



As I pen this column, both the grounds here at Bay Shore Camp are covered in white, and the Dining Hall is being covered in white also. The drywall is all hung, and they are busy mudding and taping all of the seams. Next on tap is to get everything painted and then begin laying tile on the floor. This year's Kick-off Banquet is on April 17th and we will dedicate the newly remodeled Dining Hall in honor of Lew and Gerry Tibbits that night.

In the midst of this renewal of the Dining Hall, I'm also celebrating our Board's renewing of our Vision. Our mission of "Creating a place for persons of all ages to encounter the person of Jesus Christ and to put their trust in Him" is not changing. We are however, re-asking the question of what is the best vehicle to accomplish that mission which is set before us. On the 8th of February, members of the Board met in a visioning session to strive and see what God's direction for us is. From that session several main priorities have emerged. They are to find a way to lower the cost of our summer camps while at the same time providing the resources to make our camps irresistible in their appeal and effectiveness. As a part of this we want to provide the resources our Deans need to achieve this vision. Our hearts are also drawn towards setting a benchmark for more kids to be in camp than currently attend and again to provide the resources needed to meet this goal. Finally we want to re-visit our Master Plan to ensure that our programming needs are driving plans to build or remodel, rather than the other way around.

Central to all of this discussion is the underlying question of how does the Kraus' estate and our endowment figure in. Has God given this gift to underwrite the long term viability of the camp, or has God given this gift for just such a time as this. This is a critical question as the manner in which we're funding the ministry at this point continually leaves us in a deficit situation, meaning that we need to either change our funding scenario or change our ministry. I want to encourage you to remember our Board and myself in your prayers, as we strive to see God's face in this, and to only follow where he leads. Again, please mark April 17th on your calendar and join us for this fun evening of celebration as we embark on another season of ministry and celebrate the commitment of Lew and Gerry and all they did for Bay Shore Camp. See you at the Shore.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Mike

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Spring Calendar of Events

Spring Quilter's Retreat - March 19-21

Speaker: Laura Nowlen

**Please Note: Classes begin on Friday @ 10am*

Men's Retreat - March 26-27

Speaker: Dr. Gary Glanville

Kick-Off Banquet - April 17

Join us as we dedicate the dining hall renovation to Lew & Gerry Tibbits and begin our countdown to 100 years of Ministry!!

Father/Son Catfish Tournament - May 7-8

Devotional Leader: Rev. Jerry Sutton

Family Fun Days - June 4-6

The Lloyd Severance Thumb Gospel Music Convention

Thursday, August 26 - 6:30pm

*featuring Christian Comedian - Tim Lovelace
Dennis Gwizdala and The Toney Brothers*

Friday, August 27 - 6:30pm

*Featuring 5 Gospel Groups: Stonghold, Wilson Sisters,
Heaven's Call, Mark & Andrea Forester and The Royalheirs*

Saturday, August 28 - 10am — 2 Stages

*Featuring 15 Gospel Groups: Wilson Sisters, The Royalheirs,
The Calvarymen, Dennis Gwizdala, Joyful Sounds, The Grimshaws,
Stronghold, Forgiven, Heaven's Call, Commonwealth Quartet,
Mark & Andrea Forester, The Gospelmens, Not Ashamed,
Master's Touch Quartet and The Thurstons*

Sunday, August 29 - 10am

The Allen Family