

Camp Witness

END OF YEAR LETTER

Greetings, Friends of Camp!

We hope you are doing well. Camp has been transitioning into winter preparations, and we are taking this time to reflect on what God has done for us this past year. We are so grateful for the youth that were able to attend Camp this summer, and for the decisions that were made for Christ. Presenting the Gospel to children is the very foremost reason that we are here.

We had seven weeks of camps this past summer, totaling around 270 campers. An immense answer to prayer was our amazing staff that came and served for the summer. Our two new camps, all-boys and all-girls Jr High, went very well. We did quite a few unique activities for each of these specialty camps, and we hope they grow in coming years!

God has blessed Camp many ways this year:

Our dining hall was upgraded with A/C and heat; now we can look outside our windows without the obstacle of a window A/C! The bathhouse was successfully gutted and is currently in the process of being finished for summer 2022. This updated, handicap-accessible bathroom will be an enormous improvement to Camp. The roof of the



Valley Grove Church was replaced, as was that of Willow cabin. This summer, the staff were immensely grateful for the new-to-us lawnmower. Another major achievement and answer to prayer of this year was the new bridge across the creek. Made of metal and concrete, it should last over 80 years, and allows vehicular access to the other 65 acres of Camp property across Long Pine Creek.

Director Joe oversees Camp, work projects, preparations for the future and Camp publicity. His wife Ana largely runs the kitchen for summer and special events, and is busy with their two boys, Hondo (3) and Galloway (1).

Steve stayed busy all summer with property upkeep and maintenance and was also the chaplain and a prayer warrior for Camp. During the off-season he is at Camp several days a week to help out.

Abi is Joe's sister-in-law and assistant and helps with hospitality and cleaning for guest groups, as well as being an extra hand for any projects that Joe is working on.





An idea of what we're looking for in a utility tractor and dump trailer

Here are some opportunities for you to help Camp raise funds. As a ministry we want to keep cost of Camp registrations low. The price that campers pay helps with food and summer staff salary. The full-time staff raises funds for their income which does help. There is quite the overhead cost to run Camp effectually and this cannot be achieved without support from others. We are very grateful for those who give monthly to support Camp.

Utility Tractor - There is a lot of groundwork and snow removal that a utility tractor would be good for. With attachments like a brush hog and a box scraper we can improve trails for better Camp activities.

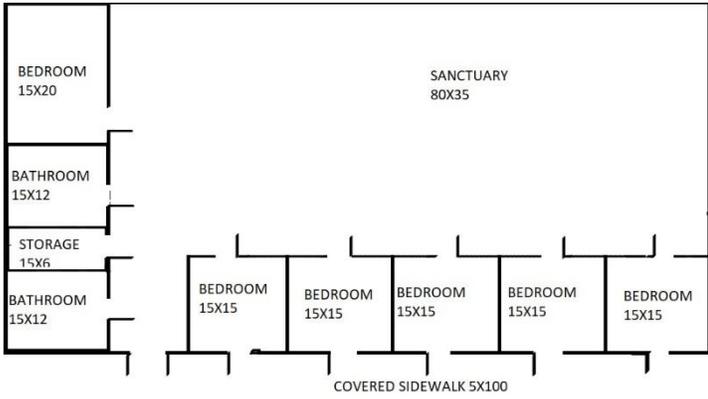


Dump trailer - During the summer we have quite a bit of trash and this would really lighten the workload of our staff.

A further-future project is a new chapel (see illustration below). The idea is that a new chapel would include a set of rooms and bathrooms along one side for non-counselor summer staff. This hopefully would go where the old dining hall is. The old chapel would be made into to a 3-4 bedroom house for full time staff. Please pray for God's wisdom as we work on plans for this!

A note from the director -

Camp is growing. My prayer for Camp Witness is to keep on growing, not just in numbers but in the spiritual aspect. Beyond just loving Camp life, we want kids to come and learn about God and His Son and to be spiritually challenged. Would you consider praying for Camp? Prayer is so necessary for the future. We are in a spiritual battle, there no doubt about it, and we need more spiritual warriors. Here are some prayer requests we have.



- That Christ is glorified with the work of the ministry.
- For wisdom for the future.
- That Camp needs will be met.
- That God will bring spiritual leaders to serve at Camp summer 2022.

- Joe Shudak