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Helping you to feel the Pulse of Servant's Heart



During the same time that I am writing this newsletter, I am also preparing for our spring camp board meeting. In addition to many other things, I will present to the board an eleven-page 2021 annual report. Here are a few bullet points from that report.

- During summer camp, we asked Ben Risinger if he would join the Krapes and Frys as resident staff at Servant's Heart and serve as Program Director. He accepted and stayed on after summer camp. He bought a fifth-wheel camper and is now parked in one of our RV sites. Already he has been a huge blessing to us.
- In April we officially kicked off the fundraising for the lodge at our banquets at Shady Maple and Prime Sirloin. Our campaign verse is Nehemiah 6:16b "for they perceived that this work was wrought of

our God." Pastor Shawn Madrid preached an outstanding message showing that God was ultimately responsible for building the walls of the temple, and it will be God that is ultimately responsible for the building of our lodge. By the end of December, we had over \$472,000 in the lodge fund. Although that is just a portion of what we need, it is an amazing amount of money for our small ministry to collect in just nine months.

- There were two fairly significant improvements to the property this year. One was the installation of 12 streetlights running from the welcome wall to the RV area. Many people have commented about these lights that replaced the construction lights that were strung from tree to tree. Not only have they brightened the walking areas to the guy's cabins and RV sites, but they have improved the aesthetics by giving a finished look. The other improvement was the removal of the final trees for the new playing field. We paid a local excavator to remove and bury all the stumps. When he was leveling the field, he hit a wet spot and the project came to a halt. In late August we rented a bulldozer, and Ben finished leveling the field.
- Here are the camper days for the past three years. In 2019 we had 2,353 camper days, in 2020 we had 2,056 camper days, and in 2021 we had 2,671 camper days.

This will be a fun report to give to the board. Although we still have many financial needs, 2021 was our best year financially and also provided our highest number of campers. As I give a little report of 2022, it will also be fun to tell them that we had the largest Winter Retreats and Joyful Heat Conference we've ever had. For this summer, the registrations for our Junior Camps and Family Camps have already broken record of all previous years. But here is the big question: Why does it matter if we have more campers? I am glad you asked. The following are testimonies that I also included in the annual report:

- I made many life-changing decisions at camp but in 2012 when I was 16, I surrendered my life to the Lord. Though I grew up as a pastor's daughter, my walk with God didn't become real until that summer. I am so thankful for Servant's Heart Camp and the impact this ministry had on my life.
- So back before the summer began, I wasn't following God and obeying Him like I should have been. I was actually struggling with the thought of suicide. But praise God He touched my life through the ministry of this camp! He pulled me out of a really dark and lonely place, and now like Psalm 23 says, "my cup runneth over."
- At 12 years of age, I came to camp for the first time and received Christ as my Savior. During my teen years I returned to camp and made life-changing decisions about my walk with the Lord, and it has changed my life.
- As a teenager, I attended Servant's Heart and later worked as a summer staff member. God used my time there to develop my heart for service to Him and now I am currently serving as an Assistant Pastor in North Georgia. I couldn't be more grateful for the impact of Servant's Heart in my life.

To God be the glory, great things He is doing!

Do you love America but get discouraged seeing our politicians and courts disregard the Constitution and the principles in God's Word? Then come be refreshed at the "I Love America" Retreat! The influence of Scripture is woven into the history of the U.S. Constitution, our legal system, and our political system. Hear from individuals and groups that are passionate about defending and extolling Biblical values in government and working hard to keep those values in place. You will leave with a better appreciation of the godly pillars of our Republic and with a greater love for America and for our God.



The retreat is August 11 – 13, or a one-day option on August 12. All of the sessions will be virtual, but they will be well worth your time.

The presenters include Tim Barton, the president of Wall Builders; David Gibbs or one of his associates from Christian Law Association; Brad Cranston from Awake America; and the Lilly Family from A Voice in the Wilderness. Pastor Tim Brubaker, a former camper and staffer at Servant's Heart Camp, wrote his master's thesis "Battle for Freedom: What Christians Risk By Ignoring American Politics." He will have the opening session on Thursday evening and the closing session on Saturday afternoon. We also have a pig roast planned for Friday afternoon. There is way too much information to give here, but I would encourage you to go to our website for additional information.



One of the retreats that our staff really enjoy is the Young at Heart Retreat. It is so much fun for them to serve people that have given so much to the church and to the cause of Christ. This retreat, however, is one of the most difficult for us to schedule. It seems that if we plan two retreats, we have fewer people register, but if we plan one retreat, lots of people register and we need to turn people away. **This year, we are planning to have two retreats.**

June 10 & August 2

Mark the Dates!

The first is on Friday, June 10 and the second is on Tuesday, August 2. For the August retreat, guests have the option to come just for the day on Tuesday or they can come in on Monday evening and stay in a cabin. We provide bedding, towels, soap, and shampoo. The day includes two meals, preaching, skit time, and the opportunity to sit and relax, take a wagon ride, or participate in some of the free-time activities around the camp including the zipline. Why don't you bring a group from your church and enjoy the day? I feel very confident that you will have a delightful time.

