



CHURCH PLANT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

On May 3rd, Pastor Brian cast a vision to Lakeview for an autonomous, Southern Baptist church plant in north Auburn. We recognize the biblical mandate, growing internal need, and unique external opportunity for us to move forward, but we know that Lakeview members may have questions. The following intends to address some of them.

Our hope is that in the Fall of 2027, a core team of believers will be commissioned by Lakeview to covenant together and begin worshipping, fellowshiping, and serving as North Plains Baptist Church. We have identified Aaron Wine as the lead planter. No firm location has been secured, but we pray the Lord will provide in His good timing.

On June 14th, the members of Lakeview Baptist Church will be asked to vote to affirm that hope and give Lakeview's leadership their blessing to move forward. Prior to that vote, on June 3rd, we will hold a Q&A Meeting for all members interested in asking questions about the plant and process. In the meantime, we invite you to pray with us for the Lord's help and consider the following questions and answers.

1. Why should we plant a church?

a. We believe there is a biblical mandate (Matt 28:18-20), an external opportunity, and a growing internal need at Lakeview. Church planting is both historically and biblically the primary means the Lord uses to extend His kingdom to the ends of the earth — seen clearly in Paul's own pattern of planting and strengthening local churches throughout Acts (Acts 14:21-23).

2. Why would we plant in north Auburn?

a. The local church is the "pillar and buttress of truth" (1 Tim. 3:15), and Auburn needs more of them. Auburn is one of the fastest growing cities in Alabama, with much of its residential growth happening in the north part of town. While many residential developments are underway, there are far too few churches to reach the community. We believe a church plant in that area will be strategic and able to serve faithfully and effectively.

3. What kind of church will the plant be?

a. The church plant will be a Southern Baptist Church with much of the same DNA as Lakeview. It will, however, be an autonomous local church, and not a satellite or campus of Lakeview. We intend for this church to be strongly evangelical, Protestant, and orthodox in its doctrine and practice. While more work is needed, the plant also hopes to partner with like-minded church planting networks that can provide support, coaching, and insight for planting faithfully in our context.

4. How did leadership decide on Aaron?

a. After numerous conversations and much prayer, we believe Aaron has the competency, character, and calling needed for such an endeavor. He has expressed interest in church planting from the time he was in the seminary internship program. The pastors and deacons have unanimously affirmed that he is qualified to be sent from Lakeview to lead the plant faithfully.

5. How will Lakeview support the plant?

a. Lakeview will be the sending church for the plant, so Lakeview's leaders will provide guidance and support in various areas of planning and preparation, as well as care and accountability in the first few years. Additionally, Lakeview will provide financial support and people, reflecting the pattern of the early church which sent out workers and supported them materially (Rom. 15:24; Phil. 4:15-16). Lakeview also commits to ongoing, earnest prayer for the plant's leadership, witness, and health (Col. 4:2-4).

6. Who all is going to the plant?

a. A core group of Lakeview members will be sent out, Lord willing, to form the foundation of the new congregation, giving it immediate community and gospel presence in North Auburn. While Aaron Wine and his immediate family will be going, it is not yet clear who all will

(Church Plant Questions and Answers continued) join them from Lakeview. We ask that you would prayerfully consider in the weeks and months ahead if you would be interested in serving.

7. What will this cost Lakeview?

a. Church planting is costly, both in terms of people and finances. We will most likely be sending out some of our faithful members, and there will be real financial cost in supporting the plant's early ministry needs, particularly pastor support (1 Cor. 9:14; Gal. 6:6; 1 Tim. 5:17-18). We must be clear-eyed about what lies ahead. But Scripture is clear: God is worthy, He is the One who provides, and it is our joy to obey (Phil. 4:19).

8. What is the timeline for planting the church?

a. We plan for a group of believers to covenant together as a new church in the fall of 2027. Before that, a core team of founding members will need to be identified and trained. Summer/Fall of 2026 will be focused on discerning who all is going through several interest meetings that will be offered, followed by an interview process. Spring 2027 will prioritize core team meetings to build fellowship, clarify distinctives, and prepare for the fall.

9. What are the next steps?

a. The first thing to do next is pray. Lakeview's leaders need wisdom and grace in how to lead, plan, and prepare. Once the congregation has voted to affirm this endeavor, work will begin in earnest to organize and plan for various aspects of the plant. Those aspects include securing legal legitimacy, discerning potential planting partners, recruiting leadership, and finding a viable location.

10. What is the plan for Lakeview's Youth Ministry?

a. Following the church's vote, Lakeview's leadership will begin the process of looking for the next Youth Pastor. In the meantime, Aaron will continue to lead the Youth Ministry with his staff, interns, and volunteers. It is our hope that the Lord will soon provide a man qualified and passionate about serving our youth and their families so that sufficient overlap during the transition can take place.

11. Who will be involved in the overseeing and organization of the church plant process?

a. Since Lakeview intends to plant an autonomous, congregationally governed church, the role of Lakeview's leadership will be to help navigate the formation and structure of the plant through counsel and support. Lakeview's pastors will be working together to clarify core distinctives, generate a projected budget, and more, with Lakeview's Missions Pastor and Aaron leading those discussions. Throughout the process, Lakeview's deacons and staff will be updated and provide feedback, and the congregation will remain regularly informed.

We know there is much work to be done. But, we are confident that the Lord is among us, guiding and leading us by His Spirit. We encourage you to come on June 3rd to ask questions, offer encouragement, and seek His face. If you have immediate questions, we invite you to reach out to Aaron Wine at awine@lakeviewbaptist.org.

For His Glory,
Lakeview Equipping Staff

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC ON THE GRASSY FIELD | MAY 24TH @ 5 PM
ICE, WATER & KONA ICE PROVIDED | BRING YOUR OWN DINNER AND CHAIRS





congregational CARE UPDATE

THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

Hope to see men of every age THIS Thursday, May 14th, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from Noon-1 PM. Josh, who serves with “the company” with his family, will discuss the dangers and joys of serving in a closed country. 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 June 11th, 2026.



cliff's notes ON FAMILY MINISTRY

PRAYERS FOR PASTOR BRIAN

Dear Lakeview family, please keep Pastor Brian in your prayers as he enters the recovery and healing stage. We are so thankful for a successful surgery and continue to trust the Lord for his full recovery.

I will be preaching from Isaiah 40 this Sunday. I would appreciate your prayers as I prepare. Also, I encourage you to read and meditate on the passage this week to prepare your heart for the sermon.

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®

Gifts received through May 17



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RE/GEN ON-MISSION CONCERT AND COMMISSIONING THIS SUNDAY, MAY 17 | 6:00 PM

Join us for our annual Re/Gen Youth Choir Concert & Commissioning. The concert will feature the Re/Gen Choir singing songs for their upcoming On-Mission trip to Orlando, FL. Please make your plans to support and pray for our Lakeview Youth Choir by attending this special time of worship and commissioning.

RE/GEN ON-MISSION PARENT, CHAPERONE, AND STUDENT MEETING THIS SUNDAY, MAY 17 | 7:15 PM

Immediately following the Re/Gen Concert this Sunday, we will have a parent, chaperone, and student meeting in the Fellowship Hall. This very important meeting will cover the details for the On-Mission Trip to Orlando.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 13TH: 6TH GRADE CELEBRATION

We are hosting a graduation for our sixth graders who will be transitioning to youth this year. We want to have one last time to celebrate them before promotion Sunday. Our focus will be on habits of grace – Hear His Voice (Word), Have His Ear (Prayer), and Belong to His Body (Fellowship). We would love to have our 6th graders join us this Wednesday night in N108–N109 from 5:30-7:30 for pizza, teaching, and fellowship!

MAY 17TH: 1ST GRADE MEET AND GREET LUNCHEON

All rising first graders and their families are invited to a meet & greet after morning worship on Sunday, May 17th. We will meet in the youth center for pizza, a tour of the KidZone, and a brief parent informational session. Children will also meet their Sunday School teachers and learn all about our Children's Ministry.

MAY 24TH: PROMOTION SUNDAY

All grades (K5-12) will promote to their new Sunday School class on May 24th.

MAY 27TH: WATERSLIDE AND PIZZA

5:30-7:30 PM on the grass field. Bring a towel and wear a swimsuit. Parents must fill out a children's ministry participation waiver. This event is open to our upcoming first graders through graduating 6th graders!

JUNE 22ND-26TH: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Every day from 8:00 AM – Noon. Available for all kids entering K5–6th Grade. Online registration is open now through June 14th at www.lakeviewvbs.com.

VBS 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!

VBS T-SHIRTS

Vacation Bible School T-shirts are \$12 each and will be sold in the lobby on Sunday mornings starting May 24th through VBS. Shirts are available in youth and adult sizes.



*Meals are finished for the semester. They will resume in the Fall.

OUR *newest*

HAZEL FAYE JACKSON
Born: May 6th, 2026
Parents: Frankie & Ruth Jackson
Grandparents: Paul & Cindy Fellows

DISCOVER LAKEVIEW CLASS
THIS SUNDAY, MAY 17

Are you interested in joining Lakeview or just finding out more about us? The Discover Lakeview Class is for you. 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 to reserve your spot.



sympathy

From the pastor, staff, and church family to:
Otto Land and family in the death of his mother.

REMEMBER
IN *prayer*

ARBOR LAKE
Nancy Brownfield
Jennifer Hood
Joe Waller

MONARCH ESTATES
Bill Thornton

AZALEA PLACE
Barbara Blankenship
Susan Lazenby

THE PHOENIX AT
OPELIKA
Jerry Clark
Judy Clark
Charles Knause

BILL NICHOLS STATE
VETERANS HOME
Ira Hayes

AT HOME
Matthew Baker
Daniel Benjamin
Matt Beth

CAMELLIA PLACE
Linda Currie

Dennis Clark
Nelda Kennedy
Jane Parker
Janice Powers
Lottie Sides
Jackie Snead
Larry Swango
Iize West

CANTERBURY HEALTH
CARE FACILITY
Dean Baker

CHAPMAN HEALTH
CARE
Jerry Knause

EASE HOUSE
Anne Dodge

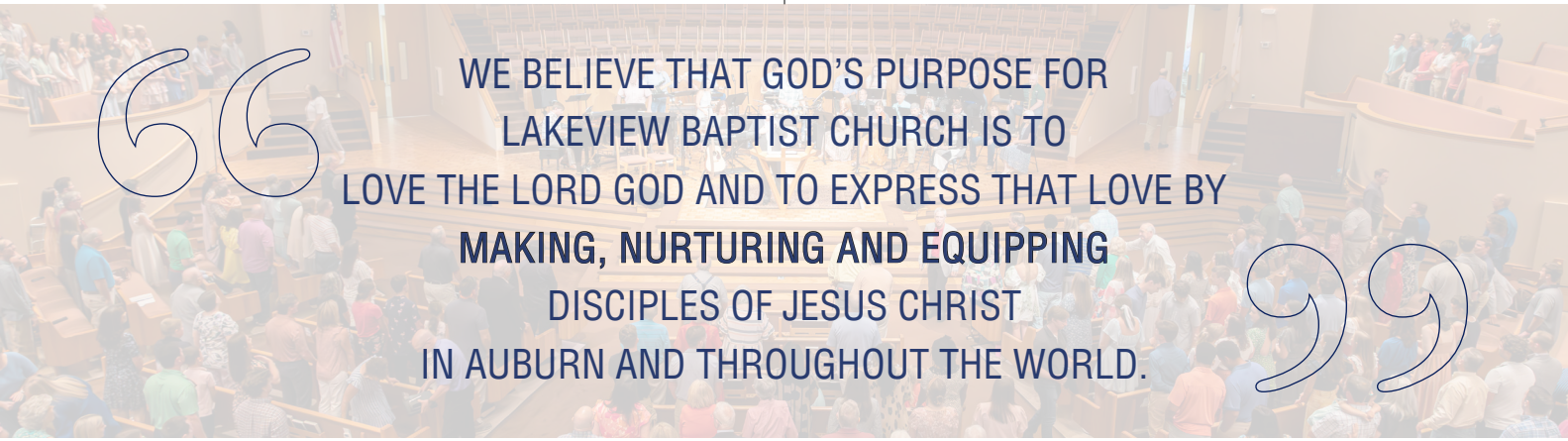
MAY 10 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,052
EVENING SERVICE _____ n/a

MAY 10 GIVING

BUDGET _____ \$136,730.28
RESTRICTED _____ \$14,594.00

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