

Connect

May 2025



Guatemala Mission Trip



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 4 | June 8
in the Lodge at 12:15 PM
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

July 27 (Pool Baptism)

NEXT LORD'S SUPPER

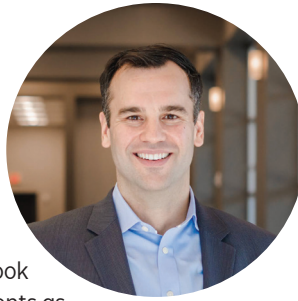
June 8

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NOTE FROM

Dr. Tyler Smiley

May brings new opportunities for ministry here at Lakewood. On May 18, we will celebrate our high school and college graduates on Graduate Recognition Sunday. This is a significant milestone, and we look forward to praying over these students as they step into a new season of life.



We are also sending out our Johns Creek church plant team this month. Church planting is an important part of our ministry at Lakewood, and we're excited to support this team as they step out in faith to share the gospel in a different community. Please be in prayer for them, and that the Lord will bless their ministry with gospel fruit.

In addition, we are launching Rebuild, a new division of Lakewood's Disaster Relief Ministry. While Lakewood has long responded to natural disasters with immediate aid, Rebuild will focus on long-term recovery—helping restore homes and communities after the storm. This will be a great opportunity for our church to serve, especially if you have had interest in the disaster relief efforts, but have a hard time responding on short notice. Learn more in this month's Missions Spotlight for more information.

In 1 Corinthians 15, the apostle Paul exhorts us to remember and believe the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He celebrates the victory we share over death because of the victory of Jesus displayed in his resurrection. Then, in light of this, the scripture charges us: "Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). As we have now come through the Easter season, and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let's commit ourselves to "always abound" in the Lord's work. It is worth giving our lives to.

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 contemporary worship experience at 11:00 AM in the Worship Center.



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MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT



DISASTER RELIEF: REBUILD

Lakewood's Disaster Relief Ministry has long responded to crises, providing aid in the aftermath of natural disasters. Recognizing the need for ongoing support beyond the initial cleanup, we are launching the Rebuild division of Disaster Relief to help restore homes and communities after the storm. No construction experience is needed—any willing heart can help make a difference.

GET INVOLVED:

Join our informational meeting on Sunday, May 18, at 12:15 PM in Room 133 to learn how you can help.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For volunteers willing to join Rebuild efforts
- For comfort and stability for displaced families
- For safety, strength, and unity for volunteers
- For opportunities to share the gospel with those affected by the storms

For more information please contact benji@lakewoodlife.org.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON • MAY 20 RETREAT AT LONG MOUNTAIN

Our Senior Adult Ministry will have a catered lunch at the Retreat at Long Mountain in Cleveland. If you are 55+, please join us for lunch and a special program. Cost is \$10 and the bus will leave Lakewood at 10:30AM if you want to ride. Sign up by calling the Front Office (770) 532-6307.

BASKETBALL OPEN GYM | MONDAYS

Basketball Open Gym takes place every Monday from 4:00 to 9:00 PM and is open to the community. Players of all skill levels are welcome, from beginners to experienced athletes. It's a great way to stay active, enjoy the game, and connect with others in a fun and friendly environment.

LMI WORSHIP CAMP JUNE 23-26 • 9AM-12PM

LMI Worship Camp is for 6th-12th grade students who already play instruments (piano, drums, guitar, bass guitar, voice) and are interested in leading worship.



Students will get the opportunity to work with Lakewood band members on developing musical technique and skills required for effective worship leading. The camp will end with a Night of Worship led by the students on June 26 at 6:00PM. Scan the code to sign up.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY • MAY 18

On May 18, high school and college graduates will be recognized in our worship services (at 9:30 & 11:00). Following the 11:00 service, there will be a special lunch for graduates and their families in the Ministry Center.



Some of our high school seniors at United Weekend in March.



LAKWOOD SENDS CHURCH PLANTING TEAM TO JOHNS CREEK

By God's grace, this summer, Lakewood will celebrate the launch of Christ Church, a new gospel-centered ministry led by a team of 25 members called to plant in the Johns Creek/Alpharetta area.

Lakewood Pastoral Residents, Ben Presten and Hunter Clayton, as well as Lakewood's Associate Missions Pastor, Kevin Stradley, will serve as the pastors of the new congregation, which will be called Christ Church.

Ben, Kevin & Hunter and their families will be joined by a team of several other Lakewood families who the Lord has graciously raised up to step out in faith in order to "go, make disciples." The team will progressively transition from Gainesville to the Johns Creek area over the course of the summer in order to set up their new homes and jobs for the sake of long-term fruitful ministry.

As a church we celebrate the opportunity to "send" our team, but we also recognize that this is only the beginning of the work. As their sending church we must continue to faithfully support this team through prayer, finances, encouragement, and in many other ways as we look to the Lord to establish His church.



PLEASE PRAY

- That the Lord would provide housing and job opportunities for those relocating
- That the Lord would grant peace and joy in the midst of this journey of faith
- That the Lord would grant the team unity and great fellowship as they transition
- That the Lord would continue to raise up families to be part of the team
- That the Lord would save many in Johns Creek through the ministry of Christ Church

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
BENJI@LAKEWOODLIFE.ORG**



VBS IS JUNE 16-20 AND IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP! EVERY DAY IS FILLED WITH MUSIC, CRAFTS, DRAMA, BIBLE STUDY, RECREATION, MISSIONS, SNACKS AND FUN!

Through this year's theme, Magnified! kids will be encouraged, to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify, or proclaim, the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!



Vacation Bible School is for children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade. Infant through Pre-K classes are available for children of volunteers.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for adults to help us in music, missions, crafts, recreation, snacks and security teams, but our GREATEST NEED is for grade specific classroom leadership. Classroom leaders serve on a team of at least two adults and lead a group of up

to 12 children—curriculum and training are provided. Following classroom activities, these leaders accompany their group to missions, crafts, recreation and music which are led by other volunteer teams.

If you have questions about volunteering, email Lakewood's Grade School Minister, Christa Gaudinier at cgaudinier@lakewoodlife.org.



TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER OR REGISTER YOUR CHILD, SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE OR VISIT LAKWOODLIFE.ORG/EVENTS.

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

- May 1 Upward Soccer and Flag Football Sign Ups Open
- May 4 Sing the Gospel | 9:30 AM
- May 4 Discover Step 1 | 12:15 PM
- May 4 Parent Child Dedication | 4:00 PM
- May 6 Women on Mission | 10:30 AM
- May 7 First Wednesday Men's Gathering | 6:15 AM
- May 7 Discover Step 2 | 6:15 PM
- May 7 Lakewood Kids Recognition Night | 6:15 PM
- May 10 Tiny Stitches | 10:00 AM
- May 14 Final Night of Wednesday Night Activities
- May 14 Discover Steps 3 & 4 | 6:15 PM
- May 17 Rec Ministry: 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament | 9:00 AM
- May 18 Graduate Recognition Sunday
- May 20 Senior Adult Lunch Retreat at Long Mountain | 12:00 PM
- June 2-6 Kids Camp
- June 3 Women on Mission | 10:30 AM
- June 8 Discover Step 1 | 12:15 PM
- June 9-12 K4-2nd Grade Basketball Camp | 9:00 AM
- June 15 No Small Groups
- June 16-20 Magnified VBS | 9:00 AM
- June 21 Tiny Stitches | 10:00 AM
- June 23-26 3rd-5th Grade Basketball Camp | 9:00 AM
- June 24 Women's Summer Study Begins
- June 24 Senior Adult Lunch | 12:00 PM
- June 23-26 LMI Worship Camp | 9:00 AM
- June 26 LMI Night of Worship | 6:00 PM

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE LATEST CALENDAR INFORMATION.



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



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

WEDNESDAYS

- ALL ACTIVITIES MEET 6:15-7:45 PM
- Babies, Preschool & Grade School
- Middle & High School Students
- Adult Bible Studies



LOOKING BACK



Forever Marriage hosted its annual marriage conference in March, welcoming over 80 couples from Lakewood and 12 area churches. Pictured here is the team that planned and led the impactful weekend.

AVERAGE WEEKLY MINISTRY BUDGET NEED: \$114,375


AVERAGE WEEKLY RECEIVED 3/23-4/20: \$114,985

NEW MEMBERS: Julie Manguart, Mary Claire Martin, Bruce & Dianne Miller, Igor & Natalia Nazari, Jayce Poole, Journey Poole, Mary Rico, Elias Sievert, Matthew Smiley, Sofia Stradley, Kiley Wallhausen, Bailey Welch

*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/endorsement-ministry

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