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Jr/Super High Retreat

We kicked off February 2010 with a GREAT Jr/Super High Retreat! It was a perfect winter weekend of time with God, fun with friends, and plenty of playing in the snow. We were very excited because we had 19 first-time campers from Plymouth Covenant

Church! It was not a weekend to miss, but if you did, you can already start planning for next year. Our 2011 Jr/Super High Retreat will be Feb. 4-6, and for those going into high school next year, our Sr High Retreat will be October 29-31, 2010. Save the dates now and find out what you've been missing!



Retreat Changes

The purpose of Lake Beauty is to Proclaim Jesus and Reflect His Love as clearly and effectively as we can. To that end, we are making some changes in our approach to Men's, Women's, Father & Son, and Mother & Daughter retreats. In the past, these retreats have been fairly nebulous as to what age a man is a man, or a woman is a woman. This has made for some interesting retreats, but it has made it much more difficult to program for both younger and older kids, as well as their parents, at the same retreat. In tracking guest comments over the past few years, a common theme has been that often the programming and speakers seem to resonate with either younger or older children, but not both. To help alleviate this challenge, we are going to program our Father & Son and Mother & Daughter retreats specifically for parents and their children up to the age of 13. For those fathers and mothers wanting a retreat with their children ages 13 or older, we are suggesting that they join the Men's or Women's Retreat. By making this change, we are hoping our speakers can be more specific in tailoring their messages so that they will not either go over the heads of younger children or be too "light" for older kids. We know that no retreat is perfect, but we feel very strongly that this will be a positive change for all who attend. We understand that some flexibility with the age 13 cut-off might be very helpful to some families, and we are more than happy to accommodate, but we want everyone to be aware of how we are now programming these retreats. Hopefully, these changes will allow us even greater opportunities to Proclaim Jesus and Reflect His Love.

From the Desk of Brian Alnes

Valentine's Day weekend was our Couples' Retreat, a great opportunity for couples to come together without the normal distractions of life and get focused on what God desires for their relationships. Our speakers, Neil and Sharol Josephson, did an amazing job facilitating conversations between couples. Snowshoeing, skeet shooting, fires in the fireplace, tubing, broomball, and a pig roast were some of the highlights. I was very encouraged by the number of first timers that were a part of the retreat. A great time was had by all and we're already putting plans together for next year. Thank you to all who came, and we'll see you next year.



Men's Retreat 2010



March 26-28 is fast approaching, so save the date now! We are making plans for an awesome weekend beginning Friday night with worship and concluding with worship on Sunday. We will eat well, be challenged in our walks with Jesus, and have loads of fun with different activities throughout the weekend. Final details are coming together, so expect a brochure in the mail soon. Three years ago, at the request of several of our guys, we added a work project to the retreat. We have gotten a lot of work done in the last three years, and we plan to continue the tradition this year with woodcutting and a few other light projects. Don't worry, though, because we're going to play as hard as we work. This year we are going to talk firearms, and we will have some very focused time on the skeet and rifle range. If you have a special firearm that you would like to sight in or dust some skeet with, make sure you bring it with you. While you're packing, throw in some grubby clothes that you can use for an amazing game of Capture the Flag paintball! Three years ago we had 109 men show up even after a 17-inch snowstorm, and we and we managed to reside and roof 11 cabins. We REALLY want to see over 100 guys out again this year. Get it on your calendars and get ready for an amazing weekend!

Spring Work Day

At the request of many of our constituent churches, we have changed the date of our 2010 Spring Work Day to April 24th. This will allow people to fully enjoy both Mother's Day weekend and the fishing opener while still being a part of the workday at Lake Beauty. Get this date on the church calendars! It's always a fun event, and we would love to have more hands and faces brightening the day and sharing in the food, fellowship, and labors of love.

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