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Helping you to feel the Pulse of Servant's Heart



Can you believe that Christmas is almost here? What thoughts flood into your mind as you reflect upon Christ and the Christmas season? If we are not careful, it could be thoughts of gifts, food, tinsel, decorations, the Christmas program at church, family, and some time off work. But Christmas is SO much more than those material things. Christmas is about the perfect Lamb of God coming into the world to provide salvation for all of us. The Old and New Testament both are full of beautiful illustrations and pictures of Christ coming miraculously, living perfectly, dying

sacrificially, and rising again for you and for me. Many times we skim over these as familiar stories and miss the full significance of God's redemptive plan. The last few days I have been studying something in the Old Testament that seemingly points to the blood of Jesus Christ. My study is not complete, but it is extremely interesting and exciting for me. Why don't you ask God to show you something new about the Lamb of God this Christmas season? The more we know and understand, the more spontaneous praise we will have for our Lord.



For the last several years, Jim and Pat Fry have been burdened that the camp would have the same conservative and servant's heart spirit for many years into the future even when they are not at the helm. Jim talked to the board and told them that he was going to step down as president of the board and recommended that Shawn Madrid be made the next president. At



our camp board meeting in November, the board unanimously voted for Shawn to be the next president. Shawn is no stranger to Servant's Heart Camp. Not only has he been involved since the early days of camp and served on the board for the past 12 years, but he is also the son-in-law of the Frys and holds many of their same principles. Jim will continue to serve as the director and work closely with the Krapes and Ben Risinger to plan and work the day-to-day operations. Please continue to pray as we seek God's perfect will for a family to serve as the assistant to the director.



Our two winter retreats are scheduled for January 26-28 and February 2-4, 2023. The first winter retreat is almost filled to capacity, but there is still plenty of room in the second winter retreat. Our planned speaker shown in the brochure for the second retreat is now not able to come. We have replaced him with Andrew Henry. I learned to



Evangelist Andrew Henry

appreciate Andrew while he served as an intern in my home church, and I think you will appreciate his evident love for the Lord. Sign up your teens today on our website.



For many years, we have had banquets every other year to give our friends an update of what God is doing at Servant's Heart Camp. Once again, we plan to have two banquets this spring. We are already excited to show you what God has been doing since the banquets in 2021. This year, however, both banquets will be at different locations than previous years. The first banquet is scheduled for 4:00 on Saturday, April 8, at Faith Bible Church in Mount Joy. For many years we have gone to Shady Maple, but they no longer offer banquets after 4:00 on weekends. I know that we cannot

compete with Shady Maple, but we do have a very nice meal planned for you at Faith Bible. The second banquet is scheduled for 4:00 on Saturday, April 15, in the "Upper Room" at The Village Pantry in Tyrone, PA. Once again, we are excited about this change and believe you will appreciate the food and atmosphere at The Village Pantry. This is our last scheduled newsletter before the banquets, so act now or the banquets will come and go, and you will miss out. The banquets are free of charge to all our friends of the camp that are eighteen years and older. Although there is no charge for the banquet, you must register. You can do that on our website at www.shcm.org/banquets. If you have some friends that would appreciate hearing about what God is doing at Servant's Heart Camp, why don't you invite them to join you? They will enjoy an outstanding meal, singing, a skit, a camp and lodge update, and a short challenge from God's Word.

**Faith Bible Church
2075 Harrisburg Avenue
Mount Joy, PA 17552
4:00 on Saturday, April 8**

**The Upper Room at The Village Pantry
5510 E Pleasant Valley Blvd
Tyrone, PA 16686
4:00 on Saturday, April 15**



We are still looking to God to provide for the lodge in His perfect timing. At the end of 2021, it seemed the money was pouring in for the lodge. Although we are so very thankful for the folks giving to the lodge, the money is coming



in much more slowly this year. God, in His goodness, however, has given us the confidence to move forward, and we believe that He is working. As of now we have over \$550,000 in the lodge fund. Our immediate goal is to do everything needed now so that we can move forward when the timing is right. These requirements include creating a retention pond that is mandated by the Pa DEP, drafting construction-ready blueprints, clearing the site of all the trees, applying for a variance for the sprinkler system, and getting the building permit in hand. All of these need to be accomplished before we can pour the first yard of concrete. We would like to do all of these things now so we are ready for construction. The estimated cost for all of these "preliminaries" is \$75,000. Yes, it blows my mind, too. I once thought we should have been able to almost build the lodge for that amount of money. Well, not really, but it is mind-boggling. We would be pleased if we could raise this money before the end of the year that we might get started with all these necessary projects without taking money out of the lodge fund. Thank you for your interest in this project.



If you are looking for an excellent opportunity for the teens of your church to have outstanding fellowship with other teens, encouragement to study and memorize the Bible, and fun competition in a wholesome environment, Bible quizzing may be your answer. If you have three or more teens in your church, you could have a quiz team. We quiz once a month January through April. April's final quizzing is part of a youth rally that also includes food, games, preaching. If you have any questions, check our website or give us a call.