

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. *His love endures forever.*” Psalm 136:1

I have found a love for the Psalms in my adulthood- the ways that the authors capture the spectrum of human emotion is something that I admire, especially as I serve in a ministry setting like this. And, at the end of it all, always pointing the glory back to God! Let me just say- what an incredible summer season. I would love to start off with a quick recap.

August wrapped up with our Senior High camp. 187 campers came out to hear the exhortation of Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20. They were challenged in that this call to “go and make disciples” is not just for those in distinctly ministry settings, but that wherever God calls you is your ministry setting. It was a really beautiful way to wrap up our programmed summer camps.

Many of you anxiously await the summer camp stats and I am pleased to report that I have them for you. This summer at Lake Beauty, 60 campers gave their lives to Christ for the first time (Praise God!) and 374 renewed their commitment to following Christ. We also saw seven out of every eight campers select that they have a desire to spend more time reading their Bibles. I don’t want to take too much away from my annual meeting report, but we did add an additional question this year and 160 campers indicated that they have a desire to pursue baptism.

Thank you for your faithfulness and continued partnership with Lake Beauty- it is such a gift to report these stats and to know that the campers we love so much have support here and at home!

I also want to highlight the great gift that it was to have our 33 summer staff serving this summer. I am always in awe of the ways that the young adults in the church are willing to step up and into leadership roles for the next generation. It is because of their willingness to be used by the Spirit that camp is as special as it is. It is exciting to already consider hiring for summer 2026!

We have officially wrapped up the summer season with Labor Day Family Camp- we hope that you were able to join us for that. If not, we want to direct your attention to the other fun retreats we offer here before the end of the year.



Senior Adult Day	Sept 16
Women’s Retreat	Sept 26-28
Fall Youth Retreat	Oct 17-19
LBBC 63rd Annual Meeting	Nov 1

Fall Quilt Retreat #1	Nov 6-10
Fall Quilt Retreat #2	Nov 13-17
Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner	Dec 6
Young Adult Retreat	Dec 31-Jan 2

We hope to see you at camp soon!

Cheerfully in Christ,
Jodi Bertrand