



The Lakeview Beacon

we're so glad you're here!

GET IN THE GAME: ACTIVATE CHURCH PARTICIPATION
JAMES 2:14-17

Faith Requires Action

James 2:14-17 is part of a letter written by James, the half-brother of Jesus, to Jewish Christians scattered throughout the Roman Empire. This passage addresses the relationship between faith and works, one of the most discussed topics in Christian theology. Living faith is more than mere belief in God. It involves partnering with God through actions that bring peace, order and life in the world. James uses a vivid, gut-wrenching illustration of someone who sees a fellow believer suffering from hunger and lack of clothing but only offers empty words like "Go in peace, be warmed and filled" without providing any practical help. Living faith in Christ changes the direction of a person's life. It always results in the believer beginning to participate in good works.



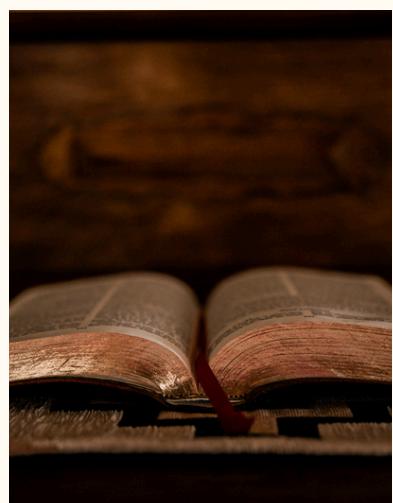
Pastor Brandon
Lead Pastor

What Does "Faith Without Works Is Dead" Mean?

A hopeful boy watches the street, waiting for his mom's car. "See you this weekend," she had said. "I'll pick you up; I promise!" But time ticks by. The sun sets and there's still no car. "Sorry bud," his dad says, "looks like she's not coming." The boy's hope evaporates, and worse, he's not surprised.

At first, his mom's promises held power and meant everything. But without real action to accompany her words, her promise is dead.

The New Testament talks like this about faith.



[Read More Here](#)

The 8:00am Service

Order of Worship

- Welcome
- Hymn Sing
- Baptism
- Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer
- Scripture Reading
- Message
- Holy Communion
- Benediction
- Response



We're excited to celebrate Steve Miller joining our church family! Steve will be baptized today, and we invite you to welcome him warmly as he takes this important step in his faith journey. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and let him know how glad we are to have him as part of our community!



The 9:30am Service - Order of Worship

- Prelude
- Welcome
- Opening Hymn - *Jesu Jesu* - #432
- Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer
- Prayer Song - *Alleluia* - #186
- Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer
- Scripture Reading - *James 2:14-17* - Gerry Sleeth
- Offering
- Hymn - *Lord, I Want to Be A Christian* - #402
- Message
- Closing Hymn - *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* - #664
- Announcements
- Benediction & Response - *His Name Is Wonderful* - #174
- Postlude



We lift up the following in prayer this week;

Lyle Adams, Vicki Anzaldi, Jan Baker, Melinda Cribben, Jerry Dibble, Sharon Gruhn-Hicks, Bluette Henriksen, Jerry Hicks, Judy Houdek, Caryl Jo Dagro, Dennis Keaney, Connie Kolakowski-Heide, Vern Swinson, Lynde Tolifson, Amy Woodward

"My dear friends at Lakeview United Methodist Church. It has been over a year since I left Arizona to be near my family in Columbus, Georgia and I miss my Lakeview Family more than I ever thought I would. I have been having my health challenges and asked for prayer and you have come through for me. I am doing better physically and I thank all of you who have prayed for me. I appreciate your love and concern."

Blessings, Phyllis Wilson

SHARE YOUR HEART: SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

We believe in the power of prayer and the comfort it brings. If you or someone you know is in need of support, we invite you to share your prayer request with us. Whether it's for guidance, healing, or thanksgiving, your request will be held in love and lifted up in prayer by our community. You're not alone—let us pray with you and for you.

[Submit your request here](#)

Come Cook Up Something Beautiful

We're looking for cook teams for Amazing Gray's to prepare nourishing lunches for our community once a month—a place where good food meets even better fellowship. Whether you're a seasoned chef or just getting comfortable with a spatula, your hands, your heart, and your kitchen skills are kneaded here. **Shadow Linda Sepulveda or Pastor Stuart to learn the ropes.**



Dinner, Music & Community

Gather with friends for food, fellowship, and live music with the Sun City All Stars Big Band on **Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 PM.**



THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

JANUARY 19, MONDAY

8:00am - *The Lakeview Wrappers* - Smoot Hall
9:00am - *Monday Exercise Class* - Smoot Hall
9:30am - *Narcotics Anonymous* - Choir Room
9:30am - *Crafters in Action* - Fellowship Hall

JANUARY 20, TUESDAY

9:00am - *Bible Study, The Bible Recap* - Conference Room
9:30am - *Narcotics Anonymous* - Choir Room
1:00pm - *Finance Committee Meeting* - Conference Room
2:00pm - *All Stephen Ministers* - Fellowship Hall

JANUARY 20, WEDNESDAY

9:00am - *Wednesday Exercise Class* - Smoot Hall
9:30am - *Narcotics Anonymous* - Choir Room
10:00am - *Caregiver Support Group* - Conference Room
11:15am - *Amazing Gray's Luncheon* - Smoot Hall
12:30pm - *Games* - Smoot Hall
12:30pm - *GriefShare* - Conference Room

JANUARY 22, THURSDAY

9:30am - *Narcotics Anonymous* - Choir Room
10:00am - *Lakeview Book Club* - Library
1:00pm - *Administrative Council* - Fellowship Hall
3:30pm - *Thursday Bible Study* - Conference Room
4:00pm - *Choir Rehearsal* - Music Room
4:45pm - *Thursday Night Together Dinner* - Smoot Hall
6:30pm - *Concert Night - All Stars Big Band* - Smoot Hall

JANUARY 23, FRIDAY

9:00am - *Friday Exercise Class* - Smoot Hall

JANUARY 24, SATURDAY

2:00pm - *Drum Circle Arizona* - Smoot Hall

JANUARY 25, SUNDAY

8:00am - *Worship Service* - Chapel / Online
9:30am - *United Women in Faith Sunday & Worship* - Worship Center / Online
9:00 & 10:30am - *Fellowship* - Smoot Hall

WHAT'S HAPPENING



AMAZING GRAYS LUNCHEON

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THURSDAY NIGHT TOGETHER DINNER

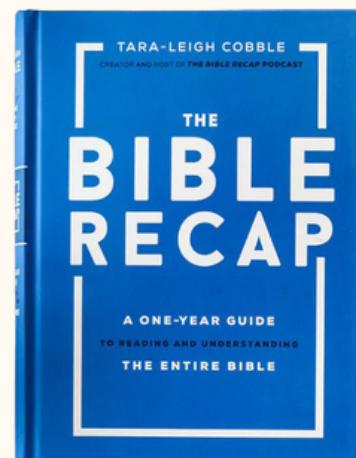
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A Year in God's Story: Read, Reflect, Grow Together

Have you ever wanted to read the entire Bible but felt overwhelmed or unsure where to begin? This coming year offers a beautiful opportunity to slow down, listen deeply, and experience Scripture as a shared journey rather than a solo task.

Starts **9:00 AM** in the Conference Room, join Saralee for a meaningful, year-long walk through the entire Bible using ***The Bible Recap with Tara-Leigh Cobble***. This study is designed to help connect the dots of Scripture, offering clarity, encouragement, and a deeper understanding of God's story—and our place within it.

Come as you are—curious, hopeful, or simply willing to take the next step. This is an invitation not just to read the Bible, but to experience it together, discovering how God continues to speak, shape, and guide us through His Word throughout the year ahead.



We Welcome a new Staff Member

We're thrilled to welcome Karen Alexander to our front office team! Karen brings a friendly smile and skills that will help keep our office running smoothly. Please stop by and introduce yourself—she's looking forward to meeting everyone!



The Lakeview Cookbook

ONE POT CHICKEN DUMPLING SOUP

Dumplings are one of those foods that just feel like fall and winter. Putting them in soup with tender chicken and creamy broth? Even better. This recipe uses refrigerated biscuit dough as a shortcut for the dumplings, so you don't have to spend hours in the kitchen.

[Get the recipe here](#)



The "Ask it Basket"

We'd love to hear what's on your heart! Submit your questions, and our pastors will address them in our video blog through authentic, honest conversations. It's a wonderful opportunity to dive deeper into topics that matter to you, so don't hesitate to send in your thoughts—we can't wait to connect with you!

[Submit Your Question Now](#)

Men's Pancake Breakfast Will Not Be Held This Year

We regret to inform you that this year's annual men's pancake breakfast has been canceled. Due to declining attendance and membership numbers, we don't feel we can successfully organize and execute the event this year.



Between the Lines

Join our book club for thoughtful conversation and fellowship **on the third Thursday of each month**. Whether you're a voracious reader or just looking for good company, there's always room at the table.

We explore a variety of genres and perspectives, from contemporary fiction to spiritual classics, and everything in between. Come ready to share your insights, hear new viewpoints, and connect with fellow readers who love a good story. New members are always welcome—no pressure to have finished the book, just bring your curiosity and an open mind!



Get Your Craft Together

Get creative and connect at Crafty Crafters, where we gather to work on projects, share ideas, and enjoy each other's company. Bring your current project or start something new all skill levels and craft types welcome!



Generosity: Our Response to Grace

Your gifts matter. When you give to Lakeview, you're not just supporting a ministry—you're joining God's transformative work in our community and beyond.

Why Generosity Matters

Our giving reflects our hearts. As recipients of God's boundless generosity, we're invited to participate in His kingdom work through our own generous giving. Every gift—whether large or small—becomes part of something greater than ourselves.

Simple Ways to Give

We've made giving convenient with seamless online options that allow you to participate in ministry impact anytime, anywhere.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7

Join us in experiencing the joy that comes from stewarding God's resources with open hands and grateful hearts.

[Make a donation here](#)