
ROCK LAKE RIPPLES

SHARING OUR YEAR WITH YOU



CELEBRATING A SUMMER OF TRANSFORMATION

As I reflect on another incredible summer at Rock Lake Christian Assembly, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the many ways God has moved through this ministry. None of what we do would be possible without you.

First and foremost, thank you for supporting the work of this ministry. Your prayers, financial gifts, and encouragement provide the foundation for everything we do. Your investment in this ministry impacts countless lives, from the youngest campers to the volunteers who give so selflessly of their time. We also want to thank those of you who have entrusted your children and grandchildren to us this summer. What a privilege it is to partner with you in helping the next generation grow in their faith, develop lasting friendships, and experience God in a life-changing way.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our amazing team of volunteers—faculty, kitchen helpers, landscaping crews, check-in teams, camp store and canteen workers, and so many more. You are the hands and feet of Jesus, serving with love and joy. It takes all of us working together to make camp a reality here at Rock Lake, and we are so grateful for your service.

This summer, we had the incredible opportunity to serve 619 students through our summer camp programs. Among those, 24 baptisms were celebrated here on campus, with many more taking place in home churches across the region. Each baptism represents a life forever changed by the power of Jesus Christ.

One story that stands out is that of a young camper who engaged in a series of meaningful conversations about baptism and salvation. While some of her friends chose to be baptized at camp, she made a heartfelt decision to be baptized at her home church, believing her mom might attend for the first time if she did. What a joy it was to watch online as this camper shared her testimony, was baptized, and witnessed her mom experience church in a powerful way. Moments like these remind us of the ripple effects of God's work through Rock Lake Christian Assembly. Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are raising up a generation of young people who know and follow Jesus Christ. Your partnership means the world to us, and we look forward to continuing this mission alongside you.

-Tim St. Louis
Camp Director

RETREATS FOR EVERYONE

Spring is just around the corner, and we have a robust retreat lineup designed to bring people together, build community, and deepen faith. Whether you're seeking spiritual growth, fellowship, or simply time away, there's something for everyone:

- **Young Adults Retreat:** February 7-9
- **4th & 5th Grade Retreat:** February 14-16
- **Man Camp:** February 21-23
- **Spring Ladies Retreat:** March 7-9
- **Spring Craft Retreat:** March 17-20
- **Middle School Retreat:** March 21-23
- **Elders Retreat:** April 4-5
- **High School Retreat:** April 25-27
- **Worship Leader Retreat:** May 1-3



My name is Blake Harrison. As the Rock Lake Program Manager, I get to work with people and design programs like these that unite people for the Kingdom of God. It's incredible to see lives changed, relationships formed, and faith deepened through our many programs here throughout the year!

For more details and to register, visit rlca.org/upcoming-events. I can't wait to see how God works through these events this spring and beyond!

Blake Harrison- Program Manager

FROM THE TRUSTEES



Christmas is well upon us and while this is our son's second Christmas, last year if it wasn't Mom or Dad, Liam didn't care about it. Now that he is interested in his surroundings Eli and I have been talking about what we want to make sure is part of Liam's Christmas this year and going forward. Sitting down to write for this edition of the Ripples, my thoughts go to what I want RLCA to look like when Liam is old enough to attend.

It occurs to me that the core of both questions have the same answer: to direct Liam (and others) to the depth of God's love and why we need it. I want Liam to know that God loves him and all people, made a way to overcome the sins we cannot escape on our own, and wants us to live in unity with our family through Christ so that we may shine God's love to those who don't yet know it.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,
I pray you are experiencing God's love and peace this holiday season.

Jessica Lucchesi
Board of Trustees President
president@rlca.org

PACK THE PANTRY 2025

It's Pack the Pantry time again here at Rock Lake! Winter and into Spring always finds us looking ahead to the summer and all the meals we'll serve to campers and faculty. Last year we were blessed with such a great response by our supporting churches. The year-after-year faithful support is such an incredible blessing to our ministry here. Food costs seem to only keep climbing and being responsible with our resources is always a big priority here at RLCA. That's why your help with Pack the Pantry is so invaluable. When you share the resources God has given you, it helps us continue to provide quality food to our campers without exceeding our budget. Thanks in advance for your help with this project.

With sincere thanks,
Pam St. Louis- Food Service Manager

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Please help us:
Pack The Pantry!

Gift Cards:
Aldi
Walmart
GFS
Sam's Club

Bottled Goods:
Prego Spaghetti Sauce
(Traditional or Meat)
Dill Pickle Slices
(not spears please)

Dry Goods:
Flour
Yeast
Pasta (Penne or Rotini)

#5 Cans:
Chicken Broth
Cream of Chicken

#10 Cans:
Applesauce
Mandarin Oranges
Corn
Pineapple Tidbits
Nacho Cheese
Refried Beans
Pudding
Peaches
Pears
Pie filling
Baked Beans
Green Beans

Thank you!

Please no small or "normal" size canned goods.
They're difficult to store and use in the large kitchen setting.

PROJECTS, PROJECTS, PROJECTS

This fall one of the bigger projects that I have been working on has been repairs at the lodges, particularly Blue Spruce. It is hard to believe that Blue Spruce and White Pine are nearly 25 years old. I spent time repairing some rot on the exterior logs, especially on Blue Spruce. The facade of many logs had to be cut out and replaced. Additionally, our lodges have threaded rods spaced every 16" which go from the top of the wall to the bottom and they need to be tightened periodically. As these rods were tightened, new insulation was installed in the access bays to prevent energy loss. Now we are planning to add new seamless gutters to help preserve the building by eliminating splash-back and thus minimizing wood deterioration.

We also plan to spend time painting the Blue Spruce interior this winter and this spring we will put another coat of stain on the exterior.

As we are approaching our 25 year anniversary of building these lodges, the trustees have set up a fund for some upcoming maintenance needs for these buildings. Some of the larger items that are going to need updated soon are; roofing, HVAC units, water heaters, and carpet. If you are interested in donating to supporting to this fund it you can go to www.rlca.org/donate and select, Lodge 25th Anniversary Fund, or send a check with a note in the memo line to:

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Luke Essex- Facilities Manager



WAYS TO GIVE

Merry Christmas!

Thank you for all the ways you generously support Rock Lake Christian Assembly. Your partnership plays a vital role in affording students with a place where they can step away from the distractions of the world and immerse themselves in a week of learning, worship, and growing in their faith.

As the year draws to a close, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a year-end gift to the camp. Your donation directly impacts the lives of young people, allowing them to experience the transformative power of God's love.

Looking ahead to the New Year, would you consider making a resolution to support the camp on a monthly basis? Your ongoing commitment would provide steady, reliable resources to ensure that the camp continues to thrive while continuing to offer life-changing experiences for years to come (www.rlca.org/donate). May God grant us all grace as we give cheerfully to the advancement of His Kingdom so that we may continue to abound in every good work. (2 Cor 9:6-8)

Thank you for your continued love and support, and may you have a blessed Christmas and a joy-filled New Year!

In Christ's love,
Amy Essex- Business Manager

