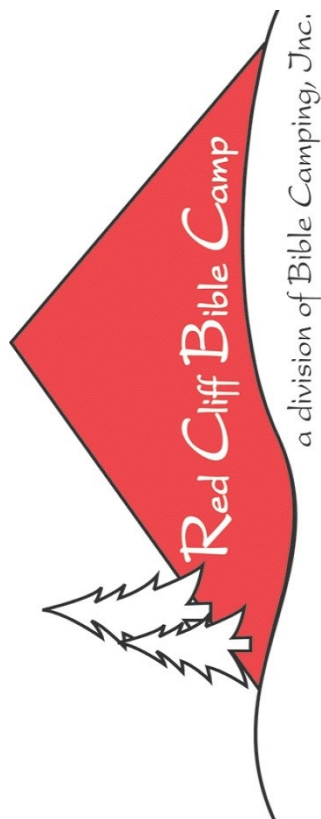
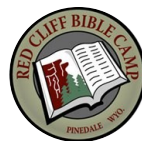


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Summer

August 2021

Blessings from Our Summer!

Director's Diary

Cause for Rejoicing - What joy our team experienced in running camps this summer! The highlight of this summer for me was to see the campers come whose parents were campers and/or staff when I first met them. Seeing past campers and staff bring their kids does date me, but the joy comes from seeing the continued work of God happening in families! One junior boy asked me how many years I had been coming to junior camp... When I responded, "Thirty-six," he said, "That's a lot of camp!" I assured him it's good every year you can come to Camp!



Youth Summer Camps - 40 Decisions
11 Salvations . 7 Assurance of Salvation . 22 Christian Walk

Pray with us that God will continue to encourage each of these who made decisions, asking God to continue His work in each life for His glory.

Call to Prayer - As we were finishing up the newsletter at the end of April, my mom, Loretta Loftus, went home to Heaven. Things those last days of April and first of May were kind of a blur. Now, sharing my thoughts for the August letter several thoughts flood my mind and heart. I would have never even considered losing both my parents in 16 months, but the bigger part of that is the loss of my counselors and *prayer warriors*. My mom's former pastor and present pastor in written form chorused the news that they had lost a warrior that supported their work in prayer. I have experienced over the past four months that same vacancy in regards to camp ministry. I have even dialed Mom's number to share a prayer request, and then remembered she wouldn't answer. My call to each of you who read this letter is to take up the mantle of prayer for us at Camp, enlisting *prayer warriors* for future endeavors, while we remember those who have gone before us.

Director's Diary continued...

Bible Camping Inc., our not-for-profit corporation, has two divisions: Red Cliff Bible Camp and Summit Trails Unlimited. Early on, STU would host trips as the Red Cliff camp site was being developed and then began offering trips each year in August. I have personally enjoyed around 20 of these trips with campers. This year in August, I led a 5-day trip to Brewster Lake in the Gros Ventre Mts. while Lorie led a 3-day trip in the mountains around Camp. My trip was extra special for my group as God allowed us to see many mountain peaks as well as wildlife - deer, a big horn sheep, and 9 elk fifty yards or so from our campsite on the final day!



Summer 2021 Progress on the Rebuilding of the Lodge... For the glory of God and the generations to come

The summer of 2021 brought us many laborers. Missionary builder, Gary Hunt, was with us through the months of June, July, August. We also hosted a work group in July from Woodcrest Baptist Church in Fridley, MN. In August a family came from MI for two weeks to lay concrete block. Also in August a group of 18 came with *Independent Baptist Builders International* who built roofs, decks, and sheetrock firewalls in the Lodge and framed bathrooms in Big Sheep cabin. The following week a tile crew tiled the mechanical room in the Lodge. How I thank God for sending laborers! ***Please pray for safety, workers, and provision.***

Fall Projects

- Final electrical rough-in
- Sheetrock installation
- Completion of soffit
- Exterior doors installation
- Heat system boilers

Winter Projects

- Big Sheep cabin bathrooms
- Tiling of Lodge bathrooms
- Kitchen Hood installation
- Interior finishing downstairs
- Painting



Interior plumbing rough-in - June, July 2021

Porch Hallway - June, July 2021



Opportunities to Help

We offer these ideas and trust God to provide in His time. It's fun to give and God loves cheerful givers!

Blessings!

- Donations of groceries
- Gifts for the Gideon Project and Lodge building fund
- Rescue Life Preserver for canoeing
- Metal roof put on the Fuel Farm
- Welding repairs on Shop beams
- Oil Filters, oil, and batteries for 5 pieces of camp equipment
- Food Processor
- Kitchen tools and aprons
- Kitchen items from the Pampered Chef online shower
- 4 Sleeping bags

Needs!

General:

- Prayer, Prayer, Prayer
- Additional funds for Gideon Project and New Lodge
- Additional funds for 15 passenger van (10K already in hand)
- Wide-Track snow machine cover
- 1 set of 285/75/R 16 tires

Hospitality:

- Lifetime tables, 20/8 foot rectangular tables, 15/8 foot round tables
- 10 queen mattress covers
- 8 queen mattress sets for camper cabins
- 15 damp dry all surface mops
- Curtains for cabins L 63" W 80"

Kitchen:

- Mixing bowl and whip for commercial mixer (call camp for details)
- Eklund #1 counter mounted can opener
- Funds toward kitchen exhaust hood in new Lodge
- Purchases of items off Red Cliff's Pampered Chef kitchen shower on Facebook

Program:

- Paddleboards- 2/10ft.
- Ping Pong balls- 2 dozen
- Table Games: Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza, Ticket to Ride, Rummikub, Unstable Unicorns
- 4 school-grade music stands

"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."
II Chronicles 16:9a

Pray for Summer 2022

Summer Staff Needed!

Praise God for the summer staff He sent to Red Cliff to minister to campers. Their teachable minds, joyful spirits, and willing hands helped all of us to fulfill our mission!

Before one summer is over, we begin planning another. Part of that planning involves setting up the staff recruiting schedule, the travel plans, and the materials to give to potential counselors and operations staff.

**Please pray that God will send
His choices to Red Cliff Bible Camp for Summer 2022.**



Fire Suppression Pump Room - June, July, August 2021



Soffit Installation - July, August 2021



Kitchen Roof - August 2021



Bathrooms Framed in Big Sheep - August 2021 - Tile in Mechanical Room



Resident Staff Updates

Loftus' Lifelines

"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: They shall walk, O LORD, in the light of Thy countenance. In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day: And in Thy righteousness shall all they be exalted. For Thou art the glory of their strength..."
Psalm 89:15-17a

Summer Strength The above verses follow the opening words of this psalm in which the psalmist exults over the mercies of the LORD, and then promises to tell all generations of God's creative power, His justice, and His faithfulness. In the Lord's strength, and His alone, Dean and Lorie were enabled to fulfill their various responsibilities, and to share God's wonderful character with staff, campers, and volunteers! What seemed an impossible expenditure of physical energy as well as brainpower became possible through God's sustaining grace, strength, and provision! We praise God for sending speakers for staff training, cooks and assistants (Even our son, Phil, was able to help in the kitchen for 5 days total when a donor supplied the wages Phil would miss by taking off work!), laborers for the building project, mechanics to fix vehicles, refrigerators for our outdoor "appliance tent," sponsors

who brought campers and pitched in wherever needed, and last but not least, a "servant's-hearted" summer staff who worked tirelessly in every area of camp! **Summer Celebrations** In the months of June and July our family celebrated three birthdays! Caroline, Gannett's wife, had to enjoy her big day away from family as jobs and commitments wouldn't allow a trip out West. Ellie, as many of you may recall, arrived in the middle of our busiest season on July 5th some 25 years ago! Autumn, too, arrived in the hectic summer on July 12th, 5 years ago! Our first grandbaby now rides a 2-wheeler and scooter, has lost a bottom tooth, and will start homeschool this month!

In addition to birthdays and anniversaries, Micaiah and Ellie (3 yrs.), Gannett and Caroline (1yr.), we enjoyed the visits of Uncle Gary and Auntie Diana (Dean's sister), Uncle Eric and Aunt Vickie (Lorie's sister), and friends from WI and SC! While we don't usually host anyone in the summer or get any home projects done, we now have a concrete patio, and a back deck (empty space for 20 years) which friends and family helped to build!

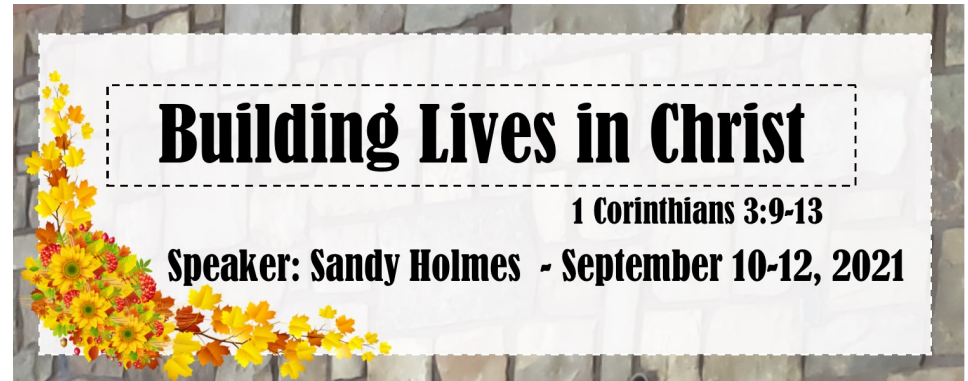
Summer Challenges With declining health and an increased longing for Heaven, Lorie's mom, Judy, is now on hospice. On July 11th Judy fell and broke her right hip, had surgery for a partial replacement to mitigate pain, and has had continuing 24-hour care as we await her Homegoing. How we thank God for the days He gives Mom and us together! Covering the caregiving schedule and camp responsibilities for Lorie has been challenging, yet God's supply has been amazing! Both Dean and Lorie were privileged to lead Summit Trails backpacking trips in August. The change of pace, fresh (but smoky) air in God's awesome creation, physical challenges, and encouragement from God's Word refreshed them as nothing else could have. Hallelujah! Thanks for praying for the Loftuses! Our grief has been heavy, our load wearisome, yet our mourning is often turned to joy as God gives us grace! *Dean and Lorie Loftus*

Praises: Dean's recovery from hernia surgery / Gospel grace proclaimed at camp each week / Strength and safety all summer

Prayer Requests: Grace to endure this season of life / Wisdom to use our home for ministry / Salvation of our grandchildren



Fall & Winter Camps



Fall 2021 camp

Ladies' Retreat September 9-11, 2021 Sandy Holmes

Winter 2022 camps

<u>Camps</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
Couples' Retreat	February 10-12, 2022	TBA
Men's Retreat	February 24-26, 2022	Kerry Hodges
Snow Blowout	March 03-05, 2022	Ron Perry
Heritage Quest	March 10-12, 2022	Scott Olson

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



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.

Outreach

RED CLIFF'S OUTREACH THIS SUMMER

- 246 campers
- 51 churches and 8 states
- 73 volunteers representing 26 churches

Red Cliff Bible Camp exists to serve churches. Our desire is to partner with churches and individuals in gospel ministry. During staff training each speaker focused on the true gospel of God's grace to mankind and mankind's need to respond to that grace. As the summer continued, our team encouraged counselors and speakers to give the gospel; to share the amazing truths that set souls free from sin's bondage and selfish living. To God's glory many campers believed the truth by faith and were born again—forever children of a loving Father.!

"So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

For we are labourers together with God:..." 1 Corinthians 3:7-9a

RESIDENT STAFF NEEDS

- T - Time in God's Word
- E - Energy to serve the Lord through Camp
- A - Ability and provision to care for our needs
- M - Management of each area to God's glory

We appreciate your prayers and partnership!

Give the Gift of Camp

Camp isn't Camp without Campers!

As the Red Cliff Team looks forward to serving churches through camp this Fall and in 2022, one of our greatest needs will be CAMPERS - Youth and Adults!

Perhaps one of your own children, a grandchild, niece or nephew, a young person, or a couple in your church would benefit greatly from attending a camp event at Red Cliff. You would have the privilege of influencing someone by providing them with the opportunity to be under the teaching and preaching of God's Word at Red Cliff. The wonderful part of camp is that in addition to potential spiritual impact, it's a lot of FUN!

Holt's Headlines



Dear Friends and Supporters,

What a whirlwind of a summer it has been! Our family moved up to camp May 31, and we spent one week cleaning the campground and starting the process of decorating for the summer theme of Jungle Adventure. That particular theme had been planned for the summer of 2020 before Covid restrictions caused us to cancel last

year's camps, so it was fun to see it come together for this summer! Our summer staff arrived on June 7th, but even before the summer started, **we had been praying that this summer, God would show us "great and mighty things," taken from Jeremiah 33:3.** During the first 2 weeks of staff training, He began to answer that prayer. We had 2 summer staff members and 2 staff kids accept Christ and/or get assurance of their salvation! We hired a total of 21 summer staff members this year, covering jobs from dining and kitchen and Salt supervisor, to counselors and the Salts, who make up our high school-aged staff. It was a huge blessing to be able to run camp with a full staff this summer!

We were very excited to be able to have all of the camps we had planned for this year. We had 3 Junior camp weeks, 2 teen weeks, and Camp Meeting. 4 out of the 6 camps we held were very close to having the maximum number of campers that we can accommodate at Red Cliff. **It was a blessing to see many returning campers as well as many first-time kids, and we saw evidence of God working in many hearts.** During summer camp, we also had some volunteers come to continue work on the Lodge, although with full cabins most weeks, we were limited in how many volunteers we could house at camp. In short, **we did see God do great and mighty things this summer, not only among the campers who came, but in the lives of our summer staff and families and in our own hearts, as well.**

As we transition into the next season of service at Red Cliff, we ask for you to pray with us for the following areas.

Ladies' Retreat is coming up quickly! Please pray that plans will continue to come together and all the details will fall into place. **Pray that it would be a time of refreshing for all who attend.**

Keith is preparing for the college recruiting retreats this fall. He has scheduled with 4 colleges so far. **Pray for safety in traveling, and that God will provide the staff we need for next summer!**

Our family is transitioning back to life at our home, as well as starting our home-school for the year. **Pray for wisdom for me as I teach and our kids as they learn. Pray for Keith as he plans for the winter retreats and next summer's camps.**

Serving in Wyoming,

Keith, Stacy, Taylee, Sierra, Elayna, Savannah, and Vanessa Holt



MacGills' Meanderings



In days of uncertainty, what can I be sure of? "...a grace that is sufficient; a mercy that endures; an atoning blood that cleanses; a hope that doesn't disappoint; a love that never fails; a purpose that works all things together for the good; a peace that passes understanding; a joy unspeakable; a kingdom unshakable; a foundation indestructible; a High Priest who prays; a Savior who lives; a Spirit who comforts; a Father who cares" ...and an Advocate who

intercedes!

How thankful we are to our gracious Heavenly Father for His faithful consistency! The news can be so discouraging and even frightening. Relationships can be great- or difficult. Looking to our own lives can be disheartening. BUT GOD!

What a privilege it was to see camps go on this summer for the whole summer. God is clearly at work!

What a joy it was to see God working in campers' and staff's lives this summer! Decisions were made that will make all the difference for those decision-makers. God is clearly at work!

What a blessing it has been to see the progress on the new Lodge and all the many people who helped to make it happen. God is clearly at work!

What a comfort it has been to see God's provision for personal needs. Our vehicle was repaired (engine replaced) and God has provided for that expense. Dick had cataract surgery and we are thankful for greatly improved eyesight. He will have one more procedure to make that even better, but once again God is clearly at work!

What an encouragement it has been to hear of how God is working in your lives as you pray for the ministry here and to know that you care. Thank you for sharing and caring and praying! God is clearly at work!

What a pleasure it has been to be able to help in different ways. Dick was able to make some signs for different buildings, and to help where needed. God is clearly at work!

Please don't quit praying- there is still much to see accomplished until that day when He comes again for His own! God is clearly at work!

Serving that others might minister,

Dick & Deirdre MacGill



The Gideon Project

Gideon's 300 Giving 200 Each

Many individuals and churches have sacrificially given in response to Red Cliff's need to rebuild the *general fund* after the losses during the "Covid Year." Our goal of \$60,000 seemed overwhelming, but to date, 206 Gideon gifts have come in totaling \$41,285.40!



Thank you to each fearless giver whom God enabled to give to this need. Give Him glory for this privilege!

As the Gideon Project continues, would you prayerfully consider giving \$200 again, or perhaps giving \$200 for the first time?

\$18,714.60 remains to reach our goal.



Summit Trails 2021



Heyboer's Highlights



"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:4-6

We are praising God that in His grace we had a very fruitful summer. God worked in many hearts even bringing Anah Grace and Leonard to recognize their need of Salvation. We have been reminded of the importance of the Gospel being

shared with many. Many just rejoice in the fact that they could be at Camp, but more than that, many were saved, many grew, were encouraged, were challenged and made decisions we pray will be life-changing for their futures. **Rejoice, praise God and pray with us, that what each camper, volunteer, summer staff or work team learned this summer in God's Word will continue to work in their hearts.**

We rejoice in the fact that God is good and that His care and help has been all over every detail this summer. God brought the help we needed every week, gave strength and help, gave us safety, the energy to press on with joy. It has been so sweet to see lives changed this summer and prayers answered each week.

Our weeks were full, and God in His grace gave us a healthy summer even with the smoky air. The counselors were amazed to see how God was working not only in the camper's lives through them or the speaker but also in their own hearts.

We praise God for His provision even on the continued rebuilding of the Lodge. Our prayer is that even now God is using the gathering of many workers to reach their heart too! It is sweet to hear workers share how they enjoy being here away from the routines of life focusing on a project that will be used as a tool for the furthering of the Gospel. We praise God that He even uses a building project to gather people so we can encourage one another and serve together. Pray for wisdom and strength for the guys as they guide these groups, and that God will continue to supply help, materials and wisdom to continue on.

In this new season David has missed the good counseling of his dad, his wise advice and prayers. Yet, we are praying that God will supply good counseling for David as we continue to serve here, and will raise up new prayer warriors for our ministry and this generation. We are thankful David's mom (Lois) is doing well and trusting in God's faithfulness. Thank you for praying for her. David's mom was able to come for 2 weeks with Amy (daughter), son-in-law (Rick) and granddaughter (Katelyn). She had fun showing them around, and we got to visit on the weekends. Their son Jonathan was part of our summer staff this year.

We praise God for His provision and care to our family and Camp this summer. **Please pray for:** -Strength and health. -That we will be hospitable towards each person God brings to Camp or our home. -For our homeschooling. We will start after ladies' retreat. -For our family that God will use us here at camp and also in our community. -For Anah Grace's left leg to get straighter (Her next orthopedic appointment is in December) -For encouragement. -Safety as the guys continue to drive back and forth this Fall. -For God's guidance and protection to our ministry and families. -That we will continue to share the Gospel boldly and share the hope we have in Jesus. -That we will keep our eyes on Jesus. We continue to pray for our Town, State, Country and the World. **Thank you for your prayers and support for our family. We continue to trust that like yesterday and today, God will continue to be faithful tomorrow!** Serving Christ with you in His care, David & Wixi, Anah Grace, Leonard and Joseph Heyboer



Summer Camp 2021 Jungle Adventure



Rejoicing in God's Care!

