



## *pastor's* PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

In the morning service on May 3rd, with the approval of the deacons and Lakeview leadership, I presented why I believe Lakeview should plant a church in north Auburn. I asked you to begin seeking discernment from the Lord concerning a church plant. The following week in the Lakeview Life, I explained why I feel the need of a church plant. As well, in the following two issues of the Lakeview Life, we published questions and answers about the church plant. This past Wednesday evening, June 3rd, there was a question and answer discussion as part of our prayer meeting.

This Sunday, June 14th, we will have a paper ballot vote to determine whether we should green light the church plant endeavor or not. We will also give you an opportunity to vote in the evening service, if you are unable to attend in the morning.

Again, this vote is simply to determine whether the Lord is calling us to plant a church. If the vote is in the affirmative, the planning phase will begin immediately. Let us keep in mind that every church that exists, exists because it was planted (or less happily because of a split).

If you were unable to attend the Wednesday, June 3rd discussion, the audio for that meeting is available on the Lakeview website.

Please be in prayer as we seek to discern the mind of Christ on this matter. It simply comes down at this point to whether obedience to the Lordship of Christ means we plant a church or we don't plant a church.

Love and Gratitude,  
Pastor Brian

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## A FOLLOW-UP ON THE CHURCH PLANT DISCUSSION

We are grateful for all of the questions, feedback, and encouragement we have received regarding a church plant in north Auburn. While the vote on June 14th is only to discern Lakeview's intentions to plant, we want to give members some broad shape to the location of interest as well as the basic finances around church planting.

### **Target Area**

First, North Plains Baptist Church will emphasize work in the northwest quadrant of Auburn. Locations included in this area include the North College corridor, the North Donahue corridor, West Farmville Road, Richland Road, and more. While more gospel work is needed throughout the city, this quadrant is the area of intentional interest.

### **Church Plant Budgeting**

Second, while there are no budget details for the church plant, or the sending church's support of that budget, we want to give an overview to the kinds of costs included in a church plant. These example numbers are subject to change and vary depending on location and demographics, but it should provide some clarity. These numbers, categories, and percentages are an average of selected Baptist church plants in North America planted within the last ten years.

*Example First Year Annual Budget - \$250,000*

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## General Budget Breakdown

- Staff Support – 55%
- Sunday Gatherings and Ministry – 15%
- Facilities and Administration – 12%
- Local Outreach – 10%
- Missions and Partnerships – 8%

## Sending Church Support

Third, a sending church may decide to partner with a church plant in a number of ways. Fundamentally, the prayers of the sending church are vital in the process of planting. In addition, families are commissioned from the sending church to be a part of the plant's initial membership. Usually, sending churches also provide financial support to church plants over a period of time while it grows and matures. Sending churches vary on which ways and how much they choose to financially support a church plant, but these are some of the most common methods:

- Support for salary costs while the church plant pursues financial sustainability (3-5 year cap)
- Support for one time startup costs (ministry supplies, initial outreach, sound system, legal fees, website, etc.)
- Support for a portion of the annual budget for a set period (3-5 year cap)

We ask you to join us in praying for God's wisdom as we discern his plans for Lakeview and for continued gospel work in Auburn and throughout the world.

## LAKEVIEW PRESCHOOL ADVENTURES IS HIRING

Lakeview Preschool Adventures is seeking two caring, dependable individuals who love children and are passionate about teaching young children Biblical truths and the gospel. We are currently hiring for two part-time positions:

- A One-Year-Old Preschool Assistant who will assist the lead teacher in providing a safe, nurturing, and Christ-centered classroom environment.
- A Preschool Floater who will support teachers and students in multiple classrooms as needed.

Both positions are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings from 8:00 AM to 12:15 PM. Experience with children is preferred but not required. Applicants should be committed to growing in their own walk with the Lord and enjoy helping young children learn and grow. If you or someone you know would be interested, contact Holly Hutto at [hhutto@lakeviewbaptist.org](mailto:hhutto@lakeviewbaptist.org) or call Lakeview Baptist at 334-887-7094.



## CHURCH LIBRARY CLEAN OUT EXTENSION

We are continuing to clean out our current church library. We are adding to the collection of books, CDs, and DVDs in room N212. Therefore, we will extend our give away through June 12th. If you have any questions, please ask someone at the office front desk.

## 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.

# CHURCH PLANT

June 14th @ 10:45 AM  
CHURCH-WIDE VOTE  
*in the Worship Center*

## 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](mailto:principal@lakeviewchristianschool.net).



# children's CHATTER

## 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](http://www.lakeviewvbs.com).

### URGENT NEED:

– Buddies

### 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.
- Magazine clippings of pictures of food.
- 16–20 oz 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 and throughout VBS week, while supplies last. Shirts are available in youth and adult sizes.

### VBS SNACKS NEEDED:

Every year, our Lakeview family is so gracious to donate snacks for our participants and volunteers. If you'd like to bring a snack for our volunteers, bring a salty, sweet, or fruit snack to the Fellowship Hall any morning during VBS week. If you'd like to provide snacks for participants, please bring 2 pack cookies of Nabisco Chips Ahoy or Nabisco Oreos (golden or chocolate) by June 14th. You can leave participants snacks at the VBS table in the lobby.

## DISCOVER LAKEVIEW CLASS THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 14

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



Lakeview Women



Coffee &  
Connections

JULY  
14  
7:00 PM

the Nahikian Home

Guest speaker: Anna Clair Moore  
Email [lakeviewwomen@gmail.com](mailto:lakeviewwomen@gmail.com)  
for address



## congregational CARE UPDATE

### FOOD PANTRY HELP

The Food Pantry would appreciate donations of dry spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce, rice (1lb. bags) and/or canned fruit. Thank you for your generosity!

### THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

We will not have our regular June meeting. Our next lunch at Ole Times will be on Thursday, July 9th. See you then.

### FOOD PANTRY – MAY REPORT

Households fed	_____	87
Total pounds of food distributed	_____	4,330
Average pounds per household	_____	50
Average \$ per household	_____	\$12.66



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

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."

The image shows a screenshot of the Lakeview Baptist Church Instagram profile. The profile name is 'Lakeview Baptist Church' with 1,106 posts, 1,632 followers, and 112 accounts followed. The bio states: 'Lakeview is a multi-ethnic congregation in Auburn with dynamic ministries available for people of all ages and walks of life. 1600 E Glenn Ave, Auburn, Alabama linktr.ee/lakeviewauburn'. Below the bio are buttons for 'Edit profile', 'Share profile', and 'Contact'. A row of icons represents different content types: New, @ Lakeview, Sun. Setlists, Sermons, and Easter Devos. The main content area shows a grid of posts, including one titled 'ACTIVITIES FOR TONIGHT CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER' and another 'HE IS RISEN HE IS RISEN INDEED'. To the right of the screenshot is a blue graphic with the text 'stay connected @lakeviewauburn' and social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, and YouTube Music.

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

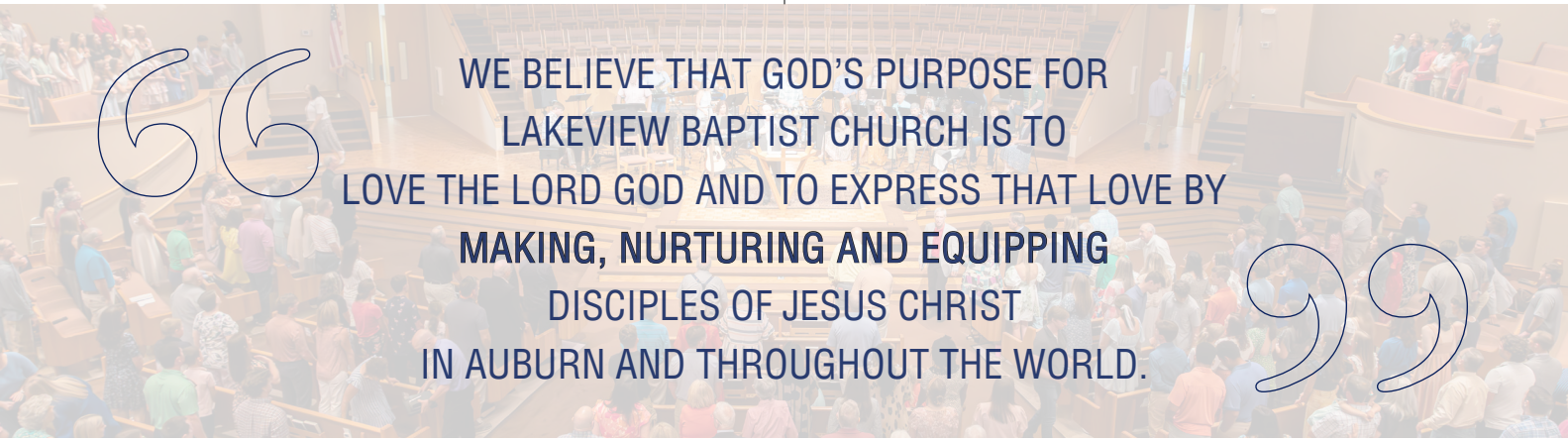
JUNE 7 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ 1,131  
EVENING SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ 577

JUNE 7 GIVING

BUDGET \_\_\_\_\_ \$122,378.12  
RESTRICTED \_\_\_\_\_ \$9,922.00

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