

LAKESIDE - 2017

A Ministry of Converge Northeast

Overview

The Holy Spirit performed mightily at Lakeside over the past year. Working in partnership with a number of churches and ministries we witnessed hundreds of men, women, and children commit their lives to Christ.

For example, during a Morning Light Ministry regional retreat last January, over 80 men committed their lives to Christ. During C.A.M.P.S. (Christ As My Person Savior) week in August, over 200 Catholic middle and high school age students responded to the testimony and Gospel presentation of former Navy S.E.A.L. Chad Williams. During Lakeside summer camp weeks, over 82 children made personal commitments to Christ. These are just a few examples of what God is doing every week at Lakeside.

The church retreat portion of the ministry continues to grow. We are blessed with the opportunity to serve a growing number of ethnic churches and ministries throughout the year, especially, Hispanic, Brazilian, Chinese, and Korean.

We ask for your prayers as the Lakeside board sets the vision for the next several years. Specifically, please pray that we remain faithful stewards to both God's ministry work and the resources he has provided.

Church & Ministry Retreats

- Church and ministry retreat bookings remain steady, and include the addition of the 200 strong annual Iglesias de Dios men's retreat.
- Facility needs by church groups continue to exceed capacity, including accommodations, worship space, and meeting rooms.
- Property improvements continue to enhance the overall guest experience.

Summer Camp

- Lakeside concluded its 37th year of summer camp ministry. The programming continues to emphasize presentation of the Gospel, and ways in which campers can live as followers of Christ in all aspects of life.
- The leadership development program ministered to 12 high school age students during six weeks of training in evangelism, apologetics, discipleship, youth ministry, and Christian service.
- Summer camp attendance remained steady this year, with a return rate of over 60-percent.
- Lakeside continues to hire summer camp counselors with specific youth ministry and Christian education skills. Lakeside camp counselors had at least two years of college, many from schools

such as Liberty University and Gordon College. These both enhance the quality of supervision and the depth of discipleship.

Lakeside Youth & Family

- Lakeside's winter youth retreat filled to capacity for the third year running, with 28 teenagers committing their lives to Jesus Christ. Registration is open for the upcoming winter youth retreat, January 12-14, 2018
- Family weekend retreats continue to fill to capacity. We continued in partnership with the Center for Biblical Parenting, to provide families with Christ-centered skills for raising children and strengthening marriages.
- Lakeside continued its partnership with the Massachusetts Family Institute to provide a seminar to residents in Berkshire County (MA) to encourage Christians to engage their local communities.

Financial Highlights

- The annual CPA audit concluded a clean report for fiscal year 2016. The 2017 audit is scheduled for later this month. Copies of the annual audit are available upon request.
- We remain diligent in managing cash flow, minimizing expenses, and avoiding debt.
- A positive net income is expected for the fiscal year, ending September 30, 2017.

Board Members

- Current Lakeside Board Members are: Rev. Brent Allen - Executive Minister, Converge Northeast; Rev. Ronald Larson - Grace Baptist Church, Bristol, CT; Mr. Jeff Hug, City Church, New Haven, CT, Rev. Dan Darling, North Haven, CT; Mr. Jonathan Parker – Calvary Church, West Hartford, CT; Mrs. Sandy Soto Hall - Heritage Bible Chapel, Princeton, MA; and, Ms. Amy Schmelder - Grace Baptist Church, Bristol, CT.

Upcoming Youth & Family Retreats

- Lakeside Winter Youth Retreat – January 12-14
- Awana Youth Retreat – January 19-21
- Lakeside Women's Retreat – April 27-29
- Family Weekend – May 26-28 (Memorial Day)
- Lakeside Youth Camp – beginning June 24
- Awana Youth Camp – August 12 – 18

Visit www.lakesideonline.org or call 413-447-8930 for information and registration, o