

Trusting God with what is unfolding often requires us to hold two things at once: gratitude for what we can already see, and patience for what is still taking shape. As we turn the calendar into a new year, I've found myself reflecting on that balance—celebrating where God has been faithful, while remaining attentive to where He is leading us next.

One of the ways we're seeing this play out is in our preparations for summer. As of now, we have 24 summer staff hired, which is something to celebrate! Each person who says "yes" to a summer at Lake Beauty is stepping into an opportunity to serve campers, grow in leadership, and be used by God in meaningful ways. At the same time, there are still positions we're hoping to fill in the months ahead. If you're someone who enjoys praying specifically, we'd welcome prayers for the right people to continue to come forward—or if you know someone who might be discerning a summer at camp, we'd love for you to help spread the word.

We also recently gathered for our Young Adult Retreat, held at the very end of December and into the new year. Around 60 young adults joined us for a time marked by meaningful community and spiritual encouragement. There is something special about pausing together at the threshold of a new year—making space for worship, reflection, and connection with others who are walking a similar season of life. We're grateful for the ways God met us during that retreat and for the reminder of how valuable it is to invest in ministry outside of the summer months.

In addition, we've received our Power of Camp results and are spending time thoughtfully reviewing them. We are encouraged by what we're seeing and thankful for the ways God continues to work in the lives of campers through their experiences here. At the same time, we're approaching this data with care—listening closely and discerning what it can teach us as we plan for future summers. It's a gift to be able to celebrate fruit while also remaining committed to learning and growing as we steward this ministry well.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership with Lake Beauty. Whether through prayer, encouragement, or active involvement, your support makes this ministry possible. We look forward to what God will continue to unfold in the months ahead.

Cheerfully in Christ,  
Jodi Bertrand