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Helping you to get the Pulse of Servant's Heart



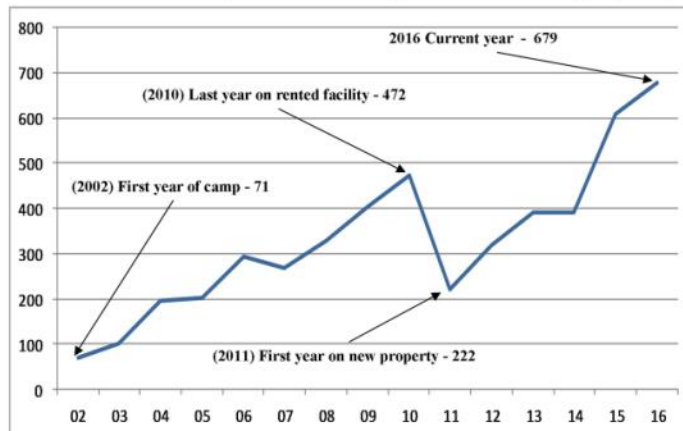
The ladies's retreat at the end of October was our last camp for 2016. Our count shows 679 total attendees for the year. That does not include the people that attended the Bible Quizzing or the spring youth rally. We are thrilled that we had the opportunity to minister to this number of people, and we are anticipating that this number will continue to grow as we are able to develop the property and build a lodge.

The chart below shows the growth since the very first year of camp in 2002. We had a total of 71 campers that first year, but the Lord allowed us to grow almost every year until 2010 when we had a total of 472 total campers. In 2011, we moved to the new property.

Because of the "exceptional value wetlands" our permits to bring utilities on the property were denied. With only

porta-potties and shower tents on the property, our camper numbers plummeted. Over the next few years we increased slightly. Finally in 2015, we were able to have flushing toilets and hot showers in the cabins and our numbers began to increase. In 2016, we had 679 campers including camps, retreats, and the Joyful Heart Conference. If we would count the people that participated in quizzing and the spring youth rally the total number would be about 800. We are thrilled the Lord is enabling us to grow in His perfect timing.

Our ultimate goal is not simply to have more campers, but having more campers does give us an opportunity to minister to more people. We do not desire to ever be a large camp, but we do desire to use the resources that God has blessed us with to make an impact upon the lives of children, teens, and adults for eternity.



FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN
THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOUR, WHICH
IS CHRIST THE LORD.

LUKE 2:11



Baseball bat? Clothing? Some new electronic gadget? Fancy backpack? Maybe we should just give cash. But that seems so impersonal . . . Have you ever had these thoughts as you considered what to get your children or grandchildren for Christmas. Perhaps, you should give the gift of Camp. A week or weekend of camp cannot only be a super highlight for a junior or teen, but it can also be life-changing. You could not only give this gift to children, but you could also give the gift of camp to your husband or wife. Your husband or wife would simply love to get away to the Men's retreat or Ladies' retreat. Perhaps, you could give the entire family the gift of family camp.

If you would like to give the gift of camp, contact us with the camper's name, the camp that you would like to send them, and

the amount that you would like to give. We will send you a Christmas decorated gift certificate. If your amount is \$100.00 or over, we will also send you a water mug to wrap with your certificate. If the camp you are buying is only \$90.00 (for example) the extra \$10.00 will go toward the cost of the mug. What a great idea. If you have any questions, please contact us. info@shcm.org or 814-497-4100





On October 20 - 22, ten wonderful and hard working volunteers converged on the camp property. Several of the men were from the Pittsburgh area and the other two groups were from two areas of Lancaster County. One group worked on the block foundation of 10th cabin while the other group put the 9th cabin under roof. The foundation on the 10th cabin took considerable longer than the other cabins because it has a full basement for some much needed storage space. There was much accomplished on those three days. Now that the foundation is finished on the 10th cabin, we would like to

get it under roof yet this year. By the time you are reading this newsletter, the deck should be put on the cabin and the cabin should be backfilled. We are now looking for a group that would like to come and put the cabin under roof. We would provide all the materials, all your meals, and a warm cabin. With one experienced carpenter and several good helpers, this cabin should be able to be put under roof in two days. If you have a larger group that would like to help there is much work to do inside the other cabin or on other various other projects around the property. If you have a group that would like to help with this cabin, please contact us. It would be a blessing!



Although Nathan and Hannah live close to the camp and are ready and eager to help with many camp projects, they have launched into a new ministry. Often missionaries are expected to present their ministry through video, but many times they find that the technology continues to change, quality video equipment is costly, and learning new software is time consuming. Their goal is to mobilize themselves in a way that they could travel to missionaries in their place of service to capture on-the-ground, storytelling video footage that will help missionaries connect and communicate with the

local church. The benefit will not only be for the missionary but also for each church member as they will see, hear, and be drawn into the ministry abroad.

In September the Lord opened the opportunity for them to travel to Rimrock, Arizona to help church planters Mike and Sue Smith develop a video to present their ministry there. While they were there they also produced a short one-minute information video for Faith Baptist Church in Cottonwood, AZ. It was a great experience as they learned more about how to help people develop the story that they want to communicate through video. Not only are they interested in serving missionaries but also churches and other ministries. Here is their contact information:



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During our men's retreat, PA Conservation Officer Chris Ivic came and described the Hunter Safety Course that he is willing to do for Servant's Heart Camp. In addition to the normal class room training Officer Ivic and his men would do hands

on training with various guns, laser shooting, and hands on "what if" scenarios. This course is for a young person that needs this course to get a hunting license or for an adult that would like a refresher on gun safety. This would be a safe environment for your young people as the course would be only for our invited guests. We do not want to schedule this course unless we know that we have about 25 people willing to attend the class. At this point we have about 12 people that have expressed interest. There is no cost for the class but there would be a charge for meals and Friday night lodging, If you are interested in this course or have more questions, please contact us.

Prayer and Praise

Decisions at camps - There were many significant decisions at camp this year and parents, pastors and campers took the time to share those with us. Pray that these campers would be faithful.

Staff - We had an outstanding staff this past summer, but most of those young people are not able to return this coming summer. Please pray that God would lead us to the staff of His choosing.

9th and 10th cabins - In ways that were totally unexpected to us, the Lord used His people to provide the funds for the materials to put the last two cabins under roof and to almost complete the one cabin. Pray that God would send the workers and the final \$14,000 to complete these cabins and do some other projects.

Churches - Several new churches have mentioned the possibility of supporting Servant's Heart on a regular basis. That would be a huge blessing not only for the financial support, but also for the prayer support.