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Dear Lakeview Family,

As you may have heard, Justin Abercrombie has accepted the call to be Aaron Wine's successor as our youth pastor. He, his wife Cammie, and their three sons, Nathaniel (age 11), Shepherd (age 8), and Thomas (age 4) will be moving here from Louisville, Kentucky, where he has been serving at the First Baptist Fisherville as Pastor of Shepherding and Discipleship. Many of you met him and his family on the afternoon of August 2, and then heard him preach that evening before our unanimous vote of affirmation at end of the evening service. It was a glorious, Spirit-filled evening. We are grateful to the Lord that he has raised up Justin. Please be in prayer for them as they make this transition. His starting date will be September 1st. Please also be in prayer for First Baptist Fisherville as they look for Justin's successor. That is a special church for my family, as I pastored them for over eleven years.

We are also grateful for Aaron Wine's faithful ministry these last nine years and I ask that you continue to pray for him, Whitlee, and his family as they transition to church planting. Please pray as well for North Plains Baptist Church as they prepare to launch in the Fall of 2027. The Lord has a people at Lakeview who are called to be a part of this plant and pray that whoever that may be, they will discern the call.

On another front, for many months now, Jim Wilkerson has indicated to me and others, that he plans to retire in 2027, after he turns 70 years of age. More will come later about Jim's retirement. In the providence of God, a candidate for the administrative pastor position has surfaced. This candidate is well known and highly respected at Lakeview. However, due to his current employment, his name must be presently withheld and he must give a very extended retirement notice to his employer. Consequently, the best sequence of events for considering his approval will be (1) an interview on Sunday, August 16th, with the Personnel Committee, (2) an interview with the Deacon Fellowship on Tuesday, August 18th, and (3) a church wide discussion and vote at the Wednesday, August 19th, business meeting. This timing would allow him to approach his employer prior to September 1st. If all of this is in the affirmative, Jim and the candidate will likely overlap and transition next May and June. We will deeply miss Jim, but I believe you will be encouraged by the one the Lord has apparently raised up to succeed Jim.

One final note, our Children's Director Jennifer Vail, will observe an important milestone with Lakeview on September 2nd. This will be her 10-year service anniversary. Jennifer began her Lakeview career as a ministry assistant and then began overseeing our children's ministry. As is customary, the Finance Committee has approved a love offering to mark the occasion. 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 being such a faithful steward to this ministry position. She has a remarkable worth ethic and her desire to see our children evangelized and disciplined in the word of God and sound doctrine is beautiful to see.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



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MAINTENANCE STAFF

As Pastor Brian mentioned in last week's Lakeview Life, Carl Owens retired from his full-time employment at Lakeview on Friday, August 7th. Carl is a remarkably faithful man who has served our church as its Maintenance Director for many years. Even though he will continue his employment on a part-time basis, he will leave big shoes to fill in the Director position. But, thanks be to God, Amir Evin has been raised up for such a time as this to begin serving as our new Maintenance Director. Without a doubt, he will do a great job for us. As you see them, please thank both Carl and Amir for all they have done and are doing to support the various ministries of Lakeview.

UPCOMING RECEPTION

The Personnel Committee has scheduled a reception for Pastor Brian and Heather to celebrate the milestone of serving us at Lakeview for five years. The reception will be this Sunday, August 16th, at 7:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The time has flown since the Pastor began his transition with Brother Al on June 16th, 2021. It is fitting that we, as a church, join Brian and Heather in celebrating this milestone and also rejoice in the fact that Brian's recovery from heart surgery has gone so well. We may have another little surprise thrown in as well, so stay tuned! I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

In September 2002, Cindy, Allie, and I moved from Birmingham to Auburn and became members at Lakeview. On January 1st, 2018, I joined the Lakeview staff as your Administrative Pastor. All of this time, especially the time as one of your pastors, has been an absolute joy. However, there comes a point for a person to step aside and turn things over to someone younger. It is (almost) that time for me.

For quite some time, I have been telling the Pastor, the Personnel Committee, and others that I would likely retire after I turn 70, which is in February. When the Lord graciously raised up my probable successor, my intentions were vindicated. So, you should know that, with a full heart, I intend to retire on June 30th, after a two-month overlap with the next Administrative Pastor. Cindy and I thank all of you for the great privilege of serving this wonderful church. To God be the glory! Blessings to you all.

SENIOR SAINTS AUGUST FELLOWSHIP

Senior Saints will hold their monthly Fellowship on Thursday, August 20th, at 11:30 AM. Anyone over 55 years of age is welcome. This month, Al Jackson will lead our Hymnology series on God the Son: "Man of Sorrows." The catered lunch is \$10 per person.



CHURCH WIDE RECEPTION SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 7:15 PM

Join us for a church wide reception on Sunday, August 16th, at 7:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall, honoring our own Pastor Brian and Heather. The event is hosted by the Personnel Committee.



PROMOTION SUNDAY IN THE NURSERY

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





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CELEBRATION CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Weekly rehearsals begin THIS 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. Come and 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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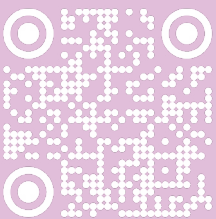
“Teach What is Good”
based on Titus 2

9.10.26 | 5:45 PM

Lakeview Women

Join us for an evening of practical, Biblical wisdom for different life stages with breakout sessions led by Lakeview women.

Tickets are \$10 and the deadline is September 8th
Choose 2 breakouts when purchasing ticket



For more details or to sign up,
scan the QR code or click [here](#)



congregational CARE UPDATE

THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

I hope to see men of every age THIS Thursday, August 13th, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from Noon–1 PM. B, a “sent one” among the peoples of Africa and the Middle East, will be our guest. Adam Traylor will be interviewing him. I can imagine his story must be intriguing. 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 September 10th, 2026.

2026-27 EARLY MORNING THEOLOGY STUDY

Both men and women have an opportunity to start an incredible journey through a readable and understandable systematic theology in Wayne Grudem’s *Systematic Theology, Second Edition*. He has done the hard work of discovering Bible verses that relate to important Biblical subjects.

We meet Wednesday mornings in room N208–209 at Lakeview. The requirement is to read the assigned chapter and come prepared to discuss from 6:30–7:30 AM. I think you will be pleasantly surprised how taking this course will help you grow in your knowledge of the Bible and become closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The start date will be determined soon. Please contact Haley Wine at hwine@lakeviewbaptist.org if you would like to add your name to the list and tmccleendon@lakeviewbaptist.org if you have any questions.



college LIFE

COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE BACK

This is the week! This Sunday will be the first Sunday where all our students will be back, along with (Lord willing) a ton of new faces visiting to see if Lakeview is where they want to invest their lives during their college years. It is an exciting time. I hope and pray that all of you will go out of your way to welcome all of our students. I know you will as you always have. Our students are involved in so many of our ministries at Lakeview, beyond just the college ministry. It will be such a joy to have them all back. Thank you for always being such a good example to them, often opening your homes to them, and welcoming them with the love of Christ.



fellowship MEAL

SERVING MEALS 4:45 UNTIL 5:35 PM; CLEARING TABLES AT 5:45 PM.

AUGUST 12

Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans,
Rolls, Salad, Ice Cream Cups

AUGUST 19

Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, California Blend Veggies,
Rolls, Salad, Apple Crisp

*Fellowship Meals are open to everyone and cost \$5 per person
with a \$20 cap per family. Cash or Check only. Menu subject to change.*

OUR *newest*

LYDIA RUTH WILKS
Born: August 4th, 2026
Parents: Clayton & Kate Wilks

sympathy

From the pastor, staff, and church family to:

The family of Lottie Sides.

IN *memoriam*

Lottie Sides
August 12, 1925 – August 5, 2026

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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
Jackie Snead
Larry Swango
Ilze West

CAMELLIA PLACE

Linda Currie

CANTERBURY HEALTH CARE FACILITY

Dean Baker

CHAPMAN HEALTH CARE

Jerry Knause

AUGUST 9 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE ————— 1,182

EVENING SERVICE ————— 547

AUGUST 9 GIVING

BUDGET ————— \$101,563.90

RESTRICTED ————— \$10,668.33

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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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