

LAKEVIEW CHAPEL



THE NEED



Fireside Chapel was built on a very, very tight budget 54 years ago and no longer has the capacity for our summer camps. The exterior of the structure needs a roof, windows, siding, doors, and landscaping. The interior needs flooring, seating, and a sound system. Remodeling and building an addition was considered, but the return on that financial investment does not make sense. We need to accommodate the growing number of campers and events, but the building itself is holding us back.

THE SOLUTION



Since the initial meeting in 1955, Twin Lakes Bible Camp has focused on proclaiming the life-changing Gospel. The chapel represents the heart of Camp: Biblical teaching, worship, prayer, and fellowship. This new, intentionally designed, reverent space will elevate the chapel experience.



A well-designed space like Lakeview enhances our program, increasing our ability to serve effectively. With its flexible layout, Lakeview will comfortably host 180 guests and max out at 280. This larger space allows for growth both in size of groups and additional events all year round.



Lakeview will have a serving kitchen, a fireplace with lounge seating, and a loft for a bonus small group meeting space.

REASONS FOR A SACRED SPACE

This Campaign aims to **enhance the cornerstone program** for Twin Lakes Bible Camp - spiritual formation and the primary component - **chapel**.

During chapel there is energetic worship, clear Bible teaching, and intentional fellowship. Chapel happens at least twice a day, ten times during a camp week. This priority program needs a sacred space that enhances spiritual formation.

Sure, the church is a building, but is it just a building? Traditional church architecture helps cast a vision of who God is - His goodness, His beauty and His desires for our lives. Recently the Barna Research Group completed a study entitled "Making Spaces" and the data reveals that well-built church spaces don't just solve problems; they shape the church's culture. **Church spaces speak a language without words.**

Most people (72%) describe their ideal church as "traditional" rather than "trendy." It is no coincidence that **for centuries churches were designed to focus your attention up** and make you feel appropriately small. God is the center of the worship space, not those of us who gather there. Physical elements like natural light and vaulted ceilings enhance the worship experience. These things matter.

Lakeview Chapel will be the sacred space that will help campers connect with their creator for decades to come. Please join hundreds of others who are giving sacrificially so this dream can become a reality.



RESPONSE

Will you prayerfully consider a gift to the Cornerstone Campaign to build Lakeview Chapel? Much has been accomplished so far:

- The Camp Board has been talking about replacing Fireside since 1995, but other projects kept jumping the line. In 2017 the Board prioritized a new Chapel as the next big project after the Gathering Place, which was completed in 2020.
- In 2024 Camp received a \$400,000 estate gift - the Board designated it as the lead gift for the Cornerstone Campaign to build Lakeview Chapel
- Leadership - Board and Staff - made financial commitments, mostly for three years
- Early in 2024 we hired an architect to provide scale drawings, renderings, and mechanical and structural plans
- Several contractors have reviewed and submitted proposals - Erickson/Balmer Construction has been chosen
- As of August 1st, our cash and pledge total is \$1.6M, which leaves \$600,000 left to raise to build debt free.

Make checks payable to Twin Lakes Bible Camp and reference "Chapel"

Online donations by credit card or ACH bank transfer can be made at www.twinlakesbiblecamp.org

Stock, business income, or other forms of non-cash gifts can also be received.

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