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Helping you to get the Pulse of Servant's Heart



***The Summer staff in a heart.
Picture taken along the camp lake***

This was another outstanding summer of camp. It is super thrilling to see juniors and teenagers making life-changing decisions. I will share just a few of the many stories about God's Work this summer.

One young man was saved here at camp several years ago. Again this year, he came back to camp by himself. He had not been attending church and has grown cold in his walk with the Lord. When I counseled him this summer, I told him the importance of being in God's House. He told me about a church close to his house that he attended occasionally. After he told me about the church, I was very convinced that it was not a church that was going to help him to live a separated life before God. I recommended a church relatively close to his home, but he did not give me much confidence that he would attend that church. This past Saturday, I attended a wedding at the church that I had recommended and I learned that this young man had

started attending that church. To God be the glory, great things He is doing!

After one of the evening rallies, I had the opportunity to counsel a young man with significant sin issues. He was sobbing as he told me about the sin that he hid from his parents. After he called home to confess his sin, he told me that he felt like 100 lbs. was just lifted from his shoulders. There is a real joy when you have a clean heart before God and man.

There are so many stories that could be told and each staff member would probably tell different stories of how God worked in hearts this summer. Some may even tell about the dynamic work that God did in their very own hearts. It is a huge blessing that God worked in so many different hearts in so many different ways. To God be the glory, great things He is doing.

During each week of camp the counselors sit down with each camper and spend some one-on-one time to try to help them in their spiritual walk. One counselor asked her camper if there was any day or period of time that she wishes would have never happened and she could erase. With candor the young lady said "yes, the day my parents bought a cell phone for me."

She described to her counselor how her phone led her down a path of evil and wickedness. If only parents could understand the extreme temptation they are giving their children by providing technology. While we are talking to parents allow me to tell an encouraging story about the parents of one of the staff. One of our junior staff members this summer was not performing the way we would have liked, and also was having a little trouble obeying some of the rules. I talked to this young lady and clearly told her that if she did not "shape up" we would send her home. A few days later, I received a phone call from her father. A call like this can bring fear to my heart as parents are often super protective of their "perfect" son or daughter. This call, however, was a breath of fresh air. This father thanked me for having strict standards for the staff, and he thanked me for enforcing those rules. He thanked me for providing a safe environment for his daughter to work during the summer. Wow, if only we had more parents with that kind of spirit. That young lady served very well for the rest of the summer, and I hope to have her on staff next summer.

The day that this camper wished she could erase so that the day never happened was the day her parents bought her a cell phone.

In addition to the teen and junior camps, we also had several other camps. The "Young at Heart" day with those that are 55 or older was a very special day and pushed our limits with with about 80 people attending. In the middle of the summer we had two family camps, and they are always a very special time for our staff and for the families. The staff simply love serving families as they play together, pray together, and purpose to grow together. We finished our summer camp season with a Shepherds Heart retreat designed for pastors. It was a thrill to hear that one pastor is already implementing something he learned at this retreat.

Finally, I would like to recognize the "unsung heroes" that faithfully pray for this ministry. We are humbled when folks tells us that they pray for God's Work at Servant's Heart Camp. We do not take that prayer support lightly. Thank you for praying. Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. Zech 4:6



Drink Coffee - Support Camp

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Last Cabin - Number Ten

The building permits for our cabins expire at the end of 2017. We have one final cabin to complete - number 10. During summer camp, the Lord provided the funds to complete this cabin. Now we just need the man power to get it finished. The cabin needs insulation and the tongue and groove boards need install on the inside. The outside needs the siding and also the soffit and fascia. We could use several smaller work groups this fall to help finish this cabin. We plan to work on it during our normally scheduled work weekend (Sept 14 -16) but that will not nearly finish the cabin. If you would enjoy helping let us know. We will provide your lodging and meals.



Our New Bell Tower



Upcoming Dates

Sept 14 - 16	Fall Work Days	Servant's Heart
October 26 - 28	Ladies Retreat	Timberwind
January 21	Bible Quizzing	Lancaster Bapt.
January 25 - 27	Teen Winter Retreat	Timberwind
February 1 - 3	Teen Winter Retreat	Timberwind
February 25	Bible Quizzing	North Hills
March 24	Joyful Heart	Faith Bible
March 25	Bible Quizzing	First Baptist
April 20	Banquet	Shady Maple
April 21	Youth Rally	Faith Bible
May 3 - 5	Spring Work Days	Servant's Heart
May 28 - June 10	Staff Training 1	Servant's Heart
June 8	Young at Heart # 1	Servant's Heart
June 11 - 16	Teen Camp # 1	Servant's Heart
June 18 - 22	Junior Camp # 1	Servant's Heart
June 25 - 30	Teen Camp # 2	Servant's Heart
July 2 - 4	Family Camp # 1	Servant's Heart
July 5 - 7	Family Camp # 2	Servant's Heart
July 9 - 13	Junior Camp # 2	Servant's Heart
July 16 - 21	Teen Camp # 3	Servant's Heart
July 23 - 27	Junior Camp # 3	Servant's Heart
July 28	Community Day	Servant's Heart
July 30	Young at Heart # 2	Servant's Heart
August 17 - 18	Father/Son Retreat	Servant's Heart
August 24-25	Kick Back & Relax	Servant's Heart
Aug. 30 - Sept. 1	Pastor's Retreat	Servant's Heart
Sept. 7 - 8	Men's Retreat	Servant's Heart
Sept. 13 - 15	Fall Work Days	Servant's Heart



Recently Debi Pryde (our scheduled speaker) contacted us to let us know that she was cancelling all her speaking engagements. Her husband has had cancer for several years and they have stopped all treatments. Debi wants to stay at home and support her husband until the Lord takes him home to glory.

Julie Hixon has been a pastor's wife, a school teacher, and she is currently a gifted teacher for the ladies Sunday School class at Ambassador Baptist Church. She is now our scheduled speaker for this special weekend.

You can register online shcm.org/events/ladies-retreat/