

# A View from the Lake

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## Info Bits

- Gift Shop Open House Educates Local Area
- Wish List Published On Lakeview Web Site
- Don and Jo Strickland Endowment Established
- Contact Lakeview for your next event: youth retreat, family reunion, church outing, and more!
- CIC Ambassadors still needed



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For retreat or event information contact the staff at the Lakeview office at 903-538-2711.

## Ike Evacuees Seek Refuge @ Lakeview

Beginning with the threat of Gustav and ending with the devastation of Ike, several families and special needs individuals found refuge at Lakeview. All total more than 300 people found a safe haven at the camp as protection from the storm and a place of comfort afterwards while utilities and vital services were restored. This included special needs children and adults from Harris County, Friendswood, and Port Arthur. For many of these folks, public shelters are difficult to utilize given the many limitations and specific needs they have. Lakeview provides them accessible accommodations, meals, and a more stable environment as they transition through an already traumatic experience.

While most of our guests were able

to return to their homes to find little or no damage, some were not so fortunate. "It was heartbreaking to see those who received

word of their home being destroyed. Yet, what a comfort it was knowing Lakeview was able to provide a temporary place of food and shelter while they began the process of recovery," stated Dr. Von Dawson, Superintendent. While we hope such devastation is not repeated, it was a special treat for the staff to be able to bond with many of our evacuees making new friendships to last a long time.



## Dickens Village Open for Tours



The special collection of the Department 56 Dickens Village displayed in the new Don and Jo Strickland Gift Shop has been viewed by thousands of people since its grand opening in May. Folks of all ages have been overwhelmingly amazed at the size and scope of the village. Nearly everyone who sees the display for the first time comments, "I had no idea it was so huge!"

With the holidays quickly approaching, tours of the village display are expected to increase tremendously. Several groups have already made reservations to see the village and tour the camp. The tour is a great outing for any group or family, especially during the holiday season. Go online to [www.lakeviewmcc.org](http://www.lakeviewmcc.org) or call the Lakeview office for more information on how you can arrange a tour of this magnificent scene.

## Lakeview Board Plans the Future

The Board of Directors for Lakeview have their plates full planning and visioning for the future. Many projects and plans will be presented and reviewed by the members in the coming year.

Work on the Strategic Plan is ongoing with more workshops planned in the near future. Additionally, the Board will be entertaining a proposal for a comprehensive Mas-

ter Plan review and update.

Members of the Lakeview Board continue their meetings with the Study Committee formed in 2007 by the Annual Conference to present a final report in 2009.

A big "thanks" to all our members for their time, dedication and hard work serving as directors of the Lakeview Board!

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## Upcoming Dates

Some future dates to mark on your calendar:

Mid-Winter I                      January 23-25, 2009  
Mid-Winter II                     January 30—February 1, 2009

### 2009 Summer Camp Dates

Southeast District Camp            June 15-19  
Central N/Central S/ Southwest    June 22-26  
Choir Clinic                            June 29-July 3  
East/West District Camp            July 6-10  
North/Northwest District Camp    July 13-17  
South District Camp                 July 20-24

[www.campingatlakeview.com](http://www.campingatlakeview.com)



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## Opportunity to Give

Help support Lakeview with a gift to one of the following:

- General Endowment Fund
- Strickland Endowment Fund
- "Free Our Vision" Capital Campaign
- Grounds Beautification
- David Barber Challenge Course
- Undesignated (use where needed)

Gifts may be made in honor/memory of someone special:

gift made in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

gift made in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  check enclosed

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