

# Camp Lebanon News



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## MINISTRIES REPORT

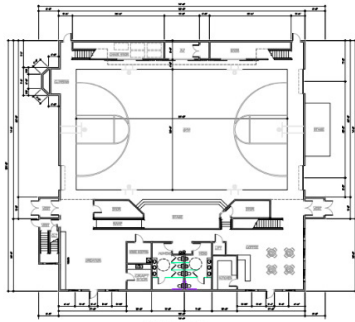
### Plans Jelling for an almost 'Normal' Summer!



Twelve months after pandemic fears first swept the country and shut down places of public accommodation like Camp Lebanon, families and churches eagerly watch for signs of "normalcy." Thankfully, God has given much reason for hope. For one, the docks went in April 17 (earliest on record!) The annual rite of passage that is "Spring" signals another fresh start in all that the Creator makes! What's more, **March quilters** were back in force (though at 70% capacity). Last year only one of four sessions took place. **Men's Advance (95)**, **Dads N Lads (160+)**, **Mother-Daughter (2 sessions)**, **Young at Heart Seniors**, and **YAR** are also back on the calendar. How fun to offer a full spring slate again! But what can be more "normal" than having kids back on the grounds this summer? Parents must be eager, too, as **registrations have topped 85% capacity!** Camp will look a bit different this year, with a focus on cabin "pods" and more outdoor activities, including outdoor chapels in our "new" **40' x 100' tent!** The atmosphere will be super fun and the extra space will allow 180 kids each session. Though a bit shy of past capacities, that's really, really close to normal. Thanks for praying us through these challenging times!

### Dreams Alive for North 40 Multi-Purpose Gym

At the **Annual Meeting of the Membership** held February 27, it didn't take long for a worship service to break out. Each ministry and business report echoed the same refrain: **"COVID was hard, but God...!"** A summer of cancelled youth camps turned into 22 sessions of Family Resort. A \$600,000 April financial crater turned into a \$160,000 year-end surplus. And a campaign halted by the pandemic is re-emerging as a recalibrated plan to build an optimized gym. The leadership hopes to start digging this fall. Floor plans and elevation renderings were discussed with great excitement. Once cost estimates are in, the Board will decide on moving forward with a campaign to complete funding (\$400,000 already on hand). COVID may have shut down sessions in 2020, but dreams are alive in 2021! Pray for wisdom and the Lord's heart in all matters, including timing and provision.



### PRAISE & PRAY!

- **PRAISE! CAMP IS OPEN:** 50% winter capacity, 75% spring, and 85% summer!
- **PRAISE! REVENUE HELP:** \$205K PPP loan 100% forgiven! 2<sup>nd</sup> PPP loan delivered!
- **PRAISE! TENT CHAIRS:** Men's Advance (140), Dads/Lads (40), Mother-Daughter (40).
- **PRAISE! QUILTERS AMAZE!** Bargain Barn/Memorials top \$10,000, Coffee \$1007!
- **PRAY! STAFF:** Adding Dir. of Development, Dir. of Ministries & Ministries Associate.
- **PRAY! Summer Planning & Staff Hunt:** Big need is male counselors, lifeguards.
- **PRAY! Special Needs:** Economy car or van, skid-steer (donated or reduced).

### STAFF UPDATE

#### Abelers Celebrate 35th – No Fooling!

April Fool's 1986 was Day #1 for a young couple named **Bill & Lisa Abeler** (then 28 & 25) as they began organizing the "funnest fun" for youth, families and adults.



Through the years they've cherished their front-row seats in witnessing God grow the ministry from 2838 year-round guests to 12,000 while adding six parcels and twelve new facilities. *All glory to God!*



### 2021 SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

Quilt & Scrap Retreats	Four sessions: March 4-30	Amazing!!
April 9-10	Men's Advance!	95
April 23-25	Dads N Lads & Grandpas	163
April 30-May 1	Mother/Daughter/Grandma	150
May 7-9	Mother/Daughter/Grandma II	95+
May 17-20	Young at Heart Seniors Retreat	45+
May (20)21-23	YAR (Young Adults Retreat)	60+

For details and to register, visit Camp's new and improved website!



### SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS (GRADE ENTERING)

Super Kids 1 (3-6)	June 13-17	135	
Junior High 1 (7-9)	June 20-25	113	HURRY!
Adventurers (1-3)	July 6-8	121	
Junior High 2 (7-9)	July 11-16	159	HURRY!
Super Kids 2 (3-6)	July 18-22	180	WAIT LIST!
Senior High (10-grads)	July 25-30	180	WAIT LIST!
Super Kids 3 (3-6)	August 1-5	165	HURRY!
Junior High 3 (7-9)	August 8-13	163	HURRY!
Super Kids 4 (3-6)	August 15-19	104	
(as of 5/3/21)		<b>1320</b>	(WAIT LIST 48)

### FAMILY CAMPS

FAMILY CAMPS	DATES	OPENINGS
Memorial Weekend	May 28-31	0 Lodge, 3 Dorm, 2 cabins
Summer Sew Quilt	June 6-10	<b>WAIT LIST!</b>
Summer Family Resort	June 27-July 1	16 Lodge, 8 Dorm, 11 cabins
Summer Fun	July 2-5	0 Lodge, 0 Dorm, 0 cabins
Labor Day Weekend	Sept. 3-6	1 Lodge, 1 Dorm, 1 cabins

### INBOX Blessings

#### FROM MEN'S ADVANCE

"Gave clarity to things on my mind."

"Loved meeting with like-minded men with such love for God and for one another."

"A call to action!"

"Liked the interaction outside of the city and the ability to have greater study and introspection."

### HELP WANTED

**RENTAL MINISTRIES ASSOCIATE**  
**FILLED!** Welcome Esteban Mora!

**FACILITIES MANAGER** (immediate)  
Contact Parker at [panderson@camplebanon.org](mailto:panderson@camplebanon.org)

**SUMMER STAFF**  
**Male Counselors (5), Life Guards (2)**  
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