



LAKEVIEW *life*  
WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2026



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Dear Lakeview Family,

I have a few items I would like to briefly discuss this week. First, I want to give you an update on our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO). As of this week, we have given \$36,701.25. Last year, we gave a total of \$85,139.61. I would love for us to exceed that this year, but currently we are a bit behind schedule. I am so very grateful to pastor a church that sees the need to give to North American church planting efforts and is willing to do something about it.

Just for your information, I thought I would offer you a breakdown of how the money is used by the North American Mission Board (NAMB). Eighty-one percent goes to church planting; 13% is directed to evangelism and compassion ministry; 4% is used for sending and leadership; and finally, 2% is employed for missions' education. It is because of giving churches like Lakeview that Southern Baptists have planted more than 12,000 churches in North America since 2010.

On another note, as we announced this past Sunday morning, Lakeview's Vacation Bible School 2026 will be June 22–26. Registration is available online now through June 14th. Children entering grades K5–6th in the 2026-2027 school year are invited to be a part of this. Importantly, there is a great need for adults who are willing to serve at VBS. Of most urgent need is those who would be willing to serve in a preschool class or as a buddy for our special needs children. I would like to direct this appeal especially to our new members who may not have discerned yet how to best plug in at Lakeview. This would be a tremendous way to get involved and it would have a great impact on our children's ministry.

Finally, a date has been set for my heart surgery. It will be on May 8th, but I will need to be there on the 7th for pre-op responsibilities. Thank you for your care, love, and prayers. You have loved my family and me so well through this situation. It seems that all our prayers concerning my consultation with the surgeon were answered last week. First, we prayed for peace. The LORD gave it in abundance.

Second, we prayed for encouragement from the surgeon and he (Dr. Davies), was deeply encouraging. I asked him if my heart issue could be addressed. Without hesitation, he responded, "Absolutely, I can help you." That was deeply reassuring. Finally, we prayed for perfect date for the surgery, and the date of May 8th is a good date for me for a whole host of reasons, which I will not get into here.

My plan is to be out of the pulpit for four Sunday mornings: May 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st. In the providence of God, we will not have an evening service on the 10th due to Mother's Day. On the 17th, we have the Re-Gen concert and commissioning in the evening and on the 24th, we have the Memorial Day church picnic in lieu of the evening service. On the 31st, we will celebrate the Lord's Table in the evening service, and my plan/hope is to be back that evening to preach a short message before we partake of the Table. I understand, "The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps" (Proverbs 16:9). So, these plans may change but that is my goal. As for who will be preaching those Sundays I will miss, we have been blessed by several men in our body who are gifted preachers and this gives them an opportunity to steward their gifts for your edification.

Love and Gratitude,  
Pastor Brian

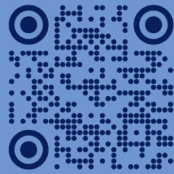


# missions MEMO

## SUMMER COMMISSIONING

On Sunday, April 26th, at the conclusion of the evening worship service, we will commission individuals who will be serving at camps and in various locations around the world this summer. Please have two people join you at the altar to pray for you.

CLICK [HERE](#) OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR THE SUMMER COMMISSIONING ON APRIL 26TH



## ESL CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

APRIL 24TH @ 5:30 PM

If God is calling you to work with our international ministry or if you want to learn how to better communicate with internationals, please join us for our English as a Second Language Certification Workshop on Friday, April 24th. We will begin at 5:30 PM (dinner provided) and end at 9:00 PM, continuing into Saturday, April 25th, from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM (breakfast & lunch provided). To sign up for training and/or if you have any questions, call Jerry in the church office at 334-887-7094 or email at [jferguson@lakeviewbaptist.org](mailto:jferguson@lakeviewbaptist.org) or Marie Foshee at [mfoshee@lakeviewbaptist.org](mailto:mfoshee@lakeviewbaptist.org).



# cliff's notes ON FAMILY MINISTRY

## BEAST FEAST UPDATE

Church family, we had another incredible Beast Feast with over 260 men in attendance. The fellowship hall was packed, and there was a wonderful sense of energy, excitement, and fellowship throughout the evening.

The food was excellent, and our speaker, Rex Jones, did a fantastic job. I want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped cook and serve, and a special thanks to those who donated chili and desserts to make this event a success.



# youth NEWS

## SUMMER RETREAT | REGISTER AND SPONSOR

Summer Retreat is coming up this July 3–7 for our Lakeview Youth at Ridgecrest in North Carolina. Summer Retreat is our annual getaway full of discipleship, fellowship, worship, and fun. We encourage all youth-aged students to sign up and join us!

Each year, we ask our Lakeview family to help financially sponsor some students who otherwise would not be able to attend. We are currently still in need of a few sponsorships. If you are interested in serving as a sponsor, please contact Aaron Wine or Claire Breedlove. Join us in praying even now for a powerful week in the lives of our students!



# praise WORTHY

## JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR MUSICAL SUNDAY, MAY 3 | 6 PM

Our Joyful Noise Kids Choir will present their spring musical in the evening service on Sunday, May 3rd. This choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Eliza Ogle, is so excited to share this musical with each of you as they take us on a journey to "Happy Hiveland." Here we will meet many fun and unique bees that will familiarize us with the teachings of Jesus found in the beatitudes. You will not want to miss this fun night so please join us and bring a friend.

## SENIOR SAINTS FELLOWSHIP APRIL 16TH, 2026 | 11:30 AM

Senior Saints will hold our next monthly fellowship on Thursday, April 16th, at 11:30 AM. This month kicks off the hymnology series with Adam Traylor. There will be a catered lunch consisting of Chick-Fil-A sandwiches and sides for \$10 a person. Please check our website for day trip deadlines and announcements.

## COFFEE AND CONNECTIONS APRIL 28TH | 7 PM

Lakeview Women is hosting Coffee and Connections on April 28th at 7:00 PM at the home of Kam Nelson. Our guest speaker is Joan Moreman. Please join us for coffee, desserts, and fellowship!





# children's CHATTER

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY BANQUET SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Our annual Scripture Memory Banquet honoring this year's medalists will be on Sunday, April 26th, following the morning worship service in the fellowship hall. Pizza lunch will be provided for all scripture memory medalists and their families.

## VBS | "EMERALD CROSSING" | JUNE 22-26 REGISTRATION TODAY

In a world filled with worry and confusion, kids need to know there is a God who cares for them. Boys and girls entering K5 through 6th grade are invited to join us for Lakeview's VBS 2026 – "Emerald Crossing!" During VBS, children will journey through Ireland's lush landscapes, exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23. They will discover the life of the shepherd-king, David, and will learn how to cross from worry to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God's Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd. Join us for an adventure across the lands! Invite your friends to come along!

Register online at [lakeviewvbs.com](http://lakeviewvbs.com). Registration is available online now through June 14th. Children entering grades K5–6th in the 2026–2027 school year are invited to join us! Pre-registration required. More information about Vacation Bible School can be found on our VBS registration site or by contacting Haley Wine, Children's Ministry Secretary, at 334-887-7094 or [hwine@lakeviewbaptist.org](mailto:hwine@lakeviewbaptist.org).

## 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:

- Preschool Adult Leaders (5-6)
- Buddies to assist with special needs children (5-6)

Please note that childcare is available for children of all volunteers. We will begin filling youth volunteer positions in the Youth Center during Sunday School. 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](mailto:jvail@lakeviewbaptist.org).

## VBS CRAFT DONATIONS:

- Like-new solid color t-shirts with minimal print on them
- Plastic pringle can lids (just the lids).
- Glass jars: spaghetti sauce/quart-size only with labels/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!



# fellowship MEAL

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

## APRIL 15

Meatballs & Gravy, Rice, California Veggie Blend,  
Salad, Peach Cobbler

## APRIL 22

Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans  
Rolls, Salad, Carrot Cake

*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.***

## OUR *newest*

LUCY SCOTT HILLIS

Born: April 6th, 2026

Parents: Ryan and Camdyn Hillis

Great Grandparents: Jerry and Karen Ferguson

**How Your Gifts Resource Missionaries**

<b>\$200</b> for print materials for a new church plant	<b>\$400</b> for a portable baptismal and heater
<b>\$2,000</b> monthly worship facility rent	<b>\$50,000</b> one year of support & benefits for a first-year church planter

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®

## DISCOVER LAKEVIEW CLASS

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 19

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](mailto:lgray@lakeviewbaptist.org) to reserve your spot.

## 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  
Lottie Sides  
Jackie Snead  
Larry Swango  
Ilze West

## APRIL 12 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE	—————	1,205
EVENING SERVICE	—————	535

## APRIL 12 GIVING

BUDGET	—————	\$107,570.71
RESTRICTED	—————	\$15,595.00

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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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