

Marveling at God's Provision
From the Board of Directors

In the agenda and minutes from our last Lake Beauty Board of Directors meeting were some amazing numbers that I want to share with you. As you may recall, Lake Beauty Bible Camp hit a financial bump, not uncommon to churches and non-profit organizations. This year we had lower revenue and higher expenses leading to a projected deficit. In response, we asked Phil Tolbert to focus his efforts on fundraising. You responded to Phil's letters and calls, and God provided a year-over-year donation increase of over \$111,000.00! That is a lot of ones and zeros. God is so good. Clearly, these numbers also prove how strongly you and your home churches feel about the value of Lake Beauty Bible Camp. Your support means that we can start the 2026 year strong and hire staff we need to fulfill our program aspirations.

What were those numbers from our records? See for yourself.

- a. Outcome of fundraising this fall.
Donations Oct. 15, 2025–Jan. 7, 2026
General Fund Gifts: \$115,103
Member Church Support: \$33,451
Total: \$148,554

Donations Oct. 15, 2024–Jan. 7, 2025
General Fund Gifts: \$12,869
Member Church Support: \$23,847
Total: \$36,716

Difference from last year to this year:
+ \$111,838

We are awestruck at God's provision.

Two additional thoughts. Lake Beauty staff keep our facilities near capacity in the summer and on many weekends year round. Two things hold us back from full utilization: skilled volunteers and space to hold winter retreats. As our Program Director, Jodi, will tell you it takes a lot of people, both paid and volunteer, to stage our camps and retreats. If you feel a call to work with a camp, please let Jodi know. If your church could direct your youth workers to come for a week or two that would be awesome. Secondly, most of our buildings were not originally designed to house guests year-round. This past few months of typical Minnesota winter weather has shown just how razor thin our capacity is to host winter groups. A couple of busted heaters in cabins and we were scrambling. Having a group in Loon and one in Edlund pretty much maxed us out.

One of our new board members, Adam, and I were looking out a window at the falling snow and he mused "Why all the deferred maintenance?" Why indeed? Stay tuned.

One last note. God has provided funds to start the year strong. He has also provided excellent leadership with Dr. Keith Krueger and now Joel Rude. We are excited to have Joel leading Lake

Beauty as of February 1, 2026. Joel has a long history with Lake Beauty, starting in the 1980s: staff, program director, consultant to the board. He has been serving the Christian Camping community and non-profit organizations in general, for decades. Joel will tell you that Christian Camping is his calling. We are excited to have him back with us. Joel has several tasks, but one task of extreme importance is helping the board recruit a new Executive Director applicant pool, assess the potential Executive Director applicant pool, select the one person called to move us into the future and mentor the new Executive Director and staff. You can help by praying for God's wisdom as we seek and search. I am also asking you to greet Joel if you get a chance and give him a big "Welcome Back to Lake Beauty."

Thanks again for your prayers and financial support of Lake Beauty Bible Camp.

Dr. Phil Godding
Chair, Lake Beauty Bible Camp
Board of Directors

A procedure footnote: At the annual meeting we were unable to provide the expected bi-annual fiscal accounting review. That document is now available (we met all appropriate accounting standards for 2024 and 2025) and has been sent to our stakeholder churches and delegates who requested it once it became available. You may request a copy by contacting the camp office.