

Connect

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Marriage Ministry



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

May 3
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

July 19
(Pool Baptism)

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

June 7

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NOTE FROM

Dr. Tyler Smiley

March was a full and meaningful month of ministry at Lakewood.

We began the month with United WKND, welcoming hundreds of students for a time of worship,

teaching, and fellowship. We then turned toward Easter, celebrating the resurrection through a week of special studies, services, and events.

This month, we are sending a team of high school students and leaders to Guatemala to serve alongside our COR 3:6 church planters. Please join us in praying for our students, team leaders, and ministry partners as they share the gospel, participate in good ministry work, and encourage local churches.

As you make summer plans, consider Lakewood's camps and activities. From Kids Camp and VBS to student and basketball camps, there are opportunities for all ages to grow and connect. We'll need many volunteers, especially for VBS, so please consider how you might serve at Lakewood this summer.

As we conclude our study through the Gospel of John, we will look forward to beginning a new Sunday morning series on the church. At Lakewood, our heart is to be the church that the Lord has called us to be, and we long to have God's word in Scripture define for us who we are as a church, what we are to do, and how we are to do it. This will also be a time where we can be reminded from Scripture why we do what we do at Lakewood. Remember how stirring of a picture we see about the love of Jesus for the church: "Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:25). Let's commit to following our Lord in His vision for His church.

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



GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP APRIL 4-10

For Spring Break, 27 Lakewood high school students and 9 adult leaders will be serving with our ministry partners in Guatemala. Our team will be going to share the love of Jesus with those in the school and landfill area through Bible stories, meals, construction, home visits and Gospel presentations.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For the encouragement and protection of our team as they travel there and back
- For our team's dependence upon the Spirit as they serve in Guatemala
- For those in Guatemala to be encouraged in Christ through our team
- For the team as they return and process their experience in a different culture

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

FOLLOW US!

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



SMARTPHONE PARENTING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 & 29 | 6:15 PM

Parents are invited to a two-part seminar designed to equip you with practical, research-based, and biblically grounded wisdom for raising kids in a screen-saturated culture. Next Gen Pastor, Dr. Jamie Willis, will teach this class that explores topics like smartphones, social media, screen time, and healthy boundaries, while giving you tools to lead your family with confidence in today's digital world. Scan the code to learn more and to sign up.



MUSIC AND DRAMA CAMP AUDITIONS KINDERGARTEN-FIFTH GRADE | APRIL 26

Music and Drama Camp will be July 13-16. There will be auditions for anyone interested in a speaking part or singing a solo. Scan the code to learn more and to sign up.



LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR GRADUATE

We're excited to celebrate Lakewood's high school, college, and graduate school graduates on May 17 during both worship services. After the 11:00 AM service, there will be a special lunch for graduates and their families. We are asking families to submit photos of their graduate for a booklet and slideshow. Scan the code for more details, RSVP for lunch, and submit photos.



Pictured above are some of our high school seniors and their leaders at United Weekend.

SING THE GOSPEL MAY 3 | 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Our Worship Ministry has prepared a special morning of music for Sing the Gospel Sunday. Join us in both services as we lift our voices together in worship and celebrate the truth of the gospel through song, alongside a message from God's Word.

C.S. LEWIS BOOK CLUB: PERELANDRA MAY 13 | 6:15 PM | ROOM 128 B & C

This quarterly book club is designed to bring readers together for engaging conversations that stretch and enrich our faith. Whether you're a longtime reader or new to Lewis, come enjoy meaningful dialogue and community around a shared love of good books.

KING OF THE DILL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT MAY 16 | 9:00 AM | MINISTRY CENTER

Grab a partner and join us for a fun morning of competition at our 3rd Annual Pickleball Tournament. Teams will compete in two divisions (54 and under and 55 and over) in a double-elimination format, all for a chance to take home the prized jar of pickles. Scan the code to sign up.



COMING UP THIS SUMMER

KIDS MINISTRY

Kids Camp: Armor of God | May 26-30

Illumination Station VBS | June 15-19

Music and Drama Camp | July 13-16

RECREATION MINISTRY

Kids Summer Basketball Camp

K4-2nd Grade | June 8-11

3rd-5th Grade | June 22-25

STUDENT MINISTRY

Student Summer Camp | July 20-24



SCAN THE CODES TO LEARN MORE & SIGN UP!

LAKEWOOD CHURCH PLANTING



**AMOS SEMUZIMA
DULUTH, GA**

After more than 30 years of faithful pastoral ministry in both the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda, Amos has spent the last year serving in Lakewood's residency program. Later this month, he will be commissioned to plant a church in Duluth, Georgia — alongside his son, Collin. Amos has already begun to gather a community of believers that are meeting weekly for prayer and Bible study, and he is actively seeking a place for the church to begin meeting for Sunday worship services.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

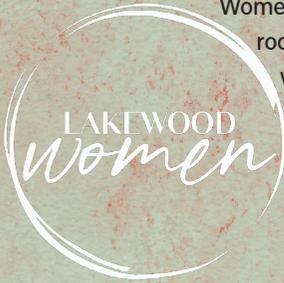
- Encouragement for Amos and his family as they plant this church
- Amos to be equipped and sustained as he shepherds a new congregation
- God's provision for this new ministry
- The church to find a Sunday meeting space in or near Duluth

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

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Women's Discipleship at Lakewood



Women's Discipleship at Lakewood is centered on helping women be rooted in God's Word, connected in community, and living out good works. Our mission is to encourage and equip women to deepen their relationship with God and build meaningful connections with one another while impacting the world with the Gospel through lives shaped by discipleship. Whether you're looking to grow in your faith, build friendships, or walk through a difficult season with others who understand, there is a place for you.



C.O.P.E. Groups Start in May

C.O.P.E. Groups are new groups for women walking through grief and difficult seasons of life. These confidential, ongoing groups provide a place to connect with others who understand, find hope in God's Word, pray together, and encourage one another to move forward in the grace and mercy of Jesus. Groups meet at various times throughout the week and currently include support for **moms of prodigals, widows, and women experiencing infertility or infant loss**. Scan the code to learn more and to sign up for a group.

New Here?

If you're new to Lakewood, we'd love to help you get connected. Join us for our **NEW WOMEN'S MEET & GREET ON APRIL 29 AT 6:15 PM**. Enjoy dessert, meet other women, and begin building meaningful connections. Let us know you're coming by scanning the QR code.

Join us this summer!

Ladies, join us this summer for our Women's Summer Bible Study, Pillars of Faith: Women Supporting Ministry. Together, we'll explore women in Scripture who modeled generosity, devotion, courage, and wisdom as they supported and advanced God's mission. This study is led by various women and offered on Wednesdays, starting June 24, from 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare is available by request. Come be encouraged and challenged as you consider how God is calling you to be a pillar of faith.

Visit our **Women's Discipleship Page** to learn more and sign up!

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

- April 4-10 High School Guatemala Mission Trip
- April 7 Senior Adult Prayer Meeting | 8:30 AM
- April 7 Women on Mission | 10:30 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 Tiny Stitches | 10:00 AM
- 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 29 New Women's Meet and Greet | 6:15 PM
- April 30 Chattahoochee Baptist Senior Adult Rally | 10:30 AM
- May 3 Sing the Gospel Sunday | 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM
- May 3 Discover Step 1 | 12:15 PM
- May 3 Parent Child Dedication | 4:00 PM
- May 5 Senior Adult Prayer Meeting | 8:30 AM
- May 5 Women on Mission | 10:30 AM
- May 6 First Wednesday Men's Gathering | 6:15 AM
- May 6 Discover Step 2 | 6:15 PM
- May 13 Discover Step 3 | 6:15 PM
- May 13 Final Night of Wednesday Night Activities
- May 13 C. S. Lewis Book Club: Perelandra | 6:15 PM
- May 16 King of the Dill Pickleball Tournament | 9:00 AM
- May 16 Tiny Stitches | 10:00 AM
- May 17 Graduate Recognition Sunday
- May 26 Senior Adult Lunch | 12:00 PM
- May 26-30 Kids Camp

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



United WKND was an incredible time for our students as they gathered for a weekend of worship, teaching, and community. We're grateful for the leaders and host homes who invested in them and for the many ways we saw God at work in the lives of our next generation.

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$114,375

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 2/22-3/22: \$143,098

NEW MEMBERS: Drew Aderholt, Scott Berl, Shane & Nichole Culpepper, Amanda Secunda, Chace Vaughn, Zoey Fowler

*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:
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