



# Red Cliff Telegraph

Winter

## Director's Diary

January 2024

**Don't Faint!** *2 Corinthians 4:16* reminds us that “though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day” working through our affliction an “eternal weight of glory.” God indwells us and renews us from the inside out! In this New Year of 2024, let's not faint, but be renewed in our peace, in our joyfulness, and in our compassion for the lost.

### The Golden Anniversary of Red Cliff Bible Camp

We are looking forward to celebrating a 50-Year milestone in all our camps throughout the year with an overall “Gold Rush” theme. Especially noteworthy are the special events planned for the July 4th week: a staff reunion, an anniversary service, and, Lord-willing, the dedication of the new Lodge! Each week leading up to Camp Meeting, we will be sharing blasts from the past 50 years on our new Facebook page: *Red Cliff Bible Camp/Summit Trails Unlimited*. Also find dates, details, and updates on our newly developed website: [redcliffcamp.org](http://redcliffcamp.org). Please pray that God will use Red Cliff Bible Camp for His glory in 2024.

### Winter Retreats

Preparations are in full swing for our winter retreats, and we would love for you to join us! As God has continued to provide for the completion of the Lodge, I rejoice to tell you that we will be hosting campers in the first floor during this season! Imagine meals from the new kitchen served in a lovely dining room, a hot coffee made in the new Higher Grounds, and all new indoor restrooms with tiled showers!! Though it has been a LONG 7-year road in building a new Lodge, we have not fainted while our God has done many marvelous things! All glory to His name!

### Summer Camps

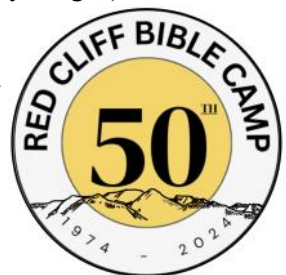
Summer staff selections are well underway. (Thank you, Keith!) With God's wisdom we want to build a team prepared to serve campers and each other! Please pray for God's Spirit to be working in each staffer's life, and for provision for each of their needs. Each year the summer staff members receive an honorarium for their service, which comes out of camper fees and donations. ***Ideally, all the honorariums will be provided through donations*** so that the cost to attend camp can be kept reasonable, and camper fees will then be used for the operating expenses of camp. Last summer our staff honorariums totaled \$8,000.

Please consider “adopting” the summer staff with a gift to the General Fund to go toward their honorariums (designate “staff honorariums” on your gift).

### Resident Staff Transition

I would ask you to **pray for Keith and Stacy Holt and their family** as they are seeking God's leading for their next opportunity in ministry.

We love them and appreciate the four and a half years that they faithfully served on our Team at Red Cliff. (for more info, read page 5)



## Work Projects Fall & Early Winter

In October the trusses, sheathing, and roof underlayment on the fire suppression tank building were completed. The walk-in cooler/freezer was installed in the main lodge kitchen area, and floor tile was finished up in the main floor bathrooms.



In November the shower tile in the main floor bathrooms, and hallway tile were completed. Insulation and heaters were installed in the fire suppression tank building. Window trim boxes were started in the Welcome Center along with plumbing finish fixtures in the bathrooms and kitchen!



# ...For God's Glory!



In December installation of the window boxes and trim continued in the — Welcome Center and kitchen. The tile was started in the Welcome Center and — the walk-in cooler/freezer was boxed in on the top.



— In January the Welcome Center tile was completed, paint touched up, and the — ceiling tiles were finished in the kitchen and small bathrooms.





## Loftus' Lifelines

*"Oh how great is Thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee; Which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the sons of men!"* Psalm 31:19

### Fall Opportunities

Much-anticipated trips to Camp Chetek in Wisconsin in late September and to Idaho in early November allowed us to get some rest, and to reacquaint with many friends. We shared God's Word in churches and camps, had opportunities to counsel and pray, while also enjoying great food, walks, and sweet fellowship!

Both of us enjoyed being on the cast of the musical, "The Music Man," presented by the Pinedale Theatre Company. Dean (who turned 60 in October) played Constable Locke, while Lorie played as one of the "Pick-a-Littles" along with her friend, Karen. God opened the door for many gospel conversations for each of us!

Hunting always affords us a day or two to get out of the house glassing the hills in search of elk. This season, on a "blizzardy" day, we saw 100 head (on private property) and nearly got stuck on snowy roads! It was a great day for an adventure! Though we harvested no elk, God provided meat through other means.

### Abounding Grands

Many days of "Bama duty" (sometimes Papa too) came to us this fall as our daughter, Sarah, fulfilled her student teaching requirement. We spent time tag-teaming with Aunt Ellie teaching, singing and playing with Loretta Jo. What a privilege we have to invest in our grandchildren!

We are so delighted at God's answering prayers for our children to be blessed with children! Within a few months in this new year, Lord-willing, four grandchildren (three newborns and an 11-year-old) will be added to the three we already have!

### Holidays and Hopes

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years have come and gone, but with them came wonderful times of individual and collective worship with family and friends. God granted us time to enjoy His goodness to us, our family, and our church family! One particular delight came to both of us as we taught Junior Church during the month of December!

Soon, by God's faithfulness and abundant provision, our camp team and camp family will realize the blessings of using the new Lodge, built for God's glory and the generations to come! We stand in awe.

As we enter into another year, we desire to serve God well, to enjoy His presence, to share His gospel, to realize His goals for us as a couple as well as for His ministry through us at Red Cliff. Please pray for us!

*Grace and peace,* Dean and Lorie Loftus



## Holt's Headlines

November/December 2023



Dear Friends and Supporters,

This is a very different newsletter than I typically send out in our updates! At this time of year, I usually send a newsletter that looks back over the entire year and recounts what God has done at Red Cliff and in our lives. However, I have written this particular edition to let you know what God has done, what He is continuing to do, and to ask your continued prayers for us as we look forward to what He will do in the

future. During the past several months, beginning back in May/June of this year, Keith and I began to pray about what God had for us and what our future at Red Cliff looks like. When we first started really looking at and praying about what God wanted us to do, neither of us had any desire to leave camp, but as we prayed for God to work in hearts and change people, He began to change us. I guess our outlook or perspective began to change, more than anything else. It's like God has been slowly loosening our individual grip on our own agenda and goals for our lives and ministry and refocusing us on Him and what He wants. I don't know exactly what that means for the future, but both of us have reached the conclusion through prayer, counsel, and specific scripture passages that God's plan is not for us to be at Red Cliff long term. We don't want to leave Wyoming, we love Red Cliff and camp ministry, and we have no desire to move again and start over. But God has made it very clear that He is moving us on, even though we don't know where. The Holt family will no longer be serving at Red Cliff Bible Camp after December 2023. We are leaving Red Cliff on good terms, we have no hard feelings towards anyone on staff, past or present, and we want the camp to continue to reach the Mountain West. We also do not know where God is leading us at this point. We are in a season of waiting for His direction, and we are excited to see what He has for us next!

Once again, thank you to each one who has invested in us and Red Cliff Bible Camp through prayer and/or financial support. Our family has grown and matured in ways we could not have imagined, and our lives have been touched and encouraged by so many of you. We have loved this stage in our journey of life, and we are leaving pieces of our hearts in the mountains of Wyoming and scattered across the Mountain West. It has truly been a privilege to serve God and each of you in this way. We are looking forward to continuing to serve Him wherever He leads us, not because we have anything to offer Him, but because He alone is worthy.

Serving in Wyoming or wherever He leads,

Keith, Stacy,

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

# MacGills' Meanderings

...Life is busy...



Perhaps you are in school with classes and studies and papers to write and books to read and the thought has come to your mind that “when school is done then things will slow down.”

Perhaps you are in the early years of marriage and have tiny ones that are still not sleeping through the night. Sleep deprivation makes you think “when the kids get a little older, things will slow down.”

Perhaps you have teenagers in the home with their activities that you want to support them in or youth activities that go later into the evenings. Your job keeps you busy all day as well. Again there is the thought, “when the kids are on their own and we are retired, things will slow down.”

Perhaps you’ve reached retirement age and realize that while busy requirements have slowed down, so has your physical body...are things going to slow down?

Or perhaps, it’s just the busy December season that has had you busy. All a good kind of busy- but busy nevertheless.

Two thoughts from the Bible come to mind. In Matthew 11 we read, “Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.” No matter how complex life is, He invites us to come to Him! Yield to Him!

Mark 6:30-34 - Jesus said to His disciples, “Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.” This is one of the reasons for the practice of making a retreat - a quiet place where we can rest and refresh, gain desired peace and quiet, and time to recharge. Winter retreats are coming up at Red Cliff! Why not consider “coming apart” to re-group and refresh, and to fellowship with other believers?

We are thanking the Lord for each of you - your prayers, your concerns, your friendship, your support! We want you to know we are praying for you as well!

Pray with us please as we address health issues and seek to serve God wherever we are able!

Rejoicing in His grace,

Dick and Deirdre MacGill



## Heyboer's Highlights

*“Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” Matthew 6:34*

This last year God so very graciously gave wisdom, health and strength for the ministry. God has supplied His help all year, sending so many hands to come alongside and help us! God has supplied our every need including our meat for the winter, things



our kids and we are praying for, or just encouraging gifts for things beyond our regular bills. Our kids truly enjoy when God supplies right before their eyes things we have been praying for as a family or individually. Praise God! Please pray for Anah Grace's 23 hour EEG on 04/05/24 at Primary Children's Hospital. We are praying for the Holts. The best place to be is where God calls us, so we are praying for God's guidance and joy as they transition into their next step.

**We are so thankful for the way God orchestrates each detail in our lives.** God sends the help just as we need it, but also enables us to serve Him. We can only serve because of His strength, wisdom, abilities, provision and health for the daily tasks. As we discussed what to share in this letter, we have had many tasks for camp as usual. Yet, as we discussed the things to do, we received another card of encouragement. This year the Lord has encouraged many to pray for us and our ministry all over the US, and even friends/family overseas. Thank you for taking the time to write and encourage our hearts - God has used it many times! To God be the Glory!

**We have been encouraging each other to take a task one day at the time and to pray for each other** to have strength and wisdom for our areas. Please pray for safety and God's guidance as David and Mr. Dean drive/snowmachine to camp getting ready for winter camps.

We are so thankful how God brought Wixi's parents to visit for a couple of days at the end of summer camp, and Wixi's brother and his wife came for Thanksgiving. God is so good to allow refreshing and sweet times as we serve. David served most days while they were here, yet, Wixi and the kids had a good time with them.

**We are thankful for God-given opportunities this fall/winter.** During Halloween we were able to hand out 118 Bible tracts, and during Christmas our family and one of the young ladies at church gave out 276 Bible tracts and invitations all over town. We are praying God will use them and give us ideas for Easter time. This Christmas after working on invitations to church, attending church activities, school, and doing camp ministry, we took the week after Christmas to just gather as a family. It was only the 5 of us most days. We are praising God for a refreshing time at home with our kids to regroup. So thankful for that time!

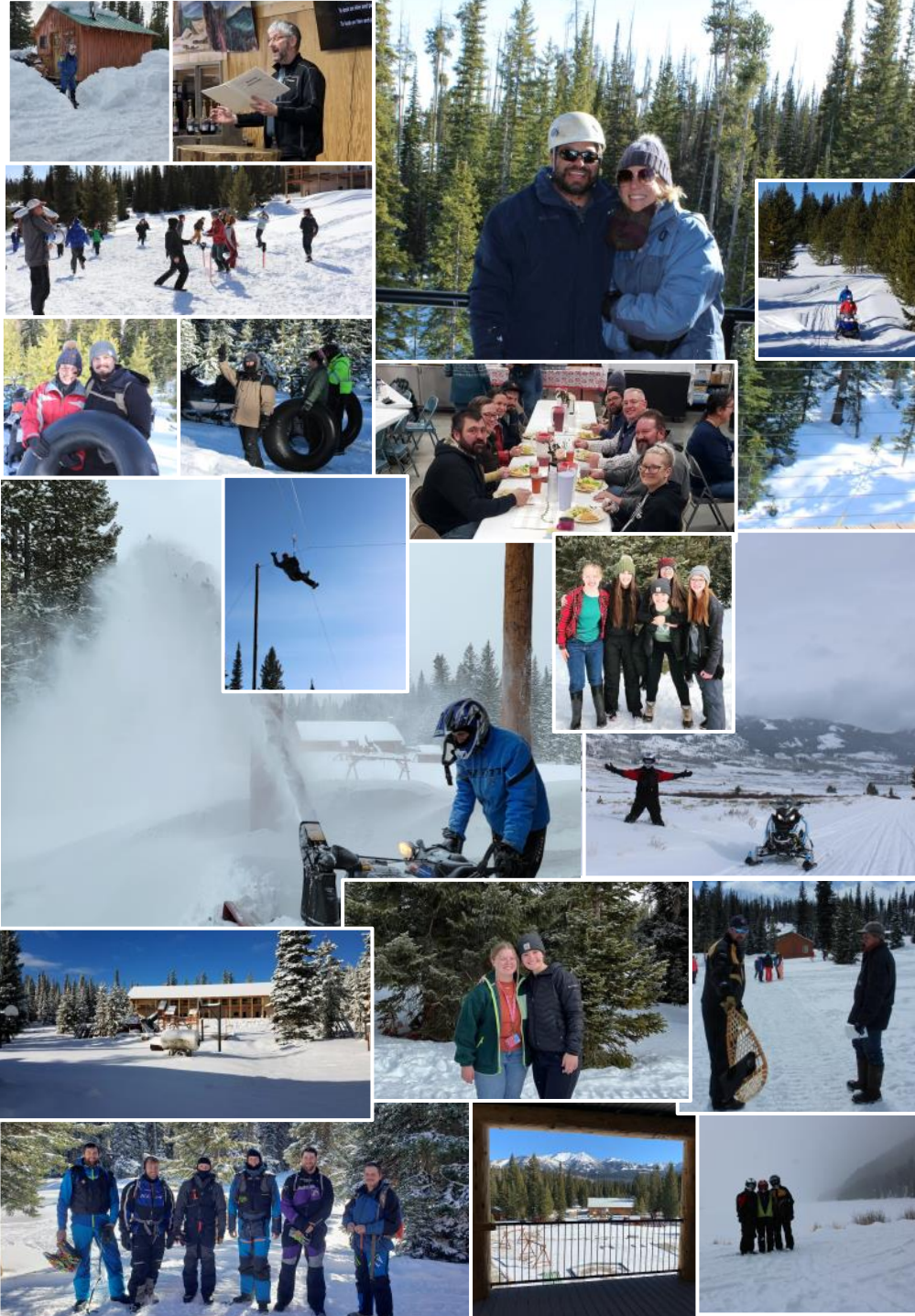
**As we prepare for winter camps, we rejoice that God continues to supply help!** We ask you to pray for our family and ministry, that as we serve in each of our areas, that we will do it well, as unto the Lord and with joy, encouraging others in God's Word and one another as we serve Him.

*“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Philippians 4:13*

In Christ, David, Wixi, Anah, Leonard, and Joseph



# A Window into Winter Camp Fun





# HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM RED CLIFF BIBLE CAMP

View from the Lodge front door



# Winter Volunteer Day

On Saturday, January 13 many volunteers joined our resident team in an organizing and cleaning day at camp. Together we prepared the lower level of the new Lodge for the upcoming winter retreats. Thanks to all 9 people who came!





# Resident Staff Christmas Party

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We had a lot of fun during our annual Christmas party at the “local” bowling alley. Though the MacGills were unable to attend, the other resident staff families enjoyed a crazy hat contest, competitive-ish bowling, and PIZZA!



Red Cliff Bible Camp exists to glorify God through ministry to individuals, families, and churches. It's a great privilege to co-labor with God in gospel ministry, and to support churches in fulfilling the Great Commission of making disciples. Carrying out this privilege is a **team effort!** Without the sacrificial labor, financial investment, and fervent prayer support of church families, countless volunteers, and hired seasonal staff, the Red Cliff resident staff families could never accomplish Red Cliff's mission of lovingly presenting God's good news of grace and mercy to sinners!

As we anticipate both winter and summer seasons of ministry at Red Cliff, we thank God for His kindness in providing those willing to serve as cabin counselors, program staff, hospitality helpers, cooks, operations assistants, and laborers on the Lodge project! God has truly answered prayer!

### **PRAY FOR OUR OUTREACH THIS WINTER**

- ◆ **Safe travel on snowy roads for campers and workers**
- ◆ **Speakers' preparation and sharing of God's Truth**
- ◆ **Tender hearts to God's Word and God's Spirit**



### **PRAY FOR THE SUMMER STAFF'S NEEDS**

- ◆ **Team unity and servant's hearts for all staff**
- ◆ **Strength for 8 weeks of intense ministry to campers**
- ◆ **Financial provision for college bills and other needs**

“For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.” **2 Corinthians 4:5**

Visit our website at [redcliffcamp.org](http://redcliffcamp.org) for more information, or for registering at [registration@redcliffcamp.org](mailto:registration@redcliffcamp.org)

If you would like to come to camp to volunteer, or to receive our newsletter via email, contact us at [redcliffcamp@gmail.com](mailto:redcliffcamp@gmail.com).



**CELEBRATING OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ALL YEAR LONG!**

<u>Camps</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
Couples' Retreat	February 15 - 17, 2024	Daniel & Nikki York
Men's Retreat	February 22 - 24, 2024	Dan Quorollo
Snow Blowout (Teen Camp)	February 29 - March 02, 2024	Ron Perry
Heritage Quest (Father/Son Camp)	March 07 - 09, 2024	Scott Olson



**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 2024

<u>Camps</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
Junior 1	June 24 - 29, 2024	TBA
Staff Reunion	July 01 - 03 2024	Past Camp Staff
Family Camp	July 03 - 06, 2024	Les Ollila
Anniversary Celebration	July 05, 2024	Camp Staff
Teen 1	July 08 - 13, 2024	Jason Ehmann
Teen 2	July 15 - 20, 2024	Todd Sivnksty
Junior 2	July 22 - 27, 2024	Jeff Chappell

## Fall Camps 2024

<u>Camps</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
Summit Trails Unlimited	August 04-09, 2024	Jeff Matney
Ladies' Summit Trails	August 04-07, 2024	Candy Rubottom
Creation-Science Camp	September 06-07, 2024	Jon & Audrey Moore
Ladies' Retreat	September 12-14, 2024	Paula Ehmann
Senior's Get-Away	September 19-21, 2024	Greg Huffman



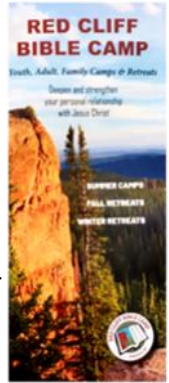
**Pray for our Staff, Summer Staff, Campers, and Volunteers!**



PRAISE THE LORD for the generosity of Red Cliff friends! The following blessings and needs serve to provide information so that if prompted by God to participate through giving, you can!

## Blessings!

- Good weather for setting the roof on the Fire Supp. tank building
- Gospel conversations with many helpers and workers
- Inspection passed for the kitchen hood
- Installation of the walk-in cooler/freezer
- Installation of appliances and commercial dishwasher and sinks
- Installation of floor tile in Welcome Center, lower Lodge bathrooms, and in hallway of main bathrooms
- Installation of window boxes and trim in Welcome Center
- TV monitor for kitchen (computer projections)
- Hours and hours of volunteer labor (cleaning, painting, mechanics)
- Room-darkening curtains
- Linens, towels, and comforters for the speaker's bedroom
- Digital meat thermometer
- Sawn log for the top counter in Higher Grounds Coffee Shop



## Needs!

### General:

- Skilled carpenters to help with trim in the Lodge
- A 6-8 ton farm wagon running gear
- 15 passenger van in great condition (10 K already on hand)

### Hospitality:

- 4 Entrance Notrax Mat, 4' X 6' Charcoal
- 6 Entrance Notrax Mat, 3' X 4', Charcoal
- 4 mops with mop heads
- 2 commercial mop buckets
- 1 plastic sign (closed for cleaning and wet floor)
- 3 commercial soft bristle brooms
- Curtains for cabins L 63" W 80" (blackout)
- 2 Stainless steel cleaning rags
- 7 Fabric Shower Curtains (No Hooks Needed, Waterproof, White, 71x74)
- 1 commercial upright vacuum cleaner

### Kitchen:

- 6 new bussing tubs
- Funds for floor mats for dish room and coffee shop
- 15 new insulated potholders (5 sets of mitts)
- 1 commercial rack for cutting boards

### Program:

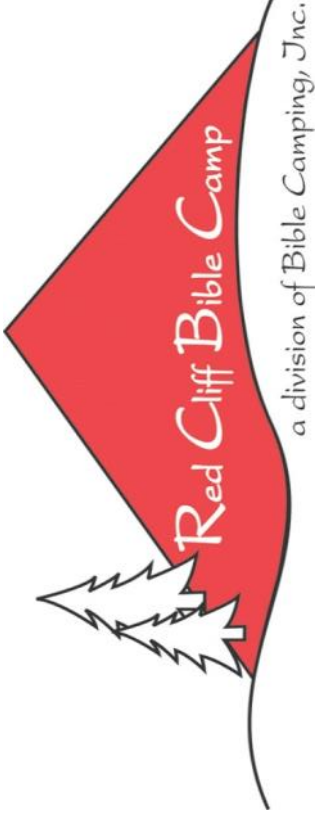
- Replacement bladders for 60" and 72" ultra Balls (Big ball)
- Snow Tube Covers (Tube Pro) Contact us if you are interested in helping.



**"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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