

Connect

November 2025



Thanksgiving Box Outreach



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

November 2
December 7
in the Fellowship Hall
at 12:15 PM
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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

November 16

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

December 17
Family Lord Supper

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NOTE FROM Dr. Tyler Smiley

November serves as a reminder to reflect on our lives with thankfulness for what we have.

James 1:17 makes clear, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." It is out of a thankful heart that we give back to God; it is out of a thankful heart that we serve God; and it is with a thankful heart that we minister to the world around us. This season of thanksgiving gives us unique opportunities to share God's love with our neighbors and with families around the world.

This year, our Thanksgiving Box Outreach will focus on blessing families who live in the communities where our COR 3:6 church plants are serving. By filling these boxes with a Thanksgiving meal, we're not only meeting a physical need but also strengthening the ministry of these new churches as they share the hope of Christ in their neighborhoods.

We're also thrilled to once again serve as an Operation Christmas Child Collection Center. We invite you to pack shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items that are delivered to children around the world along with the gospel message. Consider being a part of this mission by packing a shoebox or volunteering during Collection Week, November 17-24.

In addition, on November 9, we'll take time during both services to honor our Veterans. If you've served in the armed forces, we invite you to join us so we can recognize and thank you for your service.

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5-6).



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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 church members is serving among the Uyghur with our team in Central Asia. He has been learning the local language and developing local friendships as he seeks to make disciples. His hope and prayer is to see Uyghur men enter into a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. By God's grace, our church gets to be a part of the gospel going forth to the Uyghur through our prayerful support of our dear friend.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For him to be encouraged in the Lord
- For gospel opportunities with Uyghur men
- For boldness and compassion to share the gospel and disciple those around him
- For his growth in language and cultural acquisition

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

FOLLOW US!

@lakewoodbaptistmissions

NEW WOMEN'S MEET AND GREET NOVEMBER 5 | 6:15 PM | ROOM 113-114



Women who are new to Lakewood are invited to connect with other women over dessert and learn more about Lakewood's Women's Ministry. Childcare provided through regular Wednesday programming. Please let us know you are coming by scanning the QR code.



VETERANS RECOGNITION SERVICE

On November 9, join us as we recognize the service of our Veterans in both our 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM services.

MEN'S CLAY SHOOTING EVENT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 • 9:00 AM

Join us for a fun day of clay shooting and fellowship at Etowah Valley Sporting Clays. The cost is \$60 for 100 targets (or \$45 for 50 clays). Participants should bring their own gun and shells. Afterward, the group will enjoy lunch together in Dawsonville. For more information, scan the code or visit lakewoodlife.org/recreation.



GATHER FRIENDSGIVING IN CLEVELAND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 | 4:00 PM

Join our Young Adult Ministry at The Retreat at Long Mountain for a night of fellowship, fun, and great food at Lakewood's retreat in Cleveland. For more information, visit lakewoodlife.org/gather.

SENIOR ADULT THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 12:00 PM

If you are age 55+, make plans to join our Senior Adults for a traditional Thanksgiving meal in the Fellowship Hall followed by a program. Bring a side or dessert to share. For more information, visit lakewoodlife.org/senioradults.



WEEKDAY PICKLEBALL AT LAKEWOOD



The Ministry Center is open for Pickleball Monday through Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00 AM. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, all ages and experience levels are welcome.

It's a great way to have fun, stay active, and enjoy fellowship with others.

WOMEN'S ADVENT GATHERING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 | 6:00–8:30 PM



Women are invited to a special evening in the Worship Center to kick off the Advent season with a catered dinner, worship, and a message from Catie Smiley. Come



enjoy fellowship with one another and prepare your heart for Christmas—leaving refreshed, encouraged, and ready for the season ahead. Register by November 24. For more information and to register, visit lakewoodlife.org/women.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 | 6:00 PM



Begin your Christmas celebrations with this special family activity by visiting with some of our homebound and nursing home residents as we carol and share a little cheer with these special folks. After



caroling, we will return to the Fellowship Hall for soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, cornbread and Christmas cookies. Please bring a plate of Christmas cookies or sweets to share. Be sure to register for this free event by scanning the QR code or go to Lakewoodlife.org/events.



KIP WRIGHT GILLSVILLE, GEORGIA

Kip Wright planted Emmanuel Community Church (ECC) in August of 2021 after completing his residency here at Lakewood. ECC was founded upon a commitment to Biblical community and care for one another. As part of their ongoing commitment to those principles, ECC has added three lay pastors —Jacob Kelly, Brandon Knox, and Reese Winkler—to expand their ability to provide pastoral care to their members. Kip's faithfulness has made ECC a vibrant expression of a Gospel-centered community in Gillsville.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For Kip, his wife Rachel, and their two sons.
- For God to continue to bless the unity of the fellowship at ECC.
- For the Lord to continue to bless the work He is already doing at Emmanuel.
- That upcoming community outreach opportunities would open doors to build relationships.

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SERVE THIS NOVEMBER

As we enter the season of gratitude, we have two special opportunities to share the love of Christ. By providing Thanksgiving meals or packing shoeboxes for children around the world, we can reflect the heart of the Gospel and extend the hope of Jesus to others this month.

THANKSGIVING BOX OUTREACH

This Thanksgiving, we are teaming up with five local COR 3:6 church plants to deliver over 650 Thanksgiving meals to their communities. Each box is an opportunity for our church planting partners to connect with and share the love of Christ with a family in their community.



HERE'S HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED:

DONATE: Contribute the cost of a meal for a family in need.

SERVE: Pack the boxes on November 22 for delivery to our COR 3:6 partners.

This outreach is a wonderful way to help our COR 3:6 partners to display Christ's love and generosity to our community during the holiday season. Scan the code to donate or sign up to pack boxes.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Lakewood is once again serving as an official OCC Collection Center. This global initiative, led by Samaritan's Purse, provides shoeboxes filled with toys, hygiene products, and school supplies to children around the world.



HERE'S HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED:

VOLUNTEER: You can serve in Lakewood's Collection Center (located in the Chapel Foyer) during Collection Week, November 17-24. Scan the code to sign up.

PACK A SHOEBOX: Pick up a box at Lakewood and follow the instructions about what to put in it. Bring it back to Lakewood before November 24.

KIDS OCC PARADE: On Wednesday, November 19, our children will participate in a fun parade to celebrate and contribute to this mission.



This season gives us a special opportunity to put God's love into action. From blessing families in our COR 3:6 communities to reaching children across the world, every act of service shares the hope of Jesus. Let's serve together and make a difference this November. How will you serve?

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

November 2	Discover Step 1 12:15 PM
November 2	Parent Child Dedication 4:00 PM
November 4	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
November 5	First Wednesday Men's Gathering 6:15 AM
November 5	New Women's Meet and Greet 6:15 PM
November 5	Discover Step 2 6:15 PM
November 9	Veterans Recognition Sunday 9:30 & 11:00 AM
November 12	Discover Step 3 6:15 PM
November 15	Tiny Stitches 10:00 AM
November 15	Men's Clay Shooting Day (Recreation Ministry) 9:00 AM
November 15	Special Needs Ministry Respite 5:00 PM
November 16	Gather/Special Needs Adults OCC Packing Party 12:30 PM
November 17-24	Operation Christmas Child Collection Week
November 18	Senior Adult Lunch 12:00 PM
November 18	Lakewood Music Institute Fall Recital
November 19	Discover Step 4 6:15 PM
November 22	Thanksgiving Box Outreach 8:30 AM
November 23	Gather Friendsgiving 4:00 PM
November 26	No Wednesday Night Activities
November 30	First Sunday of Advent
December 2	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
December 3	First Wednesday Men's Gathering 6:15 AM
December 4	Come Jesus Come Women's Advent Gathering 6:00 PM
December 5	Family Christmas Caroling 6:00 PM
December 6	Special Needs Ministry Christmas Party 2:00 PM
December 7	Christmas Music Sunday 9:30 & 11:00 AM
December 7	Discover Step 1 12:15 PM
December 10	Lakewood Students Christmas Night of Worship 6:15 PM
December 10	Lakewood Kids Christmas Pageant 6:15 PM
December 16	Senior Adult Luncheon 12:00 PM
December 17	Family Lord's Supper 6:00 PM
December 17	Cookies, Cocoa, and Christmas Stories (Library) 6:00 PM
December 24	Christmas Eve Services 5:00 PM & 10:00 PM
December 28	No Small Groups

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



The Lakewood 5K took place in September as part of Lakewood's Recreation Ministry. The run brought together runners of all ages for a morning of fun, fitness, and fellowship—all while supporting Lakewood Missions.

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$114,375

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 9/21-10/19: \$95,075

NEW MEMBERS: Maggie Adams , PJ & Emily Allen, Kathryn Barker, Eli Brown, Harriet Carnes, Emily Crow, Unikqua Glenn, Tanya Gursky, Sandy Krueger, Tommy & Gail McCurdy, Sawyer Meggs, Bailey Miller, Joy Minor, Patrick Ross, Leah Smiley, Winnie Turner, David Diaz & Lizzie Webster

*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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