

Connect

November 2024



Thanksgiving Box Outreach



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

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

November 17

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

December 18
(Family Lord's Supper)

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NOTE FROM Dr. Tyler Smiley



In October, our Lakewood family came together to support the victims of Hurricane Helene. Thanks to your generosity, we collected non-perishable food, water, diapers, baby formula, and other essential items to send for support. Thank you to all the volunteers who packed and loaded the truck and to Overdrive Logistics who delivered the supplies to FBC Augusta for distribution in their community. We also commissioned teams for disaster relief work in hard hit areas, as well as the disaster relief response vehicle.

In November, we are reminded of all we have to be thankful for, and with that gratitude comes the desire to bless and serve others. This month, we have two significant opportunities to do just that: Thanksgiving Box Outreach and Operation Christmas Child. These annual service opportunities allow us to meet tangible needs in our local community and extend Christ's love to children around the world.

We will also have the privilege of honoring our Veterans during our services on Sunday, November 10. If you are a Veteran, please make plans to attend so that we can express our deep gratitude for your service to our country. This time of recognition is a small way for us to say thank you for your sacrifice and dedication.

Remember church, our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We do that with how we live, and with how we share the message of the gospel with others around us. Let's pray for one another: for boldness in our words with others, for boldness in the witness of our lives, and for boldness to stand for Jesus in all circumstances. Let's pray for each other what Paul writes in Ephesians 6:19-20 — "and pray also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak."

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



ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE MINISTRY

Lakewood's Adoption and Foster Care Ministry exists to encourage the Church to embrace adoption, orphan and foster care. Through this ministry we also seek to minister to and support birth parents, children, adoptive parents and foster care families.

A unique way you can participate in this ministry is through joining the LBC Care Community. As a Care Community volunteer, you will be able to encourage and support LBC foster families in unique ways such as through providing a meal or even respite care.

For more information please contact Missions Pastor, Benji Lavender at benji@lakewoodlife.org or Adoption & Foster Care Ministry Director, Tanna Roush at troush@lakewoodlife.org.

FOLLOW US!

[@lakewoodbaptistmissions](https://www.instagram.com/lakewoodbaptistmissions)

CRI BENEFIT CRAFT FAIR • NOVEMBER 10 AFTER EACH SERVICE • IN THE BREEZEWAY



Start your Christmas shopping early at our 7th Annual Craft Fair. Lakewood's Crafty Angels create and donate handmade jewelry, gifts, fall and Christmas decor and much more for the Craft Fair. All proceeds benefit Lakewood's Prison Ministry.

VETERANS RECOGNITION SERVICE

On November 10, join us as we recognize the service of our Veterans in both our 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM services.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LAKEWOOD KIDS?



In Kids Ministry, we are excited about our new Sunday morning curriculum that engages kids, helps them grow in their love for God's Word, and even lets them participate in teaching the

Bible story. On Wednesday nights, students are memorizing scripture and learning to navigate the Bible together.

Want to make an impact? If you are curious about serving in Lakewood Kids, join us on Sunday, November 17 at 9:30 AM for our **Kids Ministry Volunteer Preview Day**. Learn about the different volunteer opportunities, meet our staff, and take a look around our Kids and Preschool areas.

For more information about Kids Ministry, contact our Grade School Minister, Christa Gaudinier (cgaudinier@lakewoodlife.org). If you are interested in serving, please scan the QR Code.



VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM • TUESDAYS MINISTRY CENTER • 4:00-9:00 PM

Whether you are a beginner or advanced volleyball player, you are invited to Volleyball Open Gym on Tuesdays.

SENIOR ADULT THANKSGIVING DINNER THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 • 6:00 PM

If you are age 55+, make plans to join our Senior Adults for a barbecue and covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall followed by a program. For more information, call the Front Office at (770) 532-6307 or visit lakewoodlife.org/senioradults..

GRIEF & THE HOLIDAYS • DEC. 4 • 6:15 PM

For those grieving the loss of a loved one, the holiday season can be challenging. This two-week class offers support and practical ways to navigate the holidays, helping you adjust and keep meaningful memories alive. You are not alone. Visit lakewoodlife.org/events to sign up or scan the QR code.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING • DEC. 6



Begin your Christmas celebrations with this special family activity by visiting with some of our homebound and nursing home residents. We'll start at the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM. After caroling, we will



return to the Fellowship Hall for soup, cornbread, rolls and Christmas cookies. Bring a plate of Christmas cookies or sweets to share. Register for this free event by scanning the QR code or go to at Lakewoodlife.org/events.



JESUS IN HANUKKAH WOMEN'S GATHERING • DEC. 5 • 6:00 PM

Join us for this women's Advent event. Enjoy a catered dinner and hear from Anna Beth Havenar of Light of Messiah Ministries as she shares how this ancient Jewish festival points to Jesus, the Light of the World. The cost is \$20. Scan the QR code to register.



ALEX GAILEY SOLA CITY CHURCH GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA

Alex served as a church planting resident at Lakewood and was then sent out in January 2018 to launch Sola City Church in Gainesville, GA. As a church, Sola City exists to spread the supremacy of God through the gospel of Jesus Christ to our city and beyond.

PLEASE PRAY:

- for the encouragement of Alex, his wife Jessy, and their three children.
- that Sola City would continue to grow as disciples and to make disciples of Jesus Christ.
- for Sola City to raise up and send out church planters and missionaries.

For more information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org.

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TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT LAKEWOOD THIS NOVEMBER

As we enter the season of gratitude, we have two special opportunities to share the love of Christ. By providing Thanksgiving meals or packing shoeboxes for children around the world, we can reflect the heart of the Gospel and extend the hope of Jesus to others this November.



THANKSGIVING BOX OUTREACH

Join us in loving and serving our community by packing over 700 Thanksgiving meals to be delivered to local families. Each box will include a gospel tract, sharing the ultimate reason we give thanks this season. There are two ways you can get involved:

DONATE: Contribute the cost of a meal for a family in need.

SERVE: Pack the boxes for delivery on November 23

This outreach is a wonderful way to show Christ's love to our neighbors during the holiday season!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Lakewood is once again serving as an official OCC Collection Center for Operation Christmas Child. This global initiative, led by Samaritan's Purse, provides shoeboxes filled with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to children around the world. Here's how you can be involved:

VOLUNTEER: You can serve in Lakewood's Collection Center (located in the Chapel Foyer) during Collection Week, November 18-25.

PACK A SHOEBOX: Pick up a box at Lakewood and follow the instructions about what to put in it. Bring it back to Lakewood before November 25.

KIDS OCC PARADE: On Wednesday, November 20, our children will participate in a fun parade to celebrate and contribute to this mission.



As we approach the holiday season, these service opportunities allow us to live out the love of Christ in tangible ways. Whether it's providing a Thanksgiving meal to a local family or packing a shoebox for a child across the globe, each act of service is a chance to share the hope and joy of the Gospel. Let's come together as a church family to make a lasting impact this November.

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

- 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 Tiny Stitches | 10:00AM
- 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 21 Senior Adult Thanksgiving Dinner | 6:00 PM
- November 23 Thanksgiving Box Outreach | 8:30 AM
- November 27 No Wednesday Night Activities
- December 1 First Sunday of Advent | 9:30 & 11:00 AM
- December 3 Women on Mission | 10:30 AM
- December 4 First Wednesday Men's Bible Study | 6:15 AM
- December 4 Discover Steps 3 & 4 | 6:15 PM
- December 4 Grief & The Holidays | 6:15 PM
- December 5 Jesus and Hanukkah (Women's Discipleship) | 6:00 PM
- December 6 Family Christmas Caroling| 6:00 PM
- December 8 Christmas Music Sunday | 9:30 & 11:00 AM
- December 11 Lakewood Students Christmas Night of Worship | 6:15 PM
- December 11 Lakewood Kids Christmas Musical: The Loaned Manger | 6:00 PM
- December 14 Special Needs Ministry Christmas Party | 5:00 PM
- December 17 Senior Adult Luncheon | 12:00 PM
- December 18 Family Lord's Supper | 6:00 PM
- December 24 Christmas Eve Services | 5:00 PM & 10:00 PM
- December 25 No Wednesday Night Activities
- December 29 No Small Groups

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



In October, we collected essential items for Hurricane Helene victims, and volunteers loaded a truck that delivered them to Augusta, Georgia.

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$114,375

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 9/22-10/20: \$103,786.

NEW MEMBERS: Michael Dale, Heather Farenger, Stetson Gilmer, Sophie Stephens, Nick & Taylor Woosley

*The 11:00 AM 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](https://lakewoodlife.org/endowment-ministry)

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