

# *Connect*

*April 2024*



*Parent Child Dedication*



# 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](https://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

April 21  
in the Lodge  
at 12:15 PM  
[LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/  
DISCOVER](https://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](https://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](https://LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/SERVE)  
to see some of the ways to  
serve using your personality,  
gifts and abilities.

### NEXT BAPTISM

April 21

### NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

June 9

**FOLLOW US! @LAKEWOODLIFE**

## NOTE FROM Dr. Tyler Smiley

March was a busy time of ministry at Lakewood! We started out the month by once again hosting over 500 students from 11 area churches at United WKND. The month ended with a very full week leading up to Easter as we gathered for Bible studies and special services. Easter at Lakewood is always a joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord!

This month we are sending a group of high school students and their leaders to Guatemala to work with our COR 3:6 church planters. You can read more about this Spring Break Mission Trip in this month's Mission Spotlight. Please pray for our students, for our team, and for our partner pastors and churches they will be ministering with.

As you are making plans for this summer, be sure to keep Lakewood's summer camps and activities in mind. We'll have Kids Camp, VBS, Basketball Camp, Music and Drama Camp and Summer Camp for students. We'll also need volunteers to make these events happen, especially for VBS! Consider volunteering at Lakewood this summer.

We took a short break from Romans in March to look at Jesus as the Lamb of God. This month, we will return to our year-long study of Romans.

I am so thankful for the love this church has for Scripture. "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). Let's join together in praying that the Lord will open our eyes to the treasures in His word.

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



## GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP MARCH 30-APRIL 5

For Spring Break, 27 Lakewood high school students and adult volunteers will be serving with our ministry partners in Guatemala. Our team will be going to share the love of Jesus with those in the school and landfill area in a variety of different ways.

### PLEASE PRAY:

- For the encouragement and protection of our team as they travel there and back
- For our team's dependence upon the Spirit as they serve in Guatemala
- For those in Guatemala to be encouraged in Christ through our team
- For our team as they return and process their experience in a different culture

For more information please contact [benji@lakewoodlife.org](mailto:benji@lakewoodlife.org).



## APRIL 19 • 6:30 PM • IN THE CHAPEL

Lakewood women are invited to our Spring Refuge. Brenda Miller, wife of a former COR 3:6 church planter, will be speaking about who God is as Jehovah Jireh, "The Lord Will Provide." We'll enjoy fellowship over refreshments and make a spring craft. Register and make child care requests by April 15 at [lakewoodlife.org/events](http://lakewoodlife.org/events).



## BASKETBALL CAMP

K4-2ND GRADE

JUNE 10-13 • 9:00-11:00 AM

3RD-5TH GRADE

JUNE 24-27 • 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Boys and girls can improve



their basketball skills this summer at one of our basketball camps. Scan the code to sign up or visit [lakewoodlife.org/recreation](http://lakewoodlife.org/recreation)

## LAKEWOOD ON THE LAWN • MAY 5 5:00PM (FOOD TRUCKS) • 6:00PM (CONCERT)



Bring your lawn chair and join us on the field at Lakewood for this evening of music, food, door prizes and fellowship. We'll have a variety of music from Lakewood Worship. Bring your own picnic dinner or purchase food from one of the food trucks.

# NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP FOR KIDS SUMMER ACTIVITIES

## KIDS CAMP: GLOW IN THE DARK • JUNE 3-7



During this week of outdoor fun and group Bible study, third through fifth graders will explore what it means to walk as "Children of Light" as set forth in Ephesians 5:6-17. This sleep away camp takes place at Alexander Stephens State Park.

## VBS: BREAKER ROCK BEACH • JUNE 17-21



Every day is an adventure at Breaker Rock Beach, and we invite our K-5th graders to come join us for VBS, as we learn together to recognize the difference between what the world says is true and what God says is true. Kids will explore God's truths through Bible stories, crafts, drama, music and recreation. We also need student and adult volunteers this week! Scan the QR code below to sign up to volunteer.

## MUSIC AND DRAMA CAMP • JULY 7-11

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. This year we'll be under the Big Top in the musical "The Prodigal Clown."



Despite the nonstop fun of clowns, knife-throwers, lion tamers, and human cannonballs, there's a heartwarming story to be told about the unconditional love of the father for his children. Auditions for speaking parts and solos take place April 21.

**SIGN UP FOR KIDS  
SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT  
[LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/KIDS](https://lakewoodlife.org/kids)**



## JESSE BLAINE DENVER, COLORADO

Jesse Blaine and his family are planting Christ the King Anglican Church in Denver, Colorado. By grace, the Lord has established the church and is continuing to grow. The vision of CTK is to be a church that invites people to encounter and join God in his mission in reconciling the world to Himself.

### PLEASE PRAY:

- For encouragement for the Blaine family as they serve CTK.
- For the gospel to go forth in Denver through the ministry of Christ the King Church
- For unity and teamwork among the core team in these first days and months of ministry

For more information please contact [benji@lakewoodlife.org](mailto:benji@lakewoodlife.org).



# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

NEW STUDIES START IN APRIL • 6:15-7:45 PM

Wednesday Nights at Lakewood are a great time to learn something new! We have groups for every age from babies to preschool to kids to students. There are several new classes starting for adults this month. Whether you want to be a better parent, rekindle romance in your marriage, study a book of the Bible or dig deep into a C. S. Lewis' classic, there is a class for you! All of the classes and activities start at 6:15 PM.

## PARENTING STUDY: FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

Discipling your family can feel like an intimidating task, but it doesn't need to be overwhelming or complicated. With a simple plan in place, discipleship is something every parent can do. Join Jamie and Joy Willis for this 6-week parenting study. **STARTS APRIL 10 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

## MARRIAGE STUDY: REKINDLE R.O.M.A.N.C.E.

Just as a fire needs rekindling to keep the warm embers glowing, so does our romantic love. So, what are some intentional practices you and your mate can make to Rekindle R.O.M.A.N.C.E. in your relationship? Join Scott and Dawn Smith for this 6-week study. **STARTS APRIL 10 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**JONAH: IT'S NOT ABOUT THE FISH** Join the Lakewood Residents for a 6-week study of the Book of Jonah. We will discover God's faithfulness and His redemptive plan for all nations. **STARTS APRIL 10 IN ROOM 208**

**ROMANS** Benji Lavender will be teaching a class for all ages on the book of Romans Wednesday nights in the **STARTS APRIL 10 IN THE CHOIR ROOM**

**MEET ME AT THE LAMP POST** Join Don & Elizabeth Ormsbee for a literary journey through *The Lion The Witch and The Wardrobe*. Whether you are already a friend of Lewis, a casual reader, or interested in beginning a literary journey, these sessions will be enjoyable discussions designed to stretch and strengthen ideas about our faith. **STARTS APRIL 17 IN ROOM 133**

In addition to these Adult Bible Studies, **LAKEWOOD KIDS, STUDENTS** and the **CHOIR** also meet from 6:15-7:45. Students are welcome to come to the Lodge starting at 5:30 for dinner at the Lodge Cafe. Scan the QR Code below for all the details.



LEARN MORE ABOUT WEDNESDAYS AND SIGN UP FOR A CLASS AT  
[LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/SUNDAYS-WEDNESDAYS](https://LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/SUNDAYS-WEDNESDAYS)

## COMING UP AT LAKEWOOD

LEARN MORE AT [LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/EVENTS](http://LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/EVENTS)

March 30- April 5	High School Guatemala Mission Trip
April 2	Women on Mission   10:30 AM
April 3	No Wednesday Night Activities (Spring Break)
April 10	Discover Step 3   6:15 PM
April 17	Discover Step 4   6:15 PM
April 19	Women's Spring Refuge   6:30 PM
April 20	Tiny Stitches   10:00 AM
April 20	Gather Spring Formal   6:00 PM
April 21	Discover Step 1   12:15 PM
April 21	Parent Child Dedication   4:00 PM
April 23	LMI Spring Recital   5:30 & 6:45 PM
April 24	Discover Step 2   6:15 PM
April 24	Homeschool Info Session   6:15 PM
April 25	Senior Adult Rally   10:30 AM
May 1	First Wednesday Men's Gathering   6:15 AM
May 1	Discover Step 3   6:15 PM
May 5	Sing the Gospel!   9:30 AM
May 5	Lakewood on the Lawn   5:00 PM
May 7	Women on Mission   10:30 AM
May 15	Last Night of Wednesday Night Activities
May 18	Joy Ministry Respite   5:00 PM
May 19	Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 21	Senior Adult Lunch   12:00 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



Our students served all over town Saturday afternoon during United WKND including these 10th grade boys who had a free car wash at Lakewood.

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

**AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 2/25-3/17:** \$110,226.19

**NEW MEMBERS:** Keith & Lisa Anderkin, Tom & Janey Carter, Lee & Karen Hutchins, Mary Jones, Mike Martin, Sean & Stephanie Masters, Wyndell & Vicki Masters, Janet Sierra, Joel & Lauren Woods

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

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## 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)



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