



pastor's PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

This Friday, April 10th, Lakeview is hosting the men's "Beast Feast." Of course, any time Christian men can come together to worship our God, it exalts the Lord and edifies one another. This is, in itself, a sufficient reason to come to "Beast Feast."

This is a strategic opportunity to bring a friend who either does not yet know Christ in a saving way or is drifting a bit in his walk and needs to be brought into the fellowship of believers.

There is a great story that has long inspired me to be more intentional in reaching people for Christ. It is a story about a London pastor named John Harper who in the late 1800's to early 1900's was so famous for his love for the gospel that Moody Church asked him to come to America to preach.

He agreed and it went well. A few years later, they asked him to come back and so he boarded a ship at Southampton, England. Harper, a widower, had with him his only child, Nana, age six.

What happened next, we know from two sources. The first from Nana, who died in 1986 at the age of 80. She was awakened by Harper a few nights into the trip and was told the ship had hit an iceberg. Harper told Nana another ship was just about there to rescue them, but as a precaution, he was going to put her in a lifeboat with an older cousin.

Harper would wait until the rescue ship arrived. The rest of the story is well known and is the second source of what happened to Harper. Nana and her cousin survived, but the ship Harper was on was the Titanic. A man in Hamilton, Ontario, at a prayer meeting four years later, stood up in tears and told the story of his conversion. He had been on the Titanic, and he had held onto a piece of floating debris in the freezing waters.

Suddenly a wave brought a man near, John Harper, who was holding onto debris. Harper called out to the man, "Man, are you saved?" The man replied, "No." Harper shouted back, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved."

The waves took Harper away, but later, he washed back beside the man again. "Are you saved now?" The man responded, "No." Harper countered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." Then Harper sank and there in the night with two miles of water under him, the man trusted in Jesus: Harper's last convert (from *The Titanic's Last Hero*).

This story stirs and challenges me because here was a man, John Harper, who in his last moments of life was concerned about the souls of others without regard for himself. This challenges me to be more intentional in reaching people with the gospel. I hope it does this for you as well.

Of course, inviting someone to a Christian function is not the same as what Harper did. Harper explicitly shared the gospel even with his life in peril. May all of us grow in our passion for the gospel as Harper displayed it.

You never know the impact on someone you invite to the Beast Feast. You may be the only reason this person might come, but because you invited him, he will hear the gospel and experience the fellowship of Christian men. This just might be the start of a process where that man's life and family is transformed. May it be so.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



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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.

SCAN HERE 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 or Marie Foshee at mfoshee@lakeviewbaptist.org.



congregational CARE UPDATE

THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

I hope to see men of every age THIS Thursday, April 9th, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from Noon–1 PM. We plan to have Bro. Al talk about his trip to Africa. 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 on May 14th, 2026.

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.



youth NEWS

PARENTS OF UPCOMING 7TH GRADERS

We are so excited to welcome a new group of students into the youth ministry soon! As we get ready to welcome the upcoming 7th graders, we would like to invite parents of current 6th graders as well as your student to a special event called Youth Ministry 101. This is a time for both students and parents to come and learn about what to expect in the youth ministry. We will cover what a typical week looks like, what events we have coming up, how we stay connected, and how your student can get involved. It is also a great chance to meet the youth leadership, ask questions, and feel more comfortable about the transition. This will be on April 16th at 6:00 PM in the Youth Center. Please let us know if you will attend using the QR code below!

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SIGN UP FOR
YOUTH MINISTRY 101



cliff's notes ON FAMILY MINISTRY

MEN'S BEAST FEAST

Men, I hope you are making every effort to join us on Friday night for our annual Men's Beast Feast. We always have great food, fellowship, and a little fun. But most importantly, we share the gospel and challenge men to embrace this life saving, changing faith! We still need volunteers to bring dessert and/or chili. Just call me at the office to let me know if you can help.





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. 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.

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: Snack/Games leaders.
- 1st Grade: 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 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.

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!

How Your Gifts Resource Missionaries

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

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®

FOOD PANTRY — MARCH REPORT

Households fed	_____	123
Total pounds of food distributed	_____	5,841
Average pounds per household	_____	48
Average \$ per household	_____	\$7.70



fellowship MEAL

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

APRIL 8

Chicken Fajitas, Flour Tortillas,
Black Beans, Salad, Oreo Dessert

APRIL 15

Meatballs and Gravy, Rice,
California Veggie Blend, 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.***

OUR *newest*

WILLIAM PATRICK WOLLER III (TRIPP)
Born: March 30th, 2026
Parents: William and Kileigh Woller

sympathy

From the pastor, staff, and church family to:

Sylvan and Alice Dyer in the death of their daughter.
Scott Killingsworth and family in the death of his father.

IN *memoriam*

Allison Dyer
December 22nd, 1967 – April 4th, 2026

Roger Killingsworth
January 27th, 1945 – March 30th, 2026

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 5 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,391
EVENING SERVICE _____ n/a

APRIL 5 GIVING

BUDGET _____ \$139,113.04
RESTRICTED _____ \$32,040.65

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