

Greetings from Camp Bethel!

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75 years of God's faithfulness

Hard to believe it's been 75 years since Camp Bethel started meeting here on the Big Horn mountains. Many people have come, and gone over the years. Yet, it's still the same old place. Yes, some of the buildings have changed over time, but the heart of camp hasn't.

We're still sharing the gospel to those God brings through the gates, still singing God's praise, still hiring summer staff, and most important, still praying that God's will be done here.

Even though time has passed on, and the physical things here have changed, the spiritual hasn't. It's still to His glory that we continue doing what we were called to do, and that is through our camps and programs, to meet the spiritual, social, physical, mental, educational and recreational needs of our campers by providing Biblical instruction, social interaction, recreational activities, good food, rest and mental stimulation to the end that campers will have a personal relationship through Jesus Christ and experience growth in their Christian life.

God has been faithfully providing through His body the church, and through His people for the needs of the camp for a long time. To those of you who have been faithfully supporting the camp, we say thank you. Thank you for being a part of what God has been doing over many generations. Through your support, you are making a difference in lives.

If you're not currently a part of this ministry, and would like to start supporting it, you can go online to our website at www.mountaintopexperience.org to find more information, and you can make donations there, as well.

Finally, please come and join us for our 75th anniversary celebration, June 1st at noon. Lunch will be provided at 12:30, with a worship celebration following, which will include songs, and testimonies from previous Executive Directors.

What God has been doing

Last year was a record breaking summer with 686 campers that came through camp. Not only was the summer record breaking, but we had 1986 campers total for the year! That's right, we run year around with many groups using the facility for youth retreats, men's retreats, women's retreats, church wide family camps, plus we host a family camp, Winterama, Dad's & Lads, and a Ladies & Lassies retreat. We only had one weekend that didn't get book this winter. Yes, God is still on the move.

More importantly, we see youth and adults alike receive Christ as their Savior, and still others rededicate their lives to our Lord all the time. On the back of this newsletter I share one such story that happened this winter. It's exciting times seeing God at work in the lives of these who enter through these gates down by the highway. Gods not dead! He's alive!



New Renovated Dining Hall

Important Dates:

- 04/30 Early summer camp registration discount ends
- 05/11 All hands on work day at camp
- 05/27 Summer staff training week starts
- 06/01 75th anniversary celebration
- 06/03–08/03 Summer youth camps
- 08/31 Family Camp
- 12/28 Winterama begins
- 01/24 Dads & Lads
- 02/28 Ladies & Lassies





Cold winter day

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God touched a life

It was a cold winter weekend during the first weekend of March 2019, here at camp. A men's group from a local church down the mountain was having a retreat. They have been doing this here at camp for many years, and have seen men come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior over the years at their retreat. This year, would turn out to be another amazing story of a life changed.

The retreat had been going very well, with 31 men in attendance. Even though attendance was down this year by half of what it was before, they were still investing in lives as they were called to do. They were all having a great time.

It was now Saturday night, and some of the men were out on the sledding hill just having some fun. They were laughing, and joking with each other, and just enjoying their time on the mountain.

One of the men jumped on a sled, and headed down the hill. Due to the lack of snow over the past few weeks, and higher than normal temps, the sledding hill had developed some bumps, or should I say jumps! As he hit the bumps he became airborne. When he landed, he hit the next bump, and up he went again coming down even harder, and finally wiping out. He was getting up slowly, when he was hit by another man coming down the hill on a sled. Before he knew it, he was in the air again. This time, he felt pain rush through his shoulder when he hit the ground again.

When the snow settled, he knew something was wrong. As his friends came over to help, they notice his shoulder had separated, and a large bump was now on top of his shoulder. No questions, medical attention was needed. It was now 10 pm at night, and he needed to get down to the ER in Sheridan. One of the men there offered to drive him down to the ER; so off they went, 4,000 ft down the mountain, and an hour later they were at the ER.

It was now 2 am in the morning, and they were headed back up the mountain. The driver felt God was calling him to share the gospel with his passenger who was now relaxing in the passenger seat after a several hour ordeal. Wanting to be obedient to the Holy Spirit's calling, he proceeded to share the gospel with his passenger. His passenger listen and asked some questions as they drove back up the 4,000 ft climb to camp.

It was there on a dark, switchback mountain road, the passenger asked the driver to pull over. There sitting alongside the road late at night, the angels started celebrating as this man asked Jesus to come into his heart and be his Lord and Savior!

This story reminds me that, God will do whatever it takes to get one's attention. If the Holy Spirit would call you to share, would you be ready? If you can't honestly answer that question, talk with your pastor, he would be excited to teach you how to share the gospel in a clear, and understandable way, so that when the Holy Spirit calls you, you will be ready.

