

FAITH FORWARD



To our Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While so many things in our world are prone to change, there's one thing that hasn't changed—the mission of the church. Jesus tasked us with the assignment to “make disciples of all the nations” (Matt 28:19), and in Mark 1:17 He teaches us that a disciple is distinguished by three essential marks. We know Jesus' teaching in this verse very well because it serves as the base text for our church's mission statement.

- A disciple is someone who knows Jesus personally (v. 17).
- A disciple is someone who grows in Jesus continually (v. 17).
- A disciple is someone who goes with Jesus missionally (v. 17).

Lakeland Baptist Church exists to develop faithful followers of Jesus who know Him personally, grow in Him continually, and go with Him missionally. That's what we exist to do as the church that meets at 397 S. Stemmons Freeway. To help us better fulfill this mission of making disciples who know, grow, and go, I presented our Faith Forward vision to guide us into the next three years. Faith Forward focuses on 5 strategic priorities: (1) Prayer, (2) Discipleship & Spiritual Formation, (3) Outreach & Missions, (4) Lostness, and (5) Stewardship. Please commit to pray that by God's grace we will grow in these areas as a church and accomplish much for His glory and His gospel?

Moving forward with you,
Pastor Donald



MISSION

VISION



Mission Statement:

Lakeland Baptist Church exists to glorify God by developing faithful followers of Christ who know Him personally, grow in Him continually, and go with Him missionally.

Core Values:

- We teach biblically.
- We live missionally.
- We disciple intentionally.
- We love authentically.
- We pray earnestly.
- We give generously.



DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

WORSHIP

PERSONAL WORSHIP

CORPORATE WORSHIP



Worship: Begin here. Trust in Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior and pursue a close relationship with Him through daily prayer, Bible study, and obedience. Gather weekly with us on Sundays to worship God, and attend our Connect Class to become a church member.

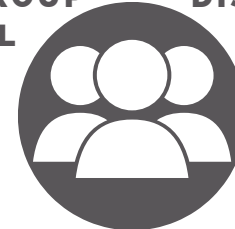
GROUPS

NEW BELIEVER'S GROUP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

CORE COURSES



Groups: Whether you're new to the faith or have been walking with Christ for years, we've got a group for you. In groups, we fellowship, study the Bible, pray, and hold each other accountable. Joining a group will help you grow in your faith and equip you to help others grow in their faith.

MISSIONAL LIVING

EVANGELISM

MISSIONS



Missional Living: Jesus calls us all to "make disciples" who know Him personally, grow in Him continually, and go with Him missionally. We accomplish this goal by sharing the gospel personally and corporately. Our local and global missions' efforts provide you with opportunities to advance the gospel.

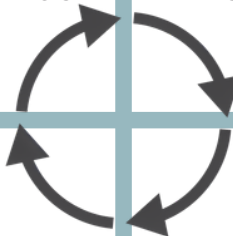
SERVICE

MINISTRY TEAMS

S.S. LEAD TEAMS



Service: God has gifted you to serve and has a place for you to make a spiritual impact in our church. We'll help you discover, develop, and deploy your gifts for His glory. Find a ministry team at LBC where you can use your gift(s) to faithfully minister to others.





**FOLLOW ME
AND I WILL
MAKE YOU**

**B E C O M E
F I S H E R S
O F M E N**

No Smoking

SO GLAD
YOU'RE HERE!

IT'S A GOOD
DAY FOR
WORSHIP

YOU LOOK
Amazing
TODAY!

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

PRAYER

Our goal is to strengthen our church's dependence upon prayer as a vital part of our spiritual life together. We will pursue this by creating consistent opportunities for corporate prayer, weaving prayer intentionally into every area of church life, and setting aside focused seasons for renewed emphasis on prayer. Through ongoing prayer gatherings, special times of spiritual renewal, and dedicated prayer teams, we seek to cultivate a culture where prayer undergirds all that we do.

Objectives:

- Establish a monthly prayer meeting on the first Sunday night of each month.
 - Prioritize prayer in all church activities.
 - Schedule a prayer revival each year.
 - Recruit prayer teams to pray each Sunday during Sunday School.
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DISCIPLESHIP
SPIRITUAL
FORMATION



Our goal is to deepen discipleship and foster spiritual formation throughout the life of the church. We will pursue this by strengthening participation in small groups, expanding opportunities for biblical learning, and investing in the development of lay leaders who can teach and disciple others. We aim to cultivate a culture of intentional discipleship through new classes and groups, a unified Bible reading plan, and clear pathways for every member to grow in faith and actively serve in ministry.



Objectives:

- Average as many in Sunday School as in Worship.
- Develop a 3-year Bible reading plan.
- Offer a new Core Class every Fall and Spring semester.
- Start a new Sunday School class each year.
- Start five new D-Groups each year.
- Recruit ten lay leaders for teaching and discipling.
- Add five new children and five new students to our children and student ministries each year.

LOSTNESS

Our goal is to increase the number of LBC members living life on mission. We will pursue this by creating meaningful opportunities for hands-on mission and outreach, equipping members to confidently share their faith, and developing strategic partnerships that extend the church's presence into the community and beyond. Through local outreach efforts, mission partnerships, and intentional engagement with unchurched families, we seek to mobilize our church to live out the Great Commission in everyday life.

Objectives:

- See 50 professions of faith each year.
 - Baptize at least 20 people each year.
 - Aim for 200 kids at VBS;
 - Connect with unchurched families at Lakeland Christian Academy.
 - Engage in 500 personal gospel conversations each year.
 - See every member share the gospel at least one time each year.
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COMMUNITY
OUTREACH
MISSIONS



Our goal is to reach more people for Christ and make a meaningful impact on lostness within our community. We will pursue this by intentionally sharing the gospel through every ministry of the church, encouraging personal evangelism among our members, and creating welcoming environments where people can hear and respond to the message of Christ. Through ongoing gospel conversations, visible steps of faith such as baptism, and strategic investment in children and student ministries, we seek to see lives changed and new people connected to the life of the church.

Objectives:

- Deploy 50% of our church on short-term mission trips or outreach efforts.
 - Provide three Evangelism Training Opportunities each year.
 - Partner with two apartment complexes to host a block party each year.
 - Establish one new church-planting partnership each year.
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**STEWARDSHIP
FACILITIES**





Our goal is to strengthen the overall financial health of the church in order to support faithful ministry and long-term sustainability. We will pursue this by encouraging biblical stewardship, providing practical financial discipleship, and creating clear and trustworthy systems for generosity. Through intentional teaching, improved giving practices, shared stories of generosity, and thoughtful planning for future facility needs, we seek to steward God's resources with wisdom and integrity.

Objectives:

- Increase giving by 10%.
- Develop a 3-year facilities improvement plan.
- Improve the giving experience.
- Provide a 1-month stewardship emphasis in our Sunday School classes each year.
- Implement Generosity Testimonies.
- Offer Financial Peace course yearly.







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