



LAKEVIEW *life*

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2026



pastor's PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

Over the next few weeks, we will be in Hebrews 11, a chapter that could aptly be titled “Faith That Endures.” This week, to set up our time in Hebrews 11, I would like to discuss this faith that is emphasized in that glorious chapter. The noun *pistis* (faith, faithful) and the verb *pistuein* (to believe) occur over 240 times in the New Testament. Of course, Scripture periodically refers *to that* which is believed. “Contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3).

But in Hebrews 11, the writer is thinking of the faith *by which* we believe.

In this regard, Kevin DeYoung in his *Daily Doctrine* book (pg. 249-50) is helpful in distinguishing four different types of faith in the Bible.

(1) Historical Faith. This expression of faith involves mental assent to many important facts about God. For instance, King Agrippa was not converted, but he believed the prophets. Paul said to him, “Do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.”²⁸ and Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?” (Acts 26:27&28). So there are those who believe historical realities about the Bible, but they have never actually been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. On this level of mental assent, “even the demons believe-and shudder” (James 2:19).

(2) Faith of Miracles. This expression of faith may or may not be accompanied by true saving faith. “Many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing.”²⁴ but Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people...” (John 2:23&24)

(3) Temporary Faith. This expression of faith is transient, springing up only for a time. The trials of life expose that this faith lacks a root. “These are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy.”¹⁷ And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away” (Mark 4:16&17).

(4) Justifying Faith. This is faith birthed by regeneration (1 John 5:1), the work of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3), enabled by the Father (John 6:65), authored by Jesus (Hebrews 12:2), and is a gift from God (Ephesians 2:8). As question/answer 21 of the *Heidelberg Catechism* defines it, “True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word. At the same time it is a firm confidence that not only to others, but also to me, God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ’s merits. This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.”

We see this justifying faith go public with the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11. That said, what we see in Hebrews 11 is not strictly justifying faith. Justifying faith is a once for all act of grace.

Strictly speaking what we see in Hebrews 11 is organically linked to justifying faith but is distinct from it. It is sanctifying faith. J.C. Ryle is helpful here when he distinguishes this justifying faith from sanctifying faith, “Justifying faith is a grace that ‘worketh not,’ but simply trusts, rests, and leans on Christ (Romans 4:5). Sanctifying faith is a grace of which the very life is action. It ‘worketh by love,’ and, like a mainspring, moves the whole inward man” (Galatians 5:6) (*Holiness*, xviii).

Do not miss Ryle’s point: “The very life is action: it ‘worketh by love,’ and like a mainspring, moves the whole inward man.” That describes every person of faith in Hebrews 11. As we work through this chapter of Hebrews, may it increasingly describe us so that it could be said of each one of us that in the end, we had a “faith that endures.”

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



cliff's notes

ON FAMILY MINISTRY

IN HIS HANDS DISABILITY MINISTRY

I moved to Auburn in 1979, and enrolled in the College of Education to major in Special Education. I knew I was called into ministry, but I wanted to ensure that if I ever needed to work bi-vocationally, I could serve individuals with special needs.

While I have been in ministry for many years, one of my greatest joys, alongside my own family, is our church's commitment to ministering to families with special needs members. Lakeview has faithfully sustained this ministry for years, and it is a deep encouragement to my heart. As Jesus said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Please take a moment to read the In His Hands Disability Ministry notice below, and prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve Him in this area.

Our In His Hands Disability Ministry has been blessed with several new families attending our church and needs Sunday worship volunteers. This is a bi-monthly rotation to help serve children with disabilities so their families can be part of worship.



If you are interested, please fill out our volunteer form with the QR code or contact us at inhishandslakeview@gmail.com.

Our Disability Ministry also supports our adults with disabilities (also known as the Super Stars) with a one day a week hang out time we call Enrichment Day. Come pray, sing, and enjoy time with some of our most fun church members. If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry opportunity on Friday mornings from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, please contact Karen Parten (kparten@lakeviewbaptist.org).



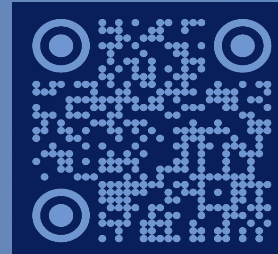
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MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

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.

VISTAS



An 8-week mission class offered to help you understand the redemptive work of God for the nations and your place in it! Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register.

**SUNDAYS AT 4:30PM
BEGINNING OCTOBER 4TH**



praise

WORTHY

AN EVENING OF SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 | 6:00PM

Join us for a special evening of southern gospel music with our Celebration Choir & Orchestra. Not only will you hear southern gospel favorites by our choir and orchestra, but you will also enjoy solos, trios, and quartets. Come prepared to tap your toes and sing along. It is sure to be a fun night.





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 Tuesday and Wednesday this week. 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!

ALL SAINTS FAIR | OCTOBER 29

We are so excited to welcome the community back for our annual All Saints Fair on Thursday, October 29th, from 5:30–7:30 PM. Sign up by [clicking here](#) or scan the QR code below to volunteer to help with games, set up, clean up, and most importantly, sharing the love of Jesus with our guests! Sign-up sheets are also available in Sunday school classrooms. If you have any questions, email Haley at hwine@lakeviewbaptist.org.



youth NEWS

YOUTH EVENT FOR IMF WEEK | IHOP THIS WEDNESDAY | 6:00PM

The youth ministry is excited to have our annual International House of People (IHOP) this Wednesday, September 30th, in the Youth Center from 6:00–7:15 PM. We will hear from church members that have recently been on short-term mission trips and enjoy pancakes and fellowship with one another. Please pray that this event might open the eyes of our students to see that they are called to take the good news of Jesus Christ to their neighbors and to the world.



congregational CARE UPDATE

THURSDAYS AT OLE TIMES COUNTRY BUFFET

Hope to see men of every age Thursday, October 8, in the Eagle Room at Ole Times Country Buffet from Noon-1 PM. Nathan Tubbs is an Air Force Chaplain, former church planter of 16 years in Brooklyn, N. Y., an Auburn University clinical lecturer in science education and now here to encourage pastors in church planting and revitalization. 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 November 12, 2026.

2026-27 EARLY MORNING THEOLOGY STUDY

The plan now is to wait to start *Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology (2nd edition)* class on January 20, 2027. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30 AM. You are welcome to go ahead and sign up, purchase the book and read ahead. It is a big commitment, but one you will not regret. You can ask those who have been through the class. Please contact Haley Wine (hwine@lakeviewbaptist.org) if you would like to add your name to the list or Tom McClendon (tmccclendon@lakeviewbaptist.org) if you have any questions.



SIGN UP AT
theway2serve.org

fellowship MEAL

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

SEPTEMBER 30

Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli
Salad, Rolls, Peach Cobbler

OCTOBER 7

Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Bahama Blend Veggies,
Salad, Rolls, Apple Crisp

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

**WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DEBIT AND
CREDIT CARDS FOR MEAL PAYMENT.**

DISCOVER LAKEVIEW CLASS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

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 your spot.



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

SEPTEMBER 27 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE ————— 1,328

EVENING SERVICE ————— 605

SEPTEMBER 27 GIVING

BUDGET ————— \$63,996.19

RESTRICTED ————— \$9,648.00

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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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