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Helping you to get the Pulse of Servant's Heart

Merry Christmas



How many times over the Christmas holiday will you hear or even say "MERRY CHRISTMAS"? Although you may say it many times, have you ever thought about what is wrapped up in those two words? The word "merry" means to be cheerful, alive, bright or joyful. According to the dictionary Christmas is "the annual festival of the Christian church commemorating the birth of Jesus." So when we say "Merry Christmas" we are telling the person to have a joyful celebration of Christ's birth. How can a person have a joyful celebration of Christ's birth when they reject the very Christ of Christmas. Perhaps this Christmas we can use these two words as a springboard to share the true meaning of Christmas. We, at Servant's Heart, would like to wish you a true and Christ-honoring Merry Christmas.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Protecting our **BRIGHT** Future

At our fall board meeting in October, I presented to the board a PowerPoint presentation that was entitled "Protecting our Bright Future." In that presentation, we spent some time looking at the past and the miracles that God has preformed to bring us to where we are today. It was a thrill to review some circumstances that could not be explained in any other way than miracles from the hand of God. To God be the Glory, great things He is doing! We then looked at where we are now - our current situation. It is exciting to have the utilities installed and to enjoy the comforts of flushing toilets and hot showers. We reviewed our camper numbers for the past few years. With utilities installed for the 2015 camping season, we finally exceeded the camper numbers that we had in 2010 (the last year at a rented property). More campers not only help to pay the bills; but even more importantly, it allows us to minister to more people. After reviewing our current situation, we spent considerable time talking about protecting our bright future. We already put several ideas into motion. Please join us for our Banquet on April 15 where we plan to share some of our plan. We hope that you are also thrilled as you see how God continues to lead His work in Ramey. Please pray for us as we are taking steps to "Protect our Bright Future."



We would like to invite you to be our guest at Shady Maple Smorgasbord at 6:00 PM on April 15, 2016. In addition to the great food, you will enjoy special music, skits, camp updates, our new video, and a short challenge from God's Word. Join us to hear about some exciting new developments. This banquet is for our friends that are 18 and older. There is no cost for the banquet, but you must register. You can register by going to our website and clicking the banquet link (<http://shcm.org/events/banquet>). You may also register by calling 717-808-7992 or 814-378-5838.

We need your help!

Starting in 2016, we would like to add more camps/retreats to more fully use the property that God has provided. We have talked about many possibilities, but we want to be of service to the churches/people to whom we are ministering. Would you be willing to take some time to complete an online survey? In that survey, you will answer questions about what camps, retreats or other services would be most helpful to you. We think some of our ideas are super, but we need you to tell us what you think. Pastors, we would also love for you to complete this survey and let us know what would most benefit you and those in your church. In fact, a \$10.00 voucher (good on any 2016 camp/retreat described in the survey) will be given to every person that completes the online survey. If you prefer, you can complete the survey anonymously, but you will not receive the \$10.00 credit. It would be very helpful to us if you would complete the survey found at www.shcm.org/help.



Although the family camp brochures were only printed in November and are being mailed for the first time with this mailing, both camps are almost filled. All of the cabins are filled for the first family camp (July 4 - 6) and the second family camp (July 7 - 9) has three open cabins (as of this writing). We are hoping that we will have at least one additional cabin finished by summer camp, but that will depend upon the needed finances. Do not be disheartened. We still have plenty of room for campers and RVs. The RV

sites do have water and electric and MAY have sewer hook-ups by summer. If you would like to be put on a waiting list for a new cabin, please register as soon as possible. You may register online or by using the enclosed brochure. Family Camp has become one of the favorite camps for the staff at Servant's Heart. They simply love serving families as they play together, pray together and purpose to grow together. At least one staff member is assigned to each family that comes to camp, and that staff member will help in any way possible. They will stay with napping children, help in the lunch lines, take your children to fun games, or just get out of your way so you can have some time as a family. Each day has some activities that families enjoy together and other activities that are age specific. We enjoy family camp, and we are confident that you also will love family camp!



Cabins Needed

Because of the extra demand, we desperately need to build some additional cabins. As the funds

become available, the board has approved the building of two cabins to be completed by the summer of 2016 and two cabins to be completed by the summer of 2017. Not only do we need the cabins, but our building permits expire at the end of 2017.

We were given a variance that allowed us to build the cabins without sprinkler systems. If we need to apply for new building permits, we do not know if we would again obtain the variance for the sprinklers. Each cabin costs about \$22,000.



Our Staff Evangelist, Dan Brubaker, has recently ended his regular employment in an effort to make himself

more available to Servant's Heart Camp and his evangelistic ministry. In an effort to support his family while he ministers, the Lord has led him to open a web and graphics design business. His skills are diverse, but he specializes in providing these services to churches, missionaries, and other ministries. Do you need a new website or some printed materials? Talk to Dan about your project needs and he will provide you with a quick estimation and offer solutions that would best fit your situation.

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Dates to Remember

Bible Quizzing	January 24, 2016
Teen Winter Retreat	January 28 - 30, 2016
Teen Winter Retreat	February 4 - 6, 2016
Bible Quizzing	February 21, 2016
Joyful Heart Conference	March 19, 2016
Bible Quizzing	March 20, 2016
Banquet at Shady Maple	April 15, 2016
Teen Youth Rally	April 16, 2016
Spring Clean-up Days	May 5 - 7, 2016
Staff Training	May 31 - June 12, 2016
Young at Heart Day	June 10, 2016
Teen Camp 1	June 13 - 18, 2016
Junior Camp 1	June 20 - 24, 2016
Teen Camp 2	June 27 - July 2, 2016
Family Camp 1	July 4 - 6, 2016
Family Camp 2	July 7 - 9, 2016

Check our website for more dates



Although the men's retreat is still nine months away (September 9 - 10, 2016), we would encourage you to mark the date. Brother Alton Beal is our speaker for the retreat, and we are looking forward to some great preaching and an outstanding time of fun and fellowship. This past year, our new event was to pick up balls with the bucket of the backhoe and drop them in a five-gallon bucket. It was super fun. We are already planning another new event that should be equally or more exciting. If you can't wait till the brochures come out to register, you can go online and register on our website.