

70 YEARS

Camp Bethel celebrated its 70th anniversary this summer with many friends. I am humbled by how many people have come to know the Lord as their Savior or have committed their lives to the work of the Lord while at Camp Bethel. God has used this camp to reach and change so many lives over the years. It excites me every time someone stops me and tells me how their life was affected while at camp.

We have had some major projects accomplished this summer like the jacking and rebuilding of the foundation under the south end of Pine Lodge, as well as the old boys' cabin, Fir. Next, we need to pull up about 1/3 of the chapel flooring and rebuild the under structure before Winterama starts.

We're ready for the renovation of the inside of Pine Lodge finally. When the funds come in, we'll take down the partitions and replace them with walls and a drop ceiling. Each room will have a queen bed in addition to the bunks so that the rooms can be used for both youth and adult ministries. The future is bright as God leads us.

The ministry and upkeep of the facility is only possible by your prayers and financial support. Therefore, to those who support us, I want to say thank you for keeping this ministry alive and thriving. If you don't already support Camp Bethel, I would ask that you pray and see if God would have you support this ministry through your prayers and financial support on a regular basis. We would not exist without people like yourself supporting us.

In HIS service, Tim Huff - Executive Director



Bible Study on top of Steamboat with Youth Pastor Collin Amick

The Important "To-Dos"

The list is long and seemingly unending. What list you ask? The list of projects needing completed at camp of course. From cutting and splitting firewood to painting and sealing decks and cabins, the list just keeps us busy. It seems as though we take one step forward and two back but with the help of an amazing staff this spring, summer and fall many of our "to-dos" have been done.

We were blessed to get so much accomplished on our list but as I look back at our time here at camp what I am most excited

about is not the facilities that have been improved and worked on but the lives the Lord has improved and built through the ministry of Camp Bethel.

It is easy to get overwhelmed by the immediate physical needs here at camp just like it is with all our families and homes but the Lord has impressed on me lately that although these fixes and maintenance items are important, our investment in the lives of those he brings to camp is why we are here. It is just like any family; there are immediate physical needs

everyday but we need always remember that it's those other folks in our lives that need to take precedence.

So as we have wrapped up our first summer here at Camp Bethel, I urge you as God has urged me; focus on the people that God puts in our paths. Don't get caught up in the tyranny of the urgent but stay focused on what Jesus was focused on, people, and their need for a Savior and Lord.

In HIS service, Jon Allen - Associate Director

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Completed Projects

- ◆ Pine Lodge foundation repair
- ◆ Fir foundation replacement
- ◆ Paint - Dining Hall deck, fence, deck by Cornerstore & Pine Lodge
- ◆ Repaired roofing on Chapel and Pine Lodge
- ◆ Replaced culvert and built dike by Dining Hall

Beautiful Things

As you can imagine, there are so many beautiful things to see here on the mountain. And should there be time – or space on this newsletter – I could show you many pictures: Like the bear out my kitchen window, or the moose out my front door, the moose calf trying to head-butt and push over a cabin, gorgeous waterfalls, captivating butterflies or my favorite - the sunrise **above** the clouds. The most beautiful thing I have seen on the mountain, however, cannot be captured in pictures.

Week by week this summer we would eagerly anticipate our campers arriving and pray over the cabin placements – that God would put the campers with just the right counselor and cabin mates. Monday nights when they would file out of chapel for cabin reflection and I would think, “Wow, God! How are you going to do this?” There were some angry, hardened faces filing out. There were cowboys grouped with athletes; giggly girls cabin mates with tom-boys. And so we prayed every night for just the right words for our counselors. Friday night would rush up on us, and those same cabin groups would file out ... And I would see joy filled / softened faces - cabins that truly enjoyed being together – friendships that seemed so unlikely. The volume and passion of worship would exponentially grow each progressive night.

I am in awe that we get to witness the power of the Holy Spirit at work in hearts. He transforms the hardest heart and gives hope in the darkest circumstances – and it is a beauty to behold.

In HIS service, Mary Allen - Camp Registrar

A Day in the Kitchen

I step out into the cool morning with a cup of coffee in hand. As I breathe in the fresh mountain air and take in the beauty around me, I thank God for the privilege of living and serving at Camp Bethel.

My kitchen crew arrives shortly, made up of high school and college age girls (and sometimes adult volunteers). We circle around and spend a few minutes in God’s Word and prayer before our food preparations begin. Everyone is soon given a job to do; whether it is cutting up fruit, laying out bacon, scrambling eggs or mixing up juice, we all have plenty of space to work and move around in Camp Bethel’s amazing kitchen! As the bell rings and campers line up, we quickly finish getting all the food on the serving line and prepare to greet and serve our campers.

The food truck arrives twice during the week. It is a joy to watch our staff jump in to help unload all the food boxes from the food truck, into the camp truck and finally into the kitchen, where the food begins to get put away.

No matter if dough is being rolled out, dishes are being scrubbed, laundry is being folded or floors are being swept, there is a oneness among us of purpose and joy to be serving together in the kitchen of Camp Bethel. Please remember us in your prayers that we have safety in the kitchen and have a ready heart for open doors of ministry.

In HIS service, Charmaine Huff - Head Cook

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