

Fall 2025

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Cedar Lake Ministries' Quarterly Newsletter



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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mike James
Executive Director

Cedar Lake Ministries turned 110 years old this year!! Over 750 children attended camp this year, almost 300 adults attended retreats, and we expect 5,700 guests from churches, schools and families to have stayed in our facilities by the end of the year. It's truly a blessing to see so many lives being changed on these hallowed grounds.

Our new Winter Retreat Specials are starting to get the attention of people that want to come here to enjoy the beauty of His creation at the lake during the fall and winter. Consider joining us for our Christmas Gala (12/6); registrations are now open.

There are so many exciting things happening here. In addition to impacting the lives of children and adults, many of the historic buildings are being revitalized and a new addition to camp has been built.

- We have invested in rebuilding Torrey Auditorium and Rest-A-While lodge and are now focused on restoring the beloved and historic Lakeview bunkhouse that was built in the late 1800s. Our current focus is on the roof, exterior and windows.
- In addition to restoring camp, we are excited to announce that last year's vision of building a large (60'x 128') multi-use Pavilion has been realized. Children attending the last week of summer camp were able to enjoy the structure and, at the end of September, we held a night of worship to dedicate the new Pavilion and thank Him for His provision. The band from Faith Church - Cedar Lake led worship for well over 125 people that enjoyed the event. 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.

We are truly grateful to all the people that He has used to help us revitalize camp and build the Pavilion. If you'd like to be a part of the camp's revitalization, please visit our website to learn more about getting involved.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support.

Restorations & Improvements

We are continuing our efforts to revive these historic grounds. The biggest parts of these efforts are the restoration of Lakeview and the addition of our new pavilion.

Lakeview is the oldest building at our camp and needed a major restoration in order to continue serving as one of our bunkhouses. Since our last newsletter, we have nearly completed the process of replacing the roof. We have also begun the process of replacing the windows and siding. Volunteers have played a major role in our ability to make this progress as you will see below. Please continue to pray for the financial and safety needs of our team as we continue this project.

We have also been very blessed by the opportunity to use our new pavilion. We had a time of worship and prayer as we dedicated this new space to the service of the Lord. The next step now is to add a concrete floor. Please join us in praying for the Lord's continued provision as we raise the necessary funds.

TOP 10 NEEDS

Kayaks - \$350

Used Skid-steer

Archery Targets - \$482

Acoustic Panels - \$600

Mattress Covers - \$3,000

New Carpet Runners-\$560

Four PTAC units - \$8,000

FiveWell Hot Line - \$5,000

New signage around camp-\$500

Backup Generator for Kitchen - \$12,000

WHAT'S THE IMPACT?

Our team has made great progress on several projects recently - thanks to the help of Bethel Young Adults and Hillside Community Church. The Bethel group removed old siding on Lakeview, installed new plywood on the exterior walls, and painted the wood trim around the windows in preparation for aluminum wrapping. Hillside helped remove our ministry pier, raked leaves, and gave the Hickory bunkhouse a deep clean. We are so grateful for our dedicated volunteers. Truly, many hands make for lighter work!

Volunteers

Scan this QR Code or email our
Volunteer Coordinator at:
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Maintenance- Tim (Maintenance Director)

We are continuing to work on restoring Lakeview so that it can be a facility that blesses our guests for years to come. We are also working on many other projects around camp including lawn care and landscaping. One thing that would help tremendously would be the donation of a skid-steer. Please join us in praying for this need to be met.



Program- Hunter (Program Manager)

Our Program team has been hard at work running our Fall events and planning for our 2026 events! We had 2 fantastic weekends with our Man Camp and Fall Ladies Retreat. At Man Camp, we had a man accept Christ and commit to following Him on the first night! That set the stage for a truly incredible weekend of worship and spiritual growth. At Fall Ladies Retreat, we had a wonderful time of fellowship and growth as we talked about praying more and worrying less. We are very thankful for the support and appreciation that was shown to our team during these events. They were both truly rich and powerful weekends where the Lord moved mightily. Now we are setting our sights on the upcoming Christmas Gala and our 2026 events. We have also been going to Christian colleges to recruit students for our summer staff. Please pray for wisdom for our team as we continue to prepare for these events.



Housekeeping- Mercedes (Housekeeping Coordinator)

The Housekeeping team has had a great Fall so far! Team number 2 has integrated very well. Hannah, the Housekeeping manager, has given birth to a beautiful baby boy! She, as well as her family, are doing well and staying healthy through the flu season. God has helped so much through this process for her and now He will be helping the Housekeeping Department as new management rolls in. Thank you to everyone who has prayed for CLM and our mission. As I enter into this new role, I feel so blessed that God has led me on this path to CLM.

Kitchen- Ed (Food Service Director)

Hello Prayer Partners! We are deeply humbled by the immense blessings we receive here daily at the Oaks dining hall. It's a joy to serve at the ministry because of your support, we deeply appreciate you allowing us to do so. One thing that we are in need of is a backup generator to safeguard our food inventory in the event of a power outage and prevent costly spoilage. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Guest Services- Dawn (Guest Services Senior Manager)

The colors are changing — and so are lives! Since September, over 20 church groups have gathered at Cedar Lake Ministries for retreats, with more scheduled through the end of the year. We've been blessed by meaningful conversations, heartfelt prayers, and encouraging feedback from guests who have experienced God's presence here. It's clear that God is at work at Cedar Lake Ministries. As we look ahead, we're already gearing up for the new year with 30 groups confirmed so far. Contact us for our off-season specials! We can't wait to see how God continues to move in this place! Thank you for your prayers and support — together, we're making room for God to change lives!



UPCOMING WAYS TO ENGAGE

PRAISES & PRAYER

- Praise the Lord for the progress that we have made on Lakeview and around camp!
- Please pray for wisdom for our staff as they make decisions for this ministry.
- Pray for the Lord's continued provision and protection as we serve.
- Pray that we will develop deeper relationships with new and returning donors.
- Pray for opportunities to build strong partnerships with our local churches.
- Pray for the Lord to move mightily in our guests and staff throughout this upcoming Winter.



Registration is now open for **all** 2026 programs! More information, including event details, dates, and pricing, is available on our website, 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 directly influence hearts and lives, as campers and guests of all ages are enabled to encounter their Savior—a true Kingdom impact!

