



***pastor's***  
**PEN**

Dear Lakeview Family,

On May 14-15, 2010, I attended Dr. Harry Reeder's "Embers to a Flame" conference hosted here at Lakeview. In the providence of God, I was about to preach my first sermon as the new pastor at First Baptist Church Fisherville, in Louisville, Kentucky. That conference was so very important because the emphasis was on church revitalization, the very calling God had for me at my new church.

At the conference, Dr. Reeder handed out a prayer from *The Valley of Vision*, titled, "A Minister's Preaching." It is a prayer that resonates with me, one that I have memorized, and have prayed in the first person most every Sunday since that weekend.

Today, I would like to offer you that same prayer, but from the congregation's perspective. I know many of you already pray for me. It is deeply encouraging to me and I am so very humbled and grateful for your prayers. There are few things that reveal to me my need for prayer more than preaching weekly.

If you are led, would you would pray this for me, or whoever may be preaching that day? There is nothing magical or sacramental about this prayer, but I do believe the petitions in this prayer resonate with the desires of every gospel preacher.

"My pastor is desired to preach today, but he goes weak and needy to his task; yet he longs that people might be edified with divine truth, that an honest testimony might be borne for You; give him assistance in preaching and prayer, with heart uplifted for grace and unction.

Present to his view things pertinent to his subject, with fullness of matter and clarity of thought, proper expressions, fluency, fervency, a feeling sense of the things he preaches, and grace to apply them to men's consciences.

Keep him conscious all the while of his defects, and let him not gloat in pride over his performance.

Help him to offer a testimony for You, and to leave sinners inexcusable in neglecting Your mercy.

Give him freedom to open the sorrow of Your people, and to set before them comforting considerations.

Attend with power the truth preached, and awaken the attention of his slothful audience.

May Your people be refreshed, melted, convicted, comforted, and help him to use the strongest arguments drawn from Christ's incarnation and sufferings, that men might be made holy.

He himself needs Your support, comfort, strength, holiness, that he might be a pure channel of Your grace, and be able to do something for You; give him then refreshment among Your people, and help him not to treat excellent matter in a defective way, or bear a broken testimony to so worthy a Redeemer, or be harsh in treating of Christ's death, its design and end, from lack of warmth and fervency.

And keep him in turn with You as he does this work."

Amen!

Love and Gratitude,  
Pastor Brian



## college LIFE

### FEBRUARY IN THE COLLEGE MINISTRY

February is an active month for our college ministry. Many of our students will be volunteers for the Near His Heart Banquet this Friday, and I hope many of you will sign up to volunteer for that if you have not already. Next week, we have two of our big spring events on the calendar. Tuesday, the 10th, is our annual College Ministry/Senior Saints Valentine's Banquet. We are working and hoping for a wonderful turnout and ask that you all join us in praying for the event, that it would be deeply encouraging to all involved. Finally, the following weekend, February 13th–15th, is Venture Weekend. We have a good number of students signed up, and the theme of the weekend will be on prayer. Please pray that as each of these events comes to pass, our fellowship with each other and with the Lord will grow deeper and richer.



## praise WORTHY

### RE/GEN ON-MISSION: ORLANDO, FL 1ST REGISTRATION & DEPOSIT DUE THIS SUNDAY

The cost for this year's Re/Gen On-Mission Trip to Orlando, FL (May 29th – June 3rd) is \$240 per student. The \$120 deposit and the first online registration is due on or before Sunday, February 8th. The remaining balance (\$120) and the second online registration can be completed between March 1st and March 22nd.

Letters have been mailed to Re/Gen parents for more information concerning registration, payments, and trip details. Registration and more info can also be found at [www.lbcmusic.org](http://www.lbcmusic.org).



## congregational CARE UPDATE

### THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

I hope to see men of every age on Thursday, February 12th, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from Noon–1 PM. Steve, one of our new members, has traveled into many closed countries including the tunnels of Hamas. He will challenge us to not “take care,” but to take risks. I asked him to come back and tell us more of his intriguing life story. 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 March 12th, 2026.

### SPRING 2026 LIFE CLASSES

Please see the upcoming Life Class offerings for the Spring 2026 term, beginning Sunday, January 25th:

#### PARENTING 101

This class provides faithful and practical tools for raising children to know and love God. It is designed for new, expectant, and future parents, as well as those seeking a refresher. The series includes a two-week bonus session following spring break focused on relationships with adult children.

- Leader: Tim Keeter (Association of Certified Biblical Counselors certified)
- Time: 4:45 PM
- Location: Room N109

#### SPIRITUAL WARFARE: STEPS TO FREEDOM IN CHRIST

This six-week course explores the steps to attaining spiritual freedom.

- Leader: Bob Brownfield (Former IMB missionary and current deacon)
- Time: 4:45 PM
- Location: N104

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, CHRISTIAN FAITH, AND MISSION

This group will discuss Andrew T. Walker's book, *Liberty for All: Defending Everyone's Religious Freedom in a Pluralistic Age*.

- Leader: Mike DeBoer (Professor at Faulkner Law School)
- Time: 4:45 PM
- Location: N108

#### GRIEF SHARE

GriefShare is a support group for those navigating the loss of a loved one. The class offers materials and encouragement facilitated by those who have walked similar journeys of sorrow and hope.

- Leaders: Tommy and Karen Parten, Stacy Schuessler, and Cliff Knight
- Time: 4:30 PM
- Location: N103

### SAVE THE DATE FOR MISS PATTY CAKE MARCH 28TH | 10 AM







## children's CHATTER

### MPAC SWEETHEART BABY SHOWER

Help us throw a "Sweetheart" baby shower for our local Women's Hope Medical Clinic next Wednesday, February 11th, from 6:00–7:15 PM. Our 1st–6th graders are invited to join us during MPAC for a night of fun and games as we celebrate God's precious image bearers! Children can bring coins for our Boys vs. Girls baby bottle challenge and items on the Women's Hope wish list!

#### WHAT TO BRING:

Nickels, dimes, and quarters for the Baby Bottle Challenge!  
Boys vs. Girls — who can bring in the most coins for their team?

#### NEW BABY ITEMS:

- Diapers (Size 3 and up)
- Wipes
- Baby socks
- Baby scratch protection mitts
- New crib sheets
- Baby girl onesies

We have a fun night planned with games, snacks, sweet messages to share, and prizes for the team who brings in the most coins! Drop off and pick up in the KidZone.



## NEAR HIS HEART dinner

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

with special guests  
**GREG & MARY JANE MEYER**

**Volunteers Still Needed!**

[\*Click here to register!\*](#)



## cliff's notes ON FAMILY MINISTRY

### CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

The caregiver support group will meet THIS Thursday, February 5th, from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at Lakeview in room N208. This group exists to encourage, inform, and offer ideas of services available to anyone who might be responsible for being a caregiver of a loved one. Their needs may be dementia, failing health, handicap, or special needs. We will be talking about advanced directives, power of attorney, guardianship, and conservatorship in this month's meeting. Kristy Butler brings great experience, wisdom, compassion and help to the table for anyone in need of support.



### LAKEVIEW WOMEN SPRING RETREAT GOSPEL-SHAPED WOMANHOOD

Ladies, join us on February 27th – 28th at the Cotton Barn at Lazenby Farms in Auburn, AL. Our guest speaker will be Sarah Rice. Tickets are \$75 (\$55 for college-aged women) and registration is open through February 22nd. Full payment is due upon registration. To register, click [here](#), scan the QR code, or visit the church office.



# *fellowship* MEAL

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

## FEBRUARY 4

Chicken Parmesan, Pasta & Sauce,  
Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Salad, Oreo Dessert

## FEBRUARY 11

Baked Potatoes, BBQ Pork, Toppings,  
Broccoli, Rolls, Salad, Peach Cobbler

*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.***

## *thank* YOU

Thank you so much for the lovely peace lily that was sent after my dad passed away. Also, I am very appreciative for the many thoughts and prayers. Lakeview is such a blessing!

Thanks again, Tina Almond



## 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

### MONARCH ESTATES

Bill Thornton

### 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

## FEBRUARY 1 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE ————— 1,126  
EVENING SERVICE ————— 552

## FEBRUARY 1 GIVING

BUDGET ————— \$92,434.74  
RESTRICTED ————— \$9,289.00

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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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