



## A Wonderful Year

This summer we were blessed with the best attendance since our founding! We hosted 4,168 campers through ten weeks of camp. We were able to host nine weeks of evangelical student camps, and also had the opportunity to be a light to one week of public school groups led by Christian teachers. Of these camps, we recorded over two hundred first time professions of faith, fifty-six rededicated their lives to Jesus, twenty-two were baptized on campus, and eighteen surrendered to the ministry. Towards the tail end of camp season, the annual golf tournament held at Bayou Bend in Crowley had record attendance with thirty-four teams and 102 players despite being in the heat of July. Not long after, 175 men attended the Sons of Issachar, an interdenominational gathering, held every year in August. Over forty adult men professed faith in Christ while at this event.

This past year brought major renovations of W. N. Prather Family Lodge. Extensive carpentry and repairs were made as well as new windows and doors added in the common areas. Other improvements around campus include adding Wifi to Elliot and Westberry dorms, new water bottle fountain fillers across campus, and a new pavilion behind the worship center to provide shade for summer campers near the recreation field. Improvements have also been made to our Nature Center, home to Acadian Outdoor School. A local boy scout did his Eagle scout project using our Nature Center. He added new plants, signs, and bird houses alongside other scouts in his troop. Acadian Baptist Center also received a gold certification for our Nature Center from The Acadiana Native Plant Project. Another boy scout who has worked here the past two years has decided to make his Eagle Project here too. We look forward to having them on campus and are grateful for all the volunteer work that made all these improvements happen.



## Upcoming Events

Senior Adult Conference Sept 19  
with special guest Benji Richard

Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner  
Oct 3 with special guest Robert  
Dukes

Campers On Mission Work week  
Oct 30-Nov 3

ABA Reunion November 3-4

ABC Kids Retreat November 3- 4

ABC Christmas program  
December 12

ABC Men's Retreat February 2-3

ABC Couples' Retreat March 15-16

ABC Golf Tourney March 23

## Looking to the Future

To invite others to join in the work God is doing, this October Acadian Baptist Center will begin a Capital Campaign for special project fundraising. Through God's faithfulness to bring others in to join our mission to partner with churches as they minister to South Louisiana, many of our building projects have been funded through these campaigns. The major emphasis is to get the Worship Center and Lodge renovation debt free! Other priorities will include a new waste water treatment plant for our growing campus, miscellaneous campus improvements, and additional camp housing. All of our Fuego youth camps are currently booked a year in advance with a waiting list. Please keep ABC's financial goals in your prayers and for those of you that would partner with our mission, it is an honor to serve alongside you as we see God move on our campus.

Our 2022 Christmas program in the worship center, Grand Ole Opry Christmas, was very warmly received and we are planning another in December 2023. I hope you can make plans to attend for another Opry-style evening celebrating of all God has done at ABC this year and worshiping the One who has done it all! Be sure to check out all of our upcoming events: Senior Adult conference, Kids' Retreat, Student Retreat, Grand Ole Opry Christmas, Men's and Couples' retreats as well as our Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner, a fantastic evangelistic event to bring your friends and family that don't know Christ as Savior. Listed to the left are our upcoming events and dates. I hope you can help promote them and share how God is using ABC to further His Kingdom with those in your church and community.

I would like to thank our wonderful staff and volunteers for their hard work and tremendous dedication during this summer with both record attendance and record heat! Ministering to 400 to 500 each week of campers and program staff takes a lot of effort and teamwork. My wife, Shannon, reminded me that this has been our fortieth summer here at ABC. We have been blessed to now see three generations influenced by Christ as we serve at ABC; ours, our children's, and now our grandchildren's.

Sincerely,  
James Newsom  
ABC Camp Director