

Lakeview Springs will serve family and adult groups in new and amazing ways.

-JOSE BEATON



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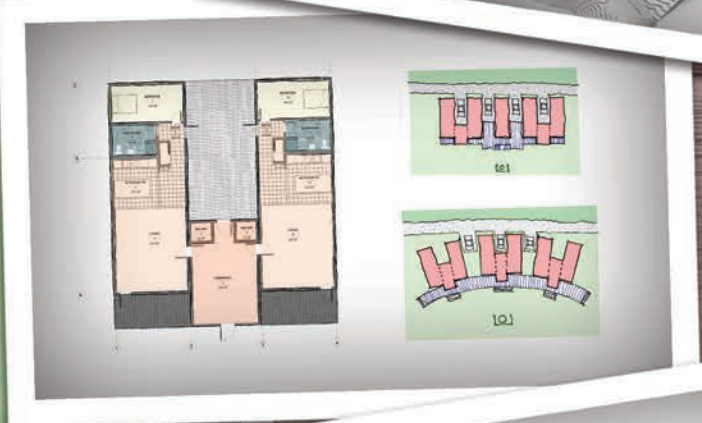


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What's been
happening at
Lakeview Springs?



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Dear Lakeview Family,

Who doesn't love a good road trip? There's just something about a shared journey that appeals to our sense of exploration. And what about the stops we make as we travel? They draw us closer together and enhance the spirit of adventure along the way!

In many ways, a road trip is a great metaphor for our "A Place for You" campaign, especially when it comes to Lakeview Springs. When we first acquired this property in 2016, we knew that developing this site was going to be a long process. At the time, we just meant that we wanted to be very deliberate to ensure ultimate success.

And then came 2020, and all that followed. Yet despite the disruption from COVID, work at the Springs has continued with a lot of behind-the-scenes site development culminating in a master site plan. This plan casts a clear vision for God to work at this location and opens the door for greater adult and family ministry.

As you know, our facilities at Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages (with bunk beds in every room and separate bathroom facilities) work well for youth retreats and summer camping experiences. They are less ideal for adult and family programming. Acquiring and developing Lakeview Springs has given us a unique opportunity to create a site built for and focused on family and adult ministry.

With an RV park and campground, family cabins centered around spring-fed natural swimming pools, and eventually a hotel-style conference center, we'll be able to expand the ministry opportunities that Lakeview provides. Our goal at the Springs is to provide growth, inspiration, and recreation through a premier family-focused outdoor ministry, and we want you to be a part of it.

That's why we're so excited to be "On the Road Again," journeying closer to all our hopes and plans for Lakeview Springs. We've been working diligently behind the scenes, and now we're ready to begin implementing our vision at Lakeview Springs in real and tangible ways.

In the following pages you'll get to see some of the progress we've made, and learn how the development at Lakeview Springs meshes with our existing ministry. You'll also get an exciting sneak peak at what's coming up in the near future.

As you read, please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this next stage of the journey at the Springs. In the words of an old proverb, we go faster when we travel alone, but we go farther when we travel together.

I'm excited to be "On the Road Again" with all of you!

David Vandercar





Our annual dinner auction is right around the corner, and we can't wait for you to be a part of it! Make plans now to join us on **November 19, 2022**, at the Primo Banquet Hall & Conference Center, located at 2615 National Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227.

Save Your Spot!

If you haven't had a chance to save your spot for this fun-filled evening, go to lakeview.camp/auction to purchase tickets.

Can't Join in Person?

You can always bid online by visiting our website at

LAKEVIEW.CAMP/AUCTION

and following the prompts to set up a user-friendly GiveSmart account. Online bidding opens November 14 and closes at 9 p.m. the night of the auction. Every purchase makes a difference, whether in person or online. As the single largest fundraising event for camp, our annual dinner auction is a great way to show your support for this vital year-round ministry.

For more information, to purchase tickets, or to participate remotely please follow the QR code shown here.



Schedule of Events

- 5:00 Doors Open & Hors D'oeuvres Served
- 6:15 Announcements & Meal Prayer
- 6:30 Dinner is Served
- 7:45 Oral Auction Begins
- 8:00 Silent Auction Booths Begin Closing
- 9:00 Oral Auction Concludes
- 9:15 Fellowship, Dancing, Checkout

COAT AND TIE PREFERRED

BUILDING ON A FIRM FOUNDATION

“UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE, THE BUILDERS LABOR IN VAIN.” PSALM 127:1

When Lakeview Ministries acquired Lakeview Springs in 2016, the property held plenty of potential, but it needed careful stewardship to bring that vision to life. That's just what Lakeview has been accomplishing in the past six years.

Today, updated facilities, serviceable trails and paths, new primitive camp sites, and a drained and dried lake bed have all served to lay the foundation for renewed use and pivotal development. These updates have also gone a long way toward revitalizing community enthusiasm for a beloved and historic camp property.

Since the cleanup and renovation of existing facilities, Lakeview Springs has received an influx of guests for large gatherings, church services, family reunions, weddings, youth retreats, camping, and a host of formal meetings. “There's a perception that no one is using the camp,” said Jose Beaton, development assistant and director of operations. “Actually, quite a few guest groups rent the lodge and pavilion.”

According to Beaton, “this is a historical and treasured location to many members of the community. There has been a lot of excitement

in the ability to use the camp once again.” In fact, camp usage has increased significantly year after year since Lakeview Ministries updated the facilities and started welcoming guests back out to camp.

Our master site plan encompasses many additions to the property including an RV park and campground, athletic field, pods of family cabins, spring-fed natural swimming pools, worship centers, and a hotel-style conference center. Some of these improvements will happen in the next few years, while others are in the long-range plan. These additions will provide so many amazing opportunities for ministry at Lakeview Springs in the years to come.



2016

Lakeview Ministries acquires Camp Cedarbrook and rebrands the property Lakeview Springs.

2018

Lakeview hires a full-time director of operations for the Lakeview Springs site.

2016

2017

2018

2019

2016 – 2017

Minor renovations to the lodge and bath house make it possible to welcome people back to camp.

2017 – 2019

Visioning and strategic planning with multiple stakeholders lays the foundation for future use.

MEET “OLD MAN BAILEY,”

THE MAN BEHIND THE RESTORATION

One of the first projects we'll be completing at the Springs is the restoration of the historic lodge at the entrance to the camp. **Read more about the man leading the restoration.**



“Lord, make me a builder.” That simple prayer, prayed over 20 years ago, has been answered in big ways for Mike Bailey, transforming his life from a successful career in advertising and politics to a new vocation as a tradesman specializing in historic restoration.

It all started when he converted an aging barn in southern Indiana into a beautiful new home for his family. He has since moved and restored over 55 cabins and 25 pre-Civil War barns into livable houses for customers all across the country.

“When I was 38 years old,” he said, “I was tired of not being handy. I was a city guy who drove a BMW and didn’t know how to fix the step on my deck. I asked God to make me a builder so my sons would know how to work with their hands.”

Bailey literally hired guys in the trades to sit in a chair and watch him as he worked, advising him and teaching all they knew. “If I’m doing it, I’m learning it,” he explained.

He quickly gained a reputation as an expert chinker, a skill that led to more jobs. Today, Bailey does extensive rock, stone, and brick masonry work—skills that will come into play with the Cedarbrook Lodge at Lakeview Springs.

“The lodge is 100% pre-Civil War,” said Bailey. “It has a beautiful rock foundation and bricked cellar, with rafter logs that were hewn flat. It’s a beautiful representation of pioneer history.”

Bailey has a bit of personal history with the lodge himself. “I lived in a subdivision a little over a mile away from Lakeview Springs,” he said. He hadn’t even built his first house yet but would jog past the lodge and admire it.

“I am very excited about this restoration,” he continued. “It’s truly an honor to be part of this project.”

To learn more about Mike Bailey’s work and transformation, find him on Facebook under Old Man Bailey, and be sure to look for his book, Old Man Bailey, coming out in March of 2023.



2019

“Place For You” Capital Campaign launches.

2019

2020

2021

2022

2019 – 2020

Master site plan developed.

2020 – PRESENT

Camp removes failing dam, prepares for municipal sewer line connection, conducts LIDAR imaging to address drainage issues in preparation for future development, and expands operations which serve both local congregations and the community at large.

ON THE ROAD TO

RESTORATION, RECREATION, AND REJUVENATION

Future ministry at Lakeview Springs will take a multi-faceted approach to meeting the needs of our camp families. Ministry opportunities and programs will be styled in the tradition of Lakeview Ministries but with an adult and family ministry focus. Our goal is to create a space where people can take a step back from life so they can refocus and refresh their relationships—with each other and with our Lord Jesus Christ.

SEWER CONNECTION

The long-term development of the property is contingent on the ability to connect to municipal sewer lines and utilities. Design work for the sewer connection is complete and ground has been broken on this project. Once the connection has been made we can begin work on the lodge restoration, slated for early 2023.

WELCOME CENTER

Front and center at Lakeview Springs stands a historic lodge. This local landmark will serve as the campground's welcome center, complete with a vaulted ceiling and loft space, along with modern restrooms, a camp store, and compliant egress and accessibility. This historic building will set the tone for a camp experience rooted in more than 200 years of local history and nearly 60 years of camp ministry.

RV PARK AND CAMPGROUND

The campground will accommodate 14 pull-through, full hookup RV sites, along with a new bathhouse and restroom facilities, in addition to primitive camping sites for those seeking to "rough it" in tents.

FAMILY CABIN CLUSTERS

In keeping with the vision for Lakeview Springs as a family and adult ministry center, we'll be building a series of family cabin clusters. Each cluster will contain 4 – 5 family cabins and come complete with its own natural swimming pool, fire pit, playground, parking, and central meeting area.





NATURAL SWIMMING POOLS AND WINDING CREEK

The former lake bed will become a network of natural swimming pools connected by a winding creek to enhance the beauty of the property and provide unique recreation opportunities. Each pod of family cabins will have its own private natural pool, with a larger pool open to those staying in the campground and conference center.

CONFERENCE CENTER, PROGRAM CENTER, AND WORSHIP CENTER

The strategic master plan culminates in a modern, hotel-style conference center. Lakeview Springs is equidistant from Fort Wayne and St. Louis and just 20 minutes from the Louisville International Airport, making it an ideal location as a Lutheran conference center. This way, Lakeview Springs will be serving the LCMS in addition to meeting the needs of local congregations and the wider community of Harrison County and “Kentuckiana.”

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

HELP US RESTORE THE LODGE AT LAKEVIEW SPRINGS



We need **VOLUNTEER WORK CREWS** to take down old buildings and transport the materials to Lakeview Springs. And once the lodge restorations are under way, we'll be happy to include any volunteers on that work crew!

Also, If you or someone you know has an old barn, cabin, or outdoor kitchen on your property, we could use your help! Our cabin restoration specialist, "Old Man Bailey," is looking for reclaimed materials to use in the restoration of Lakeview Spring's Civil War era lodge.

SPECIFICALLY, WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Barn siding in great condition
- Civil War era rafters and floor joists
- Civil War era tongue-and-groove flooring
- Old barn beams (hewn preferred, but sawn acceptable)
- Old stone

Poplar is ideal, followed by oak and hardwoods, but any reclaimed wood will help. Think you have something we could use? Reach out to us at (812) 342-4815.

**FILL OUT THE CONTACT FORM AT LAKEVIEW.CAMP/SPRINGS
AND WE'LL BE IN TOUCH!**