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Lake Aurora Christian Camp

52nd

Women's Retreat

No Other
Foundation



1 Corinthians 3:11

April 10-11 & 11-12

Keynote speaker:

Leigh-Angela Holbrook

Tennessee





1 Corinthians 3:11

Welcome

Welcome to Lake Aurora Christian Camp. For many of you, this is your first time; for others, it is a yearly tradition that has been going strong for over 50 years! All were planned by a group of volunteer women from our supporting churches. It is time to relax and be rejuvenated in your relationship with the Lord.

We have prayed for you to focus on “No Other Foundation” but the Lord, and to firm up your relationship with Him and with those around you. The beauty of being here for the retreat is that it gives you the quiet you need to focus on your true foundation.

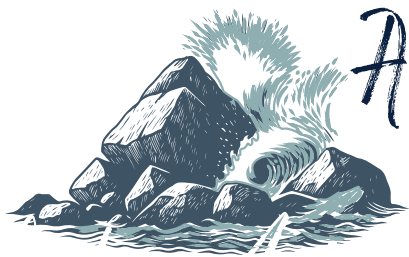
This retreat is about more than just the speakers, workshop leaders, or the theme. It’s about your personal walk with God and taking time to seek His purpose. Our theme verse, “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is, Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 3:11

As you step away for a few days, try to leave behind home issues, work situations, and the cell phone, as God wants to meet you here.

Remember, this is your retreat. You can engage as much or as little as you’d like, guided by your personal needs and the whisperings of God in your heart. The campus of Lake Aurora, with its serene beauty and tranquil surroundings, is a perfect place to reflect, recharge, and feel the peace that comes from knowing that God has blessed this space for your enjoyment.

Because of Him,
2026 Women’s Retreat
Planning Committee





Arrival Checklist

- ☞ Check in at the Redmon Ministry Center & receive name tag/meal ticket.
- ☞ Buy craft ticket(s) & Retreat T-shirts outside the Dining Hall.
- ☞ Locate your housing assignment & get settled in. Please honor the bed assignments unless both parties agree to change. (Grace & Love!!)
- ☞ Plan your weekend (see schedule page 3 & options on page 5).
- ☞ Pray about and prepare for your offering gift. (see page 13).
- ☞ Breathe, relax, and prepare your heart for the days ahead.
- ☞ Visit Kathryn's Christian Bookstore in Scrub Oak. See open hours on door.
- ☞ Take out a boat at Pt Aurora or take a dip at the waterfront.
- ☞ Please read IMPORTANT Information on the back page (p15).

☞ During the Retreat:

- ☞ Please ask questions if something is not clear.
- ☞ Enter Dining Hall as doors open and be seated. **You will be dismissed by tables at each meal.** Outdoor seating also available.
- ☞ Open Seating in Dining Hall. Please make room for new friends. Additional outdoor seating on the Miller Patio to the south.
- ☞ Ice and a cooler of water will be on Dining Hall porch mid-morning and afternoon.
- ☞ Need transportation? See back page (p 15).

Meal times: 6:30 pm, 7:30 am, 1:00 pm.

☞ Prayer Requests: ☞

If you have a specific need, please write it on the paper provided and place it in the prayer basket located inside the Oak Hammock foyer. If you would like to pray for any of these requests or other needs, feel free to pick one up and pray over its needs.

Schedule

Evening

3-5:30 pm	Waterfront Open (Boats/Swimming) Bookstore open - Scrub Oak Building (Lakeside)
4:00 pm	Check-in with Craft, Activity, and T-shirt Selections
6:00	Opening Session in the OAK HAMMOCK Building
6:30	Dinner in the Dining Hall (Doors will open when ready)
7:20-8:05	Craft or Activity Options
8:20	Worship, Keynote Session (Oak Hammock)
9:50 pm	Complimentary Snacks/Cold drinks - upon exit Oak Hammock

Late Night Options

- Coffee House - Lower Deck (Lakeside)
- Campfires- Lakeside & Hillside Lawn Chapel Rings
- Hay Ride (last ride at 10:45 pm - p/u Lakeside campfire ring)
- Kathryn's Christian Bookstore- Scrub Oak Bldg.

Midnight... Lights Out

If you like to laugh and have fun late at night, **please be considerate** of those who want to sleep. If you like to sleep, please be realistic of the fact that there are many women and only 75 acres... **please respect those who have gone to bed earlier than you so they can respect you when they get up early.**

Morning

6:45 am	Calm Stretching - Lakeside Steel Tent. Bring towel/mat.
7:00 am	Early Coffee available in the Oak Hammock
7:30	Breakfast (Offering gifts)
8:30	Worship and Keynote Session (Oak Hammock)
9:45-10:30	Workshop #1
10:45-11:30	Workshop #2
11:45	Play or Relaxation Options <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee House - Lower Deck• Craft or Activity Options (see page 5)• Giant Swing (Ticket needed) or Double Zip (No ticket needed) (weight limitation of 250 lbs for both)• Waterfront Swim, Disc Golf, Volleyball, Boats• Kathryn's Christian Bookstore (Scrub Oak)• The Lake Aurora T-shirt Shoppe (Lower Deck)
1:00 pm	Lunch in the Dining Hall
1:45	Closing Worship and Community Communion- Oak Hammock

Participants leaving Saturday... please clear housing units by 2:30 pm so we may prepare for the guests of the Saturday/Sunday Retreat.

Play & Relaxation Activity Choices

Coffee House (9:50 pm & 11:45 am) Lower Deck of Chapel (Lakeside)
Oak Hammock Porch

Bookstore - Kathryn's Christian Scrub Oak - See posted hours

The Camp Store Lower Deck - 11:45 am/2 pm

Craft Tickets- \$7 Dining Hall Porch & Foyer

● = See BLUE circles on map for Crafts and ● RED circles for Options
Crafts... \$7 fee (7:20 pm & 11:45 am)

● FIMO Clay Art/Jewelry Lower Deck (Lakeside below Chapel)

● Rock Painting VG Gilbert Pavillion (Lakeside)

● Pocket Prayer Journal Scrub Oak Shelter (Lakeside)

Organized Activity Option...

Offered 3x - 7:20 pm, 9:45 am, 11:45 am

● More than a Foot Soak \$7 Oak Hammock Porch

Offered 2x - 7:20 pm & 11:45 am - No cost

● Archery Behind Dining Hall Path

● Pontoon Boat Rides Port Aurora

Offered **11:45 am** only

● 40ft Giant Swing - No cost Downhill, East of Office

● Double Zipline - No cost Cross brick patio

(250 lb limit and closed toe shoes required for high ropes)

Late Night Options

Late Night Snacks Oak Hammock Sidewalk

Late Night Campfire ▲ Lakeside/Hillside Lawn Rings

Hay Ride (last ride 10:45 pm) Lakeside Fire (one pick up area)

Please disembark after each ride to allow for as many as possible to enjoy.

Prayer Opportunities -

The 2026 Prayer Journey is located on page 9-10. *Feel free to walk the campus and stop at your favorite spots.* New paths through woods.

Women's '26 Retreat Shirts Dining Hall \$25

Waterfront Activities ● Waterfront Swim Area/Pt Aurora
3:00-5:30 pm & 10 am-12:30 pm. "Swim at own risk"

Kathryn's Christian Bookstore...

Please take time to browse this local bookstore! Their time and commitment to bringing treasures for us to enjoy is greatly appreciated! Located just behind the dining hall towards the Lakeside campus in the Scrub Oak building. They're only here for our women's retreats. Actual store located downtown Lake Wales at 205 Park Ave.

Personal Program Planner

Evening Option

7:20 pm My choice: _____

Location: _____

Morning Workshops/Option

9:45 am Workshop #1 _____

Location: _____

10:45 Workshop #2: _____

Location: _____

11:45 Play/Relaxation Option: _____

Location: _____

Notes

Workshop Descriptions & Locations

Workshop 1 9:45 -10:30 am

Workshop 2 10:45 -11:30 am

Building on the Foundation of Jesus - Bible Study

Lakeside Chapel (Lakeside #1)

Sherri Stiles

Jesus teaches us that He is the only foundation that a wise person should follow and instructs us how to build on it so we can be living stones.

Where's Waldo Jesus?

Finding the Real Christ in a World Full of Look-Alikes

Hillside Steel Tent #5

Deedy Tripp

Our world is full of 'almost Jesuses' — close enough to feel familiar, but not close enough to save. It's easy to be deceived when there's so many look-alikes, and yes, even Christians can get fooled by the Waldo-Jesuses.

Using the acronym R.E.A.L. we'll look at combating the fakes and recognizing the REAL, because when you know the REAL Christ, the red stripes won't fool you. Let's do this together!

Love Like Jesus

Quail's Roost-(Lakeside #2)

Kellie Spencer

Jesus was described as full of grace and truth, and as His followers, we are called to reflect that same balance in how we love others. In this workshop, we will explore what it means to build our relationships on the foundation of Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11) and learn from Scripture how Jesus demonstrated both grace and truth in His interactions with people. Through biblical examples, discussion, and meaningful illustration, we'll discover how loving like Jesus can transform our relationships and point others to Him.



No Other Foundation

Daily Foundation Seeking Grows your Daily Life

Lakeside Steel Tent (Lakeside #4)

Meredith Kendall

In this workshop, we'll discover how consistent time with Him brings clarity, peace, and purpose to our everyday routines. My prayer is that you leave encouraged to seek God daily, and/or to deepen your walk with God.

Against the Current What is our Culture?

Eagle's Perch Shelter (Lakeside #3)

Heather Tabers

The world is loud, divided, and constantly shifting—but Jesus is not. In “Against the Current: What Is Our Culture?”, we'll expose the currents shaping our generation, anchor ourselves firmly in Christ, and learn how to live as steady, hope-filled current-changers in a drifting world. If you've ever felt pressured to go with the flow or confusion about how to stand firm, this workshop is for you.

Jesus for my Family SATURDAY ONLY Who will Teach Them???

James/John Building (Hillside #6)

Ann Gramlich

If we don't teach our children to love and follow Jesus, the world will teach them not to! Join me as we share ideas and FUN (Faith-Understanding-Nurturing) practical ways of seeing Jesus in everything we do.

Canopy High Ropes Challenge

Lake Aurora Team

(Hillside #7)

“Ticket” pre-sign up activity. 40 ft 13 sided high ropes course with 350 ft zipline dismount. Weight limit: 250 lbs - need closed toe shoes. Upper body strength needed. Limit to 20 participants per session. Offered only during morning workshop times.

To help find your way...

See Numbered yellow circles on map for workshop locations

Prayer Journey

By Anne Martinelli



Use the thoughts that follow on your own chosen path through campus.

Move to **your favorite spots** with each number and spend time in the Word.

Intro note - My prayer journey devo is a little different this year, as lots of thoughts have been swirling in my head. It basically comes down to Jesus first, letting the Spirit live mightily in us, and how the heck we do that!

Thanks for slogging through this with me.

#1

A foundation, by dictionary definition, is the basis or groundwork for anything. So here we begin. What is the basis for our lives?

Jesus is before all things, above all things, and in all things. He is First.

In construction, we look for solid ground to build on. Immediately, the hymn "on Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand" comes to mind. No one would build on loose sand, in an area that floods or has mudslides, or in a Florida specialty: a sinkhole. Why would we build a life on an unstable foundation? This world is always changing with new ideologies, philosophies, political views, unmoored morality, and the thought of the day. Don't we want something solid, unchanging, and eternal to build on?

In Colossians 1:15-20 (NLT), we see what (who) this foundation is.

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God
He existed before anything was created
He is supreme over all creation
God created everything through Him and for Him
He existed before anything
He holds all creation together
Christ is the head of the church
He is first in everything
God is pleased to live in Christ
Through the blood of Christ, God reconciled everything to Himself and made peace with everything.

Jesus is first. He is the preexistent agent and regent of creation, and its reconciler. He is preeminent. He is truth.

So like math, Jesus = truth = foundation.

#2

In Col. 2:3 - "In Him lie all the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge".

ALL. Sounds like a good place to start.

In Col. 2:7, Paul adds another foundational truth to "let your roots grow down into him and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught". Jesus is the only true foundation.

How do we strengthen our foundation?

Col 1:23 " But you must continue to believe the truth and stand firmly in it". Last week, my grandson and I built a big tower (his words) out of Magnatiles (if you don't have any, get some. They are fun!). We could keep building our tower as long as the foundation is solid - no lumps in the rug.

To keep our life tower growing, we make the daily choice to believe in the foundation of truth and stand firmly in it!

#3

Continuing to Col. 2:4 and standing firm from v. 1:23, "So no one will deceive you with well-crafted arguments." Also read Col. 2:8.

Knowing God's truth and standing in it, we recognize false teachers, see the deceit in other religions and worldly ideas. So we won't add anything to Jesus's teachings. So we can obey God's command to have no other gods or bow down to them. So we won't be like the Israelites and continue in a cycle of disobedience and idol worship. So we don't value worldly voices over the voice of Jesus.

Shifting gears a little, our new minister, Bryan Hay, started his tenure with a sermon series on Colossians - Jesus First. Good timing for me! So here are a few of his points on this passage we've been in.

Jesus is First. He is First. He is the very plan on which everything else is written.

Jesus is not a priority on our list.
HE IS mwTHE LIST!

#4

One last bit - why are we here? He created us in His image, and we are to adore and serve Him, love others, and most of all, give God glory.

Read Revelation 4:11, Isaiah 43:7

In the book *The Indwelling Life of Christ*, Maj. W. Ian Thomas tells us, "God himself, as our creator, always intended that He should indwell us. His cherished ambition was to be seen and heard in those He created. This is the purpose for which He created us, that we might be a physical, visible expression on the earth of the God who is otherwise invisible."

Read Ephesians 4:23-24,

1 Corinthians 10:31. With Christ as our foundation, His Spirit living in us, we have all we need to reflect God's glory.

How is your life a visible expression of Jesus?



1 Corinthians 3:11

Communion together...

At the closing session, we will conclude our worship time with communion together led by Cora Schwingel.

The Communion elements will be available on high top tables as you enter the Oak Hammock for the closing session.

Please prepare your heart and mind with the scripture below

Psalm 62:6-8...

*“Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.
My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.
Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.”*



Our thanks to...



Leigh-Angela Holbrook...

Our keynote speaker who brings such life, laughter and foundational truths in her presentations.

Worship Leader...

Jennifer Smith and
Friends from Dade City
Christian Church.



- Our Workshop Leaders
- Our Play and Relaxation Personnel
- Our Craft and Activity Leaders
- Our Camp Personnel
- Our Guest Bookstore....Kathryn's Christian Bookstore, Lake Wales

Our 2026 Women's Retreat Committee...

- Jolee Beamer, Lake Wales
- Kristen Beers, St. Pete
- Anne Martinelli, Vero Beach
- Jessica Meinke, St. Cloud
- Tina Runnels, St. Cloud (Chair)
- Cora Schwingel, Sebring
- Lake Aurora liaisons: Emmalee Raigoza & Phyllis Bornemann

This year's Offering Goal.... \$10,000

The 2025 offering project helped us purchase replacement 100 chair shells that were cracking and replacement tableware.

Continuing our tradition of funding the needs of Food Service, we need to replace the hood system over the cooking equipment. It is over 30 years old, continually needing repair. Creating added expense and safety concerns. Thank you for prayerfully considering your gift.



Online Giving on our donation page...

Scan the QR code or

www.lakeaurora.org/donate/donate.html -Select
"Designation- Other" and state "Women's Retreat" in
Comment Section.



Your gift will be a blessing to thousands!

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why can't we bring back praying as a group in the DH?

The Dining Hall's sound system is very basic and acoustically insufficient to hear the prayers or announcements, especially when over 300 women are in the room. We offer the dinner prayer in the Oak Hammock and encourage prayers as a table for breakfast and lunch.

Why can't the evening keynote session be before the craft/activity options?

Many of the craft/activity options are outdoors and we try to take advantage of sunlight before it sets.

What determines a "sold out" retreat? Many factors affect the cut off number. Mainly the amount of people we can fit and serve in the Dining Hall during one meal. There are options now for women to stay off campus, along with day use.

What's that smell? Hopefully, this doesn't happen but sometimes the water chlorinator breaks that takes the sulfur smell out of our well water. It won't hurt you if it smells and is probably better for you than the chlorinated version. The water in the water fountains and in the dining hall is filtered but may still smell if we have an issue.

Are there gators in the lake? Lake Aurora is a clear, spring-fed, deep, cold lake that does not appeal to alligators calling it home. They can travel up to five miles between bodies of water, but we have not had issues with them staying around and making it home.

 Coming 2027 April 9-10 & 10-11

We are happy to introduce **Julie Colvin** of "Trust the Training: Women of the Word Encouraging Purpose" in Branson , Missouri. She is highly recommended by many Women's conferences. While she is currently a midwesterner, grew up in Florida and studied at Florida Christian College before it became Johnson University, FL.

A girl-mom of three, a coffee and chocolate enthusiast, and married to her college sweetheart for over 15 years.

She finds her calling in women's ministry, helping them discover the transformative power of discipleship.

On her website, trustthetraining.com, former participants have said, "Julie is an amazing, entertaining, and encouraging speaker. I absolutely love being immersed in her teachings. Above all, she is a strong woman of God, and His light shines brightly through her."



We are excited to have her with us in 2027!

Julie Colvin

Important Information...

- No smoking in any buildings or porches. Designated areas: gazebo by Dining hall, shelters in front of Flower Dorms, picnic table in front of cabins.
- Alcohol is Not permitted on campus. Firearms must be locked in vehicles.
- Please do not move furniture/beds OR move mattresses outside. (Earplugs available)
- Please text/call any needs (forgot pillow/blanket, etc.) and maintenance requests to 863-264-9018
- Need a ride? Golf cart shuttles available in between sessions/workshops.
Please notify driver if you need a ride back after your drop off.
Please note: Rides end at 11 pm.
Transportation Coordinator: 863-350-3697
- Information table in the foyer of the dining hall & Oak Hammock for questions or first aid.
- High Ropes courses have 250 lb weight limit and must be able to have upper body strength.
- Bring your camp/lawn chair to workshops to guarantee seating.

thank you!

Evaluations

We appreciate your input and want to provide the type of retreat that benefits, encourages, and strengthens you as a Christian sister.

Opportunities Ahead

Many opportunities are ahead for either you or someone you know...

- Camp Open House - May 3
- Camp Friendship - Special Needs - June 28-30
- SUMMER CAMP - June 1 - July 31

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