



pastor's
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Dear Lakeview Family,

As you are likely aware, the presence of flags in our worship center signals that Lakeview's International Missions Festival (IMF) is about to kick off on Sunday, September 27th. I am so grateful for this strategic week and I am excited by the theme this year, "The Church: God's Chosen Instrument For His Glory Among the Nations."

Let me offer you seven reasons to attend the IMF:

- Our natural default setting is to turn into ourselves, not only individually but also corporately. This festival is a wonderful means by which the LORD renews our vision and burden for the nations. After all, this is the calling of the church (Matt 28:18-20).
- Your presence will encourage others who attend the festival. How many times have you attended a church function and ended up edified and encouraged simply because of the presence of your brothers and sisters in Christ who minister to you in some unforeseen way? Paul told Timothy, "I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy" (2 Timothy 1:4). The fruit of the Spirit is joy; but the Lord uses the means of being together.
- It will encourage the missionaries. Much of what they do goes unseen and is often thankless. Your presence and engagement with them will be an encouragement for them to persevere in their crucial mission to the nations.
- It will nourish your faith in the power of the gospel as you hear firsthand accounts of what God is doing in the world through the instrumentality of people like us who are simply equipped with the sword of the Spirit, the gospel word.
- It will communicate to our younger generation, children to college age, that missions are of utmost importance. They are observing us, and our priorities and passions will have a trickle-down effect.
- It will better inform you as to how to pray for the nations. We certainly see many prayers for the nations in the Scriptures. For example, "Let all the peoples extol him" (Romans 15:11). "Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you" (Psalm 67:3). At IMF, you will learn how to pray in a more detailed and informed way.
- Most importantly, it will honor the Lord to sacrifice your valuable time in order to center on the mission that will "instrumentally" extend his glory (Psalm 72:19) and reign (Psalm 72:8) through King Jesus (72:17) to the whole earth.

I hope to see you at the IMF. I know there will be some Lakeviewers who are providentially hindered from coming but if your schedule allows it, I cannot think of a more strategic use of your time. The schedule for the week is published on the next page as well as instructions on signing up for meals as we announced. Do not let lack of money keep you from attending a meal. We have scholarships. Furthermore, you do not have to eat to attend. I hope to see you there.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian

IMF26

THE CHURCH

SEPT 27-30

God's Chosen Instrument for His Glory Among the Nations



IMF 2026 FULL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

09:15 AM — Sunday School
10:45 AM — Morning Worship Service
06:00 PM — Evening Worship Service

MONDAY

06:15 AM — Men's Breakfast | Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM — Lunch | Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM — Speakers | Fellowship Hall
04:45 PM — Dinner | Fellowship Hall
06:00 PM — Speakers | Worship Center
06:00 PM — Grades 1 – 6 | Kidzone

TUESDAY

11:30 AM — Lunch | Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM — Speakers | Fellowship Hall
04:45 PM — Dinner | Fellowship Hall
06:00 PM — Speakers | Worship Center
06:00 PM — Grades 1 – 6 | Kidzone

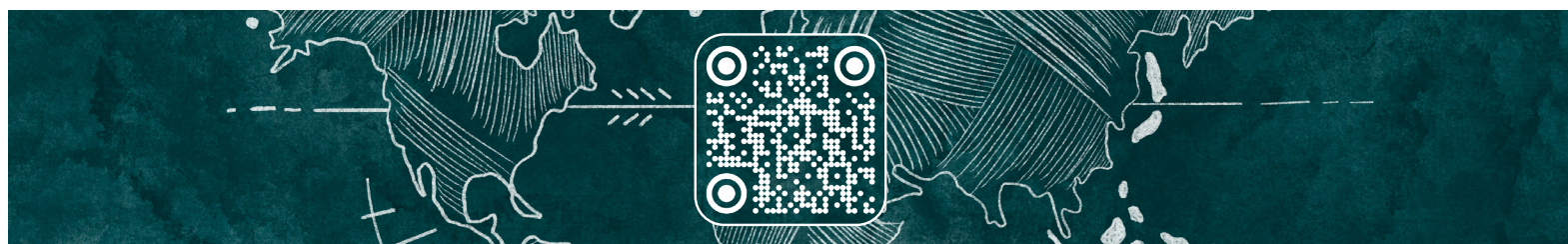
WEDNESDAY

09:00 AM — Ladies Brunch
11:30 AM — Lunch | Fellowship Hall
12:00 PM — Speakers | Fellowship Hall
04:45 PM — Dinner | Fellowship Hall
06:00 PM — Speakers | Worship Center
06:00 PM — Grades 1 – 6 | Kidzone
06:00 PM — IHOP | Youth Center
08:00 PM — College Panel | Fellowship Hall

IMF MEAL RESERVATIONS

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The deadline to sign-up for meal reservations for the International Missions Festival on Sunday, September 20th. Please sign up by scanning the QR code located below, on posters throughout the building, or by signing up [online](#).



LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH | DEACON NOMINATIONS

REQUIREMENTS FOR DEACONS-IN-SERVICE

1. Confess to be a born-again Christian with a personal knowledge of Jesus as Lord and Savior and living a life controlled by the Holy Spirit.
2. Read and accept the Scriptural basis for deacons as prescribed in 1 Timothy 3:8-12 and Acts 6:1-7.
3. Support by faith and action the Lakeview Baptist Church Covenant, the Baptist Faith and Message (2000), the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy, the Danvers Statement, the Manhattan Declaration and the Nashville Statement.
4. Be age 25 or older, and if married, the husband of one wife (never divorced).
5. Give at least a tithe of your income to the budget of Lakeview Baptist Church.
6. Support by prayer and participation the entire church ministry, particularly Sunday School, Sunday Worship services, mid-week services, and other ministries of God's work insofar as able in good faith and conscience.
7. Seeking to fulfill the Scriptural mandate to be "above reproach," the deacon will abstain from the use of pornography, intoxicating beverages, tobacco and gambling.
8. Assume without reservation the responsibilities, obligations, and opportunities expected of a deacon-in-service. Deacons are servants who lead and leaders who serve. The deacons shall join the pastor in providing spiritual oversight of the church. Together with the pastor, they shall seek to know the will of God for the church and lead the congregation to do God's will. In this, the Statement of Purpose adopted by the church will be their guide. Deacons shall meet with the pastor and the pastoral staff on a regular basis to engage in Bible study, prayer, fellowship and to deal with matters pertaining to the responsibilities of the deacons.
9. For nomination as a deacon-in-service, nominees shall have been a member of Lakeview Baptist Church for at least one year prior to their service.

DEACON NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- A. Any church member may make recommendations to the Deacon Nomination Committee. Submit recommendations in writing prior to September 30th. The Deacon Nomination Committee will select the nominees from the church membership.
- B. The Deacon Nomination Committee shall be composed of the pastor, the Chairman of deacons, the vice-chairman of deacons, and a fourth member selected by the Chairman of deacons from the deacons-in-service.
- C. The Deacon Nomination Committee will uniformly examine the qualifications of individuals recommended for deacon-in-service against the above stated standards and will present a list of nominees for election.
- D. Generally, nominations will include two individuals for each vacant position, either for a regular rotation vacancy, or for an unexpired term. The Deacon Nomination Committee will make final determination on the number of nominees based on the number of qualified candidates available.

Please submit recommendations of men for consideration in writing to the church office, or to the Chairman of Deacons. Submit recommendations in a sealed envelope with "Deacon Recommendation" written on the outside of the envelope. Recommendations to the Deacon Nomination Committee will be confidential.

2026 DEACON NOMINATIONS
Due by September 30, 2026

HOST HOMES NEEDED

Do you have extra space in your home you would like share for a weekend? Maybe one extra bedroom or maybe an upstairs that is equipped to host a family for a few days? The staff at Lakeview are regularly looking for homes for various events. The event might be the missions' festival, Venture, or we might need to find a place for a family that would like to attend a Lakeview pastor's conference.

If you are interested, please email your name (or call the office) and tell us what kind of space you have (one bedroom, a basement with two bedrooms and a bathroom, etc.) to either Gretchen or Tammy at ghood@lakeviewbaptist.org or tmcdonald@lakeviewbaptist.org.

A list will be compiled for all the staff to use as needed. You may add or remove your name at any time.



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 (Hebrews 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, "Steps to Freedom in Christ," walks viewers through a process of confession and repentance.

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.

SENIOR SAINTS

Senior Saints will hold their September fellowship THIS Thursday, September 17th, at 11:30 AM. Anyone over 55 years of age is welcome. This month's speaker is Steve Ridgway, who will share about his ministry of encouragement, discipling and prayer. A catered lunch will be provided for \$10 per person.

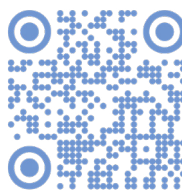


mission's MEMO

VISTAS | SUNDAYS STARTING OCTOBER 4

Vistas is our "Introduction to Missions" class that we offer every fall. It is on a survey level. We will meet every Sunday afternoon at 4:30 PM, starting October 4th, to learn more about missions. We will meet in rooms N203-206. Please sign up online at [Lakeview's website](https://www.lakeviewbaptist.org) or scan the QR code below. You must preregister if you need childcare.

- Week 1 – October 04 | *The Role of the Local Church in Missions*
- Week 2 – October 11 | *Cultures and the Gospel*
- Week 3 – October 18 | *Spiritual Warfare*
- Week 4 – October 25 | *Why UPG's? – Every Tongue, Tribe, & Nation*
- Week 5 – November 01 | *Gospel and Conversion*
- Week 6 – November 08 | *Go or Send: Becoming a Global Christian*
- Week 7 – November 15 | *Member Care*
- Week 8 – November 29 | *Biblical Basis for Missions*



MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Please join us on Sunday, October 11th, in the Fellowship Hall after the evening service to hear about our 2027 short term mission and ministry trips.





Women's Hope Medical Clinic & Hope Adoptions

WALK FOR LIFE & 5K

Saturday, October 10

Opelika Sportsplex

All proceeds will fund the life-saving
Kingdom work of Women's Hope Medical
Clinic. Scan here to learn more!



REGISTER TODAY!

runsignup.com/womenshope



children's CHATTER

CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS FESTIVAL

We invite all 1st-6th graders to join us in the KidZone from 6:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during our annual Children's International Missions Festival (IMF). Children will embark on a World Tour and hear stories from the book *God's Great Big Global Church* by Tim Challies and learn how God uses the Church, His chosen instrument, for His glory among the nations. Our theme verse will be Acts 9:15: "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel."

Additionally, the children will hear directly from Lakeview's sent ones and learn about their ministries, the various ways God is using them as "instruments" sounding His praise, and how we can support them. We hope to see your children there!



college LIFE

PARENTS' DAY IN THE COLLEGE MINISTRY

This Sunday is "Parents' Day" for our college ministry. We have asked our students to invite their parents to join them at Lakeview for a day. We do this every year and a good number of parents always join us for Sunday School and worship. We hope that trend continues this year. I am telling you this so that you might be on the lookout for visitors this Sunday and extend a warm welcome to them. We love having our students as a part of our church family, and we want their parents to leave feeling very encouraged. Thank you so much for all you do for our students.

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THE CHURCH

God's Chosen Instrument

"But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry My name before the Gentiles and kinds and the children of Israel."

— Acts 9:15

fellowship MEAL

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

SEPTEMBER 16

Meatballs & Gravy, Rice, Green Beans
Salad, Rolls, Carrot Cake

SEPTEMBER 23

Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, California Blend
Salad, Rolls, Ice Cream Cups

*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:

Shannon Smith and family in the death of his mother.

thank YOU

Lakeview,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant and for all the prayers and love you have shown our family. We are so grateful for the church family that loved and cared for our Mother/Grandmother throughout her life.

Love, the family of Lottie Sides

Thank you, Lakeview family, and staff for your many expressions of sympathy after the recent passing of my mother, along with the meaningful support in prayer and visits during her final days. We rejoice in knowing she is experiencing the joy of heaven with our Lord.

Cindy Golden and family

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
Jackie Snead
Larry Swango
Merry Tarrer
Ray Tarrer
Ilze West

CAMELLIA PLACE

Linda Currie

CANTERBURY HEALTH CARE FACILITY

Dean Baker

CHAPMAN HEALTH CARE

Jerry Knause

SEPTEMBER 13 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE _____ 1,268

EVENING SERVICE _____ 590

SEPTEMBER 13 GIVING

BUDGET _____ \$87,183.91

RESTRICTED _____ \$8,709.00

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“WE BELIEVE THAT GOD’S PURPOSE FOR
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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