



Red Cliff Telegraph

Fall

Director's Diary

September 2023

*God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.
Therefore will not we fear ...Psalm 46:1, 2a*

God has given a place of refuge and strength even in the face of trouble. We are so prone to fear, but God is not! He is ever present to help us! Choose to have courage!



God displayed His **strength** by helping each of the staff members in their weakness both physically and spiritually every week. To God's glory, staff as well as campers' hearts changed, and each speaker proclaimed God's Word with boldness. God provided **safe travel** for speakers, campers and sponsors, staff, volunteers, and work groups all summer and fall! Praise the Lord for safety that our Refuge gives! God allowed us to meet our **Matching Grant Fundraiser of \$200,000** in just 7 months! All the gifts came in by May 23! Thanks again to all who gave.

The **Colan Deatherage Memorial Stone Bench** was re-erected the last week of camp. (Originally erected in 2016, the bench had to be disassembled after the fire in 2017.) Pastor Colan entered the presence of his Savior during the winter of 2014 while attending a Heritage Quest Camp. The bench honors Colan's life of faithful service to Christ, and support of Red Cliff.



The **Workers' Appreciation Dinner** held on August 4th brought many of our volunteers and even some of our subcontractors to Camp for a wonderful meal in the dining room of the new Lodge! The program for the evening shared the blessings of volunteer labor, the donations of material and finance, a power point review of where we started to where we have come, along with a proclamation of the Gospel to those who do not know the Savior. We rejoice to tell you that God allowed us *conditional occupancy* in the Lodge on August 16th.

The kitchen ranges, fryer, and panels and compressors of the walk-ins arrived on Sept. 18! Once these are installed there will be another fire inspection specifically focused on the kitchen hood and its components. The trusses for the fire suppression tank building, as well as the steel siding for the Lodge, should arrive Sept. 21.

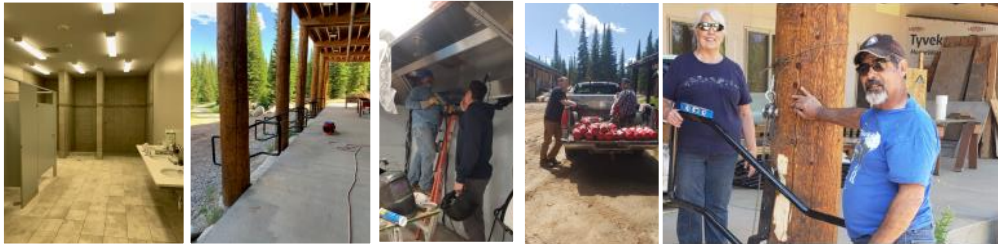
Urgent Prayer Requests and Needs

- ◆ Good weather for erecting the roof on the FS tank building before winter
- ◆ Inspection of the kitchen hood; installation of the walk-in cooler/freezer, etc.
- ◆ Crews for installing floor tile, exterior siding, interior window and door trim
- ◆ Gospel conversations with unsaved contractors, truck drivers, etc.

Work projects accomplished this summer...



— May - Work on the Lodge continued and the camp road was plowed —



— June - Staff training, camp facilities set up and our first summer work crew —



— July - Work on the tank building foundation, Lodge lights inside completed, outside lights set, continuing of tile work, and the kitchen hood set —

...while we served campers and shared God's Word!



August - Sound equipment installed, fire suppression system made functional, — inside doors set, downstairs bathroom stalls made useable, front rock wall of — south end of Lodge stairwell laid, and many more things!

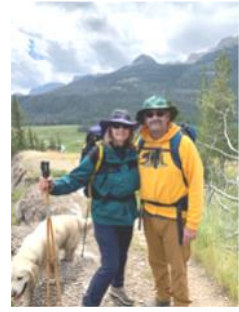
Resident Staff Updates

Loftus' Lifelines

"I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness: And will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High."

Psalm 7:17

In the midst of trial and attack, the Psalmist, David, determined to praise his God. Only the LORD is fully righteous in all ways and at all times! What a place of security that provides for us as believers! Though we are sinful and weak, our Most High God, bestows His righteousness to us by faith, and graciously empowers us to serve Him.



As always, our summer flew by with intensity. We often reflect on the small window of time we have with staff and campers, yet we are so thankful for opportunities to teach, to shoot hoops and take hikes, to counsel, to pray together, or to just hang out and build relationships!

Summer Sketch

May and June

- Loftus Family Reunion in Great Falls, MT via Yellowstone (Buffalo calves!)
- Celebration of our 32nd Wedding Anniversary in MT with family
- Work Group from Wisconsin – tons of work and sweet fellowship
- Training of Program Team and Counselors – What a privilege.
- Challenges with food service companies, but blessings with volunteers and donations!



July and August

- Camp Meeting focus on God's faithful character presented by dear friends
- Celebration of Dean's 30 years as Director at Red Cliff – Such kindness to us! (Gifts of \$3529 for a trip to Israel or the Ark!)
- Full camps along with many workers on the Lodge project
- Responsible and effective teaching and preaching of God's authoritative Word
- Hike to Sacred Rim with Staff; fun outing with SALT Staff to Fremont Lake
- Brief hospital stay for Lorie (diverticulitis flare up)
- IBB work group and Workers' Appreciation Dinner
- Ladies' Summit Trails Trip – Canoeing at Green River Lakes, Hiking Little Sheep Mountain and Red Cliffs



Your prayers for us are so essential! Only eternity with tell how God used your intercession to accomplish His purposes. We rejoice continually before the Lord for His grace to us and to our children and grandchildren.

Grace and peace, Dean and Lorie Loftus



Prayer Requests

Continued healing for Lorie
God's goals for Red Cliff
Safe deliveries of Spring babies

Praises

Strength and wisdom to serve
Amazing progress on the Lodge
God's mercy to sinners like us

Holt's Headlines

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Another summer camp season has already wrapped up for us here at Red Cliff. God has once again blessed us with having front-row seats to watching Him work in the lives of the campers He brings! While the summer is high energy and exhausting, we love building relationships with the summer staff and campers and



watching some of them take the next spiritual step. Our days are filled with both the fun and the mundane, from participating in music and camp stores to cleaning showers and bathrooms. A big bonus to the work is that we get to do it as a family. Taylee and Sierra often work alongside us in cleaning and the camp store. Elayna, Savannah, and Vanessa do jobs around camp according to their abilities, like helping pick up trash or set up and take down of the games. Everyone pitches in to help watch Ty, either watching him while he plays with rocks and sticks, or staying with him in the cabin while he naps. And Ty did his best to be the life of the party at camp! He mostly enjoyed hanging out with his daddy whenever he could, especially if he could get a ride on the Moto. The older 4 girls also each got to participate in a week of camp, as a camper, not a staff member. They each had a wonderful week, and are already looking forward to next summer. We are so grateful for our awesome summer staff and all the work they put into helping camp run smoothly. They are a big part of the ministry at Red Cliff. After the first week of August, our family moved back down from camp and has currently started our school year, which is going well so far. We are thankful for His provision for the materials and books we need!

- Praise: For a camp summer full of activity and decisions made for God.
- Praise: Our school year is underway!
- Prayer: That God would help the campers who made decisions to be faithful to those.
- Prayer: Keith begins recruiting at colleges soon. Pray for Summer Staff 2024.



Serving in Wyoming,
Keith, Stacy,
Taylee, Sierra, Elayna,
Savannah, Vanessa, and Ty Holt

MacGills' Meanderings

Isaiah 25:1 "O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth." The summer months were busy but went well. Before camps began, Dick helped with hauling a trailer (part of a caravan) up to the camp property for use during the summer. Family Camp was a joy to attend. God's Word is always an encouragement. God's people are a blessing. Dick was able to "tag

along" with Dave on several projects and that was a blessing to him.

This summer we celebrated our **50th Wedding Anniversary**. What a joy to have family and friends who were able to be with us! As a repeat of part of our honeymoon trip, we also were able to visit Yellowstone National Park again - this time with part of the family! We thank the Lord for His goodness to us over these many years.

Now a new season arrives. When people ask about a favorite season, I have to say "The beginning of each season!" Leaves on trees are changing colors now and beauty is all around us. But soon it will be time for snow and cold temperatures. Sledding and skiing (and Winter Retreats!) are all such fun! When spring arrives, we are ALL ready for winter to be over. Then comes summer with its warm days and outdoor adventures!

What a blessing to attend the Workers' Appreciation Banquet. There were close to 100 people in attendance who had all played different parts in helping get the new Lodge to its current level of readiness. We praise the Lord for each one who was a willing servant in making that happen.

Ladies' Retreat this year was such a blessing. It's always great to see familiar faces and to meet new ones as well. Beneth Perry was a special encouragement as she shared God's Word with all of us. While the ladies were busy with retreat

activities, Dick was able to be a blessing by helping put away the chuck wagon accessories for safe keeping through the winter months. Even though "retired," he has found it a blessing to help in whatever ways he can, praying for others while camp is going on and seeking to encourage others as he is able to visit with them. Yes, this is a different season. (Spoiler alert- a 76 year old isn't able to do what a 36 year old used to do!) But, we still serve the same great God Who

is unchanging: always True, always Faithful, always Good, always Blessing, always Loving His children! Deirdre continues to help with bookkeeping for the Camp. We would appreciate your prayers for wisdom in finding the best program(s) to help with that part of the ministry.

Trusting in His goodness,
Dick & Deirdre MacGill



Heyboer's Highlights

“But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth.

And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.” Luke 6:8,10

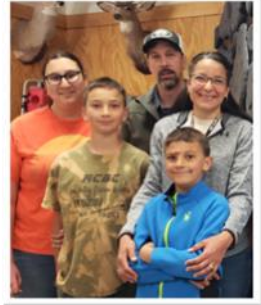
We rejoice over all God has done this summer. The verses above reminds our family that **God is working not just in the one we think needs Christ, but in all of us** around. God allowed some to be saved this summer, working in the campers' lives to encourage them to make decisions, convicting them through God's Word and He worked on us, too. **We praise God** that as we serve Him alongside resident staff, summer staff, volunteers, and even hired help on the bigger areas, **He is constantly helping us grow closer to Him and to depend on Him.** We praise God for safety for the overall camp season, including our family. We praise God for David's summer staff helpers this summer. We thank God for **His strength, help, and wisdom.** Summer season is hard - there is no nap time, family time, or down time, yet, there is **fellowship, encouraging conversations in God's Word, many helpers, and lots of spiritual growth.** We praise God for each summer staff, volunteer and helper that came this summer. Oh! What a blessing, help, and/or encouragement you each are. **God is so gracious to always supply in the most amazing ways.** What a marvelous God we serve.

Please pray for wisdom for David. As the Lodge is finishing up, there is much **help needed**, many kitchen and other facility equipment to learn how to maintain or repair. There is a new fire suppression system running now and a heating system (both of them a miracle in how God supplied to meet requirements) yet, both have specific things on how to best keep them in good running condition.

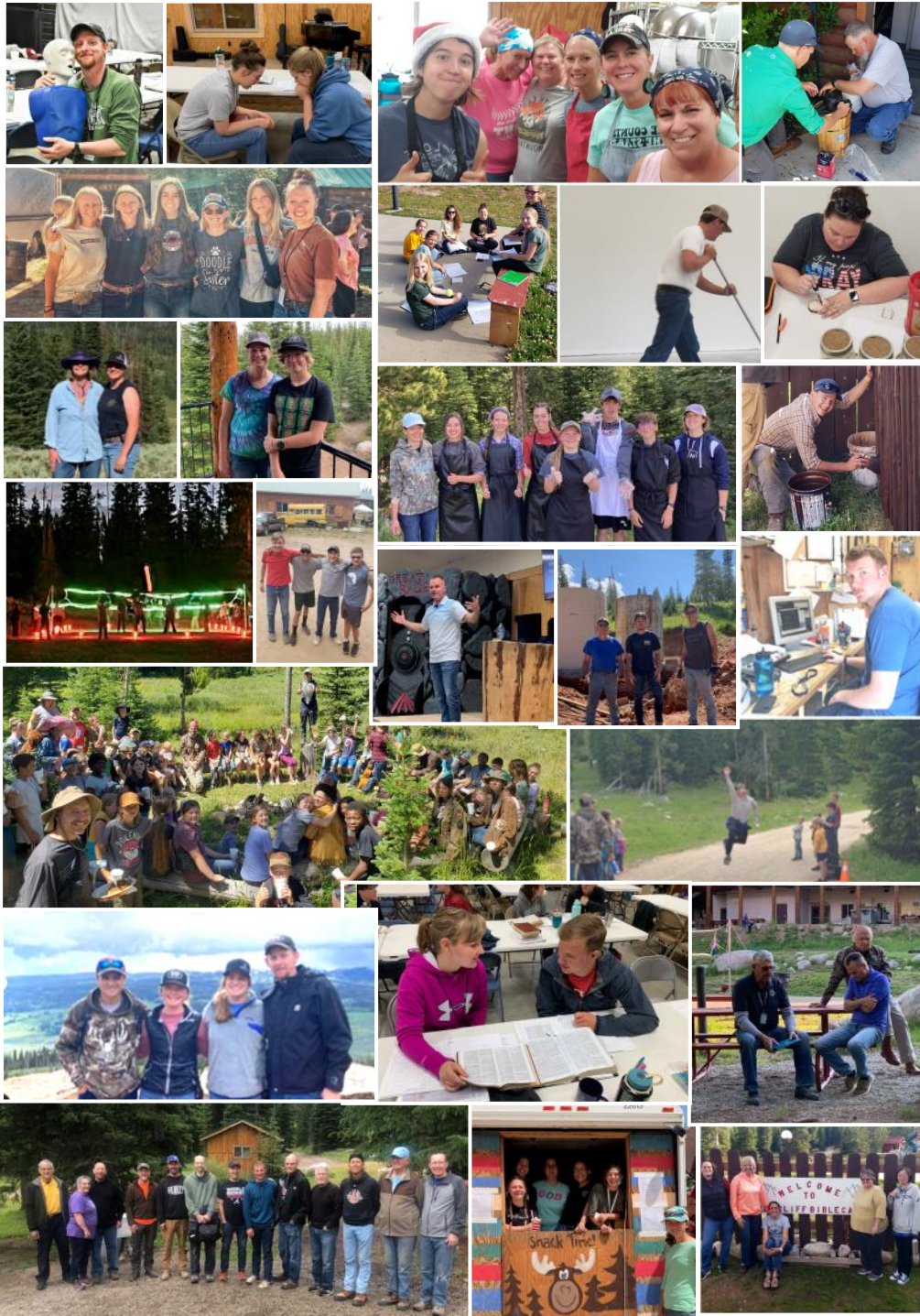
We praise God for health. We thank God that David's feet are doing ok. We have a zero-gravity camping chair in our cabin, and when he finally goes in at night, he tries to put his feet up. We thank God that Anah Grace had no seizures or ocular migraines this summer. We are praying for **God's wisdom** about her medication as there is a possibility to start weening her off in April if she does not have any seizures, and passes her EEG. She worked hard this summer each day helping in the kitchen, dishes, or cleaning. Praise God for the **miracle He has done in her.** Our boys are doing well. Leonard truly enjoys helping his dad, and is starting to learn doing the camp dishes. Joseph enjoys playing and helping us sometimes around camp. All our kids truly enjoy playing and chatting with the other kids at camp when able. We started school after Ladies' Retreat, and it is going well. Praise God!

Thank you for praying, encouraging and/or supporting our family. We truly need each aspect. May God bless you. May we, as we serve our God, serve others in love. John 13:34 “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.”

In Christ, The Heyboers



A Window into Summer Camps 2023





Appreciation Dinner

On the evening of August 4th our Team celebrated the miracle of the Lodge rebuild with a gathering of nearly 100 contractors, volunteers, and staff members in the new dining room. 6 YEARS of prayer, sacrifice, labor, trial, and blessings, presented in a 19-minute video, caused us to tear up, laugh, and rejoice in what God has done. Thank you for helping, giving, and working alongside us!

To

God





Our first actual service in the new Lodge was on September 7th, during the Ladies' Retreat. 50 campers joined our Team in praising God for this privilege and hope-filled experience! Please pray that God will allow us to fully prepare the first floor of the Lodge for our Winter Camp ministry in 2024.

To God be the Glory!

Red Cliff Bible Camp exists to glorify God through ministry to individuals, families, and churches. Co-laboring with God and churches is our great privilege!

In God's kindness and mercy, He answered the prayers of many supporters as they sought His will for our summer camp ministry. God sent us staff members with hearts to please the Lord, to seek His leading, to honor His Word. He sent campers with hurts and hopes that only God's eternal truth could meet. In all aspects - administration, program, food service, hospitality, stores, and buildings and maintenance - our loving Father opened opportunities for spiritual impact and decision.

A missionary friend challenged our Team to have intentional gospel conversations with those whom we come in contact each day. Please pray that God will work in the hearts of campers, visitors, and the unsaved workers on the Lodge as we share God's saving grace.

RED CLIFF'S OUTREACH THIS SUMMER

30 Churches sent Campers
220 Campers (Juniors and Teens)

RESIDENT STAFF NEEDS

- H - Humility in all our interactions
- E - Enablement to push to the finish of the Lodge
- L - Love and compassion for each camper and all others
- P - Provision for personal, financial needs

Colossians 3:12 - 17

We appreciate your prayers and partnership!

Visit our website at redcliffcamp.org for more information or registering at registration@redcliffcamp.org

If you would like to come to camp to volunteer, contact us at redcliffcamp@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Events

Dates

Red Cliff Staff Reunion

July 01 - 03, 2024

50th Anniversary Service

July 05, 2024

*Mark your calendars and make your plans to join us!
(More information to follow in the new year)*



Pray for our 2024 Winter & Summer Staff, Campers, and Volunteers!



CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY ALL YEAR LONG !

Ladies' Summit Trails Unlimited '23



Winter Camps 2024



Camps

Dates

Speakers

Couples' Retreat

February 15 - 17, 2024

Daniel & Nikki York

Men's Retreat

February 22 - 24, 2024

Dan Qurollo

Snow Blowout
(Teen Camp)

February 29 - March 02, 2024

Ron Perry

Heritage Quest

March 07 - 09, 2024

Scott Olson

(Father/Son Camp)



COME TO RED CLIFF!

Our Mission

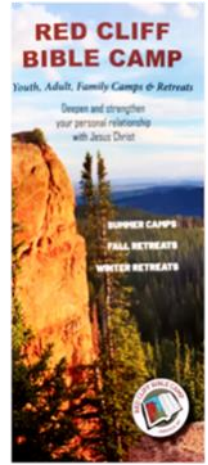
Red Cliff Bible Camp is a missions-based ministry existing to lovingly confront each camper with his or her need of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in salvation and to encourage each one to a life of obedience and service to Him in the Church for His glory.

Opportunities to Help

PRAISE THE LORD for the generosity of Red Cliff friends! We offer these ideas so that if prompted by God to participate and help us, you can see what we need.

Blessings!

- Stainless Cooling racks - 4 half pan size
- Grocery donations and deliveries
- Clear plastic measuring cups and pitchers
- *Snapware* Plastic Food Storage Sets
- Laminator for office at camp
- 5 sets of snow shoes
- Use of 2 lifts, dump truck, skidster, backhoe, Yukon, dump trailer
- Hours and hours of volunteer labor by over 70 people!
- 90 gallons of new paint
- Sound equipment
- Labor in painting of a Red Cliff mural in the Welcome Center



Needs!

General:

- Prayer, Prayer, Prayer (see Director's Diary)
- A 6-8 ton farm wagon running gear
- Additional funds for 15 passenger van (10 K already on hand)

Hospitality:

- 15 Rubbermaid dust mops for cabins and Lodge
- 4 mops with mop heads
- 2 commercial mop buckets
- 6 commercial 55 gal trash cans with self-closing lids
- 2 plastic signs (closed for cleaning and wet floor)
- 4 commercial soft bristle brooms
- 4 commercial dust mop brooms with mop heads
- Curtains for cabins L 63" W 80" (blackout)

- 2 commercial upright vacuum cleaners

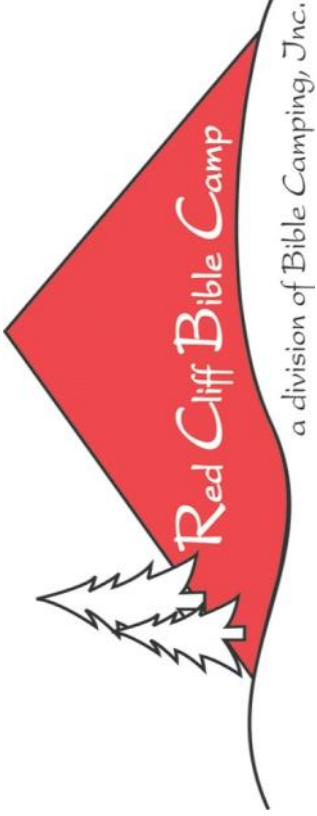
Kitchen:

- One digital meat thermometer
- Funds for additional floor mats
- 15 insulated potholders
- 1 commercial rack for cutting boards



“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.”

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