

Connect

March 2025



Forever Marriage



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

March 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

March 16

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

April 17 (Maundy Thursday)

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NOTE FROM

Dr. Tyler Smiley

As we move into March, we again have the incredible opportunity to start the month by welcoming students from all over our community for United WKND. This annual event is a powerful time of worship, teaching, and discipleship for middle and high school students. Students from Lakewood are joined by students of churches from around this region. Please be in prayer for all who attended, that the Lord continues to work in their hearts long after this weekend is over.

Later this month, we are excited to host the Forever Marriage Conference with our very own Pastor Scott and Dawn Smith on March 21-22. Whether you've been married for years or are just starting out, this conference will provide biblical wisdom, encouragement, and practical tools to help strengthen your marriage. Over the course of our marriage, my wife and I have been sharpened by the ministry of Scott and Dawn as well as so many other men and women who faithfully serve our church. As always, we encourage you to invest in your marriage relationship by setting aside time to grow together and to grow in the Lord.

Even though we are still in the early months of the year, it's not too soon to begin thinking about summer! Vacation Bible School is one of our biggest event opportunities for discipling our own Lakewood children, and reaching out to other children in our community. We rely heavily on our wonderful volunteers to help make it a great experience for kids in our church and community. If you're interested in serving, now is the time to get involved.

Thank you for being part of what God is doing at Lakewood. I thank the Lord for this church, and for His grace to use us in His ministry work. May the name of the Lord be praised! And may the Lord be glorified through our lives, work, and worship!



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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



CROATIA MISSION TRIP MARCH 7-16

During the week of March 7-16, Lakewood is sending a short term team to Zagreb, Croatia. Our Lakewood team will join our CRU ministry partners in Croatia to share the gospel and make disciples among college students in Zagreb. Our team will conduct a series of seminars in order to connect with students and share how a relationship with Jesus will forever change their lives.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For the team's dependence on the Holy Spirit throughout the trip
- For fruitful, gospel centered and Spirit-led conversations with Croatian students
- For the unity and daily encouragement of our Lakewood team and protection from spiritual attack

For more information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org.

FIRST WEDNESDAY MEN'S GATHERING MARCH 5 • 6:15 AM • FELLOWSHIP HALL



First Wednesday is Lakewood's monthly men's 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE NOON MARCH 5



Join us for this special service as we begin the journey to Easter in reflection and repentance. Through worship and a message, we'll focus on our need for forgiveness, with an opportunity for attendees to receive ashes on

their forehead or hand as a symbol of repentance.

PARENT CHILD DEDICATION MARCH 9 • 4:00 PM • WORSHIP CENTER



Parent Child Dedication is a time for parents to publicly commit to raise their children in a Christian home and church. As a church, we partner with parents as they teach these little ones to know and love the Lord. We invite our church family to attend

and support these parents as they make this important commitment. If you'd like to dedicate your child in our next Parent Child Dedication, (May 4), please register online.

RECREATION MINISTRY: 5K OBSTACLE RACE • CONYERS • MARCH 15 • 2:00 PM

Join Team Lakewood for the Spartan Sprint 5K Obstacle Race! Whether you're an experienced racer or just looking for a fun challenge, this race is for you! Participants must be 14 or older, but all fitness levels are welcome. To sign up, visit lakewoodlife.org/recreation.



COMING UP THIS SUMMER

KIDS CAMP: LIKE A TREE • JUNE 2-6

During this week of outdoor fun and group Bible study, third through fifth graders will explore what it means to be "Like a Tree" as described in Psalm 1:1-3. This sleep-away camp takes place at Alexander Stephens State Park in Crawfordville, GA. Scan the code for details.



KIDS SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

K4-2ND GRADE • JUNE 9-12 | 3RD-5TH GRADE • JUNE 23-26

Boys and girls can improve their basketball skills this summer at one of our basketball camps. Visit lakewoodlife.org/recreation or scan the code to learn more and sign up.



VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED • JUNE 16-20

We are looking for adults to help us in music, missions, crafts, recreation, snacks, and security teams. Our greatest need is for grade specific classroom leadership. Classroom leaders serve on a team of at least two adults and lead a group of up to 12 children—curriculum and training are provided. Learn more and sign up at lakewoodlife.org/events or scan the code.



MUSIC & DRAMA CAMP • JULY 6-10

This week-long camp is an opportunity for our kids to work together, collaborate, and use their talents to learn and perform a musical at the end of the camp week. Auditions for speaking parts and solos take place March 30. Scan the code to sign up.



LAKWOOD KIDS WEEKDAY REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 3 FOR 24-25 SCHOOL YEAR



Lakewood Kids Weekday offers children a spiritual foundation while preparing them for elementary school. This is a half-day program (8:45 AM – 12:45 PM) with two, three and five-day options available for

children 12 months through four years (PreK). To learn more and to register, scan the code or visit lakewoodlife.org/weekday.



CHRIS SANDOVAL

Chris Sandoval is the planter and pastor of Servant Church in San Diego, CA. Chris and his wife, Carrie Anne, moved to San Diego several years ago with a desire to plant a church in the underserved community of Logan Heights. God is continuing to bless Servant Church with new baptisms and new families eager to follow Jesus and to invite family and friends to do the same.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For the Sandoval's encouragement as they serve at Logan Heights
- For the health of Servant Church as Chris teaches disciples members
- For the gospel to go forth in the Logan Heights community, that people would be saved and transformed by the Spirit working through the Word

For more information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org.

Scan the code to watch a video from Chris





FOREVER

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Marriage is meant to be more than just surviving day to day—it's designed to thrive! Whether you and your spouse are in a season of joy or facing challenges, the Forever Marriage Conference is an opportunity to grow together, reconnect, and strengthen your relationship through biblical wisdom and practical encouragement.

Join us at **LAKWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH ON MARCH 21-22** as Scott and Dawn Smith lead us in exploring what it means to cultivate a thriving marriage. Through three powerful sessions, they'll unpack God's design for marriage, offering insight,


Thrive
IN YOUR MARRIAGE

encouragement, and tools to help couples deepen their connection.

The conference includes three engaging sessions with the Smiths, a Friday night dinner, a light breakfast on Saturday, and a date night opportunity to help you and your spouse reconnect.

Marriage is one of God's greatest gifts, and investing in it is always worth it. Don't miss this chance to be encouraged, challenged, and equipped to thrive in your marriage.

REGISTER TODAY AT
LAKWOODLIFE.ORG/EVENTS



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March 2-9	Week of Prayer for North American Missions
March 3	Weekday Registration for 25-26 School Year Opens
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 9	Parent Child Dedication 4:00 PM
March 12	Discover Step 4 6:15 PM
March 14	Senior Adults Big Band Night 7:00 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 25	Senior Adult Lunch 12:00 PM
March 26	Discover Step 2 6:15 PM
April 1	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
April 2	First Wednesday Men's Gathering 6:15 AM
April 2	Discover Step 3 6:15 PM
April 5-11	High School Guatemala Mission Trip
April 6-10	Middle School Local Mission Trip
April 9	No Wednesday Night Activities (Spring Break)
April 14-16	Easter Week Bible Study 12:00 PM
April 16	Discover Step 4 6:15 PM
April 17	Maundy Thursday Services 12:00 & 6:30 PM
April 18	Good Friday Services 12:00 & 6:30 PM
April 19	Family Easter Celebration
April 20	Easter Services 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:00 AM
April 22	Lakewood Music Institute Spring Recital 7:30 PM
April 24	Women's Spring Refuge 6:30 PM
April 29	Senior Adult Lunch 12:00 PM

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE LATEST CALENDAR INFORMATION.



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



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



Our 10th Annual Chili Cook-off was a success! Congratulations to our 1st place winner, Hunter Clayton (pictured wearing red). Thanks to all who entered and came out to support our Celebrate Recovery Inside Prison Ministry.

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$114,375

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 1/27-2/16: \$124,207

THE 2025 PRAYER GUIDE for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering envelopes are available at the Info Desks.

NEW MEMBERS: Tommy Hall, Denise Maloney, Miriam Rouse, Eric & Amy Wilson

*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/endorowment-ministry

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