



pastor's PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

As I announced this past Sunday morning, we have a candidate for the youth pastor position. Because he has not told his present church, I am not prepared to offer his name at this point. This Sunday, August 2nd, from 4:00 – 6:00 PM, he and his wife will be in the fellowship hall for a meet and greet. During this time, they will share their testimonies and answer any questions you may have. Then he will preach in our August 2nd, evening service followed by a vote of affirmation.

What I can tell you is this. He is married with three sons. He has extensive ministry experience. He is a man who is above reproach in his character, and in his home. He has a high view of Scripture and is a gifted teacher who will build well on the solid biblical foundation our present youth pastor, Aaron Wine, has faithfully laid. Finally, he is highly relational and uniquely gifted at pursuing, establishing, and building relationships. This will serve our youth very well.

So far, he has been through four interviews with our staff (one with the entire staff and three with various members of the staff), one interview with our personnel committee, and one with our deacons. There has been a unanimous agreement that this man will be a strong fit for our youth.

A couple of weeks ago, I met with our high school youth. I told them about this man and his family. I told them they have much to be excited about and for which to be grateful. I believe you will have the same sentiment after this Sunday, August 2.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



children's CHATTER

NEW TWO-PART CATECHISM: AUGUST 3RD, 10TH, 17TH, & 24TH

We are excited to offer our newly adapted two-part Catechism classes led by Pastor Brian. This class is designed to teach children the foundational principles of our Christian faith and serves as an enriching experience for parents and children to learn together.

To cover all eight chapters of the catechism booklet, we have expanded this from a partial course into a two-part series (Part 1 in the fall and Part 2 in the spring). Attendance in four of the eight classes is required as a prerequisite for children's baptism. However, families are welcome to attend more than once, and we encourage you to attend all sessions if possible.

CLASS SCHEDULE

- Part 1: Mondays in August from 4:15–5:00 PM (Chapters 1–4)
- Part 2: Mondays in February from 4:15–5:00 PM (Chapters 5–8)

- Topics include Salvation, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Christian Growth.
- Children should bring their Bible to each session.

(Children's Chatter continued on next page)

- At least one parent, grandparent, or guardian must attend with their child.
- Preschool childcare is available upon request.
- Please let me know if you have any extenuating circumstances.

You can register online at lakeviewkids.com.

BP'S MVPS

Our BP's MVPs will meet on August 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 5:00 PM in the KidZone (W208-209).



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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE MINISTRY

Every Wednesday night, we host over 100 internationals who come to Lakeview to learn English. Some are beginners (have very little or no English abilities) and some are advanced (want to learn the English language better). As we look forward to our kick off date of August 19th, we have many openings that need to be filled:

- Teachers – If you are not certified, we will be hosting a certification workshop soon.
- Assistant teacher – You do not have to be certified.
- Van drivers – Many of our students could not come if we did not offer them a ride.
- Hospitality – You will set up and clean up refreshments during the Bible time.
- Substitutes – You will be serving where there is a need.
- Interviewers – We will teach you how to interview new students so that they are placed in the appropriate class.

God is bring the nations to us... how will we respond? If any of this interests you, please reach out to Jerry Ferguson or Marie Foshee at jferguson@lakeviewbaptist.org or mfoshee@lakeviewbaptist.org. We would love to have you join our team.



cliff's notes ON FAMILY MINISTRY

NEW TEACHER TRAINING CLASS THIS FALL

The teaching of God's Word is vital to the overall health of Lakeview Baptist Church. While there are many opportunities to exercise this gift in our church, our Sunday School remains strategic in ministering to the greatest number of our members.

Lakeview has been blessed for many years with doctrinally sound, gifted, and faithful teachers. New opportunities arise to serve in this capacity from time to time. A New Teacher Training class this fall will be an excellent opportunity for members, especially those who are new to our church, to explore this gift and receive training.

The class consists of three sessions beginning Sunday, September 13th, at 4:45 PM in rooms N103-104. The subsequent sessions will continue on Sunday, September 20th and September 27th. The training will cover:

- Teacher Expectations for Lakeview Teachers
- Essentials in Preparing Well
- Presenting Effectively

Even though the class will focus on Sunday School roles, the material will be helpful for any teaching role. If you are interested in teaching, I encourage you to attend the training to be equipped for using your gifts in the body of Christ.

Please contact the church office (Laura Gray) by phone or email to sign up.



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RE/GEN YOUTH CHOIR WEEKLY REHEARSALS BEGIN AUGUST 9

Calling all 7th–12th Graders to the choir room as we kick-off our 2026–2027 Re/Gen season.

CELEBRATION CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Weekly rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 12th from 6:00 – 7:15 PM. There is never a better time to join the Celebration Choir or Orchestra than right now so come join us as we begin a new season of praise leadership. We would love for you to utilize your gifts and abilities with us as we praise the Lord together. The choir meets on Wednesdays in the choir room and the orchestra meets on Wednesdays in the sanctuary.

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PRAY FOR OAKS RETREAT

Please be in prayer for us both this week as we are involved in The Oaks Retreat for incoming freshmen. If you do not know what that is, it is a Christian retreat for incoming freshmen to help them meet other people and more importantly, to begin thinking about where they will get involved at a church during their college years. The retreat begins this Friday, and we will be there a number of times over next week. I will be speaking to several hundred this Friday evening, giving a gospel message. Pray that if there are any unbelievers, they will hear and receive Christ. Taylor will be speaking to a group of girls on Saturday evening, and our college staff will be at a table each session to share with hundreds of incoming freshmen about Lakeview. It is a big week, and we appreciate your prayers.



jim's JOTS

LOVE OFFERING

September 2nd will mark 10 years that Jennifer Vail has been on the Lakeview staff. She began her Lakeview work as a ministry assistant and then became our (beloved) Childrens Director. Accordingly, the Finance Committee has approved the acceptance of financial gifts for a Love Offering from Lakeview members in appreciation for all that Jennifer has done in her 10 years on staff. If you would like to participate, please place your check or cash in an envelope marked as "Jennifer Vail Love Offering." You may also give online using the Special category, with a similar designation. Please join me in thanking Jennifer for her dedication to Lakeview, our children, and the Lord!

FALL 2026 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Lakeview's Women's Ministry is delighted to announce our Fall 2026 Bible study lineup, including studies focusing on the books of Esther and Revelation, as well as a Precept study on the names of God. Classes are available on Wednesday mornings, Sunday afternoons and Thursday evenings, beginning September 3rd. Take a look at the schedule and find the class that is the best fit for you. If you have never done a Bible study at Lakeview before, the new school year is the perfect time to start! Email lakeviewwomen@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to studying God's Word with you!

Click [here](#) to see the dates and times of each study.

Click [here](#) to register for the fall 2026 Bible studies.

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG TABLE IN THE LOBBY THIS SUNDAY AM



When you support Women's Hope Medical Clinic & Hope Adoptions, you are providing the gift of life to unborn children and allowing women and men to find real hope in a time of crisis.

How it works:

1. Pick up a baby bottle
2. Pray over your bottle
3. Fill with change, cash, or check
4. Return full bottle

JOB OPENINGS IN THE LBC KITCHEN

The LBC kitchen staff is in need of a **part – time dishwasher**. Training is available, so no experience is required. You must be able to commit to working every Wednesday night during the school year (3:30 PM until the dishes are done). You will also need to work special events such as Near His Heart, Beast Feast, and other events as scheduled. Weekly duties can be done on a flexible schedule, but you will need to work independently.



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PARENT PRAYER MEETING

As we look forward to the start of the '26 – '27 school year, we would like to take time to pray over our students, families, schools, and teachers. We will have a parent prayer meeting on August 9th at 4:45 PM in room N108–109. Parents, please join us as we ask the Lord for guidance for this upcoming school year!

PROMOTION SUNDAY IN THE NURSERY

Children in the nursery on Sundays will move up to their new classes starting Sunday, August 16th.



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

OUR *newest*

LUKE WILLIAM DEREK BUTLER

Born: July 7th, 2026

Parents: Bryan & Kristy Butler

DISCOVER LAKEVIEW CLASS SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Are you interested in joining Lakeview or just finding out more about us? The Discover Lakeview Class is for you. Bro. Cliff and Pastor Brian 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



thank YOU

Dear Lakeview Baptist Church and Staff,

Thank you for the beautiful plant you sent after my mother's passing. I am so blessed to be apart of such a loving, caring, and praying church. Your thoughtfulness is very appreciated.

Gail Head

REMEMBER IN *prayer*

ARBOR LAKE

Nancy Brownfield
Jennifer Hood
Joe Waller

EASE HOUSE

Anne Dodge

MONARCH ESTATES

Bill Thornton

AZALEA PLACE

Barbara Blankenship
Susan Lazenby
Nita Sims

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

CAMELLIA PLACE

Linda Currie

CANTERBURY HEALTH CARE FACILITY

Dean Baker

CHAPMAN HEALTH CARE

Jerry Knause

JULY 26 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE ————— 1,075

EVENING SERVICE ————— 399

JULY 26 GIVING

BUDGET ————— \$79,023.70

RESTRICTED ————— \$4,466.33

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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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