



These are the words our Board Chair Brad Bauer warmly gave at the opening of the 75th Anniversary Celebration conference at Green Lake in August. As Sandra Wimpelberg put it, “our house is in Tennessee, but our home is Green Lake.” The stories in the enclosed 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book paint pictures of this ‘Home.’

“When we drive through the gates we know we are ‘Home.’ The many nooks and crannies to walk, read, or just sit and enjoy solitude by the lake make it easy to get back into union with yourself, with nature and with God” (see the Saunders story on p. 44). The Mottrams “love the beauty of Green Lake – set aside for Christian fellowship. We love the learning, playing, sharing and worshipping. There is no distance when you are at Green Lake – with God or others” (p. 36).

“Green Lake is a place of peaceful calm, a sheltered cove from the storms we experience in life” for Jane Smith (p. 40), as it was for the Lawsons. For some who have experienced a lifetime of prejudice or abuse, Green Lake is a first experience of true Christian community. Susan Soria remembers making friends with an African American couple with whom they stayed in Stambaugh House for a conference in 1958. “When it came time to leave, the wife cried because she said this is the first place where they had been treated as just two other people” (p. 31).

Green Lake has impacted multiple generations in families such as Sarah Purpura, her parents Mike and Dawn, and her grandparents the Kimseys. Sarah is “thankful for Green Lake’s display of God’s beauty. I love to walk through the grounds hearing the carillon, thinking of how God has woven my family’s story into this place, and how He continues to be faithful to us and so many other people through the ministry of Green Lake” (pp. 45-46).

“Green Lake is always at the cutting edge. It made me a better pastor,” says Edward Heist (p. 51). God has fulfilled the inspired 1943 purpose statement to nurture and train leaders for the cause of Christianity in ways that go infinitely beyond what we dare hope or imagine. Take a look at the stories of Rachel Bediako, Pastor Seth and more.

For all this, we give God all the glory. God can then do infinitely more than we dare hope or imagine in the next 75 years (Ephesians 3: 20). We cannot wait.

As World War II was at its peak in 1944, the need for this sacred place for closer walks with God, nurturing and training Christian leaders was obvious when Green Lake began. Today, in our divided hurting world, the need is vitally pressing once again. Would you support us in this wonderful mission?

- Become a part of our power source – our faithful prayer supporters
- Serve on the volunteer or paid staff
- Give a financial gift to support the renovations of our sleeping rooms, opening up lake views with new window treatments, and bright new carpet
- Give monthly to fund stewarding the buildings and grounds or to fund scholarships to enable youth, families, pastors and lay leaders to come for a closer walk with God, training and inspiration
- Invite people to make Green Lake their spiritual ‘Home’

Enjoy reading the stories of 75 years of God’s greatness through Green Lake. We certainly have.

May God bless you and your family this Christmas season, as we find hope and joy in the birth of Christ Jesus.

  
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