

From the Lake Beauty Board of Directors

I'm not sure what the weather is like where you live but around Lake Beauty Bible Camp things are snowy and cold – at least on the outside. On the inside there is a lot of energy and a lot of planning for spring and summer activities.

First of all, let us say how profoundly humbled we are at the financial response from Lake Beauty stakeholder churches and the families who love Lake Beauty Bible Camp. Our God is not one of scarcity but a God of overflowing generosity. Phil Tolbert had been fundraising to eliminate a deficit, but enough money has come in to get Lake Beauty in a good position for this coming spring and summer. Your responses have been phenomenal. Thank you.

Due to your generosity, we can resume hiring. Due to your generosity, we can take care of a few more repairs needed and begin to set some long-term goals. Thank you.

There are a few comings and goings we want to acknowledge. First, we say goodbye to Phil and Jenna Tolbert as they move to a new ministry. Phil and Jenna (and the boys) will be missed both for their heart for ministry and their love for Lake Beauty Bible Camp. Second, we say goodbye to board members Pastor Brad Friedlein and Pastor Dan Pearson. Both have given many years of service and are mighty prayer warriors for the staff of Lake Beauty Bible Camp. We will miss them.

New board members have been elected and are excited to get started. Dan Riley, member-at-large, comes from an accounting background and wants to work to strengthen our accounting system. Abigail Lundquist will be replacing Brad and likes to work with communications and fundraising. Adam Christian, Lead Pastor at River Falls Covenant, comes with a love for youth camping and is excited to participate in governance at the camp level. We are excited and honored to welcome Dan, Abigail and Adam.

Finally, we have a couple of transitions happening in January. As of January 1, 2026, Dr. Keith Krueger will become the interim Executive Director at Lake Beauty. That name should sound familiar because he did that job for us in 2021. Keith is a current board member from St. Cloud and knows Lake Beauty intimately (he may have helped you park your car or cleared your plate at the Lutefisk and Meatball supper). The Board of Directors has also agreed to hire Joel Rude for the Interim Executive Director position beginning February 1, 2026. Joel knows Christian camping. Joel knows Lake Beauty well and has a long history with us. He is currently interim director for an independent Bible camp in Iowa so we cannot hire him just yet. Joel will help us search for a new Executive Director, stabilize our finances including fundraising, engage in staff development, work on governance issues, etc.

There you have it. Cold and snowy on the outside but bustling with God's love and vitality on the inside. The Board of Directors wants all staff and campers to thrive in their love for Jesus. Thanks to your prayers and support we are well on our way to a great 2026.

Dr. Phil Godding

Chair, Lake Beauty Bible Camp

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