



Big Lake Campmeeting Association Camp Report, 2026

We were blessed by an outpouring of community support as we prepared for Campmeeting this year. Many new volunteers stepped forward alongside longtime supporters, helping with grounds preparation and countless other tasks. Their generosity and servant hearts were instrumental in making camp possible and reflect a renewed commitment to the ministry and future of Big Lake.

We welcomed campers and members of the community back to the shores of Big Lake from July 18-24. We kicked off the week with our annual potluck dinner, which saw record attendance.

Earlier this spring, new metal roofs were installed on all camper cabins and the bathhouse. The plumbing in the bathhouse was upgraded, including new hot water heaters. We announced plans to expand camper capacity next year by building two new cabins. Funding for the project was raised in memory of Rev. Timothy Story to mark the 40th anniversary of his passing. The fundraising effort was organized by his son, Mark Story, with support from family, friends, and business associates. We look forward to welcoming future campers while continuing to honor Rev. Story's legacy.

Throughout the week, we gathered for nightly worship services. Pastor Joshua Ortega of H2O Ministries at Wright State University (Ohio) shared messages on the theme, *"Putting on the Full Armor of God."* Laiken Young (Ohio) returned to lead worship each evening and directed music time with campers each morning. Steve Cole (Maine) returned to lead the Adult Bible Study, Amy and Arron Barton (Ohio) returned as Youth Camp Directors.

Sunrise Christian Church hosted Vacation Bible School in the dining hall each morning, with an average of 7 children attending daily. VBS lessons also focused on the theme of *Putting on the Full Armor of God*.

We were blessed to welcome 39 youth campers this year, including the highest number of boys attending camp since before the COVID-19 pandemic. During the week, two campers made first-time professions of faith, eight young people renewed their commitment to Christ, and two campers were baptized in the lake on our final day. In addition, two other campers expressed a desire to be baptized at a later date.

Campers enjoyed a variety of activities throughout the week, including swimming in the lake, participating in group games, creating crafts, and showcasing their talents during the talent show. One craft activity involved making prayer journals to encourage campers to develop a personal daily

quiet time with the Lord. This year, we also introduced tubing on the lake as a new activity, which received an overwhelmingly positive response from campers.

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Thank you for the continued support and prayers for Big Lake Campmeeting.

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