

Connect

Summer 2025



Summer at Lakewood



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

July 20
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

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

July 27 (Pool Baptism)

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

June 8
August 17

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NOTE FROM

Dr. Tyler Smiley

Summer is always a significant time of ministry at Lakewood. There are opportunities for personal growth in your faith, building community, and serving others.



Here is some of our summer schedule:

Lakewood's Men of Summer will gather weekly to pursue a Spirit-led life together. Women are invited to a new Bible study, Prayers of the Bible, exploring how we connect with God through prayer in every season. Lakewood Kids have a variety of summer activities—Kids Camp in Crawfordville, VBS in June, Music & Drama Camp in July, and two basketball camps hosted by our Recreation Ministry.

Middle and high school students will be serving at both Kids Camp and VBS, and they'll head to Summer Camp for a week of fun, worship, and spiritual growth. Lakewood Music Institute (LMI) will have a camp for students interested in learning to lead worship through music.

One of the most meaningful events each summer is our Pool Baptism in July—a powerful time of celebrating life change and new beginnings in Christ. In our preaching ministry, over the summer we are going to look at the Proverbs for biblical wisdom for everyday life. We'll look at how God's wisdom instructs us and how the gospel grounds everything we do.

As you make your summer plans, we hope that you will find ways for you and your family to connect in the wonderful ministries of our church. Join us on Sundays, find a group to plug into, and look for ways to serve. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Corinthians 13:14).

Blessings,



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The **VISION** of Lakewood is to be a regional church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ locally, nationally and globally.

9:30 AM SUNDAY SERVICE

Traditional service in the Chapel

11:00 AM SUNDAY SERVICE

Contemporary service in the Worship Center



MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT



UYGHUR IN CENTRAL ASIA

One of our long-time members is home this summer for a brief furlough. She grew up at Lakewood and has faithfully followed the Lord's calling on her life to take the gospel to unreached people. Over the course of June and July she will be here in Gainesville to rest and reconnect with family and friends before heading back overseas to rejoin our Lakewood team serving among the Uyghur in Central Asia. Be on the lookout for her and take advantage of the opportunity to say "hello" and encourage her while she is in town.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For her to be encouraged in the Lord as she serves overseas
- For a restful and restorative furlough this summer
- For open doors to share the gospel with Muslim women
- For the Lord to bless her and her family with sweet time together this summer.

For more information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org.

SUMMER GATHER • MONDAYS • 6:30 PM

Two Gather groups will meet this summer starting June 3: one for college-age adults and one for young professionals. The college-age group will study Spiritual Disciplines in a home, and the young professionals group will follow our church-wide study and meet at the church pavilion. For more info, DM @gather_ya or email kmitchell@lakewoodlife.org.

MEN OF SUMMER • WEDNESDAYS • 6:15 AM

Our annual Men of Summer Bible Study will take place in the Fellowship Hall, June 4-July 2. This is a 5-week intensive study of select Proverbs led by Lakewood Pastors

**Prayers
of the Bible**

**WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY
STARTING JUNE 24 • AM AND PM OPTIONS**

RECREATION MINISTRY

VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM | TUESDAYS

All skill levels welcomed for Volleyball in Ministry Center from 4:00-9:00 PM on Tuesdays.

KING OF THE DILL PICKLEBALL

TOURNAMENT • JUNE 14 • 9:00AM-2:00PM

Join us for a day of friendly competition. Sign your team up using the QR code below.

3V3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT • JUNE 28

Grab some friends and sign up for the Lakewood 3V3 Basketball Tournament for men 16 & up.

CANOE/KAYAK TRIP • JULY 12 • 3:00 PM

Canoe and kayak trip in July at Appalachian Outfitters.

**SCAN THE CODE FOR MORE INFO
AND TO SIGN UP FOR THESE
SUMMER RECREATION EVENTS**



SUMMER CAMPS

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. Sign up on our website or by scanning the code.



MAGNIFIED VBS • JUNE 16-20

9:00 AM-12:15 PM • K-5TH GRADE

Join us as we look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. Explore God's truths through Bible stories, crafts, drama, music and recreation. Sign up today!



LMI SUMMER WORSHIP CAMP

JUNE 23-26 • 9AM-12PM

LMI Worship Camp is for 6th-12th grade students who already play instruments or sing. Students will work with Lakewood band members to develop musical technique and skills for worship leading. There is also a Tech Track this year. Sign up by June 16. **Join us in the Worship Center on June 26 at 6:00 PM for a Night of Worship led by the students.**



MUSIC AND DRAMA CAMP PRESENTS A NOT SO TERRIBLE PARABLE • JULY 6-10

During this week-long camp for K-5th graders, kids learn to work together, collaborate, and use their talents to learn and perform a musical at the end of the camp week. **Make plans to see their performance of A Not So Terrible Parable in the Worship Center on July 10 at 6:00 PM**



POOL BAPTISM AT FRANCES MEADOWS

JULY 27 AT 6:30 PM

Join us at our annual Pool Baptism as we celebrate with those being baptized and fellowship together. If you would like to talk with someone about being baptized, please contact Benji@lakewoodlife.org.



LAKEWOOD CHURCH PLANTING



CHAN KILGORE

Chan Kilgore is the pastor of New River Fellowship in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Chan and his family moved to Florida two years ago to continue the good work our dear brother Mike Veitz began at New River several years ago. Chan's transition into his new role has been smooth and he is excited to see more people reached with the gospel in Ft. Lauderdale. Already Chan and New River have been blessed to see 54 people saved, placing their trust in Christ.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For encouragement for Chan as he pastors New River Fellowship
- For God to draw people to Himself through the sharing of the gospel in Ft. Lauderdale
- For the protection of Chan's family as they undertake the difficult work of church planting
- For established believers to come to help disciple new Christians

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STUDENT SUMMER 2025

JUNE

- 2-6 Serve at Kids Camp
- 11 Summer Hang Out (6:00-8:00 PM)
- 15 No Sunday Morning Bible Study
- 16-20 Serve at VBS
- 18 VBS After Party (12:00 PM)
- 23-26 LMI Summer Worship Camp
- 25 Pickleball Tournament (6:00-8:00 PM)
- 26 Pizza and Theology (12:00-1:00 PM)



LAKEWOOD
STUDENT SUMMER
CALENDAR 2025



JULY

- 6-10 Serve at Music and Drama Camp
- 9 Summer Hang Out (6:00-8:00 PM)
- 10 Pizza and Theology (12:00-1:00 PM)
- 15-19 Summer Camp
- 24 Pizza and Theology (12:00-1:00 PM)
- 27 Pool Baptism



AUGUST

- 3 Promotion Sunday
- 13 Wednesday Night Kick-Off

FOR DETAILS AND TO SIGN UP GO TO
LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/STUDENTS

SUNDAYS

BIBLE STUDY

9:30 & 11:00 AM
The Lodge

WORSHIP

9:30 AM in the Chapel
11:00 AM in the Worship Center



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

June 2-6	Kids Camp
June 3	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
June 3	Summer Gather Groups Start 6:30 PM
June 4	Men of Summer Begins 6:15 AM
June 9-12	K4-2nd Grade Basketball Camp 9:00 AM
June 14	Pickleball Tournament
June 15	No Small Groups
June 16-20	Magnified VBS 9:00 AM
June 21	Tiny Stitches 10:00 AM
June 23-26	3rd-5th Grade Basketball Camp 9:00 AM
June 23-26	LMI Worship Camp 9:00 AM
June 24	Women's Summer Study Begins
June 24	Senior Adult Lunch 12:00 PM
June 26	LMI Night of Worship 6:00 PM
June 28	3v3 Basketball Tournament
July 1	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
July 1	ESL Summer Gathering 6:00 PM
July 6-10	Lakewood Kids Music and Drama Camp
July 10	Lakewood Kids Present "A Not So Terrible Parable" 6:00 PM
July 12	Recreation Ministry Canoe/Kayak Trip
July 15-19	Lakewood Student Summer Camp
July 19	Tiny Stitches 10:00 AM
July 20	Discover Step 1 12:15 PM
July 22	Senior Adult Lunch 12:00 PM
July 27	Annual Business Conference 12:15 PM
July 27	Frances Meadows Pool Baptism 6:30 PM
August 2	Camp Big Enough 9:00 AM
August 3	Promotion Sunday
August 13	Wednesday Night Activities Resume 6:15 PM

SCAN THE QR CODE
FOR THE LATEST
CALENDAR
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

*No Choir Practice in June or July

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

Connect Thru Texts

Receive a link to our Daily Bible Reading Plan Monday-Friday.

Text BIBLE to (470) 516-5244

Get Lakewood Text Updates
Text LAKEWOOD to (470) 516-5297



LOOKING BACK



In May, we commissioned a team of Lakewood Pastors and families the Lord has raised up to plant a new church, called Christ Church in Johns Creek. Please continue to keep this team and the new church plant in your prayers.

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$114,375

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 4/27-5/18: \$114,985

NEW MEMBERS: Wesley & Kelsey Gass, Dutch Sievert

*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/
endowment-ministry](http://lakewoodlife.org/endowment-ministry)

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