

# *Connect*

March 2024



*Easter*



# 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](http://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 17  
in the Lodge  
at 12:15 PM  
[LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/  
DISCOVER](http://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](http://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](http://LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/SERVE)  
to see some of the ways to  
serve using your personality,  
gifts and abilities.

### NEXT BAPTISM

March 31  
(Easter)

### NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

March 28  
(Maudy Thursday Services)

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## NOTE FROM Dr. Tyler Smiley

In February, we celebrated our volunteers! We could not accomplish all that we do at Lakewood without our dedicated volunteers who serve week after week in our various ministries. If you are not serving at Lakewood, we would love to help you find a place to serve.



On Wednesday night, March 20, we are inviting our children, students and adults to all come together for a night of worship called "Delight and Declare." This night of worship will be about worshipping our Lord and reminding ourselves of the call to share the good news of the gospel with the people we see everyday.

At the end of this month we will celebrate Easter as a church family and we have different ways for you to prepare your hearts for this important time of year. Women are invited to learn about Jesus in the Jewish Festivals and participate in a passover meal (more about this on page 4). The week leading up to Easter, we will have a Bible Study at noon Monday through Wednesday. We will receive the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday and remember Jesus' death on the cross on Good Friday. Then, Easter Sunday will be a celebration of Jesus' resurrection starting with our Sunrise Service. There will be three additional services, so invite your friends, coworkers, neighbors and family to come celebrate the good news of our risen Savior!

There is so much to celebrate at Lakewood. The Lord is at work in our ministry in incredible ways. Let's celebrate this month that we serve a risen Savior! As 1 Corinthians 15 reminds us "in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ... Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

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



## CROATIA MISSION TRIP MARCH 8-17

During the week of March 8-17, 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](mailto:benji@lakewoodlife.org).



Women are invited to this three-week series to discover the significance of the Jewish holidays and how God's biblical plan of redemption is revealed through them. We will learn about the fall and spring festivals the first two weeks. The third week we will look at the Passover and participate in a Passover meal. Before our Passover meal, we will fellowship over a catered dinner together. This series leading up to Easter will be taught by Anna Beth Havenar with Light of Messiah Ministries. Sign up at [lakewoodlife.org/events](http://lakewoodlife.org/events).

## 2024 PRAYER GUIDE FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS AT INFO DESK

North American Missions Prayer Guides and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering envelopes are available at the Info Desks.



## MARCH 20 • 6:15 PM • WORSHIP CENTER

We are pausing our Wednesday night programs and inviting our kids, students and adults to Delight & Declare. As we come together to delight in our Lord and in the good news of the gospel, we will also consider the fact that we have friends, family members, co-workers and neighbors who have yet to experience the sheer delight of a saving relationship with Jesus Christ, as we have. We will sing together, hear God's word together, and pray together to the end that our delight in Jesus might overflow in a joyful declaration of the gospel to others.



### **MARCH 22 • 7:00 PM • WORSHIP CENTER**

Join Scott and Dawn Smith for a fun-filled night with your spouse. You'll be equipped with tools to help you keep the lovelight burning in your marriage. A local food truck will be available to purchase dinner at 6:00 PM. Program starts at 7:00 PM in the Worship Center. There will not be childcare for this event. Register at [lakewoodlife.org/events](http://lakewoodlife.org/events).

### **GATHER NIGHT OF WORSHIP MARCH 23 • 5:00 PM • THE LODGE**

College students and young adults, join us for this night of games, food, fellowship and worship. We will focus on God's sovereignty and purpose for our lives.

### **NEW GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS OF AGING PARENTS • MARCH 17 • 12:15 PM**

Don Ormsbee is starting a new group for people caring for their aging parents. Join us for support, fellowship and information about this new group.



### **MARCH 30 • THE RETREAT AT LONG MOUNTAIN 11:00AM PICNIC • 1PM GAMES • 1:30PM EGG HUNT**

Bring your family to the Retreat at Long Mountain for this fun day of fellowship with our church family. Bring a picnic lunch, blanket or lawn chairs, a kite to fly, and a basket to gather eggs. Scan the code for details (including the rain plan) and directions.



### **COR 3:6 CHURCH PLANTER CONFERENCE**

During the weekend of February 16-18 Lakewood hosted our third COR 3:6 Church Planting Conference. We were blessed to have 26 of our planting partners and their wives from around the country join us for a weekend of fellowship and renewal.

So many Lakewood church members worked together to love and serve our COR partners through making desserts, leading worship, offering host homes, and participating in the weekend's activities. Our partners were greatly encouraged and went home refreshed. Great job, Lakewood family!

#### **PLEASE PRAY:**

- For these COR partners to remain steadfast in their calling to pastor their churches
- For encouragement from the Spirit for these pastors and their wives
- For the lost to come to know Christ through these church plants

# EASTER

## AT LAKEWOOD

The Gospels tell us a lot about the week before Resurrection Sunday. At Lakewood, we will remember, reflect and study the days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and then celebrate our Risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

### MARCH 25-27 • EASTER WEEK BIBLE STUDY

This three-day Bible study, led by Lakewood ministers, will be at 12:00 PM in the Lodge. Feel free to bring a sack lunch.

### MARCH 28 • MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES

Lord's Supper Service at 12:00 PM or 6:30 PM in the Chapel  
(Childcare provided for the evening service.)

### MARCH 29 • GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

Service remembering the death of Christ at 12:00 PM or 6:30 PM in the Worship Center. (Childcare provided for the evening service.)

### MARCH 31 • EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

7:00 AM	Sunrise Service <i>(Coffee &amp; Donuts will be served after Sunrise Service)</i>	Back Parking Lot
8:30 AM	Crosspoint (Traditional)	Chapel
10:00 AM	Crosspoint (Traditional)	Chapel
11:00 AM	Real Life (Contemporary)	Worship Center



There will be no small groups on Easter Sunday. Childcare provided for birth-PreK4



## COMING UP AT LAKEWOOD LEARN MORE AT [LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/EVENTS](https://lakeswoodlife.org/events)

March 1	Weekday Registration for 2024-25 School Year Opens
March 1-3	United WKND (Student Ministry)
March 5	Women on Mission   10:30 AM
March 6	First Wednesday Men's Gathering   6:15 AM
March 7	Women's Series: Jesus in the Jewish Festivals Begins   6:15 PM
March 8-17	Croatia Mission Trip
March 16	Tiny Stitches   10:00 AM
March 17	Discover Step 1   12:15 PM
March 17	Care Givers of Aging Parents Group   12:15 PM
March 19	Senior Adult Lunch   12:00 PM
March 20	Delight and Declare   6:15 PM
March 22	Forever Marriage Live   6:00 PM
March 23	Gather Night of Worship   5:00 PM
March 25-27	Easter Week Bible Study   12:00 PM
March 27	Discover Steps 2 & 3   6:15 PM
March 28	Maundy Thursday Service   12:00 PM & 6:30 PM
March 29	Good Friday Service   12:00 PM & 6:30 PM
March 30	Family Easter Celebration   11:00 AM
March 30-April 5	High School Mission Trip to Guatemala
March 31	Easter Sunday Services   7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:00 AM
April 2	Women on Mission   10:30 AM
April 3	No Wednesday Night Activities (Spring Break)
April 10	Discover Step 4   6:15 PM
April 19	Women's Spring Refuge   6:30 PM
April 21	Discover Step 1   12:15 PM
April 21	Parent Child Dedication   4:00 PM
April 24	Discover Step 2   6:15 PM
April 24	Homeschool Info Session   6:15 PM

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



**WEEKLY**

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Babies, Preschool & Grade School 9:30 & 11:00  
Middle & High School Students 9:30  
Young Adult Groups 9:30  
Adult Small Groups 8:30 & 9:30 & 11:00  
Worship Services 9:30 & 11:00

**TUESDAYS** Celebrate Recovery • 5:30 PM Dinner • 6:30 PM Large Group

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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



# LOOKING BACK



We had a great night celebrating Lakewood volunteers in February

**AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED:** \$114,375

**AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 1/28-2/18:** \$102,608.56

**NEW MEMBERS:** Carson Ash, Joseph & Dessa Benson, Matt Dix, Molly Echols, Paul & Linda Harris, Benjamin Hicklin, Yessen & Nursuale Itashev, Maria Perkins, Jeremy Rutledge

## WAYS TO GIVE:

GIVE ONLINE:  
[lakewoodlife.org/give](http://lakewoodlife.org/give)



OFFERING BASKET:  
cash or check

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

\*The Real Life service may contain flashing lights that might cause difficulties for people with photosensitive epilepsy.

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