LAKEWOOD Church

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Welcome!

Lakewood Community Church is a non-denominational church where people can come together to meet Jesus, grow in their faith, and experience a life-giving community.

Nestled in a beautiful rural setting, we enjoy finding ways to praise and celebrate Jesus in every season of the year. We believe church should be a place where you can come as you are, experience an authentic encounter with Christ, discover the gifts God has given you, and use those gifts to make a difference for His glory.

Over the years, Lakewood Community Church has experienced many changes, but through it all, God has remained faithful and our church family has continued to be resilient. Today, that same spirit of faith, hope, and perseverance is at the heart of who we are.

When you walk through our doors, you'll find friendly faces, genuine smiles, and people who are truly glad you're here. Whether you've been part of a church family for years or you're just beginning your journey, there's a place for you at Lakewood.

We'd love to have you join us for Sunday service. Come worship with us, meet our church family, and see what God is doing at Lakewood Community Church!

About our Church

We are a family of believers here at Lakewood Community Church who proclaim Jesus is Lord. We teach that salvation is only through Jesus Christ according to God's Holy Word, the Bible.

- We were established in 1866
- We have an average weekly attendance of 150
- We have a Membership of 170
- Financial stable and debt free

Our Mission

Lakewood Community Church exists to bring others to Christ (BRING them in), equip people (BUILD them up), and to love and serve our church, community, and world (SEND them out).

Our Vision

Lakewood's vision is to turn the world right-side up with Christ; one person, one family, and one community at a time.

Core Beliefs

God

There is one eternally existing God who has three distinct persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. He is the creator of all that exists, both visible and invisible, and is therefore worthy of all glory and praise. God is perfect in love, power, holiness, goodness, knowledge, wisdom, justice, and mercy. He is unchangeable and therefore is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Revelation

God has revealed himself to us through his son, Jesus Christ, who is the visible image of the invisible God, the Holy Scriptures, and through all of creation itself.

Mankind

Humans, both male and female, were created in God's image for fellowship and His glory. The first humans, Adam and Eve, were created without sin and appointed as caretakers of the rest of God's creations.

The Fall

When Adam and Eve chose not to obey God, they ceased to be what they were made to be and became distorted images of God. This caused them to fall out of fellowship with God, and fractured all of creation ever since that time.

Salvation

Jesus Christ came to reconcile us with God. He lived a life without sin and willingly died on the cross to pay the penalty for our transgressions. God raised him from the dead and now, by grace, offers as a free gift; eternal life to all who follow Christ, by faith, as their Lord and Savior. That is why salvation can be found in Christ alone.

The Church

The Church is meant to be the visible body of Christ, sent into the world to glorify God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Resurrection

Jesus Christ is returning one day to judge both the living and the dead and to usher in the fullness of God's kingdom on earth.

Discipleship Opportunities

- Sunday School
- H2O Kids (Junior Church)
- Ignite (Youth Group)
- Men's Breakfast
- Centershot (Youth Archery)
- Prayer ministry
- Hope & Healing Group
- Bible Studies
- Sewing Ministry
- Keenages Lunches (55+)

Outreach and Missions

We are a force for the gospel in our community, engaging in active servanthood in our area. We support our missionaries local, regionally, and around the world. Missions is more than a financial support - we engage personally with missionaries and on mission projects such as,

- Alpha Family Center
- Manna's Market
- SSHCO - Jacob Atem
- Henderson Settlement, KY
- Red Bird Mission, KY
- Northern Lights/ Uganda
- Local Community Dinners
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner
- Day of Caring (Community & Church)
- Trustee Helpers/ Men-with-Tools

The Pastor We Are Seeking

Lakewood Community Church is seeking a pastor who is a faithful spiritual leader, grounded in Scripture, committed to the mission of the church, and passionate about serving both the congregation and the surrounding community. We are prayerfully seeking someone who demonstrates the following qualities:

- **Visionary and Biblically Grounded Leadership** — A pastor who has a clear vision for the future of Lakewood Church while faithfully leading the congregation according to the timeless truths of Scripture.
- **Strong Biblical Foundation** — Someone who wholeheartedly believes that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and demonstrates a strong understanding of scripture, theology, and biblical principles.
- **Kingdom-Minded and Mission-Focused** — Someone who embraces Lakewood Church's mission and seeks to advance God's Kingdom both within the church and throughout the community.
- **Purposeful and Integrity-Driven Leadership** — Someone who will lead the congregation with wisdom, purpose, humility, accountability, and integrity.
- **Heart for People and Community Engagement** — Someone who genuinely loves people and is intentional about building meaningful relationships within the church and the broader community.
- **Excellent Communication Skills** — Someone who communicates clearly, effectively, and compassionately, both verbally and in writing, and who can connect with people of all ages and backgrounds.
- **Spirit-Led and Prayer-Driven** — Someone who seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit and is committed to prayer as the foundation for personal leadership, ministry, and the life of the church.

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