

Summer 2025

# THE DOCK

Cedar Lake Ministries' Quarterly Newsletter



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## DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mike James  
Executive Director

Our last week of summer camp ended August 1st. Over 750 children attended camp this year!! What a blessing it was to see the children being positively impacted at this ministry and the efforts of all the Summer Counselors and Program Team. If you did not have a child or grandchild attend one of the weeks of summer camp, please visit the CLM Facebook page to view some of the highlights.

There are so many exciting things happening here!

We are rebuilding many of the historic buildings; Torrey Auditorium has a new roof, Rest-A-While has a new roof, new furnaces and hot water equipment, and Lakeview Lodge (the historic bunkhouse built in the 1880s) is currently being restored. We've already completed structural repairs to the entryway, installed new plumbing, furnaces and tankless hot water heaters, and have remodeled the foyer and Ladies bathroom. Our current focus is on the roof.

In addition to restoring camp, we are enhancing these hallowed grounds for future generations. Our vision of building a large multi-use Pavilion is being realized! Construction of the primary structure (60 x 128) was completed in time for the last week of summer campers to enjoy. We are planning a night of worship in September to dedicate the new Pavilion and thank HIM for the provision. In the future, we hope to have a concrete floor installed so multiple sports can be played inside, the sounds of worship concerts can fill the air, and various other uses can occur. Our vision of building ADA compliant bunkhouses as well as an outdoor amphitheatre on the lakefront is still on our hearts.

If you'd like to be a part of the camp's revival, please visit our website to learn more about getting involved.

We thank you for all of your prayers and support and pray you've had a wonderful summer!



## Camp Restoration

## TOP 10 NEEDS

We, as a ministry, are reflecting on the many ways we have been richly blessed over years. This year our camp turns 110 years old. That is 110 years of serving the Lord and being a light to everyone who steps foot on these historic grounds. As we reflect on the work that God has done at this ministry, we recognize a lot of work that needs to be done in order for this camp to last another 110 years. Several of our buildings have been around for many years and some of them are starting to show their age. These buildings need some restoration in order to continue providing a safe place to facilitate spiritual growth in our guests.

The first building that we have started to restore is Lakeview. This historic building has been a part of Cedar Lake Ministries since the very beginning. Many people hold this building near and dear to their hearts because of the experiences they have had there. It needs some help in order to continue serving our guests. We need to put a new roof on it, install a new drainage system around it, and replace the flooring inside.

We are also planning to breathe some fresh life into Rest-A-While Lodge. This is our most popular lodging location. Over the years the carpet in the lobby has become worn out. In order to freshen up this beloved building, we are going to replace the flooring in the lobby and eventually in the rooms as well.

Finally, we are hoping to update our security system soon. In order to be good stewards of what the Lord has done for us, we must take care of what we have. Replacing our security system ensures that our grounds will be safe.

Volleyball Net - \$25

Archery Targets - \$482

Mattress Covers - \$3,000

Accoustic Panels - \$600

New Carpet Runners - \$560

Four PTAC units - \$8,000

Five Well Hot Line - \$ 5,000

Commercial Washer - \$20,000

New signage around camp - \$500

Backup Generator for Kitchen - \$12,000

## WHAT'S THE IMPACT?

We thank God for the consistent dedication of our volunteers. Recently completed volunteer projects include painting the columns of our newest Cedars building, ongoing landscaping and signpost painting throughout camp and refreshing the bell tower with a new coat of paint. This summer, 18 nursing students from Ivy Tech - Crown Point contributed their time and skills by assisting with first aid, administering medications under RN supervision and helping supervise the lakefront.



## Volunteers

Scan this QR Code or email our Volunteer Coordinator at:  
[paige.c@cedarlakeministries.org](mailto:paige.c@cedarlakeministries.org)



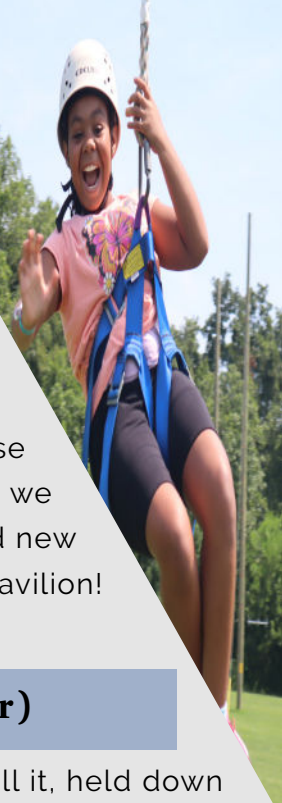
## Maintenance - Tim (Maintenance Director)

Along with our daily upkeep of the grounds, we have been rebuilding some old machines and equipment in the maintenance yard. We continue to plug along at the Lakeview Lodge rebuild project. We are also projecting and planning all future projects and repairs.



## **Program- Emma (Program Coordinator)**

Program had an amazing summer! From laughing going down the zipline at day camp to a tear-filled evening at teen overnight stick service, the campers had a great time. We had about 10 counselors throughout the summer as well as a lead staff member, a lifeguard and a media assistant that helped make this summer successful! Even short-staffed, God gave us so much strength and patience as we showed the campers the Gospel. God showed up in pretty miraculous ways this summer. During both our elementary and teen overnight stick services (a night service to finish the week), we had thunderstorms and could not finish. Program had to improvise and move into Torrey. Both evenings, we ended up having the deepest stick services we have ever seen. And to end the summer, we spent the last 3 days of camp in our brand new pavilion! Thank you to everyone that prayed, donated, and helped put together our pavilion! We hope to fill it next year at day camp!



## **Housekeeping- Hannah ( Housekeeping Manager)**

The Housekeeping team has had a great summer so far! Team number 1, as I like to call it, held down the fort, worked together as a team, and put God first in the work we accomplished. There have been lots of laughs and friendships made to last a lifetime this season. With school coming up, all of team number 1 has moved on to the next chapter that God has for them. Team number 2 (recent new hires) have been working out splendidly! I am so grateful for each and everyone of those that God has put on His team. All of us puzzle pieces have fit together in only ways God could have planned. Thank you to everyone who has prayed for CLM and our mission. As we exit the thick of summer, I feel so blessed to have experienced yet another fantastic season.

## **Kitchen- Ed (Food Service Director)**

We were blessed with the compressor for our walk-in cooler being replaced. We have seen several residents volunteering in the dinning room. We have seen the Lord touching the lives of the foodservice staff. We had a cooking class to teach the teenagers how to make meatballs. The Guest groups have enjoyed their stay, food, and service. We have been meeting at the bell on Sunday's for devotions for staff and residents. We are in need of a Generator that can handle the kitchen when the power goes out.

## **Guest Services- Dawn (Guest Services Senior Manager)**

The summer has been very busy. Our team has worked well together sharing the tasks of phone calls, emails, event plan calls, setting up, hosting, locking up and facilitating outdoor activities. It's been great to see the camp full and activities being utilized. Our guest groups have enjoyed their camp experience at CLM. We've received lots of great feedback on the food and friendly, helpful staff. Guests have commented that we create an atmosphere where they can deepen their relationships with the Lord. We are beginning to fill our calendar for 2026. We now have more returning groups as well as many relationships forming with new churches coming for the very first time. We are looking forward to hosting many more groups this fall and winter. Our desire is to serve them well, form ministry relationships, and have them call Cedar Lake Ministries 'their' place to return year after year.



# UPCOMING WAYS TO ENGAGE

## PRAISES & PRAYER

- Praise God the Pavilion Project was completed before the end of Summer 2025!
- Our growing ministry team and staff transitions.
- The first step of the Lakeview restoration project has been completed. Thank the Lord for His provision and for the generosity of those who helped us.
- Pray for continued funding and help as we now have to do an emergency replacement of the Lakeview roof.
- Pray that we will develop deeper relationships with new and returning donors.
- Pray for the Lord to move mightily in our guests and staff throughout this upcoming Fall.



Registration is now open for **all** 2025 and most 2026 programs! More information, including event details, dates, and pricing, is available on our website, [www.cedarlakeministries.org](http://www.cedarlakeministries.org).

## MAKE AN IMPACT

As many of you know, it takes a lot to keep a ministry like ours going. We need partners to come alongside us both financially and in prayer. Please prayerfully consider becoming a partner in our ministry. Our Make an Impact Partnership is a simple, secure, and hassle-free method that allows you to support the ministry and its life-changing work on a monthly basis—even \$10 a month makes a big difference. Your generosity correlates to direct influence on hearts and lives, as campers and guests of all ages are enabled to encounter their Savior—a true Kingdom impact!

