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Lake Junaluska Celebrates 100 years of Spiritual Leadership

They will be Hosting a Centennial Celebration That will be Held Throughout 2013

Lake Junaluska, NC – [The Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center](#) will be hosting a [Centennial Celebration](#) to commemorate 100 years of religious development.

The Celebration will be a year-long series of signature events and special functions within the Lake Junaluska community. They believe the Centennial Celebration will inspire people to celebrate the past, envision the future, and share the Lake Junaluska experience.

“Lake Junaluska is a beautiful place, and is a religious landmark in our community,” explains Lynn Collins, Director of the [Haywood County Tourism Development Authority](#). “The Centennial Celebration is a huge accomplishment for them.”

Schedule of Events for the Centennial Celebration:

April 18, 2013

Opening Presentation, Stories by the Lakeshore

Renowned storyteller Donald Davis will perform in the Stuart Auditorium.

Davis is a graduate of Duke Divinity School, a retired Methodist Minister, and a former Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the National Storytellers Association. He has been a featured teller at the Smithsonian Institution, the World's Fair, and at festivals and concerts throughout the United States and the World. He is also a prolific author and producer of books and tapes.

June 30 – July 8, 2013

Centennial Week, Lake Junaluska Homecoming

The Homecoming will feature a full week of dynamic speakers, worship, preaching, music, home tours, and reunions. A July 4th Concert and Fireworks will also be going on during this week.

August 2 & 3, 2013
The Light of the Lake

The Light of the Lake, Lake Junaluska's Centennial Celebration theatrical production, will highlight time periods of the lake's history through photography and performance. Described as a multimedia experience, the production will incorporate photography, acting, and a heavy musical influence with performances by the Lake Junaluska Singers.

December 9th & 10th
Centennial Appalachian Christmas

Dr. Melodie Galloway, the Lake Junaluska Singers, and guest musicians will be performing during this celebration to rejoice in the true meaning of Christmas.

Lake Junaluska is committed to meet the needs of The United Methodist Church, offering new opportunities for worship, study, leadership development and events that encourage a commitment to Christ. If you have questions about the Lake Junaluska Centennial Celebration, please contact the Centennial Committee Chairperson, Sara Hillman, at byrdnsara@wildblue.net. Or visit their website <http://www.lakejunaluska.com/centennial-schedule/>

Lake Junaluska Hosts "Polar Plunge" to Benefit Kids in the Creek

Along with the Centennial Celebration, Lake Junaluska will also be hosting a Polar Plunge to benefit Kids in the Creek.

Haywood Waterways Association and Lake Junaluska Assembly are putting on the event, which will be held Saturday, February 23 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at the Lake Junaluska beach. It features a "plunge" into Lake Junaluska, followed by a hot chili lunch. Costumes are encouraged, and prizes will be awarded to top fundraisers and best costumes.

The cost is \$20 with all proceeds benefitting Haywood Waterway's Kids in the Creek program. The lunch will cost \$5 with proceeds benefitting Lake Junaluska Assembly and their work to preserve the lake.

The organizations are seeking sponsorships and brave individuals and to plunge into Lake Junaluska. For more information about registration, and sponsorships visit these websites: haywoodwaterways.org, [facebook.com/HaywoodWaterwaysAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/HaywoodWaterwaysAssociation), or contact Eric Romaniszyn, Executive Director at info@haywoodwaterways.org, or by phone 828-476-4667.

Kids in the Creek is Haywood Waterways' premier education event. It is a hands-on learning experience about water quality. In the 15 years the event has been held, Haywood Waterways has reached over 10,000 8th grade students.

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