

Connect

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Lakewood Music Institute



WELCOME

NEW TO LAKEWOOD?

We want to meet you, answer your questions and help you get connected.

Visit our
Info Desk

OR

Fill out the Connect card located in the pocket on the back of each pew or chair. Drop it in the offering basket or take it to the Info Desk.

OR

Go to
LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/INFO



GET INVOLVED

Discover your place at Lakewood

ATTEND DISCOVER

This basic intro to Lakewood is designed to help you discover who we are and where we are going as a church.

NEXT DISCOVER CLASS

August 18
in the Lodge at 12:15 PM
LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/DISCOVER

FIND A GROUP

We believe you grow to be like Christ as you do life with other people. In addition, we are convinced sustained life-change happens best in the context of a small group. Visit our Info Desk to learn about Sunday morning groups. We also have groups that meet all week around Hall County. To find a group, go to LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/GROUPLIFE

JOIN A TEAM

God has gifted each of us differently and at Lakewood we have ways to serve that match your gifting! Visit LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/SERVE to see some of the ways to serve using your personality, gifts and abilities.

NEXT BAPTISM

August 25 (Lake Baptism)

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

August 18

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NOTE FROM

Dr. Tyler Smiley

If you've been around Lakewood this summer, you know it's been full of good ministry! Lakewood Kids participated in Kids Camp, VBS and Music and Drama Camp. Students also had their own summer camp, activities, and opportunities to serve at various events. Recreation Ministry hosted basketball camps and LMI put on Worship Camp.

Women's Summer Bible Study and Men of Summer provided adults with opportunities to grow in their relationship with the Lord and in Christian community.

We celebrate all that He has done in the lives of people, and especially those participating in our Pool Baptism in July and Lake Baptism in August. We hope you all will join us in celebrating the Lord's work by attending these special services.

As we begin our new church year in August, we resume our Wednesday night activities. Crosspoint Choir is meeting at a new time to accommodate more people. Also, our NextGen Ministry will host the first-ever NextGen Parent Connection for parents of children from birth through high school. Parents, if you have a child in this age range, you'll want to be a part of this event.

By the end of 2024, we'll complete our year long sermon study through the book of Romans. In the first chapter, we see that the motivation for believing and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ is "for the sake of his name among all the nations" (Romans 1:5). This is our motivation for ministry at Lakewood.

We are thankful for a fruitful year of ministry at Lakewood and excited to see where the Lord will lead us in the year to come. May the Lord use us for the sake of the name of Jesus Christ.



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The **VISION** of Lakewood is to be a regional church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ locally, nationally and globally.

CROSSPOINT WORSHIP is a traditional blend of praise and worship at 9:30 AM in the Chapel.

REAL LIFE is a vibrant, contemporary worship experience at 11:00 AM in the Worship Center.



MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT



MISSION TRIP TO CENTRAL ASIA JULY TO OCTOBER

Hunter Clayton and Rebekah Ingram will be spending three months in Central Asia serving among the Uyghur with our Lakewood team. Hunter and Rebekah will be joining our team as they prayerfully consider what field of ministry the Lord may be leading them to in the future. What a blessing to see how the Lord has raised up two young people from our church to be sent to the nations with the good news of Jesus Christ!

PLEASE PRAY:

- For Hunter and Rebekah's boldness and dependence on the Holy Spirit as they share the gospel in Central Asia.
- For wisdom and discernment as they consider next steps the Lord may be leading them to take in their future ministries.
- For their encouragement in the Lord as they spend an elongated time far from family.

For more Information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org.

CROSSPOINT CHOIR PRACTICE MOVES TO SUNDAYS AND INVITES STUDENTS TO JOIN



On August 4, the Choir will begin practicing at 4:00 PM in the Choir Room on Sunday afternoons. This new time allows Wednesday Night volunteers as well as Middle and High School students to participate.

If you like to sing and want to be a part of the choir, contact Worship Pastor, Carter Reeves for more information.

ENGLISH CLASSES START BACK AUGUST 13

English as a Second Language (ESL) meets on Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM. Use the QR code to sign up. If you would like to volunteer with the ministry, contact Associate Missions Pastor, Kevin Stradley.



Refuge
LAKWOOD'S WOMEN'S GATHERING
AUGUST 16 • 6:30 PM • IN THE CHAPEL
All Lakewood women are invited to join us in the Chapel to hear Elizabeth Ormsbee teach about God as Jehovah-Shammah: The LORD is There. We'll also enjoy fellowship, desserts and a craft.



WELCOME NEW RESIDENT BEN PRESTEN



We are excited to have Ben Presten as our newest Resident Church Planter. Ben, his wife Tiffany, and their five children have been in Vermont for over a decade where Ben planted New King Church. Last year, they felt the Lord

calling them to step out in faith to plant another church. They are now in Gainesville as they prepare to plant a new church in the Atlanta area. In a year and a half, we hope to send out the Prestens along with other Lakewood families who we pray the Lord will raise up to be a part of the church planting launch team.



CAMP BIG ENOUGH

AUGUST 3 • 9:00 AM

Kindergarteners and their parents are invited to this half day camp where they will get to know our Kids Ministry leaders over breakfast, visit our worship venues and have their very first Grade School Ministry experience. Scan the QR code to sign up or go to lakewoodlife.org/events.



MEET OUR NEWEST COR 3:6 CHURCH PLANTER: KYLE STANTON

Kyle Stanton and his family are the newest members of the COR 3:6 Network. Kyle is planting All Saints Anglican Church in the community of Buena Vista, Colorado. Buena Vista is located in an area that is in great need of gospel centered churches. Let's be in prayer for Kyle and his family as they engage in the hard work of church planting:

PLEASE PRAY:

- For the Stanton family as they adjust to a new location.
- For the Lord to grant the Stanton family favor in the Buena Vista community.
- For the gospel to go forth in the area and that many would come to saving faith.
- For All Saints Anglican Church to be well established in Buena Vista.

For more information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org



NEXTGEN PARENT CONNECTION

PSALM 78:4

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 FROM 2:30-4:00 PM

All parents of kids from preschool to high school are invited to our first-ever NextGen Parent Connection. You'll learn more about our NextGen Ministry, including weekly ministry environments, teaching plans, big event dates for the year, parent resources, and serving opportunities. Parents can meet our staff over coffee and desserts. Childcare is available. Register today!



ADULT VBS • AUGUST 27-30 • 9 AM-NOON

Adults of all ages are invited to our adult version of Breaker Rock Beach VBS. Join Senior Adult Pastor Don Ormsbee for Bible study, music, missions, snacks and crafts. The theme for the week will be that God's Word never changes.



LAKE BAPTISM • 7:00 PM HOLLY PARK • AUG. 25

Join us at our annual Lake Baptism as we celebrate with those being baptized. If you would like to talk with someone about being baptized, please contact Dr. Benji Lavender.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6:15 PM AT LAKEWOOD

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS START BACK FOR KIDS, STUDENTS AND ADULTS ON AUGUST 14 FROM 6:15-7:45 PM

KIDS

PRESCHOOL

Through play and Bible stories, preschoolers grow toward God as they become aware that God wants everyone to know of His love.

GRADE SCHOOL

This midweek program helps grade schoolers build a lasting foundation in Bible skills and memorization, learn practical life applications, experience small group discipleship, and deeply engage in missions.

STUDENTS

Our midweek worship experience includes a live band and relevant teaching from God's Word. Lodge doors open at 5:30 PM for students to hang out, play games, or eat in our Lodge Cafe. At 6:15 PM, **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS** and **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** worship separately followed by students meeting in small groups.

ADULTS

ROMANS Led by Scott Smith in the Fellowship Hall
This verse-by-verse study is highly interactive and extremely practical. Adults of all ages and stages are invited to attend.

ON GUARD Led by Mike Casey in Room 131

Learn how to defend your faith with effective arguments for the existence of God, powerful evidence for Jesus' identity and resurrection, and answers to the problem of evil and Christian Particularism.

MEET ME AT THE LAMP POST Led by Don and Elizabeth Ormsbee in Room 133: Whether you are already a friend of C. S. Lewis, a casual reader, or interested in beginning a literary journey, these sessions are designed to stretch and strengthen ideas about our faith.

GRIEFSHARE Led by Ed Jump in Room 108-109

Through this 13-week support group, discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief.

DIVORCE CARE Led by Stacey Reece in Room 111

This Christ-centered 13-week support group for men and women will help you to face the challenges of divorce and move toward rebuilding your life.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT WEDNESDAYS
AND SIGN UP FOR A CLASS AT
LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/SUNDAYS-WEDNESDAYS**



COMING UP AT LAKEWOOD LEARN MORE AT LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/EVENTS

July 28	Annual Business Conference 12:15 PM
August 1	Registration ends for Soccer & Flag Football and begins for Upward Basketball
August 3	Camp Big Enough 9:00 AM
August 4	Promotion Sunday 9:30 & 11:00
August 4	Choir Practice Starts Back 4:00 PM
August 4	Deacon Ordination 5:00 PM
August 6	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
August 11	Next Gen Parent Connection 2:30 PM
August 13	ESL Classes Resume 6:00 PM
August 14	Wednesday Night Activities Resume 6:15 PM
August 16	Women's Fall Refuge 6:30 PM
August 17	Tiny Stitches 10:00 AM
August 17	Joy Respite 5:00 PM
August 18	Discover Step 1 12:15 PM
August 18	Caring for Aging Parents Support Group & Lunch 12:15 PM
August 18	Parent Child Dedication 4:00 PM
August 18	Gather Young Adults Fall Kick-Off 4:00 PM
August 21	Discover Step 2 6:15 PM
August 25	Compassion Sunday 9:30 & 11:00 AM
August 25	Lake Baptism 7:00 PM
August 27-30	Adult VBS 9:30 AM
August 28	Discover Step 3 6:15 PM
September 3	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
September 4	First Wednesday Men's Bible Study 6:15 AM
September 4	Discover Step 4 6:15 PM
September 5	Women's Fall Studies Begin
September 11	CRI BBQ Benefit Meal 5:00 PM
September 15	Caring for Aging Parents Support Group & Lunch 12:15 PM
September 21	Gather Night of Worship 4:00 PM

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WEEKLY	SUNDAY MORNINGS	WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
	Babies, Preschool & Grade School 9:30 & 11:00	ALL ACTIVITIES MEET 6:15-7:45 PM
	Middle & High School Students 9:30	Babies, Preschool & Grade School
	Young Adult Groups 9:30	Middle & High School Students
	Adult Small Groups 8:30 & 9:30 & 11:00	DivorceCare & Grief Share
Worship Services 9:30 & 11:00	Adult Bible Studies	
TUESDAYS Celebrate Recovery · 5:30 PM Dinner · 6:30 PM Large Group		



LOOKING BACK



In June, nearly 80 kids, along with CIT's, counselors and adult volunteers, learned what it means to be children of the light at Kids Camp.

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$114,375

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 5/26-7/14: \$118,984

NEW MEMBERS: Reba Burkhalter; Jane Chambers; Chad & Lorissa Crumley; Bob Edwards; Roy, Angela, Rhett & Samantha Griffin; Andrea Howell; Daniel & Teresa LaPrade; Paula Moore; Kyle Rushnell; Phil & Lisa Voss

*The Real Life service may contain flashing lights that might cause difficulties for people with photosensitive epilepsy.

WAYS TO GIVE:

GIVE ONLINE:
lakewoodlife.org/give



OFFERING BASKET:
cash or check

ENDOWMENT FUND:
[lakewoodlife.org/
endowment-ministry](http://lakewoodlife.org/endowment-ministry)

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