

Gatekeepers Workcamp
"Some Assembly Required"
July 9-14, 2017

Gatekeepers Workcamp began at Lakeside Baptist Church in 1992 as a missions partnership between a consortium of Rocky Mount churches. In this, the twenty-sixth consecutive year of Gatekeepers Workcamp, we had about 100 youth and over 50 adults from thirteen area churches. This year, Gatekeepers provided assistance by renovating eight homes for elderly and disabled homeowners in our community.

2017 Participating Churches: Church of the Good Shepherd, Conetoe Chapel Baptist Church, Englewood United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Lakeside Baptist Church, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, and West Haven Presbyterian Church. We also had participants from Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Calvary Episcopal Church, Englewood Baptist Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and St. Therese Catholic Church.

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