

# Connect

May 2024



*Guatemala Mission Trip*



# 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

June 9  
in the Lodge  
at 12:15 PM  
[LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/](https://LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/DISCOVER)  
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

July 21 (Pool Baptism)

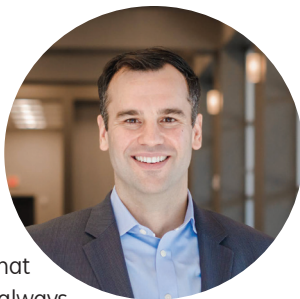
### NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

June 9

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## NOTE FROM

# Dr. Tyler Smiley



Last month, our High School students had a fruitful trip to Guatemala where they served and encouraged our ministry partners there. This is a ministry partnership that goes back over 20 years. And we are always so thankful to send another group to serve in gospel ministry alongside our partners. This year, our team taught Bible stories to children, shared the gospel, painted the hallways of one of our COR 3:6 church buildings, and returned home with a stronger desire to serve others in Jesus' name.

May is going to be another wonderful month at Lakewood! We will start the month gathering together for Lakewood on the Lawn with food trucks, fellowship, and live music from our Lakewood Worship team. Please make plans to join us (see inside for details).

Also, we will celebrate our high school and college seniors on Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 19. Graduates, this is a significant accomplishment worth celebrating, and will be praying for you as you begin a new season of life.

This summer, in addition to Kids Camp and Student Summer Camp, we have basketball Camps, Music and Drama Camp, and LMI Worship Camp. You can also read about one of our biggest weeks of the summer, VBS. It takes many volunteers to make VBS happen, so please consider how you can be involved.

Our God has been so good to us at Lakewood. Hear these words from Jesus: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Our Heavenly Father delights to give us the treasures of His kingdom. Let us, in turn, treasure what He has entrusted to us.

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



## JON & JOY BOSTWICK UYGHUR PEOPLE IN ASIA

Jon & Joy Bostwick have ministered among the Uyghur in Asia for over a decade. In addition to gospel proclamation, a secondary part of their ministry is to raise awareness of the Uyghur people through Art. Joy is an artist who specializes in painting distinctly Uyghur scenes in order to help convey the life and culture of the Uyghur people. You can view Joy's artwork at [www.joybostwickart.com](http://www.joybostwickart.com) (or scan the QR code)

### PLEASE PRAY:

- For the encouragement of the Bostwick family as they live far away from family
- For the gospel to spread throughout the Uyghur population in China and Central Asia
- That through Joy's artwork, many would learn about and begin to pray for the Uyghur

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



## LAKWOOD ON THE LAWN • MAY 5

**5:00PM (FOOD TRUCKS) • 6:00PM (CONCERT)**

Join us on the recreational field at Lakewood for music, food trucks and fellowship. Bring your family and lawn chairs for this fun evening of live music featuring Lakewood Worship.

## SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON • MAY 21 RETREAT AT LONG MOUNTAIN

Our Senior Adult Ministry will have a catered lunch at the Retreat at Long Mountain in Cleveland. If you are 55+, please join us for lunch and a special program. Cost is \$10 and the bus will leave Lakewood at 10:30AM if you want to ride. Sign up by calling the Front Office (770) 532-6307.

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY • MAY 19

On May 19, high school and college graduates will be recognized in our worship services (at 9:30 & 11:00). Following the 11:00 service, there will be a special lunch for graduates and their families in the Ministry Center.



Some of our high school seniors at United Weekend in March.



**LMI WORSHIP CAMP  
JUNE 24-27 • 9AM-12PM**

LMI Worship Camp is for 6th-12th grade students who already play instruments (piano, drums, guitar, bass guitar, voice) and are interested in leading worship. Students will get the opportunity to

work with Lakewood band members on developing musical technique and skills required for effective worship leading. The camp will end with a Night of Worship led by the students on June 27 at 6:00PM.



**DAVIS LACEY  
ELLIJAY, GEORGIA**

Davis Lacey is the pastor of Autumn Ridge Community Church in Ellijay, Georgia. Davis served at Lakewood as a Pastoral Resident from 2017-18, and then he was sent out from Lakewood to his hometown to plant a church in 2019. Since their launch, Autumn Ridge has steadily grown as they prioritize the faithful proclamation of God's Word, gospel community, and biblical worship. Here are several ways we can pray for Davis, his family, and Autumn Ridge.

**PLEASE PRAY:**

- Join Autumn Ridge in thanking God for the several people he has brought to saving faith through the ministry of their church since its launch.
- Pray for continued wisdom, love, and grace as Davis and the church's leadership navigate the best ways to minister during this season.
- Pray for the Lacey family that God would lavish his grace and peace upon their lives.

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

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

The Lakewood Baptist Church Endowment Fund was established in March 1993 by visionary church leaders. Its purpose is to encourage, receive, manage and disperse special gifts. The Endowment Fund only uses its income, never its principle, to fund special projects-- not for normal operating budget items. If you are interested in learning more about the endowment fund, visit [lakewoodlife.org/endowment-ministry](http://lakewoodlife.org/endowment-ministry).



Starting June 26, Nita Baker and Jessica Hart will lead our Women's Summer Bible Study in Psalm 111 and 112. This group will challenge and encourage one another as they LOOK, LEARN, and LIVE through personal study, large group teaching, and small group gathering and discussion. We have morning and evening opportunities. Learn more at [lakewoodlife.org/womensdiscipleship](http://lakewoodlife.org/womensdiscipleship).



**VBS IS JUNE 17-21 AND IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP! EVERY DAY IS FILLED WITH MUSIC, CRAFTS, DRAMA, BIBLE STUDY, RECREATION, MISSIONS, SNACKS AND FUN!**

Through the theme, Breaker Rock Beach, kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock!



Vacation Bible School is for children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade. Infant through Pre-K classes are available for children of volunteers.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

We are looking for adults to help us in music, missions, crafts, recreation, snacks and security teams, but 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. Following classroom activities, these leaders accompany their group to missions, crafts, recreation and music which are led by other volunteer teams.

If you have questions about volunteering, email Lakewood's Grade School Minister, Christa Gaudinier at [cgaudinier@lakewoodlife.org](mailto:cgaudinier@lakewoodlife.org).



**TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER OR REGISTER YOUR CHILD, SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE OR VISIT [LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.lakewoodlife.org/events).**

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

May 1	Registration begins for Upward Fall Flag Football & Soccer
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 8	Discover Step 4   6:15 PM
May 15	Last Night of Wednesday Night Activities
May 18	Tiny Stitches   10:00 AM
May 18	Joy Ministry Respite   5:00 PM
May 19	Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 21	Senior Adult Lunch   12:00 PM
June 3-7	Kids Camp
June 4	Women on Mission   10:30 AM
June 5	First Wednesday Men's Gathering   6:15 AM
June 9	Discover Step 1   12:15 PM
June 10-13	Basketball Camp (K4-2nd Grade)   9:00 AM
June 12	Men of Summer Bible Study begins   6:15 AM
June 16	No Sunday Morning Small Groups
June 17-21	Breaker Rock Beach VBS   9:00 AM
June 26	Women's Summer Bible Study begins   10:00 AM & 6:30 PM
June 24-27	Basketball Camp (3rd-5th Grade)   9:00 AM
June 24-27	LMI Worship Camp   9:00 AM
June 25	Senior Adult Lunch   12:00 PM
June 29	Pickleball Tournament   9:00 AM
July 7-11	Music and Drama Camp   9:00 AM
July 15-19	Summer Camp

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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



During the Guatemala Mission Trip, our high school students met with families, listened to their stories, prayed with them and shared a bag of food.

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

**AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 3/24-4/14:** \$122,451.30

**NEW MEMBERS:** Jackson Mott, Stella Britton

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

## 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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