

Connect

November 2026



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 1
December 6
in the Fellowship Hall
at 12:15 PM
[LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/
DISCOVER](http://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

November 15

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

December 16
Family Lord's Supper

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NOTE FROM Dr. Tyler Smiley

November is a time of thankfulness, and at Lakewood we have many reasons to thank God for His faithfulness. Here are several meaningful opportunities to share His love with others.



Through our Thanksgiving Box Outreach, we have the opportunity to provide meals for families in communities served by our church planting partners. These boxes meet a practical need while helping local churches build relationships and share the hope of Christ with their neighbors. I'm grateful for the generosity of our Lakewood family and the many volunteers who make this outreach possible.

Lakewood will also serve as an Operation Christmas Child Collection Center during Collection Week, November 16-23. By packing a shoebox or volunteering, you can help send gifts and the good news of Jesus to children around the world.

On November 8, we will recognize the veterans in our church family during both worship services. We are grateful for the men and women who have served our country, and we look forward to honoring their courage, commitment, and sacrifice.

As you read through this issue of Connect, I encourage you to consider how God may be calling you to serve this season. As we think about all the Lord has done for us, let's live with hearts "abounding in thanksgiving" (Colossians 2:7).

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



"G" FAMILY IN NORTH AFRICA

Mr. and Mrs. G, along with their three sons live and work in North Africa. The G family relocated to a new city in early 2025, where the Lord provided them with a home and a strong ministry team. Their desire is to see people in their new city come to faith in Jesus, gather into groups, and grow into healthy local churches. They continue the work of building relationships in their community and growing in the local language as they seek to share the gospel.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- For the entire G family to be deeply rooted in their community.
- For God to bless their ongoing language learning.
- For good contacts and the ability to share the gospel clearly and boldly.
- For believers to gather into groups that one day become churches.

For more information, please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org

VETERANS RECOGNITION SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Join us as we recognize and thank the veterans in our church family during both morning worship services. If you have served in the United States Armed Forces, we would be honored to recognize you.

CRAFT FAIR | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8



Shop a variety of unique, handmade items created and donated by talented Lakewood men and women. Our 8th Annual Craft Fair will be held in the Breezeway between services and following the 11:00 AM service. All proceeds will benefit Cristo El Rey, our church plant in Guatemala.

RECREATION MINISTRY FALL TRIVIA NIGHT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 7:00 PM

Bring your team and join us for a fun night of friendly competition in the Lodge! Teams of up to six people will compete for prizes and bragging rights. Gather your friends and make plans to join us.



ADULTS 55+ THANKSGIVING LUNCH TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | 12:00 PM

Adults 55+ are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a traditional Thanksgiving meal followed by a special program. Lakewood will provide the turkey; please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM

We're open for pickleball Monday–Thursday from 9:00–11:00 AM and Thursdays beginning at 4:00 PM. Play is open to all ages and skill levels. Church members and members of the community are welcome.

GATHER FRIENDSGIVING IN CLEVELAND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 | 6:00 PM

College students and young adults are invited to The Retreat at Long Mountain for a night of fellowship, fun, and great food. Come celebrate Thanksgiving and enjoy time together with the Gather community.

WOMEN'S ADVENT GATHERING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 | 6:00 PM



Women are invited to begin the Advent season with a catered dinner, worship, and an encouraging message from Anna Beth Havenar. Come enjoy fellowship and prepare your heart for Christmas—leaving refreshed, encouraged, and ready for the season ahead.

Doors open at 5:30 PM. Register at lakewoodlife.org/women or by scanning the QR code.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 | 6:00 PM



Begin your Christmas celebrations by visiting some of our homebound and nursing home residents as we carol and share a little Christmas cheer. We'll meet at church and then go out into our community in groups. After caroling, we'll return to the Fellowship Hall for soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, cornbread, and Christmas cookies. Please bring a plate of cookies or sweets to share. Register for this free event at lakewoodlife.org/events or by scanning the QR code.



NEW CHURCH IN CENTRAL ASIA

Our former Lakewood Resident, "Y" and his family returned to Central Asia a little over a year ago to begin the work of planting a new church. In February of this year, they began meeting weekly with a group of local believers. Y has been teaching a series on the church and will be challenging those gathering to commit to membership, with the hope of officially launching a new church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- For Y as he teaches, that God would speak through His Word.
- For those gathering and newly invited to commit to membership in the new church.
- For a local man the team has been sharing the gospel with, that he would come to faith and be the church's first baptism.
- For Y and his family as he leads this young congregation.

For more information, please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org

TWO WAYS TO SERVE

THIS NOVEMBER

This November, we have two opportunities to share the love of Christ by meeting real needs in our community and around the world.

01 | THANKSGIVING BOX OUTREACH



We're partnering with local church plants to deliver Thanksgiving meals to families in their communities.

DONATE

Support a meal for a family in need.

SERVE

Pack boxes on November 21.

SCAN TO LEARN MORE



02 | OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Provide shoeboxes filled with toys, hygiene products, and school supplies to children around the world.

VOLUNTEER

Serve during Collection Week, November 16–23.

PACK A SHOEBOX Pick up a box, fill it, and return by November 23.

SCAN TO LEARN MORE



**LET'S SERVE TOGETHER AND
MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS NOVEMBER.**

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

November 1	Discover Step 1 12:15 PM
November 1	Parent Child Dedication 4:00 PM
November 3	First Tuesday Prayer Time 9:00 AM
November 3	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
November 4	First Wednesday Men's Gathering 6:15 AM
November 4	Discover Step 2 6:15 PM
November 8	Veterans Recognition Service 9:30 & 11:00 AM
November 8	8th Annual Craft Fair 10:30 AM
November 9	Upward Spring Soccer Registration Opens
November 10	Lakewood Music Institute Fall Recital 5:30 PM
November 11	Discover Step 3 6:15 PM
November 14	Recreation Ministry Fall Trivia Night 7:00 PM
November 15	Gather/Special Needs Ministry OCC Packing Party 12:15 PM
November 16-23	OCC Collection Week
November 17	Adults 55+ Thanksgiving Lunch 12:00 PM
November 18	Discover Step 4 6:15 PM
November 18	OCC Collection Night & Parade 6:15 PM
November 21	Thanksgiving Box Outreach 8:30 AM
November 22	Gather Friendsgiving 6:00 PM
November 25	No Wednesday Night Activities
November 29	First Sunday of Advent 9:30 & 11:00 AM
December 1	First Tuesday Prayer Time 9:00 AM
December 1	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
December 2	First Wednesday Men's Gathering 6:15 AM
December 3	Women's Advent Gathering 6:00 PM
December 4	Family Christmas Caroling 6:00 PM
December 5	Special Needs Ministry Family Christmas Party 2:00 PM
December 6	Christmas Music Sunday 9:30 & 11:00 AM
December 6	Discover Step 1 12:15 PM
December 9	Kids Christmas Pageant 6:15 PM
December 12	Recreation Ministry Movie Night 7:00 PM
December 16	Family Lord's Supper 6:00 PM
December 16	Cookies, Cocoa, & Christmas Stories 6:00 PM
December 23	No Wednesday Night Activities
December 24	Christmas Eve Service 5:00 PM & 8:00 PM
December 27	No Small Groups or Coffee House

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

Worship Services 9:30 & 11:00 AM
 Kids & Students 9:30 & 11:00 AM
 Young Adult (Gather) Group 9:30 AM
 Adult Small Groups 8:30, 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



During our September Parent Child Dedication, families publicly committed to raising their children to know and love the Lord, while our church family pledged to support and encourage them along the way.

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$134,325

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 9/20-10/18: \$87,588

NEW MEMBERS: Eli Britton, Anna Grace Blanton, Bryce Cardin, Caroline Homans, Michael Homans, Crissy Huard, Walta Huard, Chloe Strickland, Chandler Weaver

*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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