

Connect

September 2022



Baptism



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/
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

September 25
in the Lodge 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

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

August 28 (Lake Baptism)
October 9

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

October 16

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NOTE FROM

Dr. Tyler Smiley



August marked the beginning of a new church year at Lakewood. As the new year begins, we must, once again, trust the Lord to provide for the ministry vision he has given to this church. And we must all consider how the Lord might use each of us—with our time, talent, and treasure—to serve him this ministry year. "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" (Romans 12:11). Let's trust that as we serve the Lord with zeal he will be faithful to use us in his mission in the world.

We also began the new church year with 21 Days of Prayer, praying through the book of James. We also resumed our Wednesday night programs after a summer break, and held our annual Deacon Ordination Service, where we ordained several new Deacon Ministers to serve our church.

This month, we will begin a church wide study called "We Believe." As we carefully consider the most fundamental truths of the Christian faith, according to Scripture, the goal is that we will come to know more fully the only true God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are hopeful that through this study the Lord will get his word deeper into our hearts, and through his people his gospel would go farther out into the world. This study is best experienced in community, and so if you are not actively in a Sunday morning or weekday group this would be a great time to see what group life is like at Lakewood. If you want to join a group, contact Andrew Beccue, abeccue@lakewoodlife.org and he will help you find a group that is a good fit for you.

Thank you, church, for serving the Lord with humility and faithfulness. May the Lord use us for his good work — "Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!" (Ps. 100:2)

The **VISION** of Lakewood is to be a regional church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ locally, nationally and globally.

CROSSPOINT WORSHIP is a traditional blend of praise and worship at 9:30 AM in the Chapel.

REAL LIFE is a vibrant, contemporary worship experience at 11:00 AM in the Worship Center.



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MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT



MOVING TO CENTRAL ASIA

A member of our church will soon be moving overseas to share the gospel with our Uyghur neighbors in Central Asia. He has been at Lakewood for an extended period of time in order to prepare for life and ministry overseas. He will be joining our Lakewood team who are already established there in Central Asia. By God's grace, our church gets to be a part of the gospel going forth to the Uyghur through our sending and supporting our friends

PLEASE PRAY:

- For our friend to be encouraged in the Lord as he adjusts to life overseas.
- For future friendships in Central Asia
- For boldness and compassion to share the gospel and disciple those around him
- For his growth in both language and cultural acquisition

For more Information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org.

LAKE BAPTISM AT HOLLY PARK AUGUST 28 | 7:00 PM

Make plans to be a part of this special baptism service. If you would like to talk with someone about being baptized, please contact Benji@lakewoodlife.org.



GATHER GROUPS STARTING BACK

The purpose of GATHER Young Adults (ages 18-29) is to create a community for college students & young

professionals that connects them with one another and with God through Scripture. Gather meets at Lakewood on Sunday mornings at 9:30. There are midweek groups in Gainesville (Mondays), Clermont (Mondays) and Dahlonega (Thursdays) as well as a Young Professionals group that meets downtown (Tuesdays). Email [Hannah Thomas](mailto:hthomas@lakewoodlife.org) for group location and time.

FIRST WEDNESDAY MEN'S GATHERING SEPTEMBER 7

Men of Lakewood will gather on the first Wednesday morning of each month. This Fall, we will explore the core doctrines of the Christian faith, as we seek to bring

them into clear focus. These are the truths that define who God is, who we are, and the choices that every man has to make. Scott Smith will lead this group in the Fellowship Hall from 6:15-7:30 AM. Biscuits and coffee provided.



CRI BBQ BENEFIT MEAL SEPTEMBER 14 | 5:00-6:15 PM

Make plans to eat in the Fellowship Hall before Wednesday activities on September 14. For \$10, get BBQ, cole slaw, baked beans, chips and dessert. (Kids plate \$5) All proceeds will benefit Lakewood's Prison Ministry.



REFUGE WOMEN'S GATHERING
OCTOBER 7 | 6:00 | WORSHIP CENTER



We hope you will join us as we worship together and learn about who God is as Jehovah Rapha, "The Lord Who Heals." The event is free, but registration is requested. Childcare is offered by request only on a first come first serve basis. Scan the QR code to register and make childcare reservations.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES
STARTING 9/21 AT 6:15PM

FINANCIAL FREEDOM Scott Smith will lead a group through "It's A New Day for Financial Freedom." Contact Emily Lavender (elavender@lakewoodlife.org) for more information.

THE LOVE LETTERS OF JOHN This 5 week study, led by Don Ormsbee, will be through the books of 1, 2 & 3 John. Email Don for more information (dormsbee@lakewoodlife.org).



KEMPTON JACKSON
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Kempton Jackson is the pastor of the Church of the Resurrection Santa Fe in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Kempton and his family grew up in New Mexico and have a passion to reach people with the gospel in this very unique context. Their desire is to see Northern New Mexico have Gospel-preaching churches in every city led by leadership from the area equipped to cultivate Gospel-centric communities that change the city for the common good.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For encouragement and faith for the Jacksons as they follow the Lord in the work of church planting
- For the ongoing health, unity and growth of "Church of the Rez"
- For the gospel to go forth in Santa Fe and the surrounding area

For more Information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT PARENTING STUDY

HABITS OF THE HOUSEHOLD

DISCOVER HOW GOD IS WORKING IN THE DAILY CHAOS OF RAISING KIDS

JOIN JAMIE AND JOY WILLIS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:15 PM STARTING SEPTEMBER 21
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!

WE BELIEVE



This September, our church will be studying a new book called "We Believe," by Dr. John Morrison. The foundational truth of our faith is that there is one God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In this new church wide study, our goal is to grow in the grace and knowledge of God through a study of how he reveals himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To guide us in our study of the Bible, we will work through a historic confession of faith, the Nicene Creed. Our Spirit-filled forebearers in the faith wrestled with God's Word to summarize faithfully what Scripture teaches about God. It will help guide us through God's Word, as we ourselves search the Bible to come to know God better and to love him more.

**READING BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 12.**

**BOOKS WILL
BE AVAILABLE
AT LAKEWOOD
STARTING
SEPTEMBER 4.
COST IS \$5**



NEW GROUPS ARE FORMING! THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO JOIN A GROUP.

We believe the best way to experience this study is in community! We have groups that meet on Sunday morning at Lakewood and throughout the week in neighborhoods around Hall County. Contact Andrew Beccue, abeccue@lakewoodlife.org to find a group that is a good fit for you. You can also scan the QR code for a list of new groups forming for the We Believe study or visit [LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG/EVENTS](https://www.lakewoodlife.org/events).

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

August 28	Discover Step 2 11:00AM
August 28	Lake Baptism at Holly Park 7:00 PM
August 28-Sept. 1	Gather Groups Start Back
August 30	Senior Adult Lunch 12:00 PM
September 2	Gather Fun Night 5:00 PM
September 6	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
September 7	First Wednesday Men's Gathering 6:15 AM
September 11	Small Groups Launch for Churchwide Study
September 11	Discover Step 3 11:00AM
September 18	Discover Step 4 11:00AM
September 18	Operation Christmas Child Info Meeting 12:15 PM
September 14	BBQ Dinner to Benefit Prison Ministry 5:00 PM
September 17	JOY Respite 5:00 PM
September 24	DYM National Day Training
September 25	Discover Step 1 12:00 PM
September 25	Parent Child Dedication 4:00 PM
September 25	Gather Night of Worship 6:30 PM
September 28	ONE NIGHT (Middle and High School) 6:30 PM
September 29	CBA Senior Adult Rally 10:30 AM
October 4	Women on Mission 10:30 AM
October 5	First Wednesday Men's Gathering 6:15 AM
October 7	Women's Fall Refuge 6:00 PM
October 15	JOY Respite 5:00 PM
October 18	Senior Adult Lunch 12:00 PM
October 22-23	Mantreat
October 26	PumpkinFest 5:30 PM
October 30	Discover Step 1 12:00 PM
October 30	Operation Christmas Child Packing Party (Gather and Joy Ministry)

USE YOUR
SMART PHONE
TO SCAN THE
QR CODE FOR
THE LATEST
INFORMATION.



WEEKLY

SUNDAY MORNINGS

- Babies, Preschool & Children 9:30 & 11:00
- Middle & High School Students 9:30
- Young Adult Groups 9:30
- Adult Small Groups 8:30 & 9:30 & 11:00
- Worship Services 9:30 & 11:00

TUESDAYS Celebrate Recovery • 6:30 PM Large Group

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

- Babies, Preschool & Children 6:00
- Middle & High School Students 6:30
- Adult Bible Studies 6:15
- Crosspoint Choir 6:15
- DivorceCare 6:30



LOOKING BACK



Participants of Music and Drama Camp learned and performed a musical

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$114,375

AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 7/10-8/14: \$130,502.41

NEW MEMBERS: Abigail Loving, Kaitlynn Loving, Anniston Tomlin, Noah Clary, Zoe Dudas, Maine Little, Ellie Shoemaker, Anniston Bangs, Baleigh Sims, Luci Gee, Bo Gee, Hannah Cobb

The Real Life 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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