZone (W208-209) for our Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal as we kickoff our spring semester. Joyful Noise Choir is comprised of children in grades 1-6 who learn more about Jesus through the songs that are taught. If your child is new to choir, pre-registration is available online at www.lbcmusic.org.



youth NEWS

FUEL WEEKEND

It is almost 2026, which means it is almost time for FUEL Weekend! Lakeview Youth begins each year with a weekend dedicated to worship, Bible study, fellowship, service, and fun! This year, our FUEL Weekend theme is "Holy God, Holy People" — it is all about a holy God who makes us holy for His glory and our good. If you have a child or grandchild in the Youth, (or know someone who is in 7th-12th grade!) please encourage them to sign up as soon as possible! We also are in need of scholarships for students who otherwise would not be able to attend FUEL. If you are interested in financially sponsoring a student, please reach out to Blaire Finlayson at bfinlayson@lakeviewbaptist.org. Join us in praying for a God-glorifying, powerful FUEL Weekend!

sympathy

From the pastor, staff, and church family to:

Charlene Walker and family in the death of her mother.
Dr. Larry Swango and family in the death of his daughter.

IN memoriam

Renae O'Mary

June 30th, 1957 – December 13th, 2025

SENIOR SAINTS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please join the Senior Saints for their final lunch of 2025 on December 18th. They will meet at 11:00 AM (note earlier time) in the fellowship hall for appetizers, fellowship and a Christmas luncheon. Pastor Brian will be speaking on The Nativity from the Magi Point of View.

SAVE THE DATE
IMF 2026
SEPTEMBER 27TH–30TH

PRAYER and BUSINESS MEETING
THIS WEDNESDAY
6:00 PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

REMEMBER IN *prayer*

ARBOR LAKE

Nancy Brownfield
Emaleen Fagen
Jennifer Hood
Joe Waller

THE PHOENIX AT OPELIKA

Jerry Clark
Judy Clark
Charles Knause
Jerry Knause
Dick Lane

AT HOME

Matthew Baker
Daniel Benjamin
Matt Beth
Alice Chambliss
Dennis Clark
Jane Parker
Janice Powers
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

EASE HOUSE

Anne Dodge

MONARCH ESTATES

Bill Thornton

DECEMBER 14 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE ————— 1,063
EVENING SERVICE ————— 709

DECEMBER 14 GIVING

BUDGET ————— \$88,307.78
RESTRICTED ————— \$51,556.78

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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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