

Back on the 30th of May, our 34 bright-eyed staff came into the summer ready to offer up their time, energy, and lives to the ministry of Lake Beauty Bible Camp and a furthering of the Gospel. On the 11th of August, we celebrated that offering in a banquet where we marked the completion of summer youth camps for 2023. Over the course of the 73 days that they were out here, we saw 73 campers come to know Christ for the very first time. We also saw 1,100 campers come to youth camp (186+ first time campers!) and take part in our programming. Let us rejoice in the wonderful ways that God has been working this summer (and always)!

In August, we concluded our youth camps with Senior High where campers enjoyed quite a few different activities; this included an amplified Wet 'N' Wild, seminars to challenge and encourage campers in their faith, some camp throwbacks (like FIMS and after dinner skits), and a Day in Reverse that had us starting early and going all day. Our speaker, Lindsay Johnson, brought us a wonderful word crafted from our theme and spent time getting to know every single campers name!

Over the course of this summer, we have been raising support for missionary, Tori Jeseritz, and the ministry that YWAM (Youth With A Mission) accomplishes over the course of each year. As Tori explained to each session of campers, YWAM is “the world's largest missionary training and sending organization. The base in Kona is their largest base, training 1,500 young adults a year and sending them all over the world to share the gospel and meet the specific needs of the nations they go to.” As Tori has re-entered into that work, it is my joy to be able to communicate with all of you that our youth camps raised over \$7,000! We are excited to be able to support Tori and YWAM in this work.

It is certainly fun to reflect on where we have been, but it is made even more fun when considering the direction that we are going. We enter now into the retreat season where Lake Beauty has the opportunity to cap off the summer season with Labor Day Family Camp, from September 1st-4th. After that, we play host to some specialized retreats in Senior Adult Day (September 19th), Women's Retreat (September 29th-October 1st), and Fall Quilt Retreat (#1-Nov. 2-6, #2 Nov. 9-13).

We hope that you are able to come out and join us in this retreat season or for the 61st Annual Meeting on October 28th. Thank you for your continued prayer and support and let us continue confidently in the direction that God has called us to.

Cheerfully in Christ,
Jodi Bertrand