Winter December 2022

Merry Christmas from the Red Cliff Team!

Director's Diary

Christmas lights are up and lighting the night sky here in Pinedale. The snow on the ground and trees reflect that light adding to the brilliance of the scene. 1 John 1:5b proclaims that "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." The writer of 1 John calls us to walk in the light as He (God) is in the light. If we walk in this light, we are promised that we will have fellowship with one another, and that the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from sin. I have to say that as I look at the lights this year, I have been reminded that Christ came at Christmas to ultimately shed His blood and cleanse us from sin. Let the lights you see this Christmas encourage you that Jesus Christ came to save sinners!

Work continues on the Lodge and many steps are taking us closer to the completion of this project! I am rejoicing that God continues to bring us workers and financial supply. This past week two retired men in their 70's came to camp spending the week tiling the dish room, kitchen bathroom, and Welcome Center bathroom.

We ask for your prayers for our staff families and volunteers as we prepare for winter camps. Pray with us that as the Word of God is proclaimed, hearts would be changed for eternity. As we anticipate the year of service in 2023, we desire that God would be glorified, and that Red Cliff would be a tool used by the Church to fulfill its mission.

On November 1st we kicked off a fund raising appeal to rebuild for the glory of God and the generations to come. (see page 10) In September, Camp was given a matching grant of \$200,000.00 to enable us to finish the Lodge at Red Cliff! I rejoice to let you know that to date, God has prompted donors to give \$75,621.71 putting us over 1/3 of the way to attaining our goal! Praise the Lord with the Red Cliff Team for God's provision of workers on the building; God's provision of funds for the matching grant; God's supplying summer staff for the coming summer!

Because of Grace, Dean



Lodge Progress This Fall





September

Rock work completed on pump room







Insulation installed, soffit fixed, west deck finished

Firewood Cut







Doors installed

Several of the upstairs rooms painted





October

Fire suppression tanks sand - blasted

Fire suppression tanks painted on the inside





Lodge Progress This Fall







Insulation blown into the Attic







Sheet rock finished in the building

November and December

Fire suppression pipeline flushed



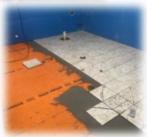






Fire suppression pumps, valves, controls installed

Ditra (underlayment), then tile installed in the dish room, kitchen bathroom, Welcome Center bathroom, and main floor bathrooms





Loftus' Lifelines

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." II Corinthians 8:9

Looking Back

After a weeklong trip to Wisconsin to join in a memorial for Lorie's parents, and to enjoy time with Lorie's siblings and other relatives, we returned in time to finalize details for our Fall Ladies' Retreat. The retreat proved to be a huge encouragement to

all who came! One particular blessing for Lorie was the attendance of a woman from Pinedale with whom Lorie had previously coached. God had saved her in recent years, and she found Camp! What gift it is to be a part of God's work here!

On the heels of Ladies' Retreat, our team hosted a work group from South Carolina who came prepared to work wherever we could use them. Many skilled workers used their talents and experience to take the Lodge closer to finish. Dean and Lorie had the privilege of serving this crew through meals and work lists, but also relished the times of fellowship with them around the table.

The best laid plans...Our trip to see Gannett and Caroline for their White Coat Ceremony at the University of South Carolina Medical School was abruptly ended by Hurricane Ian. Both our kids and we were disappointed, but thankful for the choice for safety. Gan and Caroline have completed Semester 1 of Med School! Also, Ike and Sarah and Baby Loretta Jo have moved to Pinedale putting Grandchild 3 in close proximity! We thank God for our kids both near and far from us.

The fall months also included Dean's hunting with his sons for deer and elk (alas, an empty freezer, but such good times!), travel for ministry in pulpit supply and a ladies' meeting, and a visit with missionary friends and their new baby boy! Both Dean and Lorie are a year older (and wiser!), both delighted in Thanksgiving in the home of Phillip and Adriana (with Grands, Autumn and Hadley), and both marvel at God's answer to persistent petition regarding supply for the Lodge project! God is faithful, and we can trust Him.

Looking Ahead

The Christmas season provides such wonderful opportunities for worship and witness, fellowship with friends and family, joy in reflecting on past blessings as we celebrate the advent of the Christ-child! What a gift.

Gearing up for winter camps and work groups is already on our radar as we contact volunteers, plan food service, print publications, and pray as a couple as well as a team for God to glorify

Himself at Red Cliff. Please join us in prayer that God may accomplish His work, and that we may be fruitful in His ministry.

Grace and peace to all of you,

Dean and Lorie Loftus







Holt's Headlines

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we close out 2022, we try to make it a habit to reflect on and remember what God has done for us over the past year. Naturally, we tend to focus on current and future needs, camps, and projects, but in keeping our focus on obeying what God has called us to, it helps to look back and remember what He has accomplished in the past, knowing that He remains faithful now and forever.

God allowed us to run three successful winter retreats in 2022: Couples' Retreat, Men's Retreat, and a packed-out teen retreat, Snow Blowout. At each camp, God gave physical strength, health, and safety, as well as spiritual challenges, refreshment, and encouragement. After the retreat season ended, He provided through a supporter for us to take a 5-day, 4-night, much-needed vacation to Colorado. God brought the girls and me through finishing one school year in early May and starting the next in August. He provided the money to allow Taylee to use a video school program for this year, as well as the tablets the girls use to track and complete school assignments. He daily helps me recall and relearn algebra and chemistry concepts as I try to explain those to the older girls.

God provides the wisdom to balance camp ministry responsibilities with family life. While we are a long way from having a perfect balance achieved, He gives grace for us to learn, flexibility to change, and perseverance to continue trying to keep our lives balanced when we feel we are failing. He has given our kids a love for camp ministries, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to serve as a family. He provided a violin for Sierra, and He also provided meat for our family, both through the generosity of friends and supporters, and through successful hunting seasons for Taylee and Sierra. God gave safety and health in the pregnancy and delivery of our son, Ty. He helped us get to the hospital in time and to have no complications. He provided the finances to pay all of the doctor and hospital bills in full, as well as allowing the medical offices to provide discounts that helped make that possible. He allowed Ty to contract Covid 19 at 31 days old and restored him to full health within a few days. He has provided and continues to provide the formula that Ty needs for supplementation.

God allowed us to have all the camps we had planned this summer: three weeks of Junior camp, two Teen weeks, and one family camp (Camp Meeting), and a fall Ladies' Retreat. He allowed His Word to be skillfully preached and presented, and for many spiritual decisions to be made. He gave safety in all the miles traveled this summer, as well as safety to Keith as he traveled to colleges for recruiting. He has allowed many of the needed contracts for next summer to already start coming in. God has allowed the work on the Lodge to continue. He brought work groups and individuals to install staircases, deck railings, and the back deck of the Lodge. He has allowed the drywall to be installed, several rooms to be painted, and the water tanks installed. He has allowed the fire suppression system to near completion, and a \$200,000 matching fund to be started. He brought a work group in to install the tile in the Lodge.

We are so thankful to be part of this ministry, and we are excited to watch what God will do during 2023!

Serving in Wyoming,

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

MacGills' Meanderings



Dear Prayer Warriors,

This season is a good time to remember all the blessings God has blessed us with, but truly, every day of every year we can say - God Is Good!!!

Thank you again for your faithful support- both in finances and prayers! God works through both ways, and we thank you for being a vital

part of that! We so appreciate YOU!

Recently, we were able to purchase a used vehicle (gas powered) for use. It runs well and is much more economical than using a diesel-powered pickup right now. We are thankful for the generously low asking price, and that we can make payments over time without interest. God's provision!

We are also praising the Lord for a new wood burning stove to heat our home. Though brand new, it was given (again-generously) as a gift to us. Since we heat our home completely by wood heat, this has been another huge blessing. The old stove was over 45 years old, and had seen its best days for sure! We are able to use less firewood to get the same amount of heat. God's provision again!

Dick recently saw his oncologist again. This is the first time he was able to go six months between appointments. We are thankful for that and ask you to continue to pray with us, that this will be an ongoing time frame. We give thanks to our Great Physician for His provision!

Since last month, Dick has been using an ASV machine to help with his night time breathing needs. We have learned that he has both central and obstructive sleep apnea.

This machine has helped him with much more beneficial night time sleep, resulting in not needing so many day-time naps. He can tell he feels much better with this help. We are thankful for new medical technology that makes this available. Again - thank God with us for His provision!

Please continue to pray with us that God would show us a clear path of what He would have us do in service for Him! Deirdre continues to help Camp with bookkeeping and Higher Grounds. Dick wants to serve -

someone mentioned to him that this wasn't "retirement but rather re-assignment"! That's what we want!

Because of Calvary,

Dick & Deirdre MacGill







Heyboer's Highlights

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

We are rejoicing in how God brought many to Camp despite the higher cost of living. Campers, volunteers, work crews, speakers, and summer

staff were all able to serve in their special capacity. Something that we were reminded of this year is that God works in hearts before campers and volunteers arrive and after they leave Camp. We praise God for the many volunteers that have come to help on the Lodge rebuild and in repairs around Camp and on vehicles. It is sweet to see their enthusiasm, and it encourages us to keep going. What an amazing God we serve!

Please pray as we go around town giving out Bible tracts. We have been able to give out a total of 290 this year. Each of them included an invitation to our church. Would you pray that they will be read? This Christmas the ones we are giving out have two homemade cookies in them. Please pray that God will use the gifts to plant a seed for the Gospel.

Thank you for praying for our family. Our kids are doing well; they have become true helpers to us at Camp, and we are thankful for the ability to not just serve together, but alongside our children. They are working on their homeschooling and enjoying their special classes at the school, like Band, PE and Art. They come home and pray for the kids that they meet, which is a joy.

David is busy as there is much to do at camp even in the winter. Thank you for praying for him. He had a right leg vein procedure on November 02 to help with

the sore that developed on his foot. David was diagnosed with incompetent veins in both legs, and we are praying that God will heal them. His next procedure on the other leg is tentatively scheduled on January 04, 2023. Our family continues to trust in God's care for next year and praise God for His care this year. We truly thank God for the opportunity we have to serve Him here in Wyoming. Thank you for praying! May God bless you; have a Merry Christmas!

Please continue to pray for our family: our support, our areas of responsibilities, and for God to meet our personal needs. Thank you for your support, prayers and encouragement! God bless you and have a Merry Christmas!

In Christ's service, David, Wixi, Anah Grace, Leonard, and Joseph Heyboer

"...for the people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 4:6



2022 Fall



Ladies' Retreat





A Great Opportunity

In 2017 we lost the main Lodge to a fire, but God has helped us build again.

While we are close to being able to use the new Lodge for ministry, we still need about \$400,000 to occupy and use the building. God has graciously provided an anonymous donor who will match every donation dollar-for-dollar up to \$200,000. These combined gifts (\$200,000 donations + \$200,000 matching gift) would enable the summer 2023 Red Cliff ministry team to serve more campers effectively with:

- Full kitchen facilities
- A spacious dining room
- New bathroom and shower facilities
- Guest speakers' facilities
- Staff training spaces
- Meeting rooms
- · Fellowship spaces
- Staff offices

A Greater Purpose

Although finishing the new Lodge is a worthy goal, we want to build more than a building.

This Lodge will be the place for gospel conversations with campers over meals. It will house encouraging interactions between believers. It will facilitate discipleship training and planning.

Your gift builds more than a building.

Would you help us rebuild the Lodge for the glory of God and the generations to come?

Donate at

redcliffcamp.org/give (307) 367-2536

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Our Mission

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

Winter Camp Speakers



Pastor Ron Perry and his wife have ministered in California for the last 24 years. He is currently the senior pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Folsom, CA. They have two college-age daughters named Jessica and Mackenzie. Together their family loves anything outdoors and serving the Lord in multiple different capacities here in the west.

Pastor Tim Moyer has been at Emmanuel Bible Church in Thayne, Wy since 1996. Tim came to Wyoming following graduation from Bob Jones University in 1987. Since that time Tim and his wife, Amie, have enjoyed ministering to the people of western Wyoming as well as owning and operating Smokey Canyon ranch a cow/calf operation that seeks to glorify God by raising quality beef and mentoring young men in both the cowboy and Christian life.





Jason Ehman loves Red Cliff Bible Camp. He serves on the board and has life-long connections with the camp as a camper and staff member. Red Cliff played a significant role in shaping him for ministry as a pastor, youth pastor, and president of a Christian publishing ministry. Currently, he helps churches and Christian non-profits with technology and communication through his small business. He serves in his home church and fills in for local pastors who are sick or out of town. He and Paula, his partner in life and ministry, and their four children enjoy exploring the

mountains and canyons of Utah. If you need to start a conversation with him, ask about coffee.

Scott Olson was raised, discipled, and trained in Arizona at Tri-City Baptist Church where he developed a desire to reach the West with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He has served in youth ministry (Youth Pastor) and camp ministry. Currently, Scott is now working as a Mentoring Director at International Baptist College and Seminary with his wife Susan. A fan of the outdoors and working with youth and college-aged young people, he is also passionate about his family, sharing the Gospel, and discipling people for lifetime service for God.



Outreach

Red Cliff Bible Camp exists to serve churches. Our desire is to partner with churches and individuals in Gospel ministry. We consider it a great privilege to serve each of you, encouraging believers in obedience to God in their personal lives, and to service for God in their homes and churches.

As we anticipate serving people through Christian camping at our **winter retreats** in February and March, **we ask for your prayers** - prayers for safety, for spiritual impact, for the leadership of God's Spirit in decision-making— all for the glory of God!

RED CLIFF'S OUTREACH THIS FALL

- 55 campers during Ladies' Retreat representing 23 churches
 - 36 volunteers from 7 states: NC, MI, GA, ID, UT, WY, CO

RESIDENT STAFF NEEDS

- H Humility to serve our worthy God and King
- E Enablement to carry out our Entrusted Stewardship
- L Long term Investment for God in our children
- P Partnership in Prayer for each staff family *II Corinthians 1: 11, 12*

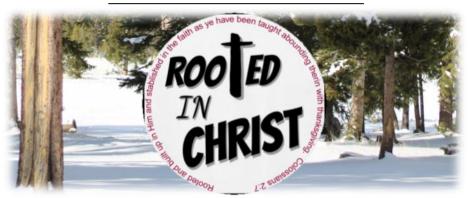
We appreciate your prayers and partnership!

Give the Gift of Camp

Camp isn't camp without campers! As the Red Cliff team looks forward to serving churches through camp in 2023, we need CAMPERS - Youth and Adults!

Focused now on God's gift of the Lord Jesus and Christmas giving, would you consider giving the gift of camp? 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 camp in the new year. You 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 spiritual impact, it's FUN!

Winter Camps 2023



Speakers Camps Dates Couples' Retreat February 16 - 18, 2023 Ron and Beneth Perry February 23 - 25, 2023 Tim Moyer Men's Retreat Jason Ehmann March 02 - 04, 2023 Snow Blowout March 09 - 11, 2023 Scott Olson Heritage Quest (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.

Summer Camps



Pray for our 2023 Summer Staff, Volunteers and Campers!

| <u>Dates</u> | Speakers |
|-------------------------|--|
| June 26 - July 01, 2023 | TBA |
| July 05 - 08, 2023 | Greg, & David Huffman |
| July 10 -15, 2023 | Pastor Ron Perry |
| July 17 - 22, 2023 | Pastor Caleb Acree |
| July 24 - 29, 2023 | TBA |
| | June 26 - July 01, 2023 July 05 - 08, 2023 July 10 -15, 2023 July 17 - 22, 2023 |

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

Workers' Appreciation Dinner Friday, August 04, 2023

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)

Opportunities to Help

God's people need an outlet for giving! We offer these ideas so that if burdened by God to participate and help us, you can see what we need.

Blessings!

- AED (automated external defibrillator)
- 4 hard sided Kayaks with paddles
- Box of copy paper
- Foosballs
- Artwork for Lodge

Needs!

General:

• Prayer, Prayer (see Director's Diary)

• 4 Tires for Camp pickup (3500 Chevy) 245/75R16 LT AT

- 4 20 volt Dewalt batteries for power tools
- 1-20 volt Dewalt battery charger
- Additional funds for 15 passenger van (10 K already on hand)

Hospitality:

• Life time tables 9/8 foot rectangular tables. Life time tables

15/8 foot round tables.

- 15 damp dry all surface mops
- Curtains for cabins L 63" W 80" (blackout)

Program:

- 3 volleyballs,
- 4 basketballs
- 2 soccer balls
- 2 footballs
- 2 tether balls





To help Red Cliff Bible Camp and Summit Trails with your purchase price, go to http://smile.amazon.com. When making purchases from Amazon, select our corporation name, "Bible Camping Inc," as the charitable organization.

"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



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