

# Connect

Summer 2026



*Summer 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](https://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 16  
in the Fellowship Hall  
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](https://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](https://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



Summer is always a meaningful season at Lakewood. Even as routines change, the ministry of our church continues in important ways through worship, discipleship, service, and community. Here are some of the opportunities ahead this summer to grow together in Christ.

This summer, Men of Summer will study the first five Psalms together as we pursue lives shaped by God's Word. Women's Summer Bible Study will be "Pillars of Faith: Women Supporting Ministry," focusing on how God uses women to strengthen and support local church ministry. Our kids have an exciting summer ahead through camps and VBS. Many of our students will spend part of their summer serving at these events before heading to Summer Camp later in July. See the full Student Summer Calendar of Events on page 6.

We are also excited to welcome Sean Nix as our new Senior Adult Pastor. We are thankful for God's provision, and you can learn more about Sean and his wife, Melissa, in this issue of Connect.

One of the highlights of every summer is our Pool Baptism in July as we celebrate new life in Christ together. These moments remind us that God is continuing to change lives and build His church.

As you make plans this summer, I encourage you to stay connected to the life of the church and continue growing in your walk with Christ. "To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (Ephesians 3:21).



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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



## ADOPTION & FOSTER CARE CONFERENCE

On September 12, Lakewood is hosting Rooted in Love: Adoption and Foster Care Conference—and we need you. Whether you're already fostering or adopting, considering it, or simply want to learn how to support families who are, this day is for you. Keynote speaker Jason Johnson will equip and encourage us for this work, but we can't pull this off without significant volunteer support. From childcare to hospitality to setup, we need many hands to make this day a success. Come learn, serve, and be part of strengthening our church's ministry to vulnerable children and families.

### PLEASE PRAY:

- God to call volunteers from our congregation to serve this conference.
- Strong attendance from our church and community.
- Hearts to be opened to the call of foster care and adoption.
- That this day would bear fruit in changed lives and strengthened families.

SCAN THE CODE FOR MORE INFO



## SUMMER GATHER FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults will meet this summer with opportunities for college students and young professionals to connect, grow in their faith, and build community together. College-age young adults meet Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Lodge. Young professionals meet Tuesdays at 6:30 PM in a home. For more information, send a DM to @gather\_ya or contact Scott Smith at [ssmith@lakewoodlife.org](mailto:ssmith@lakewoodlife.org).

## MEN OF SUMMER | WEDNESDAYS | 6:15 AM

Our annual Men of Summer Bible Study will take place in the Fellowship Hall, June 3-July 1. This is a 5-week study of the first five chapters of Psalms led by Lakewood Pastors. Scan the code to let us know you are coming.



## WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS | 10:00 AM OR 6:30 PM

Ladies, join us this summer for Pillars of Faith: Women Supporting Ministry, meeting June 24-July 22 in the Fellowship Hall. Together we will explore women in Scripture who demonstrated generosity, devotion, courage, wisdom, and faithfulness as they helped support and advance God's mission. Led by various women, this study will encourage you to consider how God can use your life to strengthen and support ministry today.



## POOL BAPTISM | JULY 19 | 6:30 PM

Join us at Frances Meadows for our annual Pool Baptism as we celebrate with those being baptized and fellowship together. If you would like to talk with someone about being baptized, please contact [benji@lakewoodlife.org](mailto:benji@lakewoodlife.org).

## SEAN NIX, NEW SENIOR ADULT PASTOR



Sean comes with his wife, Melissa, to Lakewood after 37 years of ministry serving as both a Youth Pastor and Senior Pastor in churches across Georgia and Tennessee. Melissa currently serves as a special education teacher in Blairsville. Sean is an avid outdoorsman and plays golf, and Melissa enjoys running and has completed several marathons and half marathons. They have two adult children, Garrett, an ICU nurse, and Mackenzie, a Radiation Therapist.

## RECREATION MINISTRY

### TRIVIA NIGHT | JUNE 27 | 7:00 PM

Bring your team and join us for a fun night of friendly competition at Recreation Ministry's Trivia Night in the Lodge. Teams of four will compete for prizes and bragging rights. Gather your friends and make plans to join us.



### CANOE & KAYAK TRIP | JULY 25

Join the Recreation Ministry for a Canoe & Kayak Trip. We will meet at 4:00 PM at Appalachian Outfitters in Dahlonega for a 2-3 hour float down easy Class 1 whitewater that is great for beginners. The trip is open to ages 5 and up.



## SUMMER CAMPS

### KIDS SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP

K4-2ND GRADE • JUNE 8-11 | 3RD-5TH GRADE • JUNE 22-25

Boys and girls can improve their basketball skills this summer at one of our basketball camps.

Sign up online or by scanning the code.



### ILLUMINATION STATION VBS • JUNE 15-19

9:00 AM-12:15 PM • K-5TH GRADE

Join us as we discover the answer to Jesus' important question to His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Explore God's truths through Bible stories, crafts, drama, music and recreation. Sign up today!



### MUSIC AND DRAMA CAMP | JULY 13-16

Kids will spend the week learning music, drama, and choreography as they prepare to present Star Quest: Search for the Stolen Scriptures on Thursday, July 16 at 6:00 PM in the Chapel. Scan the code to sign up.



### SUMMER CAMP | JULY 20-24

Middle and high school students are invited to join us for Summer Camp at Johnson University in Knoxville, TN. Students will experience worship, teaching, small groups, recreation, and community alongside churches from across the country through Generate Camp. Scan the code to sign up.



LAKEWOOD CHURCH PLANTING



### TIM ROUSH & ANDREW BECCUE DAWSONVILLE, GA

Tim Roush and Andrew Beccue are answering God's call to plant a new church in Dawsonville. As Dawsonville grows rapidly along the GA 400 corridor, so too grows the need for Christ-centered churches in that community. Tim and Andrew have faithfully served our church as deacons and members of the COR 3:6 team. They are currently building a launch team and invite church members to prayerfully consider joining them in this work.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The Roush and Beccue families as they step into this new season.
- The launch team to grow with unity, faith, and a heart for the Gospel.
- God to prepare hearts and provide opportunities for gospel proclamation.
- God to build His church in and draw many to saving faith.

For more information, please contact [benji@lakewoodlife.org](mailto:benji@lakewoodlife.org).

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# STUDENT Summer

## MAY

26-30 Serve at Kids Camp

## JUNE

4 Summer Hang Out (6:00-8:00 PM)

14 No Sunday Morning Bible Study

15-19 Serve at VBS

17 VBS After Party (12:00 PM)

24 Summer Hangout (6:00-8:00 PM)

## JULY

8 Paintball (2:00 PM)

19 Pool Baptism (6:30 PM)

20-24 Generate Summer Camp

## AUGUST

9 Promotion Sunday

19 Wednesday Night Kick-off (6:15 PM)

30 Lake Baptism (7:00 PM)

SUNDAYS  
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BIBLE STUDY

9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Lodge

WORSHIP

9:30 AM in the Chapel

11:00 AM in the Worship Center



FOR UPDATES TEXT  
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FOR DETAILS AND TO SIGN UP GO TO  
[LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/STUDENTS](https://LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/STUDENTS)

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

STUDENT MINISTRY SUMMER EVENTS ARE FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED 6-12TH GRADE

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

June 2	Senior Adult Prayer Meeting   8:30 AM
June 2	Women on Mission   10:30 AM
June 3	First Wednesday Men's Gathering   6:15 AM
June 8-11	Basketball Camp K4-2nd Grade   9:00 AM
June 14	No Small Groups for Kids, Students or Adults
June 15-19	Illumination Station VBS   9:00 AM
June 22-25	Basketball Camp 3rd-5th Grade   9:00 AM
June 23	Senior Adult Lunch   12:00 PM
June 24	Women's Summer Bible Study Begins
June 27	Ministry Center Trivia Night   6:00 PM
July 7	Women on Mission   10:30 AM
July 7	ESL Summer Gathering   6:00 PM
July 13-16	Music and Drama Camp   9:00 AM
July 16	Music and Drama Camp Performance   6:00 PM
July 19	Frances Meadows Pool Baptism   6:30 PM
July 20-24	Lakewood Student Summer Camp
July 25	Canoe & Kayak Trip   4:00 PM
July 26	Annual Business Conference   12:15 PM
July 28	Senior Adult Lunch   12:00 PM
July 30	Moving On Up Pool Party   5:30 PM
August 8	Camp Big Enough   9:00 AM
August 9	Promotion Sunday   9:30 AM & 11:00 AM
August 16	Discover Step 1   12:15 PM
August 19	Wednesday Nights Resume   6:15 PM
August 27	Refuge Fall Kickoff   6:30 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

## TUESDAYS

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**  
 5:30 PM Dinner | 6:30 PM Large Group

## MINISTRY CENTER

### OPEN GYM

Sundays | 2:00-7:00 PM  
 Wednesdays | 4:00-9:00 PM

### PICKLEBALL

Monday-Thursday | 9:00-11:00 AM

### VOLLEYBALL

Tuesdays | 4:00-9:00 PM

# LOOKING BACK



Parent Child Dedication is a special time for parents to publicly commit to raising their children in a Christian home and church. As a church family, we come alongside these parents as they teach their children to know and love the Lord. We are grateful for the families who participated in Parent Child Dedication in May.

**AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED:** \$114,375

**AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 4/26-5/17:** \$194,085

**NEW MEMBERS:** Andrew & Emilie Barnette, Zoey Lawson, Chase Wendel

\*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](https://lakewoodlife.org/give)



OFFERING BASKET:  
cash or check

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

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