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End of Summer

It is always hard to believe how fast summer really happens. We plan for months and months for this 12-week season, and then in a blink of an eye, 1200 kids come through the entrance of camp! They get put into cabin groups, meet new counselors, have late night conversations about life, eat three meals a day, go to chapel twice a day, play big games at night and paintball during the day, horse rides through the woods, make great craft projects...and most importantly, Jesus shows up and lives are transformed. We have definitely seen all this happen over the past 12 weeks. God's faithfulness has been evident in every week of camp. We are encouraged by the increase in the number of campers this year, and it is a testimony of God at work. This year is the first summer in eleven years that our camper numbers have been more than the previous year – we are up over 9 percent! God's love has been shown to these campers, and they have left with a new excitement to share with others the love they have found. Yet again, we have been blessed with another great summer staff – they have labored hard and loved campers well. Thank you to everyone who was a part of the memorable summer of 2011!



Senior Adult Day

We hope that you are marking your calendars on Tuesday, September 20th (10 am – 2 pm) for our Senior Adult Day. This day is a highlight for me every year. Over the past five years, this event has grown from a group of about 25 to last year's group of 147! We are hoping to see that number continue to rise, and we would love to see 200 this year. It is going to be a great day, and we have planned lots of fun activities and invited several special guests. The Foundation Quartet is coming to

share their gift of music, and Kevin Lawson from Covenant Estate Planning will be here to talk with those interested in leaving a legacy and how Covenant Trust Company can help with that. Of course there will be some great food, the latest news about what is happening at camp, and a tour of the many updates and upgrades that are underway here at LBBC. We are also beginning to make plans for the 50th Anniversary of Lake Beauty, and we would love to have you come on the 20th to share some stories of camp. There will be someone doing some videotaping, as well as paper and pens so you can jot things down, so start thinking of some great Lake Beauty memories. These are exciting times at camp, and we are blessed to be able to celebrate 50 years of God's faithfulness in the ministry that has happened here for the last half century. Please plan to joint us on September 20th – it will be a great day!

Pastors Retreat

This week we are hosting the 4th annual Pastor Family and Ministry Staff Retreat. This is one of our retreats that has become a gift to our member churches as we serve our pastors and their families. We are very pleased to have the largest camp to date this year – we have hit the 100 mark! Yesterday we welcomed 100 people with 31 families being represented. This retreat is designed to allow the pastors to let their hair down, relax, and be served just as they serve your congregations all year long. It is going to be a laid back week in which they will be able to enjoy time with their families, time with other pastors and their families, and some great times of worship. We have received countless emails and

phone calls from pastors and their spouses over the past few years about what a blessing it has been to them to be loved and cared for as they are at this retreat...we here at Lake Beauty are happy to do it!

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