

PROGRAM PLANNER

Time and location

Friday 9:15-10:30 PM

Saturday 9:30-10:45 AM

Saturday 11:00-12:15 pm

My Selected Option

PLEASE NOTE...

- Tables labeled with housing units or "Other" if day use, RV, Tents
Outside seating also available on Miller Memorial Patio
Please return **used dishes & trash to dish window**, flatware in tub.
- **No smoking in any buildings or porches.** Use marked gazebos or shelters with 'butt buckets'.
- Firearms must be locked in vehicles.
- Please do not move furniture/beds OR move mattresses outside dorm.
(Earplugs available)
- Forgot pillow/sheets/blanket? Text 386-747-1418 with need/housing/bed#
- Please report maintenance requests: with QR code

- We hope you felt at home and were blessed.
Google Reviews are welcome!

thank you!



2024 Men's Retreat March 1-2, 2024

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Lake Wales, FL 33898
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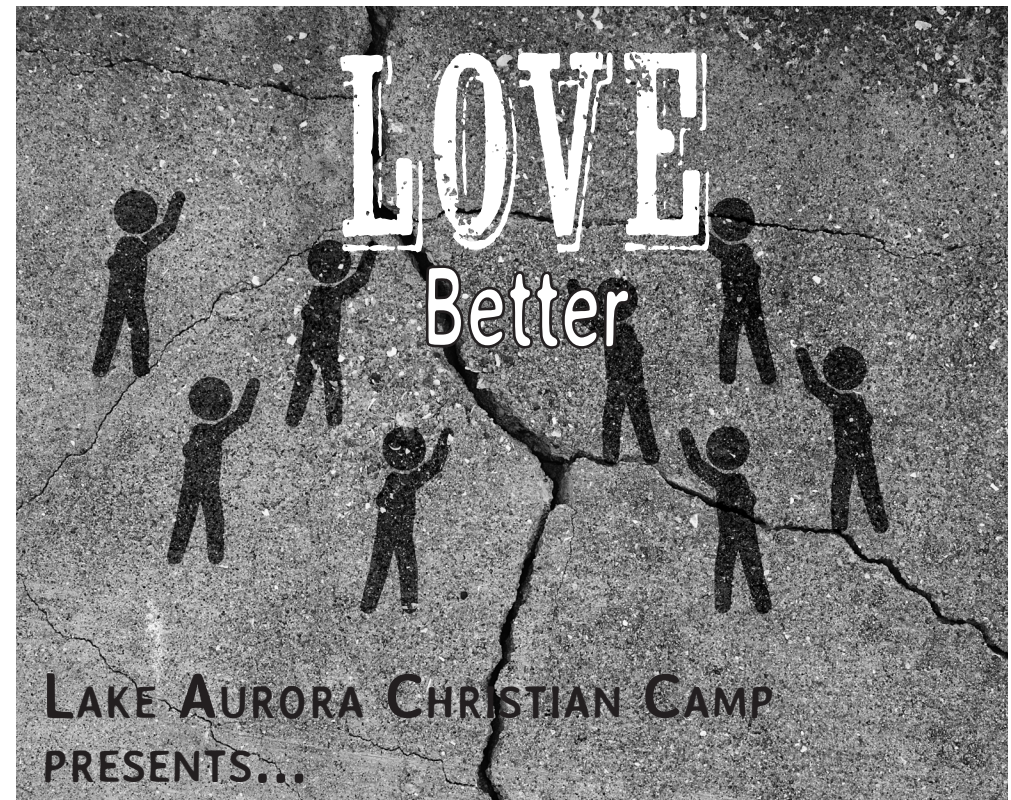


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2024

MEN'S

RETREAT

March 1-2





WELCOME!

Welcome to the 2024 Men's Retreat at Lake Aurora. Our theme for 2024, Love Better, is a modern explanation of what Paul is communicating in 1st Corinthians 13 as not a wedding passage but a powerful explanation of how we are supposed to love each other and our communities better.

Our prayer is that through our main sessions, workshops, worship, and activities, you will come away refreshed and renewed, equipped to love better in your spheres of influence.

Our goal is to remember that as Christ-followers, we represent Jesus and His Gospel wherever our busy lives find us. Hopefully, this weekend, you'll have a chance to unwind, be encouraged, and be renewed. Through our keynote and workshops, we hope it offers a challenge to discover, or perhaps, rediscover God's purpose for you and how He wants to use you to transform the lives of those around you for Jesus and His Gospel.

In Christ, The 2024 Planning Team

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

No stranger to Lake Aurora, we welcome back Arron Chambers! He serves as Lead Pastor at Journey Christian Church, Colorado—a multi-site church with a new campus at a local Correctional Facility and a large online community. He is an accomplished author of eight books, a life/business/marriage coach, a cross-country coach, and a global speaker.



OFFERING PROJECT

Shade Canopy for Hillside Playground

Goal - \$1,200



The sun is hot! Especially on slides!

Previous Men's Retreat gifts helped purchase the amazing Hillside playground. It is a blessing but it is also in the sun and unpleasant in certain times of the day.

We are responsible to help protect our campers from the effects of the sun and heat. A canopy over this structure would provide relief and safety. The poles are installed already. We just need to order the canopy sail.

After the retreat, Scan the QR code to reach our donate page. Or go to lakeaurora.org/donate

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Scan for donate page

EVALUATIONS

Please take a moment to complete the evaluation on your table at lunch. We take your suggestions seriously and want to provide the type of retreat that benefits, encourages, and strengthens you as a Christian brother.

Special Thanks

The Lake Aurora ministry relies heavily on the creative efforts of many volunteers! Thank YOU!

- The Musicians from Cornerstone CC Vero
- The Workshop Presenters
- The 2024 Retreat Planning Team

OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

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

Young At Heart Day - March 7

Women's Retreats - April 12-13 & 13-14 (FULL)

Camp Open House - May 15

SUMMER CAMP - June 2- August 2

Camp Friendship - Special Needs - June 30-July 2, 2024

KEYNOTE OR WORKSHOP NOTES



S C C H E D U L E

Worship
music led
by the
musicians of
Cornerstone
Vero Beach
&
FCC, Cape
Coral

- Boats open & available until dark.
Life jacket must be onboard for each guest.
- 4:00 pm Check In Begins
- 6:30 Dinner** in Dining Hall (Tables named by Housing)
- 7:30 Keynote Session #1 - Hillside Steel Tent
Praise Service
Keynote: Arron Chambers
- 8:45 Break Options:
Snacks and sodas on Dining Hall front porch
Game room - Lakeside Lower Deck Under Chapel
- 9:15-10:30 Workshop Session #1 & Campfire Options
Page 5 for locations
- 11 pm - 7 am Quiet hours... Please no loud outdoor activity during these hours, this includes basketball.
- 7:00 am Early Coffee-South end Dining Hall/Miller Patio
- 7:30 Breakfast** in Dining Hall
- 8:30 Keynote Session 2 - Arron Chambers
- 9:30-10:45 Workshop #2 or Active Options
- 11:00-12:15 Workshop #3 or Active Options
- 12:30 pm Lunch** in Dining Hall
- 1:15 pm Keynote Session 3 - Arron Chambers
- 2:00 Closing*
- 2:13-3:15 T-shirt Shoppe Open
- 3-5 Enjoy the campus
- *Feel free to enjoy the campus this afternoon.
- Please leave grounds by 5:30 pm. Thank you.
- Remember, this is your retreat. Only you and God know what you need the most. Feel free to choose how you participate as you are led.**

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

● See yellow circles on maps for workshop locations

Elders-Gift of God to Church **James/John Hillside**

This workshop examines Ephesians 4:11, demonstrating how God intended the elder to be a vital component in the growth of the church.

Leadership Synergy **Steel Tent Hillside**

Personal relationships are the key to success. No matter how sophisticated or creative your ideas are, nothing great will happen if the people who make up your team don't like each other and work well together. The church body is no different.

Ancient Creatures Unearthed **Scrub Oak - Lakeside**

Amateur fossil hunters, Ken and Joel Groff uncovered the back left fibula of a mastodon along the banks of the Peace River. A week excavating the area, 3 years repairing and assembling the back left leg of a fossil mastodon. Story of connecting as a father and son, & pursuing adventure in God's created world. Both are licensed in Vertebrate Paleontology hunting Florida fossils for over 20 years.

Just Love Vulnerable Children Better **Lakeside Chapel**

Together we will consider the mandate of robust divine love in ministering to trafficked, exploited and vulnerable children.

Church Security. Role of the Sheep Dog **Lakeside Chapel**

Understand reasonable concepts of safety to confront various threats and emergencies that places of worship may face before during and after the hours of worship. Identify those who will stand and be sheepdogs to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all who are eager to worship.

Guardian and Overseer **James/John Hillside**

Two responsibilities of the elder are found in Acts 20:28 that requires that they protect themselves spiritually and the traditions given by the apostles and prophets that produce the growth of the church (Ephesians 4:12-16).

Speaking the Truth in Love **James/John Hillside**

This session explores Ephesians 4 and 1 Timothy 3:14-16 that summarize the responsibilities of the elder in overseeing the church.

Reaching Your Community **Steel Tent Hillside**

Where the rubber hits the road on sharing the Gospel.

- 1 = Friday - 9:15 pm
- 2 = Saturday - 9:30 am
- 3 = Saturday - 11:00 am

Session 1 **Dr. Paul McCuiston**

Session 1 & 2 **Travis Jacob**

Session 1 & 2 **Ken Groff**

Session 1 **David Peters**

Session 2 & 3 **Wayne Black**

Session 2 **Dr. Paul McCuiston**

Session 3 **Dr. Paul McCuiston**

Session 3 **Arron Chambers**

KEYNOTE OR WORKSHOP NOTES



Golf Cart Transportation... Lake Aurora staff will be shuttling between the dining hall and workshops to help with those with walking difficulties.

Please TEXT/call our "Transport Coordinator" if you need assistance between hours 7am-9:30 pm **865-924-6277**

KEYNOTE OR
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CAMPUS MAP



If you have an immediate need regarding the facilities, or an emergency, feel free to contact any of the Lake Aurora staff or you may text/call Steve Bornemann at 863.528.9359.

WORKSHOP LEADER BIOS



Dr. Paul McCuiston

Dr. McCuiston is an adjunct professor for St Leo University, Pasco-Hernando State College and Director of Teaching4Jesus Ministries. Paul's interests are in the Gospels, with emphasis on Matthew, Paul, and covenant. The Matthean research focuses on the contextual background of covenant, Christology, and kingdom within the fulfillment ideal. All three areas focus on the Jewish heritage of Christianity and the impact on the Christian life.

Ken Groff

Ken Groff is a former Polk County Elementary School teacher. He taught Science, Art, and the STEM program for 33 years. Currently, he is the Minister of Spiritual Development at Legacy Christian Church. Both Ken and Joel are licensed by the Florida Program of Vertebrate Paleontology and have hunted Florida fossils for over 20 years.

David Peters

David ministers with Rapha International as Chief People's Officer/General Counsel. After being confronted with the horrors of human trafficking, David and his wife, Anastasia were compelled to help end the cycle of tracking, exploitation and abuse in Southeast Asia and Haiti. David began a partnership with Rapha that evolved to being a full-time employee. With Anastasia and their kids, David is more eager than ever to empower the church to be God's heart and hands in the world, especially to the "least of these" that mean so much to God.

Wayne Black

Wayne Black has more than forty-five years of professional security experience in both the public and private sectors. He is the founder and president of Wayne Black & Associates, Inc. For more than a decade, he was the Security Advisor/PSD Lead for former Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and the Rumsfeld Foundation. Mr. Black routinely travels the country providing threat assessments and training for schools and houses of worship. He has personally supervised protection details and special threat assignments in the United States, Central Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and South America. As a contractor for the Department of Homeland Security after the events of 9/11, he supervised a classified "Red Team" conducting threat assessments at designated national security locations and events. He has been qualified to testify as an expert witness regarding security in US Federal and State courts. He has recently authored "School (In)Security".

Travis Jacob

With a rich history in executive roles across various organizations and churches, Travis is a seasoned leader committed to cultivating healthy workplace cultures. His expertise lies in leadership training, where he hones future leaders with a blend of practical wisdom and innovative strategies. Outside the office, Travis fuels his passion for triathlons, embodying his belief in holistic wellness. He is currently the Director of Advance Center For Ministry Training in Kissimmee.

ACTIVE OPTIONS FOR WORKSHOPS

Active 'Self-led' Options Available in various areas - See Map

- 18 Hole Disc Golf - starts at brick patio off Dining Hall
- Paddleboats/Canoes at Pt Aurora.
Grab a provided lifejacket & take it along.
- Gaga Ball - under Lakeside Steel Tent
- Pick up Basketball at Lakeside Steel Tent
- Sand Volleyball (Lakeside, Hillside, Beach front)
- Football/Soccer in Lakeside playfield
- Corn Hole (Lakeside Steel Tent)
- Tomahawks path between Dining Hall/Lakeside
- Docks, rocking chairs, swings, etc...
- Please do not fish in the Swim Area.
- Swimming at your own risk. No lifeguards on duty.
Scaffolding tower off limits. Thank you.
- 9:30 am-11:30 am - Pontoon Boat rides at Pt Aurora

2:00-5 pm Options - Same as above

ACTIVE OPTIONS

● =Look for this icon on campus map

* Sign up required for Swing & Canopy

9:30 am & 11 am (75 minute sessions)

- **9:30 am Double Zip Line Only...** Meet at picnic tables behind Dining Hall at brick patio. Staircase to begin and end at Dining Hall at ground level. 250 lb weight limit
- **11:00 am Giant Swing...** Limited to 24. Sign up required. Double 40 foot swing drop. Meet at the umbrella next to three 40 ft poles. 250 lb weight limit.
- **9:30 am/11 am Canopy High Ropes...** 40 ft ascending 11 element course ending with a 350 ft zip. 250 lb weight limit.



Campfire Roundups Friday Night

An opportunity for spontaneous conversations and worship. Five locations, see map for 🔥 logos.

- 🔥 Hillside Ring - In front of James/John Building
- 🔥 Lakeside - Scrub Oak Building - Legacy CC, LKLD
- 🔥 Lakeside Woods - Lakeside woods trail
- 🔥 Lakeside Chapel Ring - In front of Chapel
- 🔥 Beach Fire Ring - Lakeside Waterfront Beach

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Please rate each area.

"5-above your expectations" and "1-below your expectations".

More specific comments are welcome on back.

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Below Expectations

Above Expectations

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