



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

Join us for a church-wide picnic, THIS Sunday, May 24th! Bring your own dinners, lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit on and grab a partner for our annual egg-toss while we enjoy fellowship together with friends and family. If it rains, the picnic will be canceled.





children's CHATTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 3RD: BOWLING AND PIZZA

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Lucky Strike in Auburn. Cost: \$10 per child (Payable via cash, check, or Venmo @Lakeview-Kids). Pizza and drinks will be served. A completed child medical release form is required to participate. Parents are responsible for transportation. Please meet us in the lobby for drop-off and pickup.

We will provide childcare during the Church Plant meeting on June 3rd from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Children in 1st through 6th grade will meet on the grass field.

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.

VBS SNACKS NEEDED:

Every year our Lakeview family is so gracious to donate items for our VBS participants. Thank you so much for your generosity! We could not do this without you!

Snacks:

- Oreo Cookies (golden & regular - packaged 2 cookies per pack).
- Chips-Ahoy Cookies (packaged 2 cookies per pack).

(Donation boxes are located in the lobby.)

If you would like to bring homemade snacks for leaders, there will be sign-up sheets in your Sunday school class folders. You can drop off leader snacks in the fellowship hall. Thank you so, so much!





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OFFICE POSITION AVAILABLE

On July 1st, there will be a part-time administrative assistant position open at Lakeview. This position supports the Youth ministry. If you have an interest, please email me at jwilkerson@lakeviewbaptist.org.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

I am pleased to report that, due to the Lord's blessings and your generosity, we are sending \$100,000 this week for the North American Mission Board to use for missionaries and church plants across North America. This is approximately 17% more than we sent last year. Praise the Lord!



congregational CARE UPDATE

FOOD PANTRY HELP

We need some men to help unload our truck(s) of food from the Food Bank, Mondays in June (except 6/22), July and August. Come on Mondays starting at 7:20 AM and leave after unloading, or you are welcome to stay and volunteer at our Food Pantry. Please email megancoppenger@gmail.com if you would like to help. Any dates you are able to volunteer is greatly appreciated and helpful, whether it is weekly, once or twice a month or just one time.

Also, we would appreciate donations of dry spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce, rice (1lb. bags) and/or canned fruit. Thank you ahead of time.



SENIOR SAINTS MAY FELLOWSHIP

Senior Saints will hold the May Fellowship THIS Thursday, May 21st, at 11:30 AM. Those over 55 years of age are welcome. This month Tom McClendon will lead our "Hymnology on God the Father" with *Great is Thy Faithfulness*. Catered lunch is \$10 per person (Jim Bob's catfish and grilled chicken).

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER GATHERINGS

Summer Gatherings is a time that internationals and Americans can come together and have round-table discussion and fellowship to practice English language skills. Each session will cover a different topic of discussion. We will meet in the Youth Center at 6:00-7:30 PM on May 27th, June 10th, July 1st, and July 17th. No training is required, and we will have a list of conversation starters.

If you are interested and/or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jerry Ferguson at jferguson@lakeviewbaptist.org or Marie Foshee at mfoshee@lakeviewbaptist.org.



youth NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS!

We would like to congratulate the class of 2026 on their wonderful accomplishment! Please join us in praying for these graduates as they head out of the Youth Ministry to whatever the Lord has for them next!

- Rebekah Boman
- Bella Boos
- David Hansen
- Braden Harrison
- Giovanni Iaconis
- Caleb Key
- Caleb Mayo
- Kirkley Muncie
- Emilye Nixon
- James Peterson
- Lyla Poole
- Alex Sisson
- Brannon Tucker
- Aubrey Tyson
- Claire Vail



CHURCH LIBRARY CLEAN OUT PICK-UP FOR FREE IN ROOM N212

We are cleaning out our church library and adding more books. From Monday, May 18th, through Sunday, May 31st, children and adult books, DVDs, CDs, and VHS tapes will be in N212 for church members to take for free. If you have any questions, please ask someone at the front desk in the office.

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

OUR *newest*

WINSLOW NELL ROBERTS (WINNIE)
Born: May 14th, 2026
Parents: Will & Madi Roberts

SAVE THE DATE

IMF 2026 | SEPTEMBER 27-30

Mark your calendars for September 27th–30th for the International Missions Festival. This years theme is “The Church: God’s Chosen Instrument for His Glory Among the Nations.”

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Dean Baker

CHAPMAN HEALTH
CARE
Jerry Knause

EASE HOUSE
Anne Dodge

MAY 17 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,092
EVENING SERVICE _____ 601

MAY 17 GIVING

BUDGET _____ \$57,484.23
RESTRICTED _____ \$35,694.62

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