

Connect

August 2025



Lake Baptism



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

August 17
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

July 27 (Pool Baptism)
August 24 (Lake Baptism)

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

August 17

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NOTE FROM

Dr. Tyler Smiley

August marks the beginning of a new church year at Lakewood, and we're excited for what's ahead. I'm so grateful to the Lord for another great year of ministry. The Lord has been so faithful to our church, and we are trusting that He will provide for our ministry needs again this year. Thank you, church, for using your time, talents, and treasure to support and serve in the ministry work that the Lord has entrusted to us.

As we move into a new season of ministry, Wednesday night activities for all ages will resume, and fresh opportunities for connection and growth are beginning across our church.

One of the highlights of this month will be our upcoming Pool Baptism and Lake Baptism at Holly Park. These special services are always a powerful reminder of God's work in the lives of people in our church family. If you've never attended one, I encourage you to make plans to come and celebrate with us.

This month also marks the start of a new sermon series on the book of Revelation. We'll walk through this challenging and hope-filled book through the fall season up until Advent. Revelation gives us a picture of the victory of Jesus and the perseverance of His people—truths we need now more than ever.

We're thankful for all God has done this summer and look forward with great anticipation to what He will continue to do. May we be faithful to follow where He leads, for the sake of the name of Jesus Christ.



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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





CAMP BIG ENOUGH
AUGUST 2 • 9:00 AM

Camp Big Enough helps rising Kindergarteners get ready for the transition from Preschool Ministry to Grade School Ministry. Families will enjoy breakfast with our Preschool and Grade School leaders, visit the worship venues, and preview Sundays in Kids Cove. Scan the QR code to sign up or go to lakewoodlife.org/events.



LAKE BAPTISM | 7:00 PM
HOLLY PARK | AUGUST 24

Join us at our annual Lake Baptism as we celebrate with those being baptized. If you would like to talk with someone about being baptized, please contact Missions Pastor, Dr. Benji Lavender.

ADULT VBS | AUGUST 26-29 | 9 AM-NOON

Adults of all ages are invited to our adult version of Magnified VBS. Join Senior Adult Pastor Don Ormsbee for Bible study, music, missions, snacks and crafts. The theme will be discovering the bigness of God in the smallest things.

NEXT GEN PARENT CONNECTION
SEPTEMBER 7 | 12:30-2:00 PM

All parents of kids from preschool to high school are invited to our NextGen Parent Connection. You'll learn more about our NextGen Ministry, including weekly ministry environments, teaching plans, big event dates for the year, parent resources, and serving opportunities. Get to know our NextGen staff. Lunch and Childcare provided. Sign up today!



GIRLS RETREAT | SEPTEMBER 12-14
NORTH GEORGIA CHRISTIAN CAMP

Middle and high school girls are invited to a week-end to unplug and spend time with God while growing in genuine community with one another. Sign up by Aug. 27.



LAKEWOOD CHURCH PLANTING
COR 3:6
NETWORK



THE COR 3:6 PODCAST:
STORIES OF FAITH, VISION,
AND NEW CHURCHES

Discover how God is working through the COR 3:6 Network by checking out the COR 3:6 Podcast, hosted by Dr. Benji Lavender and Andrew Beccue. Each episode features interviews with COR 3:6 church planters, offering a front-row seat to the transformative work God is doing through new church communities in partnership with Lakewood. You'll hear personal stories, challenges, and victories as these planters share their faith-driven journeys and the unique ways they bring the Gospel to life. Listen on Spotify, Amazon, or Apple Podcasts.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For God's provision and encouragement for the COR 3:6 Network Church Planters
- For Holy Spirit guidance for Benji and Andrew as they host the podcast
- For our Lakewood Family as they listen and support the COR 3:6 Planters

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

STARTING AUGUST 13

AT LAKEWOOD

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS START BACK FOR KIDS, STUDENTS AND ADULTS ON AUGUST 13 FROM 6:15-7:45 PM

KIDS

PRESCHOOL

Through play and Bible stories, preschoolers grow toward God as they become aware that God wants everyone to know of His love.

GRADE SCHOOL

This midweek program helps grade schoolers build a lasting foundation in Bible skills and memorization, learn practical life applications, experience small group discipleship, and deeply engage in missions.

STUDENTS

Our midweek worship experience includes a live band and relevant teaching from God's Word. Lodge doors open at 5:30 PM for students to hang out, play games, or eat in our Lodge Cafe. At 6:15 PM, **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS** and **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** worship separately followed by students meeting in small groups.

ADULTS

REVELATION Led by Pastor, Dr. Benji Lavender in the Fellowship Hall This study will coincide with Sunday morning sermon series. Adults of all ages and stages are invited to attend.

BE TRANSFORMED Led by Bruce Steffens in Room 131 What does it really mean to be transformed by the renewing of your mind? If you feel stuck in Christian life, join this group as we seek the Holy Spirit's help to uncover and overcome what may be holding us back from deeper transformation.

GRIEF SHARE Led by Ed Jump in Room 108-109 Through this 13-week support group, discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief.

DIVORCE CARE Led by Stacey Reece in Room 111 This Christ-centered 13-week support group for men and women will help you to face the challenges of divorce and move toward rebuilding your life.

COMING LATER THIS FALL

Strategic Parenting (9/10)

Women's Bible Study (9/17)

THRIVE in Your Marriage (10/15)



LEARN MORE ABOUT WEDNESDAYS AND SIGN UP FOR A CLASS AT
LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/SUNDAYS-WEDNESDAYS

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

July 22	Senior Adult Lunch 12:00 PM
July 27	Frances Meadows Pool Baptism 6:30 PM
August 1	Upward Soccer Registration Ends
August 1	Upward Basketball Registration Begins
August 2	Camp Big Enough 9:00 AM
August 3	Promotion Sunday
August 3	ESL Informational Meeting 12:15 PM
August 3	Choir Resumes 4:00 PM
August 5	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
August 6	First Wednesday Men's Gathering 6:30 AM
August 10	Annual Business Conference 12:15 PM
August 10	Deacon Ordination 5:00 PM
August 12	ESL Resumes 6:00 PM
August 13	Wednesday Night Activities Resume 6:15 PM
August 16	Tiny Stitches 10:00 AM
August 16	Special Needs Respite 5:00 PM
August 17	Discover Step 1 12:15 PM
August 20	Discover Step 2 6:15 PM
August 21	Women's Fall Refuge 6:30 PM
August 23	Recreation Ministry Movie and Game Night 5:00 PM
August 24	Lake Baptism at Holly Park 7:00 PM
August 26-29	Senior Adult VBS
August 27	Discover Step 3 6:15 PM
September 2	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
September 3	First Wednesday Men's Gathering 6:30 AM
September 3	Discover Step 4 6:15 PM
September 7	Next Gen Parent Connection 12:00 PM
September 12-14	Girls Retreat (Students)
September 13	Adoption & Foster Care Conference
September 17	CRI BBQ Dinner 5:00 PM
September 20	Recreation Ministry 5K 9:00 AM
September 22	Senior Adult Lunch 12:00 PM
September 28	Discover Step 1 12:15 PM
September 28	Parent Child Dedication 4:00 PM

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



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
 Choir Practice 4:00 PM

TUESDAYS

CELEBRATE RECOVERY
 5:30 PM Dinner · 6:30 PM Large Group
English as a Second Language (ESL)
 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS

All Ages 6:15-7:45 PM



LOOKING BACK



Campers enjoy the Morning Show with Spot—one of the favorite parts of Kids Camp. Campers, CIT's, counselors and adult volunteers all had an incredible week in Crawfordville learning from Pslam 1 to be "Like a Tree Firmly Planted."

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$114,375

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 5/25-7/6: \$167,499

*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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