

In February, we often celebrate love. St. Valentine's Day (February 14—for those men who need a reminder) honors a man who reportedly defied Emperor Claudius II by performing weddings after they were outlawed, since the emperor believed single men made better soldiers. We at Lake Beauty Bible Camp celebrate with a marriage retreat February 13-15. Celebrating love is thought to be one of Jesus' earliest miracles when He attended a wedding and was asked to help others out of an awkward situation. Love is often compelled to be others focused. St. Valentine was martyred for being others focused (on February 14), Jesus performed the miracle of turning water into wine for the sake of others.

I have had the privilege of being an eye witness to this others focused love during my short time as the interim executive director at Lake Beauty Bible Camp during January of 2026. I have had many people reach out to me during this month to offer ways to improve our camp. These offers were followed by these same people offering themselves (time and talent) to fill the many needs we have at Lake Beauty. I had the privilege to see the staff work long hours-giving of themselves to supply “christian hospitality” to our guest groups. I do believe love compels us to action and others centered. So as my time as interim executive director ends, I look forward to continuing to serve on the Board of Directors and also volunteer as I see needs. Phil Godding in his note to you pointed out how generous you have been with your money. I encourage you to ask God how He wants you to be generous with your lives, both within your churches and here at Lake Beauty Bible Camp.

Humbly serving,
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