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SUMMER CAMP UPDATE



2023 Summer Staff

This was an incredible summer of ministry. Perhaps you have heard me say that I would rather have an excellent staff than an excellent evangelist. If, however, we have an excellent staff, with outstanding preachers, and on top of that we have God's people praying for us, we have the ingredients for an outstanding summer. And an outstanding summer it was. I am not suggesting that we never had problems or issues, but God worked in some incredible ways.

Many times I think others can verbalize what God did in a greater way than I can, so here are some testimonies.

From Campers:

I love this camp! I went home chewing a lot of spiritual food, however, I also left with some baggage still hidden. At the end of the week, I almost said, 'Whew! I made it through the week without giving in!' Instead, I went home disappointed that I had made it through the week without allowing God to fill my life with peace and joy again. God kept the messages I heard in the forefront of my mind. Now, I can happily say, He won! Y'all, it was a Friday night testimony that officially got through to me, and I got right with my mom, I'm closer to her than before, and I'm right with God. So, I'd say the week was more than worth it because through it, God won 'All of Me'. :-)

Good morning, Mr. Fry. I just wanted to write this as a thank you. God has really worked in my heart and life these past few years at camp. This year, my final year, God has really pricked me good. I have not been sacrificing it all on the altar. Last night, I decided to fully die to self and live for Him, my Lord. . . From today until I go to heaven, my life is His.

From Staff:

This summer was an amazing summer for me, one that I will never forget or regret. Spiritually I was ripped to pieces and God grew me and stretched me in many, many ways. . . God used this summer in a significant way to change and sharpen my life and I wouldn't trade this summer for anything.

I am very thankful for my experience at Servant's Heart Camp this summer. There has probably not been a more spiritually challenging and encouraging summer in my life than this one. The heart of the staff was excellent, and the program of the camp was very well structured and focused. . . .

From me:

Some of you may remember that the fourth teen camp was a very difficult week for me. This will be a very short version of a very long story. That week, I thought I would be sending one young man home, but God began to work in his heart in a supernatural way. About four weeks after that camp, I saw his pastor and asked how he was doing. His answer was overwhelming. He was different from the minute he walked into the church. He joined the choir and got baptized and is doing business with God. The pastor said that in his 45 years of ministry he has almost never seen such a major change in such a short period of time.

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



LODGE UPDATE

We are very thankful that the Lord continues to allow us to move slowly forward with the lodge project. We were planning to start digging in the month of August. When our architect was finalizing the plans, he learned that the water company would not permit us to connect our fire suppression system to the water supply. When we put in all the utilities almost 10 years ago, we installed a six-inch water line from the public water supply on Route 253 all the way to the lodge site in preparation for the fire suppression system. With this new development the architect suggested that we apply for a variance for another type of fire suppression system that would not require massive amounts of water and would be much less expensive. Our hearing for this variance is at 10:00 on September 18. Seemingly, we have lots of things in our favor: (1) We are using metal studs and the floor is concrete. (2) The Ramey Fire Company is only about 1.5 miles from the lodge. (3) Within 200 feet of the lodge is a 7.25-acre lake with plenty of water. Please pray with us that they would approve this new style of fire suppression system. At this point, we are planning to start the lodge early next year. Our goal is to have the building under roof before the end of next year. Because the architect does not want to fully release the plans for us to get final pricing before every detail is finalized, we do not know the exact cost of this first phase. From our previous pricing we are anticipating this phase to be less than \$1,000,000. We currently have about \$850,000 with another \$50,000 pledged. We are trying to move ahead using a prayerful balance of good business practice and faith in our faithful God. Please pray with us as we move forward.

WEBSITE

If you have not checked out our new website, please take some time to do so. We are pleased with the (almost) finished project, and we think you will also appreciate some of the new features. Every event until this time next year should be listed and you should be able to register for any of them. There is even a link that you can copy to your phone and it will automatically update your personal calendar when we add an event.

- In 2024, we have scheduled a Young Adults Retreat. This, perhaps, has been our most requested retreat. We are excited to finally offer it on August 15-17, 2024.
- Although our 2024 calendar is almost finalized, we do still have a prime week open: August 4th -10th. This would be an excellent week for your church's camp or retreat.
- In 2024, we have scheduled two Young at Heart (Senior Saints) days. June 6 and 7 are the dates. Pick a date, and put it on your church calendar.
- October 14 is National Wear Your Servant's Heart Camp Polo or T-Shirt Day. Check our website closer to the time for some additional fun information, and don't forget to send pictures.
- PLEASE continue to pray for Servant's Heart Camp. It is only through the power of the Living God that anything of eternal value can be accomplished.



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