

An aerial photograph of a river delta with a forested bank and a dam in the background. The image is overlaid with various geometric shapes: a large dark blue circle in the top left, a blue square on the right, a brown circle in the bottom right, and a vertical yellow and white striped bar on the left. The text 'NEW BEGINNINGS' is centered in white, bold, sans-serif font.

NEW BEGINNINGS

The logo for Lakewood Church, featuring a stylized white flame or leaf shape inside a circle.

LAKWOOD
CHURCH



THE LAKEWOOD STORY

Its origins were humble. In fact, the first meeting of Lakewood Church was held in a converted feed store on the outskirts of Houston on Mother's Day, 1959. A caring atmosphere, quality leadership, and community outreach attracted people from all ages, religious backgrounds, races, and walks of life.

John Osteen made a historic mark on the landscape of Christianity. Founding Pastors of Lakewood Church, John Osteen along with his wife Dodie, have touched the lives of millions of people in more than 100 countries.

Together they hosted a weekly television program, which could be seen in 100 countries worldwide. John Osteen was author of

45 books and numerous teaching materials and audiotapes. Dodie Osteen is the author of *Healed of Cancer*, the story of her miraculous healing from metastatic cancer of the liver after being given up by doctors. Her genuine warmth and compassion is one reason Lakewood is called *An Oasis of Love in a Troubled World*.

Before Pastor Osteen's death in 1999, he had become known as a "pastor's pastor" and was constantly busy leading conferences and seminars in Houston and around the world. Whether preaching to millions on television or speaking to a single person, John Osteen's honesty, integrity, and leadership gained him the respect and admiration of people worldwide.

Known throughout the world as a model for harmony and diversity, the Lakewood Church congregation is multi-generational and multi-ethnic with members from dozens of nations across the globe. Each week, Lakewood reaches thousands of people in Houston and surrounding areas through worship services, classes, and local missions. Lakewood's heart for serving makes a tangible impact on the surrounding community through its outreach programs for hospital patients, prisons, nursing home residents, homeless shelters, and other outreaches.

Joel's first experiences were far from the spotlight in the areas of media and business where he served faithfully behind the scenes as a television producer. Joel Osteen created the John Osteen television program and developed it into a global outreach. The capstone of his media career was building KTBU-TV55 into a premiere independent television station for the Houston market.

His father's unexpected passing in early 1999 set Joel down a new path, and at that point, he assumed the role of Senior Pastor at Lakewood Church. Under the leadership of Joel and his wife Victoria, Lakewood Church has grown in a variety of ways. Lakewood's media broadcast has expanded into over 200 million households in the United States and to an international audience across 6 continents. Through podcasts, Sirius XM radio, and social media platforms, the message is more accessible than ever before. Together with the leadership staff of Lakewood, Joel and Victoria are sharing the message of hope found in Jesus with a new generation.



OUR **MISSION**
"Giving Hope to the World."

This includes at home here in Houston and to the ends of the earth. We believe hope is a powerful force, and we work daily to love, encourage, and lift people.

OUR FAITH **JOURNEY**

SESSION ONE:

A New Beginning

Discovering Your New Life in Christ

SESSION TWO:

Developing Your Relationship with Christ

Quiet Time and Prayer

SESSION THREE:

Our Relationships are important to God

Connecting with others

SESSION FOUR:

The Best is Yet to Come

Discover Your Strengths and Join the Legacy

A New Beginning



**DISCOVERING
YOUR NEW LIFE
IN CHRIST**

Welcome to your new beginning in Christ! You are now a new creation in Jesus.

God loves YOU! God – the Creator of the universe – loves you deeply and wants to be in relationship with you. Through His son, Jesus, God offers us the gift of salvation as the way into relationship with Him.

To be saved, or to be made whole, is to say yes to God and His plan and purpose for our lives. It is turning from our old ways and turning to Jesus, asking Him for forgiveness from our sins and giving us new life in Him.

NEW LIFE: YOU HAVE A NEW _____

The moment we accept Jesus' sacrifice for our sin and receive the gift of His salvation, we receive a new identity in Christ. The Bible says that we are now a new creation. We are now what God says about us – we are His children!

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17 NLT

"Look with wonder at the depth of the Father's marvelous love that he has lavished on us. He has called us and made us his very own beloved children..."

1 JOHN 3:1 TPT

OLD LABELS	vs	NEW LABELS
UNWORTHY		LOVED JOHN 3:16
UNWANTED		CHOSEN COLOSSIANS 3:12
SINNER		FORGIVEN EPHESIANS 1:7

Learning to live in our new identity is a process. Even though we experience new life with Christ, we can still get tripped up by old habits and mindsets at times. However, we can be confident that regardless of our past, our mistakes, or even how we feel now, God is at work inside of us creating new life.

WATER _____ - ANOTHER STEP TO EMBRACING OUR NEW IDENTITY

*"And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirty from your body, but as a **response to God** from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ."* 1 PETER 3:21 NLT

Jesus asks everyone who believes in Him to be baptized in water as a public declaration of faith in Him. Being lowered into the water represents our old identity, and being raised out of the water represents Jesus' resurrection and our new identity that's found in Him.

Note: For more information about water baptism please email waterbaptism@lakewoodchurch.com.

Pastor Joel always says, "Give us a year of your life, and you will never be the same." We encourage you to attend Lakewood services as often as you can. Come to our New Beginnings class and other classes that we offer in our ministries.

As you begin to learn more about who God is, your relationship with Him will begin to deepen.



Developing Your Relationship with Christ



QUIET TIME AND PRAYER

God longs to spend time with us and connect with us in relationship. Like any relationship though, it takes time and effort to nurture and grow. One of the most important ways we can connect to God is through His Word.

WHAT IS THE _____?

The Bible is one of God's GREATEST gifts to us! The words recorded in the Bible are God's very own words, and they tell us of God's faithfulness throughout history and His promises and plans for our lives and future.

Through Scripture, we learn how to live out Christianity in our day-to-day life and in relationship with God and each other.

"Every Scripture has been written by the Holy Spirit, the breath of God. It will empower you by its instruction and correction, giving you the strength to take the right direction and lead you deeper into the path of godliness." 2 TIMOTHY 3:16 TPT

Maybe you're unsure of where to start reading your Bible. The four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are filled with the words and stories of Jesus, and Psalms and Proverbs provide incredible wisdom

and instruction. These books of the Bible are a great place to start as you begin spending quiet time with the Lord.

*Note: if you do not have a Bible, please let us know. We'd love to provide one for you.

_____ IS TALKING TO GOD

One of the greatest gifts we have received as believers is the ability to talk to God through prayer. There's no eloquent speech or formula that we need to have; we can simply talk to God as if we're talking to a friend.

"...And how bold and free we then become in his presence, freely asking according to his will, sure that he's listening. And if we're confident that he's listening, we know that what we've asked for is as good as ours." **1 JOHN 5:14 MSG**

The best way to get to know someone – including God – is through conversation and communication.

WHERE TO START: THE _____ FIFTEEN

The daily habit of spending time with God is an important part of growing with God. A simple way to do this is by setting aside the first 15 minutes of your day to spend quiet time in God's presence through prayer and reading His Word. He wants us to talk to Him, and He wants to talk back!

When we begin to study God's Word and spend time with Jesus, we begin to learn more about who He is, and we grow in our relationship with Him. We also begin to learn more about who God says we are.

"I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways. I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word." **PSALM 119:15-16 NLT**

CHALLENGE: Start setting aside the first 15 minutes of your day to spend time with Jesus. During this time, keep a journal of what you are praying for and what you feel God is speaking to you.

THE POWER OF _____

God wants us to see ourselves the way He sees us. And one of the ways we can do that is through powerful declarations. The Bible says that words have the power of life and death!

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits." **PROVERBS 18:21 NKJV**

Here are some powerful declarations – and Scriptures – that we encourage you to begin speaking over yourself:

I am not a victim of my past but an overcomer through Jesus.
(1 CORINTHIANS 15:57)

I am a new creation in CHRIST.
(2 CORINTHIANS 5:17)

I have been strategically designed and equipped for my unique purpose.
(PSALM 139:14)

I am free from all strongholds, addictions, and bad habits that have held me back.
(2 CORINTHIANS 3:17)

I am completely loved and accepted by God.
(ROMANS 8:38-39)

Write a few of these declarations on sticky notes and put them in your house, your car, and your workspace. As we constantly keep what God says about us in focus, our thoughts will begin to align with the truth of God's Word.



**CONNECTING
WITH OTHERS**

Our Relationships are important to God

Jesus knew the value of relationships. While He was carrying out His work on the earth, He chose a core team of 12 people—his Disciples—who each had different personalities and strengths to be with Him and minister alongside of Him. If Jesus placed a high value on relationships, how much more should we?

“Encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.” 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11 NLT

A great way to assess our current relationships is to take inventory. This can help us to see which ones we need to focus on developing and which ones we might need to separate ourselves from.

Some helpful “inventory” questions to ask yourself:

- Do I feel encouraged or inspired to know God more after spending time with this person?
- Do I feel weighed down with negativity or encouraged after being with this person?
- Is this a person I can trust with things that are important to me?

Answering these questions will probably give you a good idea if the relationship is worth investing your time and energy. Healthy relationships are the context for which our God-given needs for love, comfort, support, understanding and accountability are met.

IS VITAL IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS

As Christians, we know that God has forgiven all of our sins and our past mistakes. Forgiveness is a powerful thing, and God asks us to forgive others the way Christ has forgiven us.

"...Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you."

EPHESIANS 4:31-32 MSG

The reality of life is that people, our friends, and our loved ones will disappoint us and hurt us. One of the hardest challenges we face in our relationships is holding onto unforgiveness, especially when the wound feels too deep to forgive. However, unforgiveness really only hurts us because it turns into bitterness that can continually affect our lives.

When we forgive others and choose to overlook offenses, we begin to build healthier relationships.

A prayer to release forgiveness:

"Lord, I release _____ for _____.

I need your strength to walk in forgiveness, and I ask that You would heal the heartache and pain I have experienced. I trust You to be my Defender. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

IS IMPORTANT FOR A BELIEVER

One of the most important things in the life of a Believer is getting connected to community. Our community is our church family – the people who will encourage us, pray for us, and walk alongside of us in our faith journey.

One of the primary ways that we do Community at Lakewood Church is through our LifeGroups.

WHAT ARE LIFEGROUPS?

Lakewood LifeGroups are about connection. We believe that connecting throughout the week is a vital part of the life of Lakewood Church and our Christian life. Our LifeGroups are designed to connect you to your Lakewood family.

LIFEGROUPS PROVIDE TWO THINGS:

1. A place to _____ with others.

"This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing, because we need each other! In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage each other." **HEBREWS 10:25 TPT**

2. A place to _____ together.

"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend."

PROVERBS 27:17 NLT

We want to help you find community and feel connected to your church family. To join a LifeGroup, text **LIFEGROUPS to 77377** or visit LakewoodChurch.com/lifegroups to receive information about our Lakewood LifeGroups.

The Best is Yet to Come

DISCOVER
YOUR STRENGTHS
AND JOIN THE
LEGACY

THE PROMISE IN BEING PLANTED

The Bible says that when we are planted in the House of the Lord, our lives will flourish. Being planted is about being invested in your local church. It's about building relationships and connections with your church community and using your gifts and talents to serve God's House.

"Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God." PSALM 92:13 NKJV

DISCOVERING YOUR _____

We believe that each of us is uniquely created with different gifts and talents. We believe that God has placed specific talents within you, and He has a purpose and plan for your life. God purposed your destiny to align with how He created you.

"Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb. I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration—what a creation! You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body..." PSALM 139:13-14 MSG

We've included a spiritual gifts assessment that will help you identify some of the talents and gifts that God has given you. Our prayer is that you will discover, develop, and use your gifts for the purpose that God has for you.

HOW TO TAKE THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT

STEP 1: Respond to the following spiritual gifts statement by writing the number that indicates how each statement describes you in the blanks on page 22.

- 1 – Almost Never
- 2 – Sometimes
- 3 – Almost Always

Allow yourself six minutes to answer all questions before moving on to other steps.

STEP 2: Add each line on page 22, left to right, and place the totaled number in the total column.

STEP 3: Identify your three highest totaled numbers with the corresponding letter and the spiritual gift it represents (listed on the pages following the assessment).

STEP 4: Read about your gifts.

Connect with a team or a Volunteer Team that compliments your personality, highest-rated spiritual gifts, and availability to serve.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. I like organizing services and events.2. I enjoy working with my hands.3. I can tell when someone is insincere.4. I pray daily for people who don't know Jesus.5. Encouraging others is a high priority in my life. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">6. I trust God to provide for my daily needs.7. I am passionate about financially investing in the Kingdom of God.8. I enjoy doing little things that others typically do not enjoy.9. I often have people over to my house.10. I tend to motivate others to get involved. |
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- 11. I hurt when I see others hurting.
- 12. I enjoy sharing the Gospel with other people groups and nationalities.
- 13. Caring for the hurting is one of my highest priorities.
- 14. I get frustrated when people knowingly sin.
- 15. I enjoy serving behind the scenes.
- 16. I am passionate about managing details.
- 17. I consider myself a craftsman or craftswoman.
- 18. I sense when situations are spiritually unhealthy.
- 19. I am greatly motivated by seeing people who don't know God saved.
- 20. I come across as loving and caring.
- 21. Asking God for a list of seemingly impossible things is exciting to me.
- 22. I find ways to give offerings above my tithe.
- 23. Helping others is one of my greatest motivations.
- 24. Creating a warm and welcoming environment is important to me.
- 25. I prefer to take the lead whenever possible.
- 26. I'm very sensitive to sad stories.
- 27. The idea of living in another country to benefit the Gospel is exciting to me.
- 28. I enjoy connecting, caring for, and coaching others.
- 29. Confronting someone about a sin in their life is important to me.
- 30. It bothers me when people sit around and do nothing.
- 31. Creating a task list is easy and enjoyable for me.
- 32. Building something with my hands is very satisfying to me.
- 33. I can pinpoint issues or problems quickly.
- 34. Sharing the Gospel with someone I do not know is exciting and natural for me.
- 35. I look for ways to encourage other people.
- 36. I trust that God has my back in every situation.
- 37. I want to make more money so that I can give more.
- 38. Being a part of the process is fulfilling to me.
- 39. I tend to make total strangers feel at home.
- 40. I delegate responsibilities to accomplish tasks.
- 41. I am motivated to help people in need.
- 42. I focus a lot on reaching the world for Christ.
- 43. I enjoy helping people who are going through a difficult time.
- 44. I enjoy hearing passionate and clear preaching of God's Word.
- 45. I like to do small things that others overlook.

1 – Almost Never

2 – Sometimes

3 – Almost Always

			Total	Gifts
1. ____	16. ____	31. ____	____	A. _____
2. ____	17. ____	32. ____	____	B. _____
3. ____	18. ____	33. ____	____	C. _____
4. ____	19. ____	34. ____	____	D. _____
5. ____	20. ____	35. ____	____	E. _____
6. ____	21. ____	36. ____	____	F. _____
7. ____	22. ____	37. ____	____	G. _____
8. ____	23. ____	38. ____	____	H. _____
9. ____	24. ____	39. ____	____	I. _____
10. ____	25. ____	40. ____	____	J. _____
11. ____	26. ____	41. ____	____	K. _____
12. ____	27. ____	42. ____	____	L. _____
13. ____	28. ____	43. ____	____	M. _____
14. ____	29. ____	44. ____	____	N. _____
15. ____	30. ____	45. ____	____	O. _____

APPENDIX OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Congratulations on discovering your spiritual gifts! God uniquely created you and gave you these gifts for a reason. Now that you've identified how He has gifted you, your next step is to learn how to use those gifts for the purpose He has for you.

A. Administration

The gift of administration is the divine strength or ability to organize multiple tasks and groups of people to accomplish these tasks.

B. Craftmanship

The gift of craftmanship is the divine strength or ability to plan, build and work with your hands in construction environments to accomplish multiple ministry applications.

C. Discernment

The gift of discernment is the divine strength or ability to spiritually identify falsehood and to distinguish between right and wrong motives and situations.

D. Evangelism

The gift of evangelism is the divine strength or ability to help non-Christians take the necessary steps to become Christ followers.

E. Exhortation & Teaching

The gift of exhortation is the divine strength or ability to encourage others through the written or spoken word of biblical truth.

F. Faith

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life.

G. Giving

The gift of giving is the divine strength or ability to produce wealth and to give tithes and offerings for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God on earth.

H. **Helps**

The gift of helps is the divine strength or ability to work in a supportive role for the accomplishment of tasks in Christian ministry.

I. **Hospitality**

The gift of hospitality is the divine strength or ability to create warm, welcoming environments for others in places such as your home, office or church.

J. **Leadership**

The gift of leadership is the divine strength or ability to influence people at their level while directing and focusing them on the big picture, vision or idea.

K. **Mercy**

The gift of mercy is the divine strength or ability to feel empathy and to care for those who are hurting in any way.

L. **Missionary**

The missionary gift is the divine strength or ability to reach others outside of your culture and nationality, while in most cases living in that culture or nation.

M. **Shepherd**

The gift of shepherding is the divine strength or ability to care for the personal needs of others by nurturing and mending life issues.

N. **Prophecy**

The gift of prophecy is the divine strength or ability to boldly speak and bring clarity to scriptural and doctrinal truth, in some cases foretelling God's plan.

O. **Service**

The gift of serving is the divine strength or ability to do small or great tasks in working for the overall good of the body of Christ.

Now that you've discovered some of your God-given gifts, one of the ways that you can use your talents, gifts, and strengths is through serving. On our website, is a list of the ministries and areas that you can use your strengths to make a difference in the lives of others.

To get started with your volunteer application today, text **TEAM to 77377** or visit the website at LakewoodChurch.com/connect.





THE BEST IS YET TO COME.... JOIN THE LEGACY

At Lakewood Church, we believe that everyone is a carrier of the hope that is found in Jesus. From our perspective, you don't have to be a "minister" to give and extend hope to the world. One of the most important things we can do as believers is to share Jesus with others.

We are so excited for you as you continue in your journey with Christ, and we are honored to walk alongside of you. Now that you are a part of our Lakewood family, we encourage you to join the legacy because the best is yet to come!

APPENDIX - STATEMENT OF FAITH

At Lakewood, we base all of our beliefs on the authority of Scripture. In every way, we strive to maintain biblical standards of living and leadership. We believe that living life according to God's Word is the way to an abundant, fulfilling life. WE BELIEVE:

In Jesus

Jesus Christ is the Way to God. He is His Son, fully human and fully Divine. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died on the cross, shed His blood for our sins, and rose again on the third day. Out of His great love for us, Jesus Christ died so that each one of us might have a personal relationship with God the Father. If we believe in Him, we are saved!

"Jesus explained, 'I am the Way, I am the Truth, and I am the Life. No one comes next to the Father except through union with me. To know me is to know my Father too.'" JOHN 14:6 TPT

In the Father

Our Father just happens to be God, the Creator of the universe. And some very good news is: He is not mad at us; He is madly in love with us. Out of His great love for us, He was willing to sacrifice His beloved Son, Jesus, to die for our sins so that we can be reconciled with Him and adopted into His family as His very own children.

"For this how much God loved the world—he gave his one and only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life."

JOHN 3:16 TPT

In The Holy Spirit

Jesus said He had to leave the earth so that the Holy Spirit could come in and be with us. If you believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit is your God-guide, your Comforter, your Counselor, and anything else you need. The fruit of His work in our lives is evidenced by growing amounts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control as we grow in Him.

"And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Savior, the Holy Spirit of Truth, who will be to you a friend just like

me—and he will never leave you. The world won't receive him because they can't see him or know him. But you will know him intimately, because he will make his home in you and will live inside you.” JOHN 14:16-17 TPT

The Trinity

We believe in one God who exists in three distinct persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We believe that God the Father is the Creator of the world and is actively involved in humanity. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came to this earth as Savior of the world. We believe that the Holy Spirit is continuing the work of Jesus upon the earth.

“Now go in my authority and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” MATTHEW 28:19 TPT

The Bible

The Bible is God's written word to humankind. God breathed, and the Holy Spirit inspired men to write the Bible. That is why we believe it is the Truth and does not contain errors. It is as relevant today as it has ever been to help us live our best lives, and it is alive!

“Every Scripture has been written by the Holy Spirit, the breath of God. It will empower you by its instruction and correction, giving you the strength to take the right direction and lead you deeper into the path of godliness.” 2 TIMOTHY 3:16 TPT

Relationship with God

We believe that every believer should be in a growing relationship with Jesus by obeying God's Word, yielding to the Holy Spirit and being conformed to the image of Christ.

“I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.” PHILIPPIANS 3:12-13 MSG

Salvation

We believe that Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood for our sin. We believe that salvation is only found by placing our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus rose from the dead and is coming again.

“Our faith in Jesus transfers God's righteousness to us and he now declares us flawless in his eyes. This means we can now enjoy true and lasting peace with God, all because of what our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, has done for us.”

ROMANS 5:1 TPT

“But Christ proved God's passionate love for us by dying in our place while we were still lost and ungodly! And there is still so much more to say of his unfailing love for us! For through the blood of Jesus we have heard the powerful declaration, ‘You are now righteous in my sight.’ And because of the sacrifice of Jesus, you will never experience the wrath of God.” ROMANS 5:8-9 TPT

Water Baptism

We believe that water baptism is a symbol of the cleansing power of the blood of Christ and a testimony of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

“And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.” 1 PETER 3:21 NLT

Communion

We believe in regularly receiving Communion as an act of remembering the sacrifice that Jesus made for us through dying on the cross.

“...The Master, Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, took bread. Having given thanks, he broke it and said, ‘This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.’ After supper, he did the same thing with the cup: ‘This cup is my blood, my new covenant with you. Each time you drink this cup, remember me.’” 1 CORINTHIANS 11:24-26 MSG

OUR VALUES

We have a few core values here at Lakewood, and these values are the things we want to commit to as a church. These core values are from the life of Jesus and allow us to live in a way that honors God, and that is why we believe they are so important to imitate. We commit to:

A growing relationship with God

Rather than a commitment to religion, we should each be personally and continually developing our relationship with God.

Being planted in the house

This simply means, at a minimum, attending services at Lakewood on a weekly basis and tithing to this church. It can also mean volunteering your time in a ministry or various ministries. Flourishing faith is connected to consistent attendance and faithfulness to church.

Excellence

All of our work matters, regardless if the work is noticed or not, or whether it's large or small tasks. We believe everything we do should be done in excellence unto God. As a church, we commit to executing excellence, having great work habits, being on time, reliable, professional, ever learning, and consistently improving our minds, our spirits, and our health and wellness.

Character and integrity

Simply put: do the right thing. When people are watching and when they are not, we strive to shrink the gap between our words and our deeds.

Generosity

It is better to give and live generously. We believe in giving our time, talents, and treasure to serve those around us. This is a lifestyle we choose, and we believe it's a byproduct of true spiritual growth. The world of the generous grows larger and larger.

Diversity

We are proud of our diversity at Lakewood. We are multi-generational and multi-ethnic/racial church. There is great

strength in our diversity, and we will continue to celebrate it and be intentional about cultivating it.

Honor

We will be a church that honors one another: those above, beside, and below us. We will honor government and city officials, first responders, and God-appointed leadership. We will always attempt to honor when we have the opportunity.

Unqualified kindness

Unqualified kindness looks like respect, forgiveness, making room for each other's faults, preferring others over ourselves, and giving each other grace.

Unity

We want to proactively be working toward ever increasing unity; a unity so visible and so attractive that others will see God at work in the middle of us.

Healthy Relationships

We commit to healthy relationships. We desire to honor God in all of our relationships including but not limited to marriage, singleness, family and more.

We want the members of Lakewood to have STRONG MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES—to have GODLY AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.

