



LAKEVIEW *life*
WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2026



pastor's
PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

Recently, I was informed that I need a quadruple bypass surgery in the coming weeks. The date has not yet been set, but as I believe and am praying, this surgery is akin to a halftime adjustment that will allow me to be more productive and healthier as I approach the second half of ministry.

It is not the path I would have chosen, but I am trusting that our God, who is infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth is all that He is, all the time, for me (and you).

There are many biblical texts to confirm that being a believer does not sequester us from trials. But because God is all that He is, all the time, for us, we can trust that He is working all things together for the believer's good (Romans 8:28).

Certainly, some trials are brought on by sin, but some are brought by the Lord to produce something that cannot be produced otherwise. John Newton offers some benefits from trials that cannot be otherwise attained: (1) trials smoke out idols; (2) trials drive us to pray; (3) trials call back wandering hearts (4) trials humble proud hearts; (5) trials kill worldliness; (6) trials are ice water on sleepy souls; (7) trials sweeten promises; (8) trials prove grace; (9) trials produce confidence in God; and (10) trials teach compassion.

To this tenth point, consider the Apostle Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort."

The truth in this passage is why you have likely never heard that people profit the most from those who suffer the least. I know from my own experience in this trial everyone who has reached out and encouraged me, been through this personally or with a loved one, has helped me the most.

I want to bring out two important truths from this passage before I close. First, Paul implies there is a correspondence between the intensity of human suffering and the availability of divine comfort (see especially v. 5). No human suffering can exceed the resources God has for us in Christ to bring comfort and sustaining grace to see us through.

The second truth I draw from this text in 2 Corinthians is that there is divine purpose(s) in our trials. Look at v. 4 where Paul says that God "comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." That is, whatever degree of suffering I endure, it is to equip me to serve you as a conduit of God's divine comfort.

The implications of this passage from the Apostle Paul are significant. When facing trials, stop and commit to two things: First, avail yourself to the corresponding comforts of Christ (these may come through spiritual disciplines, corporate worship, or God's people). Second, stop turning in on yourself, look out and around, and ask, "Who else, Lord?"

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



cliff's notes

ON FAMILY
MINISTRY

MEN'S BEAST FEAST 2026

Looking forward to our annual Men's Beast Feast on Friday night, April 10th, at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Excited to have one my good friends, retired colonel Rex Jones, as our speaker. He is a proven leader of men, a faithful husband and father, and committed to the local church. I know he will challenge and encourage you in your walk with the LORD.

We hope you will make this an outreach event by inviting either lost or unchurched friends. Fathers and sons are encouraged to attend. Fathers, use your discretion if your son is at the appropriate age to attend. If your son can sit still, listen and benefit from the evening, bring them. Otherwise, it may be best to wait another year.

As in the past, we ask for volunteers to bring a pot of chili or a dessert. You can sign up to volunteer and purchase your ticket beginning THIS Sunday in the lobby. Tickets are \$10 per person with a \$30 cap per family. Ticket sales are limited to you and two guests for the first week.



praise

WORTHY

RE/GEN ON-MISSION: ORLANDO

FINAL REGISTRATION & BALANCE DUE THIS WEEK

The remaining balance for this year's Re/Gen On-Mission Trip to Orlando, FL (May 29th – June 3rd) is \$120 per student and is due this week. Please visit the Re/Gen Youth Choir page at lbcmusic.org to complete registration (rooming requests, etc.) and for details on how to complete payment.

EASTER SONGS + HYMNS THIS SUNDAY | 6 PM

Come join us for an evening of songs and hymns about the Savior. This Sunday at 6 PM, the Lakeview Celebration Choir and Orchestra will be leading us in "Easter Songs + Hymns." You will hear classic hymns, praise and worship favorites, and new anthems of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Join us and bring a friend!



Lamb's

TALE

MISS PATTYCAKE IS THIS SATURDAY

MARCH 28 | 10 AM | IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

This is a free event for preschool-aged children to learn about the resurrection of Jesus through fun songs and stories!





children's CHATTER

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are available to help with this gospel-saturated, community event, we need you! We currently have a significant need for adult volunteers in the following areas:

- Kindergarten: Music/Missions, Rec, and Snack/Games leaders.
- 1st Grade: Games leader and decoration helper.
- 2nd Grade: Group leaders.
- 3rd Grade: Music/Missions leader.
- 4th Grade: Additional assistants to provide “extra hands.”
- 5th Grade: Games leader and group leader.

Please note that childcare is available for the children of all volunteers. We will begin filling youth volunteer positions at a later date. If you are interested in volunteering, you may sign up [here](#) or have any questions regarding the roles needed, please contact Jennifer at jvail@lakeviewbaptist.org.

VBS CRAFT DONATIONS:

- Mostly solid color t-shirts with minimal print on them (like new, but gently used shirts are needed.)
- Plastic pringle can lids (just the lids).
- Glass jars: spaghetti sauce/quart-size only with the labels and lids removed.
- Cereal boxes, flattened.
- 16–20oz water bottles (empty, but with the lid).

Please drop these items off in the lobby before June 14th. We really appreciate your help!



HAPPENING @ LAKEVIEW CARPENTERS FOR CHRIST @ MARANNOOK



missions MEMO

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS LEADER TRAINING

Mark your calendars for August 9th, 2026! The Missions Ministry will be hosting a Short-Term Missions Leader Training, where experienced leaders will equip you to lead faithfully, to the glory of God. Whether you feel ready to lead your first trip or simply want to be better prepared for the next one, we will save a seat for you!

SAVE THE DATE FOR IMF 2026

The Church: God's Chosen Instrument
for His Glory Among the Nations

SEPTEMBER 27TH—30TH

fellowship MEAL

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

MARCH 25

Parmesan Crusted Chicken, Corn, Green Beans,
Rolls, Salad, Chocolate Cake

APRIL 1

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes,
Bahama Blend Veggies, Rolls, Salad, 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.

REMEMBER IN prayer

ARBOR LAKE
Nancy Brownfield
Jennifer Hood
Joe Waller

AZALEA PLACE
Barbara Blankenship
Susan Lazenby

**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

AT HOME
Matthew Baker
Daniel Benjamin
Matt Beth
Dennis Clark
Nelda Kennedy
Jane Parker
Janice Powers
Matthew Richardson
Lottie Sides
Jackie Snead
Larry Swango
Iize West

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY

9:30 AM | SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 AM | WORSHIP

6:00 PM | EASTER SONGS + HYMNS

FEATURING THE CELEBRATION CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY

6:00 PM | GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

APRIL 5 EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 AM | SUNRISE SERVICE

FAMILY BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

9:30 AM | SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 AM | WORSHIP

(NO AFTERNOON OR EVENING SERVICES)

MARCH 22 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,312

EVENING SERVICE _____ 560

MARCH 22 GIVING

BUDGET _____ \$27,022.34

RESTRICTED _____ \$7,377.30

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WE BELIEVE THAT GOD'S PURPOSE FOR
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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