

Connect

September 2025



Families 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

September 28
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

October 5

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

October 26

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NOTE FROM

Dr. Tyler Smiley

As we begin a new season of ministry, I'm encouraged by all God is doing in the life of our church. From worship to small groups to serving and missions, we see His faithfulness on display each week.



On Sunday mornings, we're walking through the book of Revelation. Often the book of Revelation can lead to confusion, but the book is written to be revealing. It shows us who Jesus is, what the Lord's plan is with all of history, and why that matters here and now. Even in uncertain times, we find hope and courage in the Lord, and we see this in Revelation.

This fall, we're offering two great opportunities for families. First, if you're a parent of a preschooler, child, or teenager, make plans to attend our NextGen Parent Connection. You'll learn about our weekly environments, upcoming events, teaching plans, and how to invest in your child's faith at home. You'll also meet our NextGen staff and enjoy lunch—childcare is provided.

We're also hosting an Adoption & Foster Care Conference, designed to encourage and equip families in this journey. With practical breakout sessions and helpful resources, it's a meaningful way to connect and grow. If you have interest in adopting or serving as a foster family, or if you are interested in learning more about how you could support and minister to families who adopt or foster, this conference would be a great opportunity for you.

Remember the call from Scripture to use our God-given gifts and abilities for the Lord's purpose: "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace ... in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen" (1 Peter 4:10-11).

Blessings,

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



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MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT



LAKEWOOD LOCAL RELIEF

Small acts of kindness can have a big impact. Lakewood Local Relief is a new ministry dedicated to being the hands and feet of Jesus—meeting real, tangible needs in Gainesville and our surrounding communities. From building wheelchair ramps and fixing leaky roofs to painting or much needed yard work, this ministry is about loving our neighbors through practical service.

Whether you're skilled with tools, great at organizing projects, or just have a willing, compassionate heart and a few hours to spare, there's a place for you on this team.

Want to learn more? Join us for an **informational meeting** to see how the ministry works and explore all the ways you might get involved on **September 28 at 12:15 PM** (following the 11:00 AM service) in Room 133.

For more information please contact Missions Pastor, Dr. Benji Lavender.

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@lakewoodbaptistmissions



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ADOPTION & FOSTER CARE CONFERENCE

Join us on September 13 for a day of encouragement, equipping, and practical resources for adoptive and foster care families. Keynote speaker, Jason Johnson, will lead the day, along with breakout sessions offering up to 7 CEU credit hours. Limited childcare is available. Registration is \$30. Use the QR code to sign up today!



SIX WEEK BEGINNER GROUP GUITAR CLASS STARTS SEPTEMBER 11 | 5:00-5:30 PM

Have you always wanted to play the guitar? Sixth graders through adults are invited to join this LMI class taught by Carter Reeves. Sign up at lakewoodlife.org/lmi.



CRI BENEFIT MEAL | SEPTEMBER 17 5:00-6:00 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL

Make plans to eat before Wednesday activities and support our Prison Ministry. For \$10, get a hamburger or hotdog, mac-n-cheese, potato salad, slaw, chips, cookies and a drink. (Kids plate \$5) All proceeds will benefit Lakewood's Prison Ministry.



PARENT CHILD DEDICATION | 4:00 PM SEPTEMBER 28 | WORSHIP CENTER

This is a time for parents to commit to raising their children in a Christian home and church. As a church, we partner with parents as they teach their little ones to know and love the Lord. We invite our church family to support these parents as they make this important commitment. To dedicate your child in the next service, please register online.

WOMEN'S GROUPS STARTING FOR FALL



Connect in community, form genuine relationships, and be rooted in God's Word through a Women's Bible Group. New groups are launching this fall at different days and times all around the community.

Scan the code to find a group!



RECREATION MINISTRY 5K AT LAKEWOOD SEPTEMBER 20 | 9:00 AM

This fun run will support our Thanksgiving Box Outreach, with all proceeds helping families in need. The cost is \$30 per runner and includes a T-shirt. Register by September 12 to guarantee your shirt size. Light refreshments and activities will follow the race.



OPEN GYM IN THE MINISTRY CENTER SUNDAYS FROM 2:00-7:00 PM

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT MARRIAGE STUDY T.H.R.I.V.E. STARTS OCTOBER 15 | 6:15 PM

Are you happily married or just trying to survive each day? Today it seems that our standard of marriage has dropped below the standard that was modeled biblically with Christ and the church. Join Discipleship Pastor, Scott Smith, on Wednesday nights beginning October 15 to learn how to THRIVE in your marriage.



MANTREAT • OCTOBER 25-26

THE RETREAT AT LONG MOUNTAIN

Middle and high school guys are invited to a weekend of learning what it means to be a man of God through worship, small groups, and breakouts like archery, fishing, rifles and survival skills. Sign up by October 8.



LAKEWOOD CHURCH PLANTING



GAVIN FELIX NEW SPRINGS CHURCH

Gavin Felix is the Pastor of New Springs Church in Coral Springs, Florida and recent guest on the COR 3:6 Podcast. A native of Coral Springs, Pastor Felix is also a high school teacher and basketball coach. He planted New Springs Church in 2019 and, by God's grace, New Springs Church has been a consistent, faithful witness to the Gospel in Coral Springs. Check out the COR 3:6 podcast in the coming weeks to learn more about Pastor Felix and New Springs Church.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For Felix, his wife, Brigitte, who is also a school-teacher, and their three children, Braxton, Gisele, and Miles, as they begin the new school year.
- For the health, unity, and growth of New Springs Church.
- That the Lord would continue His work through New Springs Church to advance the gospel and transform lives in Coral Springs.

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MINISTRY TO

PARENTS

We believe that parents are called to be the primary spiritual leaders for their kids. Our role in the church is to come alongside parents and support you in this incredible responsibility by reinforcing the truths you are teaching in your home. In addition to what we do with kids and students on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, we support parents through training, resources and classes to better equip you in your God-given role with your kids. Here are a few opportunities coming up in September.

NEXT GEN PARENT CONNECTION SEPTEMBER 7

All parents of kids from preschool to high school are invited to our NextGen Parent Connection on Sunday, September 7 at 12:30 PM. 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 and connect with other parents.. Childcare provided.



STRATEGIC PARENTING: 7 Practices for Passing Down Your Faith to the Next Generation

In these engaging sessions, Strategic Parenting will equip moms, dads, and guardians with seven Bible-anchored, research-based practices that make faith formation a natural part of your everyday family rhythm. You'll get a clear roadmap with a repeatable framework that can be adapted to any age and season. This material will be taught by Next Gen Pastor, Jamie Willis as part of his doctoral research project for Southeastern Seminary.

Wednesday Nights: Starting September 10 | 6:15 PM

Sunday Mornings: Starting September 14 | 9:30 AM



PARENT RESOURCES:

Our Resources for Parents page is designed to help you actively engage in your child's spiritual growth. Here, you'll find tools that not only equip you as a parent, but also give you insight into what your kids are learning on Sunday mornings—so you can continue the conversation at home

throughout the week. From age-appropriate Bible lessons and discussion guides to trusted articles, videos, and podcasts, these resources make it easier to connect faith and everyday life. Take a few minutes to explore the page and see how it can help you disciple your children in meaningful, practical ways.

lakewoodlife.org/resources-for-parents



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

September 2	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
September 3	First Wednesday Men's Gathering 6:15 AM
September 3	Discover Step 4 6:15 PM
September 7	Next Gen Parent Connection 12:30 PM
September 10	Student Ministry One Night 6:15 PM
September 12-14	Girls Retreat (Students)
September 13	Adoption & Foster Care Conference
September 17	CRI Benefit Dinner 5:00 PM
September 20	Recreation Ministry 5K 9:00 AM
September 20	Tiny Stitches 10:00 AM
September 23	Senior Adult Lunch 12:00 PM
September 28	Discover Step 1 12:15 PM
September 28	Parent Child Dedication 4:00 PM
October 1	Beginning of Theological Library Month
October 1	First Wednesday Men's Gathering 6:15 AM
October 1	Discover Step 2 6:15 PM
October 7	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
October 8	Discover Step 3 6:15 PM
October 15	Discover Step 4 6:15 PM
October 18	Tiny Stitches 10:00 AM
October 18	Men's Clay Shooting Day (Recreation Ministry) 10:00 AM
October 21	Senior Adult Lunch 12:00 PM
October 25-26	Mantreat (Student Ministry)
October 29	Pumpkin Fest 5:30 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



This summer, 109 students and 16 leaders experienced an unforgettable week at Generate Camp. Centered on the theme No Other Name, the week featured powerful teaching from Rechab Gray, one of our COR 3:6 church planters.

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$114,375

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 7/13-8/17: \$98,263

NEW MEMBERS: Sheila Albright, Jude Deming, Sonny Dycus, Lee Ellis, Scott & Melissa Evans, Nancy Kiley, Jeff & Suzanne Lehman, Rangeley Little, Del C. Martinez, Jordan & Marjie Posey, Jacob & Bella Powell, Jennifer Rector, Finley Roush, Baylor Roush, Hayes Roush, Glenn Whitworth and Brody Wyse

*The 11:00 AM service may contain flashing lights that might cause difficulties for people with photosensitive epilepsy.

WAYS TO GIVE:

GIVE ONLINE:
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OFFERING BASKET:
cash or check

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

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