

2026 Report to the Advent Christian Eastern Region

The 2026 Lakeside youth and adult camp dates were as follows:

- Senior Camp: July 10-18
- Junior Camp: July 19-25
- Family Camp: July 25-August 2

Lakeside camping season began with our Senior and Junior youth camps. Senior Camp, lead by Directors **Greg Walton** and **Allison Johansen**, was based on the theme, “Red Letter Edition: Whoever has Ears to Hear, Let Them Hear,” from Matthew 11:15. Bible Teacher **Jordan Towle** delivered the Gospel message to 48 campers. Junior Camp, lead by Directors **Erica Alix**, **Laura Racine**, and **Jenn Sandoval**, was based on the theme, “Harvest of the Heart,” from Galatians 2:20. Bible teacher **Rev. Mike Alix** delivered the Gospel message to 44 campers.

The 147th Lakeside Family Camp (a.k.a., Campmeeting) was based on Philippians 1:27-30, “Living a Gospel-Worthy Life.” Family Camp began with a Saturday evening concert featuring **Jennifer Karnes Whitaker** and sister **Julie Karnes Morse**. The concert blessed us with beautiful vocal solos and duets, piano solos, piano and flute numbers, and personal testimonies. Their music was truly a blessing to all who attended.

Rev. Joe Pritchett was the evangelist for the entire Family Camp. Rev. Pritchett preached a sermon series centered around the camp theme of Living a Gospel-Worthy Life. Key takeaways were:

- Being Gospel-Worthy (Phil 1:27-30)
- The Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12)
- Getting to Know God (Psalm 42)
- We are not abandoned, God’s peace, and being obedient to the Spirit (John 14: 15-31)
- Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-6)
- The coming Judgement and how it is possible to walk with the Lord even in the worst of times. We need to ask God, what do YOU want me to be (Genesis 5:1-27)

Music throughout the encampment was led by **Jon and Sam Taber** with backup from **Becky Taber and Cindy Rice** bringing their God-given talent in voice and song to each service with great joy, drawing us closer to Christ. Jon and Sam also put a Berkshire Christian College reunion choir and Lakeside choir together for a number of services throughout the week.

Caleb Tuttle provided a meaningful Chapel time focused on “Knowing God.” This theme included scripture readings from Deuteronomy, Lamentations, 1Timothy, Isaiah, Romans, 1John, the Psalms, and several other passages. The five-part presentation series included a study on:

- The Holiness of God
- God’s Grace
- God’s Faithfulness
- God’s Sovereignty
- God’s love

Rev. Michael Tuttle took us on a deep dive into Archaeology and the Bible. This eye-opening series featured discussion on:

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- Evidence that supports the Biblical Narrative of the events at Shiloh.
- The Temple Mount and Hezekiah's Tunnel (Psalm 46)
- Zedekiah's Cave (1Kings 5:15-18)
- Temple Zero – Thought to be the temple of Melchizedek, priest of Salem (Genesis 14:18, 2Samuel 6:12-15, 1Kings 1: 33-34, and Hebrews 7:1-3)
- Arad Temple
- Via Dolorosa and the judgement seat of Pilot
- Shroud of Turin (Isaiah 53)

One can only conclude that the archaeological evidence overwhelmingly supports scripture!

Aurie Maxwell brought our children closer to Christ in a meaningful and fun way at Vacation Bible School with a focus on Stories of Jesus. Thank you to Aurie and her team for making Bible learning fun for Lakeside's growing child population.

Each Sunday morning, **Erika Walton, Zac Cole, and Ben Redman** led Sunday School classes available to the following three age groups: children ages 6 to 11, junior high/high school, and adults, respectively.

We were truly privileged and blessed to have an Advent Christian missionary family to the Philippines visiting with us at Lakeside this year. The **Cabrizos Family** (Erwin, Rowena, Zoe, and Racky) gave presentations on their ministry at a Chapel service and the Ladies of Lakeside Meeting. Zoe and Racky blessed us with a recorder duet at Friday's Chapel time. Special thanks to Jeff Walsh from the ACGC for coordinating this visit.

Thank you to the members of the Eastern Region for your prayers and words of encouragement throughout the 2026 campmeeting year. They are greatly appreciated.

In Christ's love,

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