



pastor's PEN

Dear Lakeview Family,

I am excited to announce that Pastor Tom McClendon will be resuming his early morning theology study starting on January 20th, 2027. His class will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM and the book he will be using is Wayne Grudem's *Systematic Theology (Second Edition).*

It is a big commitment but one that will be a faithful and strategic investment of your time. Please contact Haley Wine at hwine@lakeviewbaptist.org if you would like to add your name to the list and tmcclendon@lakeviewbaptist.org if you have any questions.

Just to encourage you to take this class, consider that the very first words of the Old Testament are, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). Note that two major doctrines are the very introduction of what is to follow: the doctrine of the existence of God and the doctrine of creation.

What could be more fundamental to our thinking than the question of ultimate reality and the question of origins? Within the first three chapters of Genesis other crucial doctrines are introduced: the doctrine of humanity, created in the image of God (1:26); the doctrine of sin and of its consequences (chapter 3); even an illusion to the doctrines of incarnation, atonement, and salvation (3:15). There are at least hints of the doctrine of the Trinity in the statement, "And God said (singular), 'Let us (plural) make man in the image of us (plural).'"

This emphasis continues throughout the Bible. The prophets repeatedly speak of God's nature and will. They spoke of his acts of providence and predicted future judgment as well as his future provision of salvation. The psalmists especially dwelt on the attributes of the mighty God.

When John the Baptist came declaring his message, it was of the necessity of repentance and of the redeeming work that the "Lamb of God" would perform. Jesus spoke much of the Father and the way in which he loved, watched over, protected, and provided for his children. He spoke of the necessity of regeneration. He pointed forward to the last things: his second coming, the resurrection, the judgment, the life to come, and the eschatological kingdom that was being inaugurated in his person.

The Gospel writers were clear about the importance of correct belief. John, for example, tied eternal life and adoption as children to "belief in the name" of Jesus (1:12). Paul was clear regarding what must be done to be saved. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved" (Acts 16:31). Lest there be any question about the doctrinal dimension of this belief, consider his words, "If anyone is preaching a different kind of gospel, let him be eternally condemned" (Galatians 1:8-9).

The fact is to study and believe the Bible requires the believer to be a theologian. One simply cannot avoid theology and doctrine. As C.S. Lewis wrote, "Christ wants the heart of a child, but a grown up's head" (*Mere Christianity*, page 75). I hope so many take this class that Pastor Tom has a logistics problem on his hands.

Love and Gratitude,
Pastor Brian



2026 CANNED SOUP DRIVE

Since our Fall 2025 Canned Soup Drive was such a success, we would like to invite you to participate in our Fall 2026 Canned Soup Drive. In the month of November alone, the Lakeview Baptist Food Pantry is expected to serve close to 150 households. We would love to get the whole church body at Lakeview involved by asking each individual to donate a can of soup each Sunday in the month of November. Carts for your donated soups will be available in the main lobby.

Thanks, in advance, for continuing to serve as God's hands and feet as we help to meet the needs of those in our community.

SENIOR SAINTS
2027 WINTER CONFERENCE

Join Senior Saints for a 2027 Winter Conference on January 28–29 at Shocco Springs! Al Jackson will teach on the topic: "Our Glorious Future: The Doctrine of Heaven Explained and Anticipated," with worship led by the James Brown Trio.

This conference is open to adults ages 50 and older. You do not have to be a member of Senior Saints to attend. Space is limited. The deadline to sign up is November 19th.

For more information and to sign up, please contact Jenny Swaim at swaimje@gmail.com.



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NORTH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
LAST INTEREST MEETING OF 2026

North Plains Baptist Church will be holding its last interest meeting of 2026 THIS Thursday, November 19th, from 6 PM–7:30 PM, at the Dandelion Play Cafe in north Auburn. 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. Coffee and refreshments will also be provided. Please help us spread the word! We hope to see you there!



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JOYFUL NOISE & RE/GEN CHOIRS
THIS SUNDAY MORNING

This coming Lord's Day, we will have the pleasure of hearing our Joyful Noise Children's Choir and our Re/Gen Youth Choir in the morning service. I can hardly wait for you to hear both of these choirs sing praises to our great Triune God!

"THE GLORIES OF EMMANUEL" MUSICAL
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 6:00 PM

It is time once again for Lakeview's annual Christmas musical featuring our Celebration Choir and Orchestra. This year's musical entitled "The Glories of Emmanuel" will be held Sunday, December 6th, at 6:00 PM and you do not want to miss it. Come hear the gospel message proclaimed through word and song… from classic carols to new Christmas favorites, you will hear sounds of the season and praise to the Son of God. Come join us and bring a friend!



A CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 6:00 PM

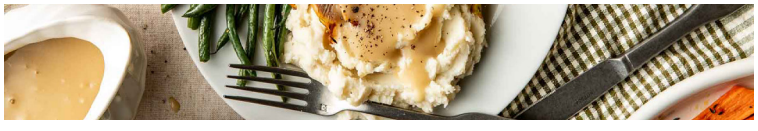
Join us for a night of worship with our Joyful Noise Kids Choir, Re/Gen Youth Choir, and Celebration Orchestra as they will be leading us in praises to Jesus while celebrating the wonderful season of Christmas.



youth NEWS

YOUTH FRIENDSGIVING FELLOWSHIP
THIS SATURDAY | 4 PM

We are having a youth Friendsgiving fellowship this Saturday from 4:00–6:30 PM at Justin and Cammie Abercrombie's house! All youth are welcome to come enjoy time while we share food and fellowship with one another! We look forward to starting this week of Thanksgiving together!





children's CHATTER

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Thank you for your ongoing generosity toward Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. You can watch testimonies of lives changed through this ministry at video.samaritanspurse.org. Please join us in praying for the gospel message to be faithfully shared with every child who receives a shoebox, for open doors into communities, and for hearts to be transformed.



M&M FOR LOTTIE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

M&M containers will be given out next Sunday to the boys and girls in Sunday school as a sweet treat, as well as an opportunity for them to use the container to fill with offering coins/dollars and return to us for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Containers are due back the last Sunday in January.

LOTTIE MOON STORY & FOOD PANTRY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

During MPAC, our children will hear about Lottie Moon as well as a testimony from my mom, DeRita Burke, on how she was directly impacted by the IMB Lottie Moon Christmas Offering as a young girl in Japan. Brett and Megan Coppenger will also join us to share about the Lakeview Food Pantry.

LAKEVIEW FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

All are welcome to join us for Christmas caroling on Wednesday, December 9th, from 5:45 to 7:45 PM to bring holiday cheer, comfort, and encouragement to many of our senior saints and homebound members. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for instructions before heading out in groups. Routes and caroling books will be provided. Please note that bus seating is limited, so additional drivers are greatly appreciated, and medical release forms are required to ride the church bus. Afterwards, we will gather back in the Fellowship Hall for a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET DONATIONS

If you have any Christmas-themed mugs (no Santa mugs, please), that you are willing to part with, we would love to have them for the church-wide family Christmas Banquet. There will be boxes in front of the welcome desk in the lobby for your donations. Thank you in advance.



CHURCH-WIDE FAMILY CHRISTMAS BANQUET
DECEMBER 8TH | 6 PM

Please join us on December 8th, at 6 PM, for our annual church–wide family Christmas banquet. This year's theme is "O Come Let Us Adore Him." Tickets will be available for purchase beginning THIS Sunday in the lobby for $8.00 per person with a $30 cap per family.





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2027 CHURCH BUDGET APPROVAL PROCESS

Tomorrow, November 18th, there will be two opportunities for church members to gain information on the 2027 budget: one at 5:30 PM (in the Bride's Room) for one-on-one questions and one at 6:00 PM (in Room N108/109) for open discussion. On December 6th, at 10:45 AM, the church will vote on the budget, without discussion. Please see the detailed information on the budget at the end of this edition of the Lakeview Life.

fellowship MEAL

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

NOVEMBER 18

Chicken Fingers, Chips, California Blend Vegetables,
Salad, Rolls, Ice Cream Cups

Wednesday night meals will resume on January 20th.

Fellowship meals are open to everyone and cost $5 per person with a $20 cap per family. Cash, checks and cards accepted.
Menu subject to change.



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REMEMBER IN *prayer*

ARBOR LAKE
Nancy Brownfield

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

NOVEMBER 15 ATTENDANCE

MORNING SERVICE	1,222
EVENING SERVICE	583

NOVEMBER 15 GIVING

BUDGET	$57,268.85
RESTRICTED	$11,805.59

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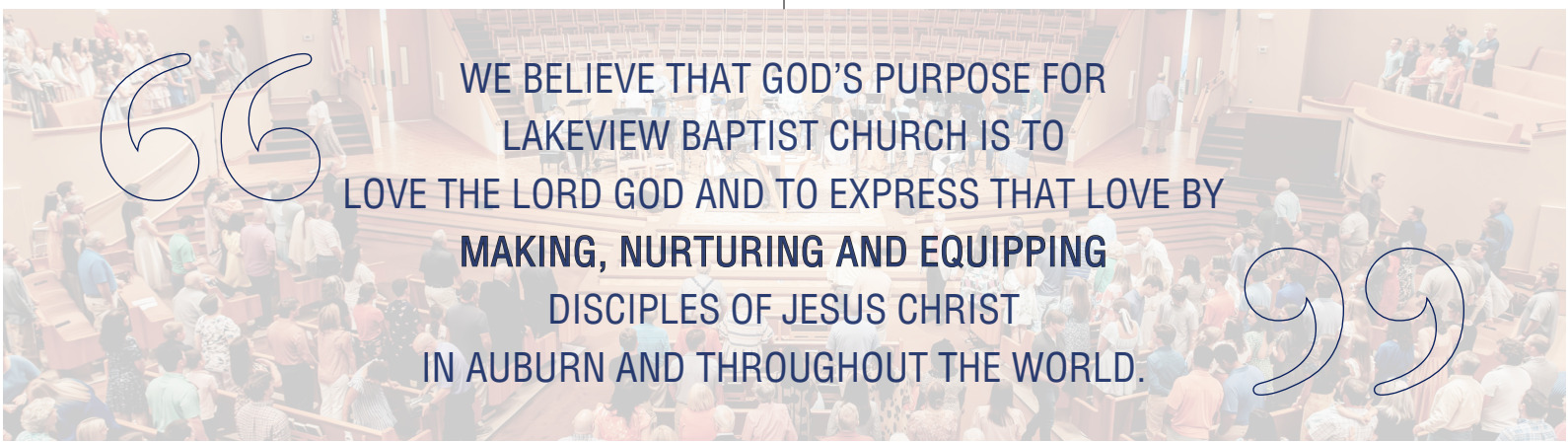

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Lakeview BAPTIST CHURCH

2027 Proposed Church Budget

$4,400,000 --- $300,000 Increase (7.3%)

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Approved by the Fellowship of Deacons

Finance Committee:

Glenn Sollie ('26) - Chairman

Dale Martin ('26)

Robert Melvin ('27)

Vince Swanson ('27)

Justin Campbell ('28)

Monty O'Kelley ('28)

Bill Hutto, Treasurer, Ex Officio

Budget Approval Dates/Times:

Wednesday, November 18, 5:30pm, Committees Available for Questions

In the Hospitality (Bride's) Room

Wednesday, November 18, 6:00pm, Presentation/Discussion in Business Meeting

In Room N108/109

Sunday, December 6, 10:45am, Churchwide Vote

In the Worship Center

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.

2027 BUDGET SUMMARY

$4,400,000 total budget amount for 2027

$300,000 increase over the 2026 budget (7.3%)

$63,000 automatic increase to the Missions budget (21%)

5% across the board cost of living adjustment for equipping and support staff

Special Contingency account set at $133,578

All other categories kept at 2026 levels

Impacts of our Fall 2027 church plant (NPBC) not known or reflected

LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Description	2026 Annual Budget	2027 Proposed Annual Budget	Difference
$300,000 INCREASE (7.3%)			
CONTRIBUTIONS	$4,100,000	$4,400,000	$300,000
EXPENSES:			
BUDGETED MISSIONS MINISTRY GIFTS	$861,000	$924,000	$63,000
OFFICE	$722,063	$871,459	$149,396
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	$340,292	$350,606	$10,314
PASTORAL MINISTRY	$262,953	$274,128	$11,175
PRAISE MINISTRY	$248,687	$258,269	$9,582
UNIVERSITY MINISTRIES	$236,079	$245,490	$9,411
YOUTH MINISTRIES	$210,881	$218,690	$7,809
FAMILY MINISTRIES	$196,311	$203,932	$7,621
MISSIONS MINISTRY ADMINISTRATIVE	$146,205	$152,640	$6,435
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES	$138,527	$144,338	$5,811
UTILITIES	$133,605	$133,605	$0
MEDIA MINISTRY	$119,032	$124,038	$5,006
CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY	$108,579	$113,573	$4,994
FOOD SERVICE MINISTRY	$89,376	$92,695	$3,319
PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES	$82,468	$84,999	$2,531
INTERNATIONALS MINISTRIES	$77,668	$80,549	$2,881
CAPITAL PROJECTS	$75,000	$75,000	$0
LADIES MINISTRIES	$18,925	$18,925	$0
PERSONNEL MINISTRY - CONTINGENCY	$14,294	$15,009	$715
V. B. S. MINISTRIES	$13,150	$13,150	$0
M-PAC MISSIONS MINISTRY	$4,005	$4,005	$0
LIBRARY/MEDIA	$900	$900	$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	$4,100,000	$4,400,000	$300,000

Specific details of each budget item are available in the Administrative Pastor's office for review by any church member.

LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Description	2027 Proposed Annual Budget	% of Budget
Supplemental View of 2027		
EXPENSES:		
STAFF COMPENSATION	$2,278,782	0.52
MISSIONS	$924,000	0.21
FEES	$407,074	0.09
MAINTENANCE	$286,928	0.07
UTILITIES	$133,605	0.03
CONTINGENCY	$133,578	0.03
MILEAGE & LITERATURE	$80,509	0.02
SUPPLIES	$78,823	0.02
KITCHEN	$23,000	0.01
CONTINUING EDUCATION	$19,500	0.004
EQUIPMENT & LEASES	$14,456	0.003
SOFTWARE & SUBSCRIPTIONS	$11,632	0.003
PUBLICITY & MEDIA	$8,113	0.002
TOTAL EXPENSES	$4,400,000	100%

MISSIONS (21% of Overall Budget)

Description	2026 Budget	2027 Proposed Budget	Difference
70101 SBC Mission Causes	$ 512,500	$ 550,000	$ 37,500
70102 ABSC State Mission Causes	$ 41,000	$ 44,000	$ 3,000
70103 Tuskegee-Lee Association	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$-
70150 Cru - Todds	$ 3,600	$ 3,600	$-
70200 Mision Vida Nueva - Haynes (Casa Gloria)	$ 3,600	$ 6,000	$ 2,400
70255 Shepherd's Staff - Chance	$ 5,400	$ 6,000	$ 600
70260 C.M.C.H. - Ilie	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$-
70300 Allegro - Sodeke	$ 1,000	$-	$ (1,000)
70400 Tfer to 26950 - Martins	$ 5,400	$ 6,000	$ 600
70500 E.C.H.O. - Motis	$ 3,600	$ 3,600	$-
70550 Mustard Seed Found - Carroll	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$-
70600 Global Service Network - Yi Han	$ 3,105	$ 3,450	$ 345
70650 Global Partnership Services - Bass	$ 2,835	$ 2,835	$-
70700 Cru - Butchers	$ 3,600	$ 3,600	$-
70720 S.E.N.D. - Killingsworth	$ 3,600	$ 3,600	$-
70725 Carpenters for Christ	$ 5,400	$ 6,000	$ 600
70735 Filter of Hope - Martins	$ 5,400	$ 6,000	$ 600
70740 Allegro Solutions - Lipinskis	$ 5,400	$ 6,000	$ 600
70850 Kinetix Global - Coppenger	$ 5,400	$ 6,000	$ 600
70855 ARM Ministries- R. David	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$-
70900 Harvest Evangelism	$ 5,400	$ 6,000	$ 600
71000 NAMB - S. Hutto	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$-
71105 Stateside Missionaries	$ 25,000	$ 29,100	$ 4,100
71150 Mercy Medical Mission	$ 5,400	$ 6,000	$ 600
71200 Biblical World Min - Nelsons	$ 3,900	$-	$ (3,900)
71215 JAARS - Carden	$ 3,105	$ 3,450	$ 345
71260 Reaching & Teaching - Mobbs	$ 5,400	$ 6,000	$ 600
71300 Mission Trips - Lakeview	$ 60,000	$ 64,050	$ 4,050
71450 Operation Mobilization - Hoffman	$ 2,835	$ 2,835	$-
71455 Missions Equipping	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$-
71460 YWAM - Burkhalter	$ 3,600	$ 3,600	$-
71700 Women's Hope Medical Clinic	$ 7,000	$ 7,000	$-
71875 VET - Transfer to 26945	$ 3,000	$ 3,000	$-
71900 Uttermost Sports	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$-
72000 Special Mission Projects	$ 11,405	$ 27,875	$ 16,470
72100 Tfer to 26950 - Spec & ReGen	$ 16,200	$ 16,200	$-
72300 The Owen Center	$ 3,600	$ 3,600	$-
72301 Redeemer Church London	$ 7,000	$-	$ (7,000)
72302 Launch Global - Todds	$ 1,200	$ 1,200	$-
72303 Shepherd's Staff - Sibleys	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	$-
72304 Kinetix Global - K Smith	$ 3,105	$ 3,450	$ 345
72305 Launch Gobal - M Webb	$ 4,000	$ 4,000	$-
72306 Launch Global - Gresham	$ 2,500	$ 2,500	$-
72307 Conexion - Training	$ 3,600	$ 3,600	$-
72308 Reliant - Cagles	$ 3,600	$ 3,600	$-
72309 Insight Athletics	$ 5,400	$ 6,000	$ 600
72310 Forge - Christy	$ 2,835	$ 2,835	$-
72311 Cru - Dooley	$ 3,600	$ 3,600	$-
72312 Navigators - Encarnacion	$ 3,105	$ 3,450	$ 345
72313 Gils	$ 2,700	$ 2,700	$-
72314 Launch Global - L Webb	$ 2,070	$ 2,070	$-
72315 Cru - Keels	$ 3,600	$ 3,600	$-
72316 Woolseys	$ 3,600	$ 3,600	$-
72317 GCIM - Baxter	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$-
TOTALS	$ 861,000	$ 924,000	$ 63,000

Historical Information

Operating Budgets:

2017	$2,750,000
2018	$3,000,000
2019	$3,000,000
2020	$3,100,000
2021	$3,100,000
2022	$3,300,000
2023	$3,500,000
2024	$3,600,000
2025	$3,900,000
2026	$4,100,000

Missions Budgets:

2017	$577,500
2018	$630,000
2019	$630,000
2020	$651,000
2021	$651,000
2022	$693,000
2023	$735,000
2024	$756,000
2025	$819,000
2026	$861,000