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LBBC Updates

Master Site Plan

We are pleased to announce that we have met our goal of \$40,000.00 to begin our Master Site Plan for Lake Beauty! We have felt God's leading to contract with Fletemeyer & Lee Associates, Inc., a company that has worked with many of our Covenant Camps. In the past few months, FLA has already begun having conversations with the local governmental agencies. We have selected a group from the board to serve as the steering committee for the project, and they will be meeting with Jim Fletemeyer in late August to start determining Lake Beauty's next steps in this process. In addition, FLA has provided us with a constituent survey that will be available on our homepage (www.lbbc.com) that allows you to share your input about Lake Beauty. That survey is now online and will be posted through September 10. We look forward to hearing from you and updating you through email and the newsletter as we move ahead.

Fall Events

Start checking your calendars because there are some great events happening here at Lake Beauty this fall. Our Women's Retreat will be September 18-20, and Lisa Orris will be the speaker for the weekend. Shortly after that, on Tuesday, September 22, is our Annual Fall Senior Adult Day, a time of fun and fellowship with other senior adults at Lake Beauty. As we head into October, we are going to kick off the month with our Men's Work in the Woods weekend, which will be October 2-3. You can register online (www.lbbc.com) or by phone (1-800-732-1990). We hope to see you all this fall!

Bryon Anderson (1966-2009)

This has been a difficult couple of weeks for us as staff and as a board at LBBC. On August 3, 2009, the Lord chose to call home Bryon Anderson (42) of St Cloud. Bryon was a Board Member of LBBC and a great friend. His passing is a reminder to all of us that we don't know what tomorrow brings, so we should use each minute of each day to make the most of every opportunity God gives us. Bryon did just that and he is going to be deeply missed. Please continue to pray for Joy his wife and their two children in these next days, weeks, and months.

From the Desk of Brian Alnes

Several months ago, I wrote about our partnership with Northern Lakes Ministries to begin an outdoor education program called Northern Lakes Impact Center at Lake Beauty. They have sent out promotional materials to over 400 schools in a 100-mile radius of camp, and already there have been inquiries about the program. Maria Rudesill, one of the directors of the program, is currently at camp adapting their curriculum and teaching some of the components to our staff. I just got home from a night of stargazing with her, my family, and the Shenebergers. What an amazing universe God has created and what an amazing place God has given us with Lake Beauty! I am reminded on a daily basis how blessed we are to be able to be serving here. We have been blessed beyond measure this summer with a great staff and great kids who have come to know Jesus in deeper, more meaningful ways. This summer was one of significant changes as it was Jeremy "JJ" Johnson's first summer as our Program Director: it was a vertical learning curve to say the least, but God showed Himself in some amazing ways. As we near the end of another summer season and begin gearing up for a new retreat season, I am truly excited about what God has done through Lake Beauty and what He has in store for us in the future.



A Note From JJ's Desk



As I write this article, the last of our summer staff are heading down the driveway. God has blessed us incredibly at every turn as we have endeavored to proclaim Jesus and reflect his love this summer. I want to take a moment to publicly thank the amazing group of people that served here this summer for their unflinching commitment to their call and for their love for all our campers and guests. There is much to celebrate from this summer, but there is equally as much to look forward to as we transition into the retreat season. Fall retreats and snow camps will be here before we know it! Remember, the camp experience is not limited to one week out of the year. I urge all of you to take a careful look at the events listed in this newsletter, as well as the full retreat schedule on our website, and to do what you can to make one of our retreats a priority for you and your family. Hope to see you here soon!

Scuba's News

Volunteers are such a blessing to Lake Beauty, and one of our main areas of need during our retreat season is in the kitchen. Steve "Scuba" Reynolds, our Food Service Director, is passionate about making the kitchen a place that Proclaims Jesus and Reflects His Love and he would love for you to volunteer in the kitchen! He is in the process of putting together a database of volunteers, so if you are interested, please send him your contact info (name, phone number(s), email address(es), etc.) at scuba@lbbc.com.

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