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Helping you to get the Pulse of Servant's Heart

The Heart of Camp

Recently a pastor was telling me about the conversation he had with the mother of a teenager that attended one of our winter retreats. The family had just recently started attending the church, and the mother was so very impressed with the fact that we preached from the Bible, and that we did not allow certain questionable activities at the camp. This was not the situation at the other church camps that she attended. This reminds me of what we consider the very HEART of Servant's Heart Camp. If we (or any other camp) stray from these basics, camp will lose its effectiveness. Here are those basic H-E-A-R-T principles.

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HEARING OF GOD'S WORD. It is still the Word of God and preaching that changes lives. It is not emotional stories or motivational speeches that transform people, but it is the simple truths of God's Word. Because we have so many teaching/preaching times during summer camp, it has been suggested that we eliminate one of those times each day to give the campers more fun time. Fun time is important, but it is only a tool to prepare hearts for the preaching of God's Word. We opted to keep that extra teaching/preaching time.

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ELIMINATING WORLDLY INFLUENCES. Our families, teens, and children are bombarded with worldly influences through iPods, TVs, radios, internet, cell phones, and other electronic devices. As those distractions and other questionable activities are eliminated, it allows the Spirit of God an opportunity to work. It is a huge challenge for some teens to spend the week without social media, but that allows God to do His work.

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AWAY FROM HOME OVERNIGHT IN A NEW SETTING. Have you ever walked into a brand new environment and realized that your senses are super active as you see, smell, hear, and touch things that may have gone unnoticed in your old familiar environment? The heightened sensitivity of the senses also stimulates the mind for the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.

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REFLECTING ON THE WORD OF GOD AND LIFE IN A CREATION CONTEXT. Psalm 19 states that the "Heavens declare the glory of God." Taking individuals out of the "city life" and surrounding them with God's creation sets a perfect stage for making good decisions. We are so very thankful for the beautiful 215 acres that God has provided for this purpose.

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TRAINED AND GODLY STAFF LEADING UNIQUE AND ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES. Servant's Heart Camp spends lots of time seeking out godly role models for our campers. After finding those staff we spend almost two weeks at the beginning of the summer training those individuals. The training includes sessions on safety, counseling, games, personal holiness, work projects, and many other subjects.



"AND YOUR HEART SHALL REJOICE AND YOUR JOY NO MAN TAKETH FROM YOU.

JOHN 16:22

Our third annual Joyful Heart Ladies Conference is coming very soon - March 25, 2017. The decorations, delicate finger food, and tea will sweep you into an old English tea shop. The keynote speaker for the day is Rosanne Surett. The day will also include special music, a tea luncheon, skits (including an English tea skit) workshops, door prizes, and bookstore opportunities.

The cost for the conference is \$15.00 if you register before March 9 and \$20.00 if

you register after March 9. There is also a \$5.00 charge if you select the candy-making workshop. This conference is being hosted by Faith Bible Church in Mount Joy, PA. If you would like to add to the excitement, you may bring along your fancy hat to wear for the luncheon. For more information please visit our website or call for brochures.



Rosanne Surett

Rosanne Surett holds the B.A. degree from Pillsbury Baptist Bible College, and has assisted her husband in the ministry since their marriage in 1965. She teaches part-time at Ambassador Baptist College and also teaches the ladies' Sunday School class at Emmanuel Baptist Church. She has spoken at ladies' retreats, banquets, etc., and has authored her own material for the Help Meet class at Ambassador Baptist College. The Surretts have five children and twenty grandchildren.

Workshops

- (1) "Bible Study Helps" By Karen Sweitzer
- (2) "Help! I'm Too Busy!" by Melissa Madrid
- (3) "Candy Making" By Hannah Fry
- (4) "Herbs" By Rachelle Krape
- (5) "Hospitality" By Heather Worsham



Add to the fun and bring your tea hat. You do not need a hat to have a great time.

You Can Participate in Staff Training

I have many favorites about camp, but one of those favorites that rates near the top is our 12 days of staff training. We get to pour our lives into godly young people that want to grow and serve.

This year, we are inviting work groups and individuals to come during staff training. It is a great time for groups to be here. The staff is already preparing food and you will get to watch the staff in action. You can work during the day and participate in the evening rally. We believe it could be a great blessing for you and for us. We do have three cabins available during the week of staff training.

This and That

- ~ We had a record attendance and great decisions at our recent Teen Winter Retreats
- ~ The Krapes bought a home within walking distance of the camp, and they are beginning the renovation process.
- ~ Our new event for this year's summer camp is "The Chariot."
- ~ The picture below is the staff from our very first year of camp in 2002. To God be the Glory, Great things He is Doing!



Prayer Requests

CHURCHES - During the months of March and April, the Brubakers are scheduled to be on the road visiting like-minded churches and familiarizing them with the ministry of Servant's Heart Camp. Pray for the Brubakers and that they would make good contacts.

WORKERS - This past summer we used seven cabins, and we currently have three cabins that are under construction. The Lord in His graciousness has provided the funds to complete two of the cabins and to put the third under roof. Pray that God would send the appropriate work groups to get these projects finished.

STAFF - It is vitally important to us that we have staff that are godly role models for our campers. I have often said that I believe that many times our counselor and staff have a greater impact upon the campers than the evangelist. Obviously we want to have an excellent evangelist and staff. As of this writing, we still need many more college age young people to serve with us this summer. Please pray with us that God would send quality young people to serve this summer.

CAMPERS - We are reminded in Ephesians 6:12 that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." We are in a spiritual battle with Satan. Please pray with us that campers would make sincere decisions when they come to camp and that they would be faithful to those commitments when they return home. Satan is relentless in his attacks on the lives of our young people, but "greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Youth Rally

Each year, several churches meet together on one Sunday afternoon in January, February, and March for a time of Bible Quizzing. On one Saturday in April, we culminate with a day of games, food, preaching, and Bible Quizzing. For a number of years, it seems that the number of churches and teens that have been interested in Bible quizzing has declined. This year, however, we had 15 teams participate in the January quizzing. Why don't you bring the teens from your church to the Youth Rally on April 22, 2017 from 5:00 to 8:30. Although there is no cost, you must register. info@shcm.org | 717-808-7992

April 22, 2017
Bible Baptist
New Bloomfield
1757 New Bloomfield Rd
New Bloomfield, PA 17068



On the third Thursday of March, April, and May, we are inviting people to come to the camp and help with various work projects. We will assign different projects between 9:30 and 10:00.

At about 12:00 we will stop for lunch and fellowship. The work projects will conclude at about 3:00 in the afternoon. We have lots of various projects including setting up for summer camp, building cabins, cutting wood, cleaning cabins, spreading mulch, helping with food preparation, and the list goes on and on. There is something for everyone! Here are the dates:

March 16 - April 20 - May 18

You simply need to let us know several days in advance so we can be prepared with food and projects. It should be a great time of fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Third Thursday Opportunities