



pastor's PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

For those of you who do not yet know, our church overwhelmingly voted to affirm a church planting endeavor in north Auburn, led by our current youth pastor, Aaron Wine. Six-hundred and sixty voted “yes” for the plant, 55 voted “no” and two abstained from voting for various reasons. We had a strong 92% affirmation for the plant and that encourages our leadership that not only is this the right thing to do, but there is also a large buy-in. Praise the Lord for that. So not only do we need to continue to pray for the plant and Aaron Wine, but also for his replacement as youth pastor. In the coming days, I will set up a meeting with our youth parents so that we can pray for the next youth pastor and hear your thoughts on what you would like us to consider as we interview and, ultimately, hire the next youth pastor.

On another front, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) just ended in Orlando, Florida. Though I was not able to attend, several of our pastors did and from all accounts, it was a great convention.

The most significant thing to happen was that messengers approved the amendment Dr. R. Albert Mohler sponsored, the “Truth and Unity Amendment,” by a vote of 6,028 to 2,026. That is better than a three-to-one margin, comfortably past the two-thirds a constitutional change requires. Of course, it is not yet in the constitution. According to the SBC policy, it must pass a second time at next year’s annual meeting in Indianapolis before it is ratified. So, this was the first of two steps, not the final word on the matter.

The amendment adds a sixth item to Article 3 of our constitution, stating that a cooperating Southern Baptist church does not act to affirm, appoint, or endorse a woman serving in the office or function of a pastor/elder/overseer, specifically preaching to the assembled congregation.

We need to understand here that we did not adopt a new belief. The secular media has been framing this as “Southern Baptists ban women pastors.” This sounds as though we came up with some new convictions last week that we did not have prior to the convention. That is clearly not the case.

The Baptist Faith and Message — our confession, adopted in 2000 — already says the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture. So when you hear that the SBC “decided” women cannot be pastors, all you are hearing is old news reported as breaking news.

Our constitution and our confession are two different kinds of documents with two different, but complementary roles. A confession informs the world what we believe. A constitution tells the world who we are. This amendment did not add a new conviction. It kept the boundary we had already drawn.

Now, keep in mind, this amendment governs no church. A congregation remains as autonomous today as it was prior to the convention. So what the amendment defines is not what your church must do, but with whom this convention chooses to cooperate. To say it another way, we do not tell any church what they can or cannot do. If a church wants to have a female pastor, there is nothing the SBC can do about it. However, the SBC can decide not to cooperate with that church.

That is what Baptist autonomy has always meant. A church is free to take its own path, and a convention of churches is equally free to say which path it walks together. In fact, the only time a church is officially part of the SBC is when they send messengers to the annual meeting. The other 363 days of the year, there is an assumed partnership. So if any particular church that is out of line with our confession and constitution really wants to keep their SBC bona fides intact, the best thing they could do is to not send any messengers to the SBC. There can be no floor challenge if they do not send any messengers.

(Pastor's Pen continued)

Much of the discussion has blurred "the office of pastor" into "women in ministry," as if Southern Baptists have voted to fire women in ministry. This amendment does not address the countless women who teach, disciple, lead ministries, run our children's, women's, and mission work, who carry the gospel to the nations as missionaries. The SBC has always depended on the labor and gifting of its women (hence the WMU), and it still does.

Women in ministry is not what Mohler's amendment is addressing, nor is it what Paul is referring to in 1 Timothy 2:12, which captures the crux of the issue. "I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet." Here is the issue as I see it. The gymnastics required to get from "I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man" to "I do allow a woman to teach and to exercise authority over a man" in the actual practice of the local church are crippling to the functional authority of the Scripture in the life a church.

Ultimately, the issue came down to authority and Southern Baptists spoke last week and said, "the Bible is our ultimate authority." Praise the Lord for that.

Additionally, eleven important resolutions were passed at this year's convention. It would be worth your time to read summaries of these by clicking [here](#). I believe you will find these topics useful.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



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CENTRIFUGE CAMP | JULY 3-7

We are looking forward to taking our students to Ridgecrest, North Carolina, for CentriFuge Camp on July 3-7! We will have a meeting on June 28th at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall with information about camp for parents and students. This meeting will cover details about camp, including schedules, packing information, expectations, and opportunities to ask questions. Please pray that this week of camp would be spiritually impactful for our students!

SUMMER SWING CONCERT SERIES

JAMES BROWN TRIO | TUESDAY, JUNE 23 @ 7 PM

Bring your lawn chairs to the Opelika Municipal Park and come enjoy an evening of southern gospel music featuring Lakeview's own James Brown Trio.



SENIOR SAINTS JUNE FELLOWSHIP

The Senior Saints will hold their June Fellowship on Thursday, June 18th, at 11:30 AM. Retired individuals or people over 55 years of age are welcome. This month's speaker is Cliff Knight. He will lead our Hymnology Series on "The Bible: *How Firm a Foundation*." A catered lunch of deli sandwiches, chips, and fruit will be available for \$10 per person.

LAKEVIEW COVERSCHOOL

If you are interested in joining the Lakeview coverschool for the first time, please contact Meredith Ferreira to schedule an interview by emailing principal@lakeviewchristianschool.net.



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PASTOR BRIAN'S 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

As hard as it is to believe, Tuesday, June 16th, marks the 5-year anniversary of Pastor Brian coming to Lakeview to be our pastor. We praise the Lord for bringing him, Heather, Ella, Nate, Seth, Ava, and Seefen to our church family. Please join me in celebrating this milestone with them! If you wish to provide a card or note, please drop it off at the main welcome desk this Sunday.

JULY COFFEE & CONNECTIONS

JULY
14
7:00 PM

the Nahikian Home

Guest speaker: Anna Clair Moore
Email lakeviewwomen@gmail.com
for address

LAKEVIEW VBS 2026 PRAYER GUIDE

We are thankful Lakeview is a praying church and so, so grateful to all of you who are joining us in praying for Vacation Bible School. Here are some prayer points you may find helpful to use over the next two weeks and on into the week of Vacation Bible School:

1. Pray through Psalm 23 for everyone involved in VBS. Pray for the children to know the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow Him.
2. Pray for God's Word to be powerfully proclaimed and for wisdom for our teachers and leaders as they prepare to share His Word. Also pray, that as leaders, we would make wise use of our time and live out the love of Jesus in word and deed (Ephesians 6: 19-20, Luke 12:12, Proverbs 2:6, Proverbs 15:23, Ephesians 4:29, Ephesians 5:15-16 & Isaiah 40:3-10).
3. Pray for the scriptures to make the children wise to salvation through Jesus and for the children to be transformed into Christlikeness by the Word of God as they hear it and obey it (2 Timothy 3:15-17, 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 & Romans 12:1-2).
4. Pray for our missionary guest speakers and for all of us to be generous in giving to the SIL offering for children with disabilities (Deuteronomy 31:6, Ephesians 6:18-20 & 1 John 3:16-18).
5. Pray for the health and safety of all of our VBS teachers, children, and their families (Psalm 121:5-8, Psalm 91, Numbers 6:24-26, Psalm 4:8 & Psalm 23).
6. Pray for all of us to recognize the attacks and schemes of the enemy to divide, distract, and discourage, and ask the Lord of the Harvest to give us courage to stand against His lies and to put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6).
7. Pray that the Lord Jesus would be glorified in all we say, do, and think (Colossians 3:23-24, Colossians 3:17, Matthew 5:16, Romans 11:36, 1 Timothy 1:17, Ephesians 3:20-21, and Jude 1:24-25).

Below, and on the back of this page, you will find adult and youth worker names for each grade/area. As you pray for VBS, please consider praying over each worker by name.

Recreation

Alethia C
Amy C
Asa C
Brian C
Caroline C
Chloe C
Daniel C
Maya C
Samuel C

Cooper M
Katie P
Noah S
AJ T
Andrew W
Lillianna W
Tucker W

Transportation/Maintenance

Brian C
John M
Robert M
Rusty P
Tommy P
Rick R
Mike Y

Amir E
James P
Carl O
Saleh S
Christy W
Grace W

Coordinator

Joan M
Preschool
Becky D
Joshua D
Jenny E
Cindy F
Melanie H
Kem J
Elaine L

Davide M
Natalia M
Shonda M
Angela N
Jane N
Sarah N
Sara S
Robin S
Arthur T
Julianne T

Coordinator

Julie B
Buddies
Claire B
Bella D
Brett G
Lauren H
John R
Troy R
Evey S
Sophia S

"PRAY IN THE SPIRIT AT ALL TIMES, WITH EVERY KIND OF PRAYER AND PETITION. TO THIS END, STAY ALERT WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE IN YOUR PRAYERS FOR ALL THE SAINTS."

EPHESIANS 6:18

LAKEVIEW VBS WORKER LIST

Coordinators

Holly H

Kindergarten

Grace B

Caroline B

Kristy B

Sarah C

Andre C

Melissa D

Mary H

Andrea H

Elizabeth L

Blaire L

Isabella M

Emma M

Emma P

MacKinley S

Emily S

Lauren S

Margaret S

Caleb T

Sterling W

Leann W

Coordinators

Betsy C

Hillary S

First Grade

Sarah A

Amanda Kaye B

Morgan B

Braxton B

Amber B

Kate C

Sam C

Luke C

Cassidy C

Rebecca D

Annie D

Elana F

Sarah G

Kendall H

Gio I

Kami M

Taylor M

Lindsey P

Kristen P

Megan R

Amanda S

Kate S

Amy W

Coordinators

Heather D

Ashley M

Second Grade

Teresa B

Leah B

Hannah Grace B

Pam B

Bryan B

Hollie C

Connor C

Hadley C

Tim D

Shepherd D

Abi D

Penny D

Brenda F

Prudence H

Anna Kate H

Beth H

Tanner H

John H

Alexander L

Caleb M

Jacob M

Joseph M

Tom M

Avalon M

Jillian M

Heather P

Ava P

Christi P

Abigail P

Maggie R

Micah S

Susan S

Emma Claire S

Lesley W

Coordinator

Kara O

Third Grade

Emily B

Regan B

Allie B

Pam C

Clay C

Karen C

James D

Mandy E

Emma Kate E

Lindsey F

Abigail G

Rhonda G

Braden H

Gracie H

Tim H

Sharon H

Mattie J

Walter J

Melanie K

Jackson L

Ali M

Joseph M

Bryson M

Zoe M

Kirkley M

Ella N

Harper O

Tate O

Ellen O

Payton P

Coordinators

Tabitha G

Amber K

Fourth Grade

Emily B

Samantha B

Cara B

Josh D

Anna Grace F

Carl G

Marcia H

Emily H

Caleb K

Toma K

Patti M

Jessica M

Molly Cate M

Toni M

Suzanne S

Lauren T

Marie V

Angela V

Charlotte W

Tyler W

Kimberly W

Coordinators

Molly T

Kelli S

Fifth Grade

Riley A

Charlotte

Kayla B

Josie B

Becky C

Anna C

Porter D

Lydia D

Carrie F

Olivia F

Melody F

Jackson G

Will G

Robyn H

Casey J

Reuben J

Jenna L

Jarret L

Bailey L

Ceci M

Khup N

Lyla P

Hannah R

Phoebe R

Laura S

Maddy S

Aubrey T

Claire V

Laura W

Carol W

Coordinators

Joanna C

Katie S

Sixth Grade

Gracin A

Lauren A

Connor B

Hilary C

Megan C

Leah C

Rachel D

Emilee H

Connor H

Diana H

Hannah K

Macy M

Emily M

Anna Clair M

Jay M

Jessica R

Jessica S

Morgan S

Sandra T

Teel T

Sophia T

Cameron V

Cindy W

Aaron W

Kitchen, Cast & Sound

Crystal A.

Walker M

Beth C.

Linda S

Camdyn H

Adam T

Caroline I

Aubrey T

Cliff K

Lauren T

Nancy M

Sarah W

Zac W

“JESUS STOOD UP AND CRIED OUT, “IF ANYONE THIRSTS, LET HIM COME TO ME AND DRINK. WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME, AS THE SCRIPTURE HAS SAID, ‘OUT OF HIS HEART WILL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER.’” NOW THIS HE SAID ABOUT THE SPIRIT, WHOM THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIM WERE TO RECEIVE.”

IOHN 7:37B-39A

VBS office/ “other”

Nikki A

Annette O

Amelia F

Karen P

Marie F

Marsha P

Linda H

Melody P

Ann N

Jennifer V

Gina N

Haley W

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

VBS VOLUNTEER SNACKS STILL NEEDED

We still need volunteers to provide snacks to our adult and youth volunteers during VBS next week. If you can provide a snack, please drop it in the kitchen any day during VBS week.

OUR *newest*

GREYSON ELLIOT JERRY KISER

Born: June 11th, 2026

Parents: Chris & Danielle Kiser

THEODORE GRAY MCALISTER

Born: June 11th, 2026

Parents: Gray & Isabella McAlister

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

CANTERBURY HEALTH
CARE FACILITY

Dean Baker

Jane Parker
Janice Powers

CHAPMAN HEALTH
CARE

Jerry Knause

Lottie Sides
Jackie Snead

EASE HOUSE

Anne Dodge

Larry Swango
Iize West

THIS SUNDAY
JUNE 21ST

NO Evening Services
in observance of
FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 14 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,156

EVENING SERVICE _____ 553

JUNE 14 GIVING

BUDGET _____ TBD

RESTRICTED _____ TBD

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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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