

Connect

February 2025



United WKND



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

February 23
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

February 9

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

February 23

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NOTE FROM

Dr. Tyler Smiley



As we start a new month, we'll continue looking at the Gospel in the Old Testament. In February, we'll explore the gospel as seen in the lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These stories remind us that God's promises endure, His grace abounds, and His faithfulness never wavers.

February marks the halfway point of our church year. Every year, at our Annual Business Conference in July, we ask the Lord in prayer to provide for our ministry needs. Every year, throughout the year, we also encourage and charge each other to prayerfully consider how the Lord will use each one of us to serve Him through His church. I am always amazed by the Lord's faithfulness to provide, and I am grateful to God for the generosity of His people at Lakewood. Thank you for financially supporting the work and ministry of this church. Thank you for giving your time, talent, and treasure to participate in the Lord's work through Lakewood. It is an honor to serve the Lord with you.

Last month, we shared some exciting updates about our church plant in John's Creek. We are thrilled that our very own Associate Missions Pastor, Pastor Kevin Stradley, along with another of our own, Hunter Clayton, will be joining Pastor Ben Presten in launching this new church. We ask for your prayers for them as they step out in faith to reach the Johns Creek community with the gospel. It is a joy to see our church family actively participating in the Great Commission by planting churches and making disciples.

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing here at Lakewood. Let's continue to seek Him together, grow in faith, and share the good news of Jesus Christ with those around us.

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



BRIAN & MEGAN MOORE FREIBURG, GERMANY

Brian and Megan Moore are from Gainesville, but now live and work in Freiburg, Germany. The Moores work with a church planting team which seeks to establish German churches that will, in turn, plant more German churches. Most recently Brian has become the lead planter and pastor of a new church in Freiburg.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For the encouragement of the Moore family
- Pray for wisdom and encouragement for Brian as he pastors the new church plant in Freiburg
- For the planting of Christ-centered, Bible believing churches in Freiburg

For more information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org.

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF • FEBRUARY 5 5:00-6:00 PM • FELLOWSHIP HALL



Join us for our 10th Annual Chili Cook-off to sample the entries and vote for your favorite. The cost is \$5 per person and all proceeds benefit our Prison Ministry. Additional tickets may be purchased for more votes.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY AT LAKEWOOD TUESDAY NIGHTS • FELLOWSHIP HALL

Are you seeking freedom from life's challenges? Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find freedom from your hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Every Tuesday night, we begin with a meal at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a Large Group Meeting at 6:30 PM, and Small Gender-Specific Groups at 7:00 PM. If you need childcare, please contact Lisa at lfiye@lakewoodlife.org to make arrangements. At Celebrate Recovery, you'll find encouragement, community, and support on your journey toward healing. There's no registration required—just come as you are!

SENIOR ADULT LUNCH • FEBRUARY 25 • 12PM



Everyone 55 and older is invited to our Senior Adult Fellowship Meeting typically held on the fourth Tuesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Each month we enjoy a covered dish meal, an informative or inspirational program, and always a lot of laughter.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5
AT NOON IN THE CHAPEL**

PICKLEBALL AT THE MINISTRY CENTER

Our Pickleball courts are open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. With six courts available, there's plenty of space for everyone, whether you're a beginner or an experienced player. No matter your skill level, there's a place for you to enjoy the game, meet new people, and have fun.



LMI INTRO GROUP GUITAR CLASS MONDAYS • 4:30-5:00 PM • STARTS FEB. 24

Join our 6-week Intro Group Guitar Class for 6th grade and up. This class is for beginners what are wanting to learn to play the guitar. Worship Pastor Carter Reeves will guide you through the basics of playing guitar in a fun, group setting. The cost is \$60. Scan the QR code to sign up.



**MATT FUNK
PARKER, COLORADO**

Matt Funk and his family are planting a church in Parker, Colorado in partnership with the North American Mission Board. Parker is a city in the Denver area that is in great need of gospel centered churches. The Funks are seeking to plant a church that is rooted in God's word, reaching out to the Parker community with the gospel, and seeking to replicate itself through planting more churches.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For encouragement for the Funk family as they continue in the work of planting
- For the gospel to go forth in Parker and to transform families and individuals
- For wisdom and discernment as Matt leads and shepherds this young church

For more information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org.

2025 FOREVER MARRIAGE CONFERENCE



Join us March 21-22 for the 2025 Forever Marriage Conference, featuring Scott & Dawn Smith. This event is designed to help couples thrive in their marriages by aligning with biblical principles.

The conference includes dinner Friday night, followed by the

first session and a date night opportunity. On Saturday, March 22, activities start with breakfast leading into two additional sessions, concluding by noon.

Early registration is available through February 28 for \$90 per couple, increasing to \$100 through March 12.

Invest in your marriage and learn how to thrive together. For more details and to register, visit forevermarriage.org or scan the QR code.



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TOGETHER.**

UNITED WKND

FEBRUARY 28
TO MARCH 2



UNITED WKND is an event for middle and high school students which takes place at Lakewood Baptist Church from February 28 – March 2. We will gather with students from other churches in the area to worship the Lord together and grow deeper in community with one another.



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This year at United WKND our **SPEAKER IS SHAQ HARDY** and **WORSHIP WILL BE LED BY SOULSOUND**. Registration includes admission for 3 worship services, 3 small groups, a student book, a t-shirt, and 3 meals (pizza dinner on Friday, Chick-fil-A lunch on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday).

WHO WE ARE: LIVING OUT GOD'S CALL OF COMMUNITY AND FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST

We live in a time when it is easy to feel alone even when you are around so many other people. In a world saturated with "social" media, we are more isolated and distant from each other than ever before. But this is not how we were meant to live. We were made for community: a connection with other people, in the name of Jesus Christ, that unites us and gives us purpose. At United WKND we will spend time looking at how we can make the most of our fellowship in Christ, for it is in such a community – the Church – that we can experience a sense of belonging, fulfillment, and purpose that is bigger than ourselves.



COST IS \$80
REGISTER BY
FEBRUARY 12



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

February 4	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
February 5	First Wednesday Men's Gathering 6:15 AM
February 5	10th Annual CRI Chili Cook-off 5:00 PM
February 5	Discover Step 2 6:15 PM
February 8	Tiny Stitches 10:00 AM
February 12	Discover Step 4 6:15 PM
February 15	Special Needs Respite 5:00 PM
February 16	Truett McConnell University's Chorale 9:30 AM
February 17	Upward Spring Soccer Registration Ends
February 19	Kids Ministry Winter Rec Night 6:15 PM
February 23	Discover Step 1 12:15 PM
February 25	Senior Adult Luncheon 12:00 PM
February 26	Discover Step 2 6:15 PM
Feb. 28-March 2	United WKND (Lakewood Students)
March 2-9	Week of Prayer for North American Missions
March 4	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
March 5	First Wednesday Men's Gathering 6:15 AM
March 5	Ash Wednesday Service 12:00 PM
March 5	Discover Step 3 6:15 PM
March 7-16	Croatia Mission Trip
March 12	Discover Step 4 6:15 PM
March 15	Recreation Ministry: 5K Obstacle Race
March 15	Tiny Stitches 10:00 AM
March 15	Special Needs Respite 5:00 PM
March 21-22	Forever Marriage Conference
March 23	Discover Step 1 12:15 PM
March 26	Discover Step 2 6:15 PM

CONNECT THROUGH TEXTS

Receive a link to our **Daily Bible Reading Plan** Monday-Friday. Text **BIBLE** to (470) 516-5244.



Get **Lakewood Text Updates** for church events, special services, and schedule changes. Text **LAKEWOOD** to (470) 516-5297



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

WEDNESDAYS

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

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



LOOKING BACK



In January, we began our second year of ESL at Lakewood. This wonderful group of volunteers teaches English to about 45 students every Tuesday night.

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$114,375

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 12/22-1/19: \$214,537

NEW MEMBERS: Evy Masters, Maddie Jo Burnette, Easton Simmons, Frances Thomason, Brad & Ashley Everly

WAYS TO GIVE:

GIVE ONLINE:
lakewoodlife.org/give



OFFERING BASKET:
cash or check

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

*The 11:00 AM service may contain flashing lights that might cause difficulties for people with photosensitive epilepsy.

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