

Connect

October 2024



Pumpkin Fest



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 | November 17
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 | November 17

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

October 27

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NOTE FROM

Dr. Tyler Smiley

We are still celebrating the 25 individuals who were baptized at our recent Lake Baptism! This is always such a meaningful service as these new Christians publicly show their faith in Jesus Christ, and as new people join our church family. This month, we'll continue celebrating with additional baptisms during our Sunday services, highlighting the ongoing work of the Lord in our ministry. If you're considering baptism or want to learn more about it, please reach out to any of the staff members listed on the back page.

October at Lakewood is always full of excitement. Our middle and high school young men are gearing up for Mantreat at our Retreat Center—a weekend focused on what it means to be men of God. Also, our Gather Ministry, Lakewood's College and Young Adult Ministry, is preparing for their Fall Retreat.

Finally, we're eagerly anticipating Pumpkin Fest once again this year! This event is a highlight for both our church and our community, and we encourage you to invite your family and friends to join in the fun. It's also a great chance to volunteer and be part of making this evening special. Our prayer is that through this event, families will experience the warmth of Christian fellowship here at Lakewood.

Here is our gospel reminder for the month. In 1 Timothy 1, Paul ends the section warning against false teachers and affirming sound doctrine with these words: "in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted" (1 Timothy 1:11). The good news of salvation in Jesus Christ reveals the "glory of the blessed God." And this is the gospel with which we have been "entrusted." May God be glorified in our mutual stewardship of His gospel.

Blessings,



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




MATT & JILL KAZOWSKI WASHINGTON, DC

Matt and Jill Kazowski live in Washington, D.C. Where they have an outreach ministry to Muslims, including the Uyghur. Prior to arriving in D.C., the Kazowski's lived in Asia where their ministry also focused on sharing the gospel with Muslim minorities. Currently they are in the midst of ministering to Afghan refugees who are being resettled in the U.S. in the wake of the tumult in Afghanistan.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For the encouragement of the Kazowski family.
- For the gospel to transform Muslim men, women and children in the D.C. area.
- For unique opportunities to love and serve Afghan refugees who are resettling in the US.

For more Information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org.



SMART *phone* PARENTING

SEPTEMBER 29 • 2:30-4:00
IN THE LODGE

GATHER FALL RETREAT • NOVEMBER 15-17

The Gather Retreat is an opportunity for college students and young professionals to come together for a weekend of fellowship, study, and rest at The Retreat at Long Mountain. Through teaching sessions, small group



discussions, and personal time with the Lord, we'll dig deeper into what it means to live a life set apart for God. Don't miss out on this chance to connect, grow, and recharge! Scan the code to sign up.



PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

Our Preschool Ministry is always growing and we've already welcomed several new babies this church year! In Preschool Ministry, our babies and preschoolers are discovering God's world for the first time. Through play, sensory activities, music, and social

interaction, our children are being introduced to God and His teachings, like learning to share because God teaches us to love others.

Want to make an impact? If you love our Women's Ministry or Young Adults Ministry, one of the best ways you can support those families is by volunteering in Preschool Ministry. You'll be helping children discover the love of Christ, and giving their parents the chance to grow in their own faith. For more information, contact our Preschool Minister, Allison Polsenelli (apolsenelli@lakewoodlife.org).

UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

Upward provides a comprehensive experience that combines skill training with an emphasis on fun and building character. With less time commitment than other leagues, Upward creates a safe environment where Christian principles are woven into the experience. Basketball is available for ages 4 to 12, and Cheerleading is open to girls ages 6 to 12. Scan the code to register before October 30.



OCTOBER IS THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY MONTH OPEN HOUSES OCTOBER 20 AND 23

To celebrate Lakewood's Theological Library, we're hosting Open Houses for you to explore the library, enjoy refreshments, and check out a special display featuring staff-favorite books. During the open houses, join us for 5-minute book talks led by our ministers and residents. These book talks will be held on Sunday morning October 20 at 10:45 AM and Wednesday night, October 23 at 6:00 PM. Come by, discover some great reads, and see what our Theological Library has to offer!



WEEKDAY PICKLEBALL

The Ministry Center is open for Pickleball Monday through Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00 AM. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, all ages and experience levels are welcome. It's a great way to have fun, stay active, and enjoy fellowship with others.



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. Sign up by October 9.



LAKWOOD CHURCH PLANTING



SEAN NOLAN ALBANY, NEW YORK

Sean Nolan is the pastor of Engage Church in Albany, New York. Sean and his family grew up in New York and had a passion to plant a much needed church in this very post-Christian context. By God's grace, Engage Church is growing as the gospel is being faithfully preached each Sunday.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For encouragement and faith for the Nolans as they follow the Lord in the work of church planting
- For the ongoing health, unity and growth of Engage Church
- For the gospel to go forth in Albany and the surrounding area.

For more information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org



PUMPKIN FEST

OCTOBER 30 • 5:30 - 8:00 PM



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AND JOIN US AT THIS FREE FALL EVENT!

Children will enjoy **ACTIVITY BOOTHS**, inflatables, petting zoo, games, photo booth, turkey shoot and hayride.

Eat **FREE FOOD**: Roasted Corn, Popcorn, Cotton Candy and Bruster's Ice Cream. There will also be **FOOD TO PURCHASE** from Hot Dog Ninja, Frozen Frenzee, Super Taco, Skogies and BBQ.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? Small Groups, ministry teams or families can sponsor an Activity Booth. Individuals are also needed to staff inflatables, registration and other activities. Sign up at LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG.

CANDY DONATIONS Bags of individually wrapped candy without nuts can be brought to the Church Office or Kids Cove.



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

- 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 Tiny Stitches | 10:00 AM
- October 19 Special Needs Ministry Respite | 5:00 PM
- October 20 Theological Library Open House | 10:45 AM
- October 20 Caring for Aging Parents Support Group & Lunch | 12:15 PM
- October 22 Senior Adult Luncheon | 12:00 PM
- October 23 Theological Library Open House | 6:00 PM
- October 23 Discover Step 4 | 6:15 PM
- October 26-27 Mantreat (Middle and High School)
- October 30 Pumpkin Fest 5:30 PM
- November 5 Women on Mission | 10:30 AM
- November 6 First Wednesday Men's Bible Study | 6:15 AM
- November 10 Veteran Recognition Sunday | 9:30 & 11:00 AM
- November 10 CRI Craft Fair Benefit | 10:30-12:30 PM
- November 12 Lakewood Music Institute Fall Recital | 5:30 & 6:45 PM
- November 15-17 Gather Fall Retreat
- November 16 Special Needs Ministry Respite | 5:00 PM
- November 17 Discover Step 1 | 12:15 PM
- November 17 Parent Child Dedication | 4:00 PM
- November 18-25 Operation Christmas Child Collection Week
- November 20 Discover Step 2 | 6:15 PM
- November 23 Thanksgiving Box Outreach | 8:30 AM
- November 27 No Wednesday Night Activities

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INFORMATION.



WEEKLY

SUNDAYS

- Kids & Students 9:30 & 11:00 AM
- Young Adult (Gather) Group 9:30 AM
- Adult Small Groups 8:30 & 9:30 & 11:00 AM
- Worship Services 9:30 & 11:00 AM
- Open Gym 2:00-7:00 PM
- 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



On August 25, we gathered at Holly Park as a church family to celebrate the baptism of 25 children, teenagers and adults who have been Made New.

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$114,375

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 8/25-9/15: \$100,533

NEW MEMBERS: Dainerys Baerga, Michael Crane, Ethan Croft, Amirah Evans, Elizabeth Hall, Ethen Harris, Andrew Joyner (Jr.), Lucy Lavender, Aniya Lawrence, Gaines Loggins, Elias and Perla Martinez, Ocean Pate, London Rogers, Clark Smith, Patrick Tillman, Owen Thome, Shelby Usrey, Turner Webb, Xander Wheeler

*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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