



Great Plains Region Briefing

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National Day of Prayer

National Day of Prayer – May 1st

Thursday, May 1st marks the **National Day of Prayer**, and we invite you to join believers across the country—and across the **Great Plains Region**—as we seek the face of God together.

In a world full of noise, distractions, and deep need, we are reminded of the power and privilege we have to **commune directly with God** through the finished work of Jesus Christ. *“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace...”* (Hebrews 4:16).

Prayer is not just a discipline—it is a lifeline.

This is also a time to embrace the importance of **corporate prayer**. When we gather together in unity, God moves in powerful ways. Jesus said, *“If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done...”* (Matthew 18:19). The early church modeled this, and we believe God is still honoring that kind of faith and unity today.

Prayer is a priority in the Great Plains Region, and we want to continue the work God began in us during our recent Regional Conference. He stirred hearts to intercede, and we want to keep that fire burning.

Join us on **Thursday, May 1st at 7:00 PM (CT)** for a special **Zoom prayer gathering** open to all churches and individuals. Let’s humble ourselves, seek His face, and believe together for a fresh outpouring of His Spirit.

Thursday, May 1st

7:00 PM CT

Zoom – Open to all churches and individuals <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86767116248?pwd=bJiqR1KBWEwSpw1FE0aEX3YUmHhwpY.1>

Meeting ID: 867 6711 6248



Let's pray—together.

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Upcoming Events



Children's Camp

June 23-27

[Registration open](#)



Youth Camp

June 2-6

[Registration open](#)



Family Camp

July 28-Aug 2

Registration opens June 1



[Registration is open](#)

Women's Retreat

Women's Retreat this year was a great time! Over the two days we focused on Colossians 2:6-7 and what it means to be Rooted in Christ. Many women from around the region shared as main session and breakout session leaders. God beautifully wove each message together to draw us closer to



Timber Lakes March update

Our staff has been busy this month making improvements, cleaning, painting, building, and much more! We are getting the camp ready for the busy camp season! All of us are looking forward to a busy spring and summer! In March we hosted 3 different groups: The Great Plains Region Men's Conference, a Christian Motorcycle Group (The Bondslaves), and the Lorne Schmidt family. Some of the projects completed or started this month are:

- We have a new sign by the upper pond
- The bench by the upper pond has been rebuilt
- The Commercial kitchen popcorn ceiling has been scraped, patched, and painted
- The staff room in the kitchen has been painted and organized
- There are new check out instructions in every lodging room
- The concrete and water line work has been completed for moving the cabins
- The Gift Shop is being relocated as well
- The windows that needed replacing in the main house have been installed
- Controlled burns and necessary tree removal done on campus for spring
- Our Facebook page has been busy this month. We have had 1301 views in March
- We have given numerous tours this month. Most have booked for this year or for 2026

We look forward to hosting the Great Plains ladies in April. We are geared up and ready for our busy season here at Timber Lakes! As always, we covet your prayers for our staff and campers.



STAFF OPENINGS IN THE GREAT PLAINS REGION

Cornerstone Fellowship, Wichita, KS

Cornerstone is looking for a Lead Pastor/Bi-vocational to take over this established location in Wichita, KS.

Please send resume to [Andy Petro](#).

Northwind Church, Keewatin, MN

Northwind Church is looking for a Lead Pastor/Bi-vocational of a three year old church plant in Northern MN. To visit their website go [here](#).

Please send resume to [Tim Maki](#).

Regional Prayer Focus

1. Leadership Development-Internship and Network Leaders
2. Church Health-Revitalization and Hope Church Clatonia
3. Disciple Multiplication
4. Church Multiplication-Connect Church-Sioux City, NE and Epicenter Church-Ellis, KS

National Prayer Focus

APRIL PRAYER FOCUS – BROKENNESS FOR LOST PEOPLE

PERSONAL REFLECTION: “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son’” (Luke 15:20-21).

- What an amazing picture of the Father’s love for us — He has always waited with open arms to welcome us home.
- Who are the prodigals in your life you are waiting to welcome home knowing full well our heavenly Father is also waiting with open arms?
- Who are the people in your life who know nothing of the Father who need to see the Father’s love through you.
- Take time this week to intercede on their behalf. Pray the Lord will make Himself known to them. Pray for opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Specific Prayer Needs

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