

THE CAMPSITE

CAMP JOY



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*“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
To him be glory both now and for ever.
Amen.”*

II Peter 3:18

As the heart provides the strength needed for human life, Camp Joy provides spiritual strength to Christians. We are all familiar with the parable of the sower and the seed in Mathew 13:3-9. The key to this parable, and to the purpose of Camp Joy, is the attention given to the soil. At Camp Joy, we make sure that everything we do is aimed at preparing the soil (the heart) for the seed (the Word of God) as it is preached and taught. It is this emphasis that makes Camp Joy so productive. The heart of Camp Joy is why we see hundreds of young people and adults saved and spiritually renewed each summer.

The heart of Camp Joy has had a world-wide effect. This past summer there were 110 young people who dedicated their lives to Christ and 35 recorded salvations. A total of 428 spiritual decisions were made. These numbers reflect just one summer, and throughout the 49 years that Camp Joy has been operating as a summer camp, there have been thousands whose lives have been changed. Missionaries have been sent around the world. Pastors have begun fundamental, Bible-believing churches. Teachers are

changing lives in Christian schools. Evangelists are preaching Christ to our own needy nation. Laymen are faithfully serving in their local church. Students are attending Christian colleges. The effects of the ministry of Camp Joy are rippling across the world.

The heart of Camp Joy is beating strong as we anticipate what the Lord will do this summer! The calendar pages are flipping quickly and the summer camp season is almost here. The environment is being prepared so that God’s Word will saturate the souls and minds of campers. The human heart works without stopping, and from the moment it begins beating, it supplies the human body with the ability to grow and to perform. This summer, Camp Joy wants to have a part in helping you to “*grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*” ♦



A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

By: *Scott Hatchett - Camp Director*

Welcome again to the second **CAMP JOY Campsite!** I hope that the *Campsite* is an encouragement and help to all who receive it. To our prayer partners, we would like to send a big thank you. The Lord continues to provide great encouragement through answered prayer from the many who pray faithfully for this ministry. As a kind reminder, we would like to ask that the prayer partners would **send your current email address** so we can keep you updated on the weekly prayer requests.

We are gearing up for summer 2009 and are looking forward to another summer of not only great fun but also great eternal benefits. This summer's theme is Super Sleuths. We are having a great time creating a summer camp program that sets the stage for an adventure of mystery and suspense!

SUMMER ADVENTURES INCLUDE:

- two Ski Nautique ski boats
- 275' waterslide - the thrill of a lifetime
- rope swing that will send you soaring
- bungee-equipped trampoline
- 670' zip line that sends you 80' in the air
- 2-story walk-through maze
- climbing wall
- all-out-messy foodfight
- "Campground Clue"
- hillside "slip-n-slide"
- and, of course, so much more!

This all sounds fun, but let me remind you, it is fun with a *purpose!* With over 100 salvation decisions made this past summer, as well as scores of other spiritual decisions, our purpose is to make a difference in lives and help turn the tide in America. With the tremendous opportunities that Camp Joy offers for a life-changing impact, commit now to get as many people involved as you can.

MAKE CAMP JOY OF PRIME IMPORTANCE IN YOUR LIFE:

- Pray for Camp Joy
- Support Camp Joy
- Send folks to Camp Joy

By all means, make sure you come see us! ♦

STAFF SPOTLIGHT! "AUNT" CAROL DOHERTY

About a year at **CAMP JOY** serving the Lord as a full-time volunteer in the areas of housekeeping, kitchen, and grounds.

FAVORITE CAMP RESPONSIBILITY: "Being 'Aunt Carol' and working with a great staff."

FAVORITE PART OF CAMP JOY: "Meeting, serving, and being a blessing to all the people who come to Camp Joy.

Getting to live in a home with three wonderful young ladies who are also serving the Lord at Camp Joy."

MOST IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL TRUTH LEARNED WHILE SERVING AT CAMP JOY: "Age does not matter; I can have an active part in serving the Lord by reflecting His love to others and bringing Him glory in daily camp tasks."

UNIQUE FACT: "God has chosen to use me, through the trials of life for His glory, and as a result, He allows me to be a blessing to others.

PERSONAL HOBBY: "Spoiling the young, full-time staff guys with 'Aunt Carol's homemade cooking.'"



*"O magnify the
LORD with
me, and let us
exalt his name
together."*

Psalm 34:3

EXPERIENCING CAMP FROM THE BACK OF A 4-WHEELER

By: Christina Rains - Wife of the Program Director

“Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.” Psalm 37:4

As a teen camper, she was influenced by her camp counselor. Now she is seeing the ministry from a new perspective, as the wife of Camp Joy’s program and music director, Stephen Rains. So, what’s it like to be a married to a camp man?

Stephen and I met while he was recruiting for summer staff in the fall of 2007. The Lord miraculously brought us together and we were married on September 26, 2008! During our engagement, I would spend as many weekends as possible at camp. On those fun-filled days, Stephen would let me hop on the back of his 4-wheeler to tag along with him. We thoroughly enjoyed buzzing around taking care of business!

Since we have been married, things haven’t changed! Many times during retreats Stephen and I have fun greeting the campers! He loves introducing me to campers he has known for years. We show them to their cozy rooms and make sure they have everything needed to make their stay comfortable! During the service, we usually hear an opening song by the Camp Quartet, and I always love watching Stephen lead the music! (He does such a wonderful job!) Then we hear some great preaching by a man of God. It is always exciting to see the Lord work in hearts and lives through the preaching of His Word. It definitely makes all the work worthwhile! After the service, we usually mingle a bit and take care of any necessary details. Sometimes I help out in the Snack Shack if needed. I absolutely love doing that kind of thing! Once campers begin heading to bed, Stephen and I start making the rounds—checking the hot water heaters, picking up the Fireside Room, making sure the fires are stocked if it is cold outside, and turning off all the lights. We then gather any belongings that we may have brought over to camp throughout the day. Last, but certainly not least, we jump on Stephen’s 4-wheeler and buzz over to our little apartment for a restful night of sleep! The Lord truly gave me the desire of my heart! ♦

HAVING A HEART FOR GIVING : THE JBC FOUNDATION

By Charlie Hatchett

Have you ever noted in the Bible the things God loves or that bring Him pleasure? One of the things we are told that God loves is a cheerful giver. In fact, we are told in 2 Cor. 9:2 that God not only loves a cheerful giver, He does not want us to give out of necessity or grudgingly. In other words, our attitude as we give is important to God.

Some folks don’t like for the preacher to talk about money, but the Bible has a great deal to say about the subject. There are over 1000 verses dealing with this subject in our Bibles, over 60% of the New Testament parables deal with money and Christ said more about money and stewardship than He did about Heaven and Hell. Obviously, this is a subject that is important to God. But as you study the subject, you will learn that it is really not about our money but our attitude toward money. To get at the root of the question, we need to ask ourselves, “Who really owns what we have?” We need to be reminded that possession and ownership are not the same. A steward is someone who manages someone else’s possessions, and in reality that is all we are doing.

We are managing God’s resources. What I have might be under my control right now, but it really is not mine to use entirely as I wish.



In this connection, I need to have a teflon lined wallet and I need to be sensitive to the Master’s direction regarding the distribution of what I call “my” possessions.

Being a cheerful giver is an attitude that God loves. I once heard the story told of a very wealthy man who lived during the very trying years of the great depression. The man was a Christian who had given freely and very generously to the Lord’s work before the Depression hit. In other words, he was a man who had allowed the Lord to draw freely and often upon those things that had been entrusted to him. When the great financial collapse came, he lost his entire and very substantial fortune. This man was reduced to the status of the “common man.” One day this now senior saint was asked if now that he was poor (materially speaking) if he was not sorry he had given all of that money away. His reply was not only surprising but demonstrated the attitude of a true steward. In answer to the question his thoughtful reply was, “No, I really wish I had given more for it is all that I have now.” I wonder if that would have been my response? ♦

NEW AND EXTENDED
WILDERNESS CAMP PROGRAM!

NEW AND NOW AVAILABLE!

Online registration is now available for both summer camps and Camp Joy's seasonal retreats. Four simple steps and you can register and pay for a wonderful camp experience.

To register go to:

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JUNIOR WILDERNESS CAMP

Boys, Grades 4th - 6th

June 15-20, 2009

Speaker: Forrest Chapman

Cost: \$225

JR. HIGH WILDERNESS CAMP

Guys, Grades 6th - 8th

July 5-11, 2009

Speakers: Morris Gleiser &

Jim Van Gelderen

Cost: \$230

TEEN WILDERNESS CAMP

Guys, Grades 7th - 12th

June 21-27, 2009

Speakers: Mark Herbster &

John Goetsch Sr.

Cost: \$230

FATHER/SON WILDERNESS CAMP

Guys, Grades 7th - 12th

June 19-25, 2009

Speakers: Mark Kittrell & Will Galkin

Cost: \$230

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PRAYER NEEDS FOR THE MINISTRY

Please continue to pray for God's **power, protection, and provision** for this ministry.

Please pray for the camp staff as they work hard to recruit **campers and counselors for this summer**. Both are turning out to be a challenge. We have redoubled our efforts to communicate the value and importance of camp in the life of young people. We have someone on the camp staff in at least one church almost every weekend between now and summer and there have already been over 400 churches contacted by phone.

Pray with us that we will have **full camps this summer**. In addition, try to think of some way you can be an influence to get someone to camp this summer—perhaps a grandchild, a neighborhood child, a teen Sunday School student, or some young person or teen that only comes to church occasionally.

In order to help with this effort, the **JBC Foundation** is challenging Christian businessmen to give from their companies for camper scholarships. So far we have had five Christian businessmen commit funds from their businesses to send campers at half the normal price. Our goal is to raise enough scholarship money from businesses owned by Christians to allow 350 campers to attend a week of camp for only \$100.00.

The development of **"Driftwood Village"** is progressing nicely. Thanks to the help of many skillful and sacrificial volunteers, we now have three of the cabins completed and three more nearing completion. Pray for additional materials to come in for the completion of this project.

Pray also for **volunteers** to get things rolling again this spring. The Lord has been good to supply folks who have a heart to work and the abilities to get things done well. Pray with us for this additional and continued help and for the materials to take full advantage of their labors of love.

Pray for **Dave and Janean Glass** as they lost most of their possessions in a devastating house fire. Dave heads up the construction and building projects at the camp. They have two small children, Hannah and Micah. Pray that we will be able to get them re-situated before summer and that the Lord would supply for their needs.