



pastor's **PEN**

Dear Lakeview Family,

As you may be aware, in late December (2025), Eric Ellis and I took a mission trip with Buck Baxter to India. Buck and Haldine, his wife, help lead a remarkable ministry there called GCIM (Great Commission-India Ministries). There is so much that could be said here, but God is bringing an Awakening in that part of India that seems akin to what we see in the book of Acts.

One of the crucial ways you could participate in what God is doing there is by sponsoring a child(ren). GCIM currently has 151 orphaned children under their care. One-Hundred and twenty-five of those children are in Grades K–10 at BASE School. Fourteen of the orphans are in two-year junior college, 10 are in a three-year college, and two are in a four-year college.

As of this writing, 28 do not have sponsors. The investment to sponsor a child is \$100 per month. This sponsorship covers the child's complete care, which includes food, housing, school, clothing, and medical care. An added benefit is that sponsorship allows each donor to have a relationship with his/her sponsored child.

As one who worked at a children's home for two years, I am uniquely sensitive to the pain that each child has to bear at such a young age, but at Hosanna Children's Home, one thing we noticed immediately is how joyful and disciplined each child was.

Here is their daily schedule: they wake up at 4:30 AM. They wash their clothes from the previous day (4:30–5:00 AM). Then they have a quiet time in the Word of God (5:00–5:15 AM). After that, they have study time (5:15–6:00 AM), family prayer (6:00–6:15 AM), then physical exercise (6:15–6:30 AM). Part of that exercise is that they run a mile every day! After exercise, they garden and do manual chores (6:30–6:45 AM), freshen up/personal time (6:45–7:45 AM); and all this before breakfast (7:45–8:15 AM). After breakfast, they prepare and line up in formation (8:15–8:30 AM) for school (8:30–4:00 PM), then snacks (4:00–4:15 PM), playtime/library (4:15–5:00 PM), time to refresh (5:00–5:30 PM), devotional time (5:30–6:00 PM), dinner (6:00–6:45 PM), study hour (6:45–8:15 PM), clean up, family prayer, and lights off at 8:45 PM.

This is a demanding schedule, centered on the Word of God, prayer, education, discipline, the development of life skills, and preparation to be sent out as light in darkness. These children have no social media, no cell phones, and no television. The ultimate goal is that each child be converted to Christ, sent back out into the world as evangelists armed with the gospel of grace in Christ.

We saw the training ourselves. I wish you could see it. You can be a part of this ministry through the sponsorship of a child. Last week, I spoke to someone who has sponsored four of these image bearers. I praise God for that. I hope you can as well. No doubt, some of you are already investing in the Kingdom in other ways. No one can do everything. Please do not feel false guilt. I am praying that we can get these 28 remaining image bearers sponsored. If you cannot give, please pray.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian

Join us in welcoming Bill Hutto as the next Pastor of Administration.
He will begin May 1st, 2027.



cliff's notes ON FAMILY MINISTRY

LIFE CLASSES | SUNDAYS @ 4:45 PM
STARTS SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

HOPE AND HELP FOR THE ANXIOUS AND FEARFUL

Leader: Tim Keeter

Room: N109

Book: *Consider the Lilies: Finding Perfect Peace in the Character of God* by Jonny Ardavanis

Our Father made us and knows us well. That means He understands our anxieties and fears perfectly. In His Word, we find not only an understanding of our hearts (Heb 4:12) that is far superior to any theories the world produces, but we also find practical hope and help to address these issues in faith.

BONDAGE BREAKER

Leader: Bob Brownfield

Room: N108

Book: *The Bondage Breaker* by Neil Anderson

The clear, timely teachings of this valuable resource inspire individuals and groups to embrace Jesus' promise to win the spiritual battles that confront them. A bonus session walks viewers through a process of confession and repentance called the "Steps to Freedom in Christ."

NEW TEACHER TRAINING CLASS

Leader: Cliff Knight

Room: N103-104

This four-week 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.



jim's JOTS

DRIVERS NEEDED

Do you have a servant's heart? Do you regard yourself as a reasonably good driver? Is your age between 21 and 74? Are you a male or a female? If so, you are a candidate to be one of Lakeview's drivers of our various vehicles! Specialized training is available, even though our vehicles are not nearly as intimidating as they may seem. Your help would be a great ministry asset for things like VBS, ESL, etc. If you have an interest, please let Tammy McDonald or me know. Blessings!



congregational CARE UPDATE

THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

Hope to see men of every age Thursday, September 10th, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from Noon-1 PM. Bro. Al will interview Pastor Brian. You do not want to miss this one. Come and bring a friend. It is also a great way to get to know more men in our church. See you soon!

If you have to miss this one, the following meeting will be October 8th, 2026.

2026-27 EARLY MORNING THEOLOGY STUDY

The plan now is to start Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology* (2nd edition) class on January 20th, 2027. You are welcome to go ahead and sign up, purchase the book, and read ahead. 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.



IMF 2026 | SEPTEMBER 27-30

Mark your calendars for September 27th-30th for the International Missions Festival. This year's theme is "The Church: God's Chosen Instrument for His Glory Among the Nations."



CHURCH PLANT INTEREST MEETING

North Plains Baptist Church will be holding its first interest meeting on September 8th, from 6pm-7:30 PM, in the Lakeview Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in hearing more about the church plant or want to know how to get involved, please let us know you are coming by [signing up here](#). Childcare will be provided for children through 4th Grade. Coffee and snacks will also be provided. We hope to see you there!





children's CHATTER

BP's MVPs SINGING ON AUGUST 30TH

Our BP's MVPs club will sing their class hymn, "Crown Him with Many Crowns," this Sunday, August 30th. We will hand them their MVP buttons when they line up to sing for the service.

Please join me in expressing gratitude for Pastor Brian's leadership over the MVPs. I am so thankful for our pastor's desire to engage with the children of Lakeview and shepherd them in the truths of God's Word. I would also like to extend a big shout-out and thank you to: Mrs. Macy Maddox for teaching and leading our class hymn to the boys and girls this year, Haley Wine for creating our BP's MVPs activity booklet, and our amazing team of leaders: Laura Shadoan, Allison Bearden, Laci Comeaux, Mason Comeaux, Sarah Gay, Shonda Marley, Emma Mote, Hillary Sisson, Emma Claire Suarez, and Fendi Theodossiou.

BP'S MVPS EXTRAVAGANZA:

Parents of children who qualified for the BP's MVPs Party will receive an email by Wednesday with all the details for our fun-filled day. We are looking forward to an awesome celebration!



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JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR KICKOFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 @ 4:45 PM

Our Joyful Noise Childrens' Choir will be kicking off once again on Sunday, September 13th, at 4:45 PM in the KIDZONE (W208-209). Lakeview's Joyful Noise Choir is comprised of children in grades 1-6 under the direction of Mrs. Eliza Ogle. For more info on Joyful Noise and to pre-register your child, please visit www.lbcmusic.org.



project T.W.I.G.

"Teach What is Good"
based on Titus 2

Lakeview Women

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

9.10.26 | 5:45 PM

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

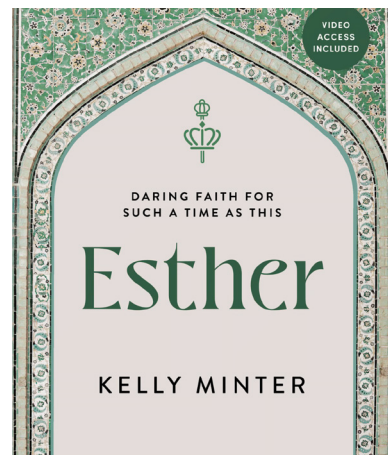
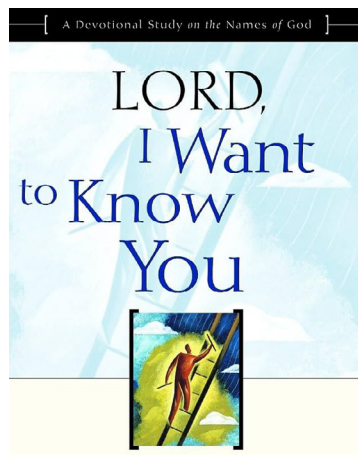
For more details or to sign up, click [here](#) or visit Lakeview's website

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.



fellowship MEAL

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

AUGUST 26

Chicken Parmesan, Potato Wedges, Bahama Blend Veggies,
Salad & Garlic Bread, Oreo Dessert

SEPTEMBER 2

Hamburgers, Roasted Baby Potatoes, Garden Trio Blend,
Salad, Chocolate Cake

*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.*

sympathy

From the pastor, staff, and church family to:

Glenn Wehtje and family in the death of his wife.

IN *memoriam*

Norma Wehtje

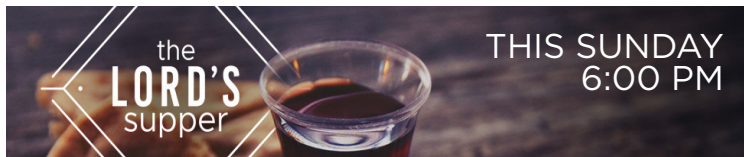
September 6th, 1949 – August 22nd, 2026

OUR *newest*

MARGARET CATHERINE OSTENSON

Born: August 24th, 2026

Parents: Drew & Ellen Ostenson



REMEMBER IN *prayer*

ARBOR LAKE

Nancy Brownfield
Jennifer Hood
Joe Waller

AZALEA PLACE

Barbara Blankenship
Susan Lazenby
Nita Sims

BILL NICHOLS STATE VETERANS HOME

Ira Hayes

CAMELLIA PLACE

Linda Currie

CANTERBURY HEALTH CARE FACILITY

Dean Baker

CHAPMAN HEALTH CARE

Jerry Knause

EASE HOUSE

Anne Dodge

MONARCH ESTATES

Bill Thornton

THE PHOENIX AT OPELIKA

Jerry Clark
Judy Clark
Charles Knause

AT HOME

Matthew Baker
Daniel Benjamin
Matt Beth
Dennis Clark
Nelda Kennedy
Jane Parker
Jackie Snead
Larry Swango
Ilze West

AUGUST 23 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE ————— 1,372

EVENING SERVICE ————— 613

AUGUST 23 GIVING

BUDGET ————— \$39,503.23

RESTRICTED ————— \$2,900.00

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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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