



Our first month of summer programs has been amazing and we give God all the glory!!

The ministry has been busy and active at the Beach Parties, Kid's Club, and Island8, a new program reaching our teens with up to 100 teens attending, and we've seen lives changed. People are searching and wondering if there is any hope in these troubling times. The cost of living is increasing every day, gas prices have soared to an all time high, and people are trying to find ways to cope. But praise be to God we do have hope and that hope is in Jesus Christ. His Word is our hope, the salvation we receive when we confess our sins and put our complete trust in Jesus is our hope. It's an every day commitment to spending time with our Savior, praying and letting Him guide us through the day.

In the past month we've seen families, young people and adults coming to know Jesus as their personal Savior. In July alone we've had 320 people give their lives to the Lord! Some may wonder if this is real, trust me it is very real. When people wait in a line to be counseled because there aren't enough counselors to go around, that's real. This isn't something they've taken lightly.

We have numerous volunteers in the background praying constantly over each person who enters Lakewood Campground. Praying that the Holy Spirit cover the entire campground and each person who enters. Praying for souls to be saved and brought to Jesus. Praying God's love will shine through each one of our volunteers, and our prayers are being answered.

Please join us in praying for each one who gave their life to the Lord. Pray for their protection from Satan's lies and temptations, pray for their growth when they leave and go home, and if they didn't have a church prior to coming, pray the Lord's leading to a Bible preaching solid church. Pray for a closer walk with their Savior. It's all of our prayers that will help each one of these new Christians in their walk with Christ so they can go forward and be a witness as well.

If you have questions about your relationship with the Lord or whether you're even saved, please let us know. We will have someone contact you and pray with you. All of us at Lakewood Ministry care about each one of you. Contact us at

[lakewoodministry59@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodministry59@gmail.com) We love you and we're praying for all of you!





## HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHERE OUR VOLUNTEERS COME FROM?

It all started back in 1959 with a couple who wanted to include a ministry in their campground so others would hear about Jesus . We all know them as Carl & Marion Perry.

I never had the pleasure of meeting them, but often wondered if they ever realized the impact their decision and obedience to the Lord has made in the lives of so many people.

In the many years the ministry

has been here, it has had such an influence on leading children, and adults to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Our volunteers come from all different states and different situations in their lives but, they all have one thing in common...the Lord brought them to Lakewood.

In this section we'll hear from some of the volunteers and see just how God brought them to Lakewood Campground Ministry.

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### *Testimony time.... Dead man walking*

*As told by Jeff T McKinney*

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*I died for 49 minutes...*

My life changed on May 24, 2021.

It all started just like any other Monday, I said goodbye to my wife Becca to head out for work. I was planning to go home for lunch and my wife told me was going into town to run errands and would not be there.

I ended up going home because I was not feeling good and found that my wife decided not to go out. When entering the house, I was holding my chest and told her I did not feel well and just needed to rest. I thought it might be the heat as it was 90 degrees outside. I sat down and immediately grabbed my chest with both hands in excruciating pain, I was having a heart attack. Becca dialed 911 and the fire department and EMS were there in about a minute.

The paramedic was working on me and needed to call the hospital. Not wanting Becca to hear what was going on they asked her to go outside and move my truck so the ambulance could get in.

In the ambulance my vital signs were deteriorating quickly, and I went into full cardiac arrest. The paramedic started chest compressions and never stopped for the entire ride to the hospital. They also had to shock me eight times.

When I arrived at the hospital I was immediately brought into surgery in the ER. Dr. Moore and his team put two stents in to open the vessels in my heart and they continued working on me to get my heart to beat on its own. After 49 minutes Dr. Moore called the time of death. But God was still working, and a still small voice told the doctor to do one more thing

Dr. Moore stopped, turned to his nurse, and said "I need you to get me a calcium shot." This shot will do one of two things, it will immediately start your heart beating, or it will never beat again. They gave me the shot, which is directly into my heart, and it started beating!

I later asked the doctor, "how many times did you shock me in the hospital?" Dr. Moore said, I do not know, I lost count. I had not breathed for 49 minutes, with no oxygen to my brain.

I was put into a medically induced coma because my kidneys and liver were shutting down from the countless shocking attempts as they feverishly tried to get my heart beating. They also lowered my body temperature to 81 degrees, like restarting your computer. The doctors said after five days, it is not when he wakes up now, it is if he wakes up.

2 I remember when I woke up, my hands tied to the bed. I had been fighting with them as they put the tubes down my throat and hooking me up to monitors.

Becca, my wife, came every day from six in the morning until six at night, sitting by my side and praying. She never gave up praying for one minute.

The morning of the eighth day (the day Jesus called the renewing and New Day) about five in the morning, I was still unconscious, and I was in a large room the size of a gym and it was all in white. I saw a door on the other side and a bright light was coming from it. I started to walk towards the door, and I heard a voice that said "Son, you can't come now, you have to go back." I turned around and took three steps and woke up.

My Jesus is in the miracle business. After being in ICU for two weeks I was moved to another room in the hospital to begin my recuperation.

Jesus had totally turned that hospital upside down. Every administrator, doctor, nurse, certified nursing assistant, and staff came by my room to see the miracle of what Jesus had done for me.

On the day of my release from the hospital, ready to go to Care Partners, two veteran nurses came by to see me, (they had worked on me in ICU), I asked them how long they had been working as a nurse. One said 37 years and the other 38 years. I then asked them, have you ever known anyone to ever walk out of the hospital after being in cardiac arrest for 49 minutes? They both lowered their heads and looked down for a moment and told me, "You are the first to walk out on your own."

While in Care Partners I overheard two nurses talking in the hallway. I know Jesus let me hear them for His purpose. They said, they had a 22-year-old that had been in cardiac arrest for 10 minutes. This young person had to learn how to feed himself, talk, walk and dress himself all over. He needed to start over. After 49 minutes I left the hospital doing everything as I had done before with absolutely no issues.

My wife Rebecca and I had been planning to travel and see the USA, but after my heart attack God reminded me that He had called me to share the Gospel. A friend of Rebecca's came to her and said "I don't know what this means, but you do. "Go back to the first place you camped." That campground was Lakewood and in February 2022 we arrived and attended the church service that Sunday. Pastor George's message on "God sends", confirmed to us that was where the Lord wanted us. Since that time Rebecca and I have been working along side with other volunteers serving the Lord in whatever is needed for the ministry and will remain until the Lord tells us to move on.

*To be continued next month...*

# EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING!



## Baptism



A big shout out to  
Wayne Deering  
Wanda Deering  
Jeff McKinney &  
Nicole Gannon  
for all their  
pictures!!

# Island8

Even our very own DJ  
Thanks Rod!



Prayer Goals

- ✓ PRAY MORE
- ✓ PRAY FOR OTHERS
- ✓ PRAY PERSISTENTLY

## PRAYING...

In the world we live in today it's hard not to be discouraged. It's hard to think about the future and we wonder what's going to happen.

The Lord has always told us to bring our burden's to Him at the cross and let Him take care of all our fears, worries and doubts.

If you have a special prayer request you can send it to us through the Lakewood app under "Ministry". We'll be sure to be praying.

Remember God loves you and ...



# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	<b>1</b> KIDS CLUB 10:00-11:30 am	<b>2</b> KIDS CLUB 10:00-11:30	<b>3</b> KIDS CLUB 10:00-11:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>4</b> KIDS CLUB 10:00-11:30	<b>5</b> KIDS CLUB 10:00-11:30 am GOSPEL CONCERT 8:00 PM	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 & 10:30 am	<b>8</b> KIDS CLUB 10:00-11:30	<b>9</b> KIDS CLUB 10:00-11:30	<b>10</b> KIDS CLUB 10:00-11:30 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>11</b> KIDS CLUB 10:00-11:30	<b>12</b> KIDS CLUB 10:00-11:30 am GOSPEL CONCERT 8:00 PM	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 & 10:30 am	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Adult Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> GOSPEL CONCERT 8:00 PM	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 & 10:30 am	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Adult Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> GOSPEL CONCERT 8:00 PM	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 & 10:30 am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Adult Bible Study 10:00 am	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> GOSPEL CONCERT 8:00 PM	<b>3</b>

INFORMATION CENTER   
10:00 - 11:30 am

MINISTRY CENTER **Adult Bible Study**  
10:00 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP **Amphitheater**  
8:30 & 10:30 am

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

*Tell us what Lakewood Ministry has meant to you. We'd like to include your responses in our August newsletter.*

*Please send your response to...*

*[lakewoodministry59@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodministry59@gmail.com)*



*“Go ye into all the world,  
and preach the  
gospel to  
every  
creature.”*

*Mark 16:15*



# Lakewood Campground Ministry

