

Connect

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Lakewood Families



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

October 6
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

October 6

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

October 27

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NOTE FROM

Dr. Tyler Smiley



As we step into this new church year at Lakewood, we're reminded of God's continual guidance and provision for His vision in our ministry. This season is a good time to seek the Lord's direction on how He might call you to serve through the time, talent, and treasure that He has entrusted to you. Let's join together in offering these gifts back to Him, trusting that He will lead and provide for our ministry and His mission across the globe.

On Sunday mornings in September, we will continue our year long study of Romans by taking an extended look into Romans 12. This chapter in Romans is a turning point in the book where the letter becomes focused on practical application. We hope you'll continue to join us as we study through God's word together.

Also, studying Scripture alongside fellow believers is a meaningful way to grow in faith and deepen your understanding. In this issue of Connect, you'll discover opportunities to engage in community at Lakewood. Whether through our men's and women's ministries or Sunday morning groups, there's a place for everyone to connect, belong, and grow together.

If you're a parent, be sure to mark your calendar for Smartphone Parenting later this month. Our NextGen Pastor, Jamie Willis, will provide valuable insights, combining the latest research with a biblical perspective, to guide you in helping your kids navigate today's digital world.

I love our church, and I praise God that He has blessed us with such a healthy and vibrant church where we can grow in grace, worship our Lord, and take the gospel to the world.

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.



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MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT



DAVE CARTER: LEADING IN NORTHWEST AFRICA

Dave Carter serves as the Area Leader of Northwest Africa for Pioneers. Dave oversees and mentors multiple missionary teams who are ministering among unreached Muslim people groups in Africa. Dave and his family have been on the mission field for nearly 20 years and are now able to use their wisdom and experience to guide the next generation of missionaries among the unreached.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For encouragement and refreshment for the Carter family
- For the gospel to go forth in North Africa
- For the Lord to raise up more workers to send into the harvest field of North Africa

For more Information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

WOMEN ON MISSION

SEPTEMBER 3 • 10:30 AM • ROOM 101

Join us for a monthly gathering to pray for our missionaries and learn about their work. Beyond our monthly meetings, we also serve the community by supporting the Good Samaritan food pantry, writing cards to homebound Lakewood members, sponsoring children at Camp Hope, and other special projects. Contact Sandi McKinley for information: smckinley@lakewoodlife.org.

CARING FOR AGING PARENTS

SEPTEMBER 15 • 12:15 • ROOM 133

Caring for Aging Parents Support Group meets once a month for a light lunch, conversation and prayer time. For more information contact Elizabeth Ormsbee at eormsbee@lakewoodlife.org.

EXPLORE OUR THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY

Need high quality, reliable information to teach a small group? Or maybe you want to learn more about something you heard in a sermon. Any member of the Lakewood community can study in the Library or check out books to take home. The Library is open Sundays 9:00AM- noon, Mondays 2:00PM-5:00PM and Wednesdays 2:00PM-6:15PM. We are needing volunteers in the library. Learn more about the library and volunteering at lakewoodlife.org/library.



MEET JASON O'BRYANT, LAKEWOOD'S NEW RECREATION MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Jason brings 11 years of experience running a gym

where he built relationships and shared the gospel. He and his wife, Bethany, have four children: Gideon, Caleb, Joanna, and Naomi. Jason enjoys outdoor adventures, beekeeping, building, and fitness. Although the O'Bryant family is already part of our community, we're excited to have Jason lead our Recreation Ministry, bringing his passion for ministry through physical challenges to this new role.

SIX WEEK BEGINNER GROUP GUITAR CLASS STARTS SEPTEMBER 12 | 5:30-6:00 PM

Have you always wanted to play the guitar? Sixth graders through adults are invited to join this LMI class taught by Jeremy Daniels. Sign up at lakewoodlife.org/lmi.



CRI BBQ BENEFIT MEAL | SEPTEMBER 13

Make plans to eat in the Fellowship Hall from from 5:00-6:00 PM, before Wednesday activities. For \$10, get BBQ, cole slaw, baked beans, chips and dessert. (Kids plate \$5) All proceeds will benefit Lakewood's Prison Ministry.



MANTREAT • THE RETREAT AT LONG MOUNTAIN • OCT 26-27

Middle and high school guys are invited to a weekend of learning what it means to be a man of God through worship, small groups, and breakouts like archery, fishing, rifles and survival skills. Sign up by October 9.



MEET COR 3:6 CHURCH PLANTER: KEMPTON JACKSON

Kempton Jackson is the pastor of the Church of the Resurrection Santa Fe in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Kempton and his family grew up in New Mexico and have a passion to reach people with the gospel in this very unique context. Their desire is to see Northern New Mexico have Gospel-preaching churches in every city led by leadership from the area equipped to cultivate Gospel-centric communities that change the city for the common good.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For encouragement and faith for the Jacksons as they follow the Lord in the work of church planting
- For the ongoing health, unity and growth of "Church of the Rez"
- For the gospel to go forth in Santa Fe and the surrounding area

For more information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org



SMART *phone* PARENTING

SEPTEMBER 29 • 2:30 PM
IN THE LODGE

Join us for a FREE seminar to navigate parenting in our digital world. Learn when to give your child a phone, set screen time limits, choose filters, and understand apps. We'll discuss these topics from a biblical perspective with insights from Jamie Willis, Lakewood's NextGen Pastor. Scan the code for more into and to register.



CONNECT IN COMMUNITY



At Lakewood, our greatest desire is to see you connect with others and grow spiritually. 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.

SUNDAY MORNING GROUPS

On Sundays, we have groups meeting at Lakewood at 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 AM. Most of these groups are co-ed, range from 10-40 people and are typically based on age, stage or study topic. We also offer some any age and stage adult classes on Sundays. Find a group that you can be a part of on Sunday Mornings!

SCAN THE CODE FOR
MORE INFORMATION



FIRST WEDNESDAY MEN'S GATHERING

First Wednesday Men's Gathering is our monthly Bible Study. Wake up early and join with men for a large group teaching, and small group discussion. This study meets conveniently the first Wednesday of each month from 6:15-7:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and biscuits are provided.

SCAN THE CODE TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT MEN'S MINISTRY



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES START IN SEPTEMBER

JESUS AND WOMEN BOOK STUDY

Join us for an 8-week video study by Kristi McLelland that explores the historical and cultural context of Jesus' interactions with women and the hope that gives women today. Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM (Sept. 10–Oct. 29) or Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 AM (Sept. 5–Oct. 24). Childcare available on Thursdays by reservation.

PHILIPPIANS BIBLE STUDY

Join us for an inductive study of Philippians, exploring how to live joyfully regardless of circumstances, the purpose of suffering, and the Christian perspective on death. This study will help you develop the mind of Christ and discover a joy that the world cannot take away. Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 AM, Sept. 12–Nov. 14, Room 133. Childcare available.

SCAN THE CODE TO LEARN MORE
AND REGISTER FOR A STUDY



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

- 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 4 One Night (Middle & High School Students) | 6:15 PM
- September 5 Women's Fall Studies Begin
- September 11 CRI BBQ Benefit Meal | 5:00 PM
- September 12 Beginners Guitar Class | 5:30 PM
- September 13-15 Girls Retreat (Middle & High School Students)
- September 15 Caring for Aging Parents Support Group & Lunch | 12:15 PM
- September 21 Tiny Stitches | 10:00 AM
- September 21 Gather Night of Worship | 4:00 PM
- September 21 Special Needs Ministry Respite | 5:00 PM
- September 24 Senior Adult Luncheon | 12:00 PM
- September 29 Smartphone Parenting | 2:30 PM
- October 1 Women on Mission | 10:30 AM
- October 2 First Wednesday Men's Bible Study | 6:15 AM
- October 6 Discover Step 1 | 12:15 PM
- October 9 Discover Step 2 | 6:15 PM
- October 16 Discover Step 3 | 6:15 PM
- October 19 Special Needs Ministry Respite | 5:00 PM
- October 22 Senior Adult Luncheon | 12:00 PM
- October 23 Discover Step 4 | 6:15 PM
- October 26-27 Mantreat (Middle and High School)
- October 30 Pumpkin Fest 5:30 PM

USE YOUR
SMART PHONE
TO SCAN THE
QR CODE FOR
THE LATEST
INFORMATION.



WEEKLY

SUNDAYS

- Kids & Students 9:30 & 11:00 AM
- Young Adult Group 9:30 AM
- Adult Small Groups 8:30 & 9:30 & 11:00 AM
- Worship Services 9:30 & 11:00 AM
- Choir Practice 4:00 PM

- TUESDAYS** Celebrate Recovery • 5:30 PM Dinner • 6:30 PM Large Group
- English as a Second Language (ESL) • 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS

- ALL ACTIVITIES MEET 6:15-7:45 PM**
- Babies, Preschool & Grade School
- Middle & High School Students
- DivorceCare & Grief Share
- Adult Bible Studies



LOOKING BACK



Lakewood Students and their leaders learned about total surrender (based on Galatians 2:20) at Generate Camp in Tennessee over the summer. Be praying for our students to live out the truths they learned at camp.

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$114,375

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 7/21-8/18: \$143,021

NEW MEMBERS: Emmy Adams; Karson Adams; Stephen & Petra Baker; Rick & Toni Britt; Joan Driggs; Ethan Dowis; Will Duckworth; Mo Fouts; Merida Fouts; Sharen Hall; Adaline Johnson; Brendan & Bennett Leone; Saylor Lowther; Paula Moore; Vivianne Pierce; Adelyn Polsinelli; Laurie Scales; Buddy Shelton & Anna Powell-Shelton; Katelyn Stephens; Raleigh Turner; Thompson & Emma VanDeMark; Rylee Young

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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