

Connect

March 2026



Family Easter Celebration



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

March 29
in the Fellowship Hall
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

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

March 15

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

April 2
(Maundy Thursday)

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NOTE FROM

Dr. Tyler Smiley

Easter Week is foundational and central to Christianity as it marks the culmination of salvation history. In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Lord accomplished

His mission to redeem His people from sin and death. While we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus each Sunday when we gather, Easter Sunday marks the day when our Lord was raised and our hope of life with Him was secured. In the weeks and days leading up to Easter Sunday, we take time as a church to remember, reflect, and prepare our hearts for the celebration that is to come.

Easter Week begins March 30, and we look forward to gathering throughout that week as we focus on the hope we have because Jesus is alive. There are opportunities every day that week. And not only for yourself, but we encourage you to begin praying now about who you can invite to join you for one of our Easter gatherings. You can find all the details for Easter Week on page 6.

In February we hosted our COR 3:6 Church Planting Conference at Lakewood. That weekend we had about 30 of our church plant partners and their wives join us for a time of fellowship, prayer, and mutual encouragement. If you were able to be with us the Sunday when these brothers and sisters were here, I know you will remember how special of a time it was. It was a powerful reminder of how the Lord is graciously and faithfully using Lakewood to minister to men, women, boys, and girls in cities all over our country and throughout the world.

I pray that reminders like this will spur us on all the more to serve the Lord with our time, talent, and treasure, and that we will never grow weary of doing good, all for the glory of God!



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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



CROATIA MISSION TRIP MARCH 6-15

During the week of March 6-15, Lakewood is sending a short-term team to Zagreb, Croatia. Our Lakewood team will join our CRU ministry partners in Croatia to share the gospel and make disciples among college students in Zagreb. Our team will conduct a series of seminars in order to connect with students and share how a relationship with Jesus will forever change their lives.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- For the team's dependence on the Holy Spirit throughout the trip
- For fruitful, gospel-centered and Spirit-led conversations with Croatian students
- For the unity and daily encouragement of our Lakewood team and protection from spiritual attack

For more information, please contact benjj@lakewoodlife.org.

FOLLOW US!
[@lakewoodbaptistmissions](https://www.instagram.com/lakewoodbaptistmissions)

REFUGE | MARCH 19 | 6:30-8:30 PM | CHAPEL



Women are invited to join us for our spring Refuge, a special evening of fellowship, worship, and teaching. Connie Daniels will share about who God



is as El Shaddai—The All-Sufficient One. Fellowship begins at 6:30 PM, and programming starts at 7:00 PM. We will also support My Sister's Place by collecting needed items for women and children in our community. This is a free event—scan the code to register and invite a friend to join you.

FOREVER MARRIAGE LIVE DATE NIGHT MARCH 21 | 6:00 PM | THE LODGE

Whether you're newly married or decades in, join us for this special date night designed to help couples pause, reconnect, and intentionally invest in their marriage. An El Tepache food truck will be available for dinner before the program. Scan the code to register.



EASTER MOVIE NIGHT: "RISEN" MARCH 27 | 6:30 PM | MINISTRY CENTER

Join us for a special Easter Movie Night as we watch "Risen." Free popcorn and water will be provided. Bring a chair or blanket and invite a friend to join you.



FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION | APRIL 4 11:30 AM | LAKEWOOD RECREATION FIELD

Join us for our Family Easter Celebration on Lakewood's Rec Field. Bring a picnic lunch and walk through the pages of "Twas the Morning of Easter" in our Storybook Walk Thru, with interactive activities for the whole family. The egg toss will begin at 1:00 PM followed by the egg hunt. Invite a friend and come celebrate Easter in a fun and meaningful way.

COMING UP THIS SUMMER

KIDS CAMP 2026 | MAY 26-30

All kids 2nd through 5th grade are invited to Kids Camp 2026. During this week of outdoor fun and group Bible study, campers will explore Ephesians 6:10-18 and learn what it means to be "Strong in the Lord" by putting on the full Armor of God. Spots are limited. Visit lakewoodlife.org or scan the code to learn more and register.



BASKETBALL CAMPS | JUNE 8-11 & 22-25

Boys and girls can improve their basketball skills at one of our basketball camps. Students who just finished K4-2nd grade will meet June 8-11, and those who just finished 3rd-5th grade will meet June 22-25. Camps meet from 9:00-11:00 AM each day. Visit lakewoodlife.org/recreation or scan the code to sign up.



VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | JUNE 15-19

VBS 2026, Illumination Station: Shining a Light on Who Jesus Really Is, will be here soon—and we need your help. Volunteers are needed in classrooms, music, crafts, recreation, snacks, and more. Learn more and sign up at lakewoodlife.org/events or scan the code.



SUMMER CAMP 2026 | JULY 20-24

All middle and high school students are invited to attend Summer Camp 2026 at Johnson University in Knoxville, TN. Our theme is For All (1 Timothy 2:3-6). Join us for worship, teaching, community, and a week designed to help students grow in their faith. Visit lakewoodlife.org to learn more and register.



PICKLEBALL MONDAY-THURSDAY

Everyone is welcome to come play Pickleball in the Ministry Center every Monday-Thursday from 9:00-11:00 AM.



COR 3:6 CHURCH PLANTING CONFERENCE

During the weekend of February 13-15, Lakewood hosted our fourth COR 3:6 Church Planting Conference. We were blessed to have 27 of our planting partners and their wives from around the country join us for a weekend of fellowship and renewal. So many Lakewood church members worked together to love and serve our COR 3:6 partners through making desserts, leading worship, and participating in the weekend's activities. Our partners were greatly encouraged and went home refreshed. Great job, Lakewood family!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- For these COR 3:6 partners to remain steadfast in their calling to pastor their churches
- For encouragement from the Spirit for these pastors and their wives
- For the lost to come to know Christ through these church plants

For more information, please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org



Easter is a time to remember that the story doesn't end at the cross. Join us for a meaningful week of worship and reflection as we prepare our hearts for Resurrection Sunday. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come celebrate the hope and new life we have in Jesus.

MARCH 30–APRIL 1 • EASTER WEEK BIBLE STUDY

This three-day Bible study, led by Lakewood ministers, will be at 12:00 PM in the Lodge. Feel free to bring a sack lunch.

APRIL 2 • MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES

Lord's Supper Service at 12:00 PM or 6:30 PM in the Chapel
(Childcare provided for the evening service.)

APRIL 3 • GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

Service remembering the death of Christ at 12:00 PM or 6:30 PM in the Worship Center. (Childcare provided for the evening service.)

APRIL 4 • FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION

Family event on Lakewood's Recreation Field starting at 11:30 AM

APRIL 5 • EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

7:00 AM	Sunrise Service <i>(Coffee and donuts will be served after Sunrise Service)</i>	Back Parking Lot
8:30 AM	Traditional Service	Chapel
10:00 AM	Traditional Service	Chapel
11:00 AM	Contemporary Service	Worship Center



There will be no small groups on Easter Sunday. Childcare provided for birth-PreK4.

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

- March 2 Kids Weekday Preschool Registration Opens
- March 2 Senior Adult Gospel Sharing Workshop | 12:00 PM
- March 3 Senior Adult Prayer Meeting | 8:30 AM
- March 3 Women on Mission | 10:30 AM
- March 4 First Wednesday Men's Gathering | 6:15 AM
- March 4 Discover Step 3 | 6:15 PM
- March 6-15 Croatia Mission Trip
- March 11 Discover Step 3 | 6:15 PM
- March 19 Women's Spring Refuge | 6:30 PM
- March 21 Tiny Stitches | 10:00 AM
- March 21 Forever Marriage Live Date Night | 6:00 PM
- March 24 Senior Adult Lunch | 12:00 PM
- March 27 Movie Night in the Ministry Center: Risen | 6:30 PM
- March 29 Discover Step 1 | 12:15 PM
- March 30-April 1 Easter Week Bible Study | 12:00 PM
- April 1 First Wednesday Men's Gathering | 6:15 AM
- April 1 Discover Step 2 | 6:15 PM
- April 2 Maundy Thursday Service | 12:00 PM & 6:30 PM
- April 3 Good Friday Service | 12:00 PM & 6:30 PM
- April 4-10 High School Guatemala Mission Trip
- April 4 Family Easter Celebration | 11:30 AM
- April 5 Easter Sunrise Service | 7:00 AM
- April 5 Easter Services | 8:30, 10:00 & 11:00 AM
- April 7 Senior Adult Prayer Meeting | 8:30 AM
- April 7-11 Middle School Local Mission Trip
- April 8 No Wednesday Night Activities (Spring Break)
- April 15 Discover Step 3 | 6:15 PM
- April 18 Special Needs Ministry Respite | 5:00 PM
- April 21 Lakewood Music Institute Spring Recital | 5:30 PM & 6:45 PM
- April 22 Discover Step 4 | 6:15 PM
- April 28 Senior Adult Lunch | 12:00 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



In February, we welcomed 27 church planters and their wives to Lakewood for the COR 3:6 Church Planting Conference. On Sunday, our deacons surrounded them in prayer as our church family joined in asking God to bless their ministries. We're grateful for the opportunity to encourage these leaders and partner in what God is doing through church planting.

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$114,375

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 1/25-2/15: \$195,684

THE 2026 PRAYER GUIDE for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering envelopes are available at the Info Desks.

WAYS TO GIVE:

GIVE ONLINE:
lakewoodlife.org/give



OFFERING BASKET:
cash or check

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

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

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