



GOSPEL TRAINING CENTER
AT LAKEWOOD

Christian Ministry Residency

Overview: Lakewood’s Christian Ministry Residency seeks to prepare those the Lord has called into vocational ministry through an intensive training program in the local church. The residency takes a holistic approach to preparing people for ministry through rigorous academics, spiritual formation, and practical experience. In other words, the training aims to develop the head, heart, and hands of the residents. The residency is a twelve-month training program for anyone called into vocational ministry who desires more preparation in the local church as a capstone to seminary education. All residents will follow the same core curriculum and then will have the opportunity to concentrate in one of the four following ministry areas: pastoral ministry, church planting, worship ministry, or cross-cultural missions. Residents are paid a monthly stipend.

Expectations: Residents and their spouses will join Lakewood Baptist Church and be active in the life of the congregation. Being active in the life of the church includes, but is not limited to, participating and serving during Sunday morning and Wednesday evening gatherings, involvement in a small group, and being part of a gender-specific accountability group. Residents will gather on Mondays and Wednesdays for times of spiritual formation and ministerial training. Residents should also plan time during the week to complete their coursework and to prepare to serve in various ministries of the church. Additionally, residents will meet regularly with the leader of their area of concentration.

Typical Weekly Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday	Other
AM: Church Gathering PM: Special events as planned	- Staff Development - Sunday Review - Check-in with mentor	- Core Classes - Lunch & Learn (monthly) - Wednesday evening activities	- Classes in concentration - Teaching & Leading Practicum - Accountability Meeting - Small Group

Church Snapshot: Lakewood Baptist Church is a regional church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ locally, nationally and globally. The church campus is located in Gainesville, GA – a town approximately 1 hour away from both Atlanta, Athens, and the mountains of North Georgia. Average attendance on a given weekend is well over 1,000 people, with numerous small groups, Bible studies, classes, and special ministry events being facilitated throughout any given week. The church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Next Steps: Those wishing to apply for the Christian Ministry Residency should meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Be a mature, growing follower of Jesus Christ
- Able to articulate a call to ministry
- Have completed or nearing completion of a master’s program from an accredited seminary.

To begin the application process, please fill out the application at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/BhO1yyyhmq5hVmNG2>

Please contact Dr. John Morrison at jmorrison@lakewoodlife.org with any additional questions.



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