



What a fantastic season we have had here at Lakewood! The ministry has one goal and that is to share God's good news and the gift of salvation He has to offer each one of us. The blessings and rewards we receive is seeing souls won for Christ and God has certainly blessed us with just shy of 1,000 people who gave their lives to Christ during our spring and summer programs from April to August 12th which, was the last day for "Kid's Club". Prayers were certainly answered and we give God all the praise and glory! Continue to pray for all these who made a decision for Christ.

We were so blessed to have the Lord lead two wonderful young people to assist George and Deborah with the summer programs this year. Wilds Powell and Kalyn LaPointe joined us to help with the Beach Party, "Kids' Club" and a very new program "Island8" which reached several teens from ages 13-18.

We are just praising God for the seeds that have also been planted and we continue to pray that each one who has heard the Gospel, and has not made that decision yet, be drawn by the Holy Spirit to give their lives over to Him.

Bible Study has been phenomenal in the study of Revelation with our Chaplain George Koon, and we continue to meet every Wednesday morning at the ministry center as we now study the book of Genesis with Steve Underwood. If you have not had the opportunity to come, please accept this invitation to join us, you will not be disappointed! We meet in the Ministry Center every Wednesday morning at 10:00 am.

George & Deborah Koon, Kalyn LaPointe,  
and Wilds Powell



# TESTIMONIES

*God is so good... just saying!*

## *Testimony time....*

Our volunteers and friends of Lakewood Ministry continue to share their testimony as to what God has done for them and just how God worked to have them work with the ministry here at Lakewood.

This month we're sharing the other half of Jeff's story. Last month Jeff shared how he had a heart attack and was pronounced dead after 45 minutes of trying to resuscitate him. But, God in all His wonder brought Jeff back without a single medical problem and his wife Rebecca is sharing what happened in her life and many others during this ordeal...

### ***USING MY FAITH...***

It was a normal day Monday, May 24, 2021, or so I thought. I never knew that God would teach me the difference between having faith and using my faith.

It was a Monday and Jeff came home for lunch heard his truck pull into the driveway and watched for him to come up the ramp. As he got halfway up, I noticed he was bent over and in pain. I met him at the door, and he said, " I don't feel well and need to sit down". I realized he was having chest pain and called 911. They arrived quickly and headed to the Cath lab at the hospital. The paramedic told me he would need a stent. I went next door, picked up his dad, and off we went to the ER. As I approached the entrance, I never knew that my life would be forever changed. We were immediately taken to a counseling room and told someone would be in to speak with us. As I am sitting there, I knew something was wrong and things had changed in Jeff's condition. I overheard the paramedic tell the nurse, that we were riding along, and he was talking, and suddenly, he went into cardiac arrest. I knew they were discussing Jeff. My heart sunk and great fear came upon me. The ER doctor came in and spoke the words I was terrified to hear. He said, "Mrs. McKinney your husband has been down over 35 minutes,

we have tried everything we can and had no success, the cardiologist is calling the time". I was numb and in shock, I knew God had work for us to do. Suddenly God spoke to me and said, " where is the faith you have always had in me?" I remembered as a child my dad telling me faith is no good if you never have to use it. It is like having a car full of gas and walking everywhere you go. I stood up and asked where Jeff was and asked to be taken to where he was. I was told I could only go outside the door. That was okay, cause Jesus was beyond the door. I began to pray and ask Jesus to do what the doctors had said was impossible. The more I prayed the greater my faith grew. A nurse came out and said the doctor would like to speak with you again. So, once again I am taken to a waiting room and waited to hear if God had done the impossible. Of course, Satan spoke to me and told me how crazy I am, and that God did not bring people back from the dead.

I immediately put him behind me, and my faith remained strong. Suddenly, the cardiologist came through the door and sat next to me. He pulled down his mask and with tears running down his face said, " your husband is very much alive, it is nothing I did it is all Christ! He was down for 49 minutes. I don't know what God has for the two of you to do but, I suggest you get busy.". I began to

worship and thank God for the great miracle He had done.

Hours turned into days, and we waited for Jeff to wake up from the coma he was in. Through it, all God taught me was to look beyond what I had seen and see the miracle that was coming. On day one, I came into the ICU, tubes and a ventilator in place and God asked me, can you worship me where you are? I raised my hands and began to worship my Father who had done exceedingly above anything I could have ever imagined. This became a daily thing, worship Jesus and look past the circumstance and the reports the doctors had told me. I was told I need counseling and was in denial. I said I appreciate your concern but, I have the best council anyone could have. When the doctor said Jeff was brain dead, he was not! When I was told, he was not going to wake up, he did! On the eighth day at 11:47 am Jeff opened his eyes. I jumped to my feet and called for the nurse. Suddenly, the hospital was filled with staff that had seen my husband die and now he was alive! Staff would come to the door to see this miracle that no one could explain away. God had raised a man from the dead, he was eating, talking, walking, and telling of a room he had entered where such peace was there. He told of God telling him to go back, He was not finished with him. All I could do is cry and praise my Abba Father for allowing me to walk through this place of great fear. I



Jeff & Rebecca McKinney

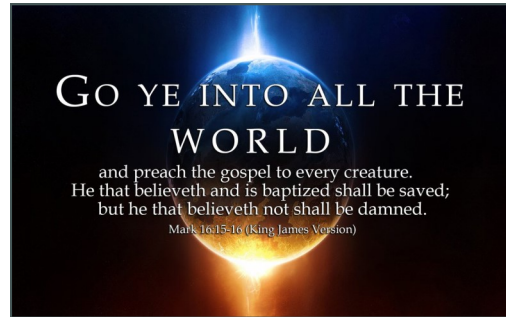
learned that nothing is too hard for God, I learned the goodness of Him through what many would say was an awful experience. He taught me how worship brings Him near and how the power of life and death is in our tongues. I also learned that when God calls you to a ministry you must be obedient. He loves us enough to chase us and teach us. I will forever be grateful for every minute I have with Jeff. He is for sure a Dead Man Walking. If you are called and have work to do, I urge you to go forward. It is wonderful to live in the peace of God, knowing you are in His will. And if you are ever in a situation where you feel helpless, use your faith. Faith moves mountains, heals the sick, raises the dead, and does anything else you need Him to do. Remember as I learned as a child, you have a car full of gas, so stop walking. You have a God full of mercy and grace, which can do anything you can ask or think, even raise the dead!



*We'd love to hear from you...*

Share your testimony of how the Lord brought you to Lakewood Ministry. We'd love to hear from you. Send your testimony to ...

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This is what George and Deborah are all about. I've known them for only one short year and all I can say is "they are REAL!".

Our son came to visit us and while he was here we invited him to come along with us to the worship service at Lakewood Sunday morning. His testimony of that service explained George so well, and I've used it many times myself. "He's Real". That's what he said, and we agree whole heartedly.

You know it's one thing to have a "Pastor" or "Chaplain", whichever you prefer to call him, or maybe just George, after all that's who he is, all of the above. But, it is another thing to be able to call him and his beautiful wife

Deborah your friend, your mentor, or even family. That's exactly what they are to all of us. We saw something so real about both of them. They care, they love, not just certain ones, everyone, and they show it. You need them, they're there. You need prayer, rest assured they will be praying. But their honest true love is with Jesus. They just want to serve and they have done this well. Believe me, I know they won't stop either. The Lord may bring them someplace else, but one thing for sure, they will continue to serve Jesus with all their heart, because that's what they were called to do.

***Thank you for  
your ministry!***

# September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 GOSPEL CONCERT 8:00 PM	3
4 SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 & 10:30 am	5	6	7 Adult Bible Study 10:00 am	8	9	10
11 SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 am	12	13	14 Adult Bible Study 10:00 am	15	16	17
18 SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 am	19	20	21 Adult Bible Study 10:00 am	22	23	24
25 SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 am	26	27	28 Adult Bible Study 10:00 am	29	30	

*Hello*  
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## Activities by the Ministry...

If you live at Lakewood or maybe you attend services but live offsite, we have many different activities available.

<i>Adult Bible Study</i>	<i>Every Wednesday all year</i>
<i>Special Events</i>	<i>Throughout the year</i>
<i>Covered Dish Supper</i>	<i>Begins 2nd week of January—March</i>
<i>Kids Club</i>	<i>June through the second week of August</i>
<i>Ladies Bible Study</i>	<i>Fall—Winter</i>
<i>Ladies Luncheons</i>	<i>Begins in October</i>
<i>Concerts</i>	<i>Memorial Day—Labor Day—Friday nights</i>
<i>Beach Party</i>	<i>Memorial Day—Labor Day—Wednesday Nights</i>
<i>Island8</i>	<i>Memorial Day—Labor Day—Friday Nights</i>

Check the **Lakewood Camping Resort app** regularly for more detailed information all year!

# Lakewood Campground Ministry

