



Red Cliff Telegraph

Fall

Director's Diary

October 2024

Our summer spiritual emphasis for Camp Staff was a focused look at the *Riches of God's Grace*. Our study of *Ephesians 1-3* and all that we have in Christ through His Grace was a real encouragement. I was privileged to engage in this study each day with the SALT staff. I am rejoicing in all that God did in my life and our staff's lives this summer for His glory.

The Staff Reunion and the 50th Anniversary Service were such a blessing as so many who served in the past on summer staff or as volunteers returned to Red Cliff to share in many memories and sweet times of fellowship. It was fun to watch videos from the '90's, including the 20th anniversary of Camp from 1994. One very special aspect was to have teens and college students on summer staff whose parents served as well some thirty years ago, representing multiple generations of young people working over fifty years to serve the Lord in camping ministry!

God gave us **fruitful weeks of Summer Camp** with outreach into many churches and homes through Camp, and with many decisions for Christ at Camp! Our well-trained and committed staff invested intentionally week after week into the lives of campers. Not only were campers impacted, but our summer staff grew in their faith and commitment to follow Christ, too!

- 6 campers received Christ!
 - 5 received assurance of salvation!
 - 22 others made decisions for obedience to Christ in some area of their lives.
- All glory to God!



In early August, **Summit Trails Unlimited (STU)**, our backpacking division of *Bible Camping Inc.*, hosted both a ladies' "day-hikes" trip based at Red Cliff, and a progressive backpacking trip from Spring Creek Park to Green River Lakes. With some rain (but not enough to dampen the fun and fellowship we experienced together) we studied God's Word, hiked, fished, camped, and battled rogue porcupines! (See page 6 for photos.)

In response to our need to finish every part of the Lodge, God has once again supplied in a tremendous way! **Red Cliff received a gift of \$124,000** for specific areas of the building that will be addressed this fall and winter. Praise God with us for this gift, and pray that labor and supply will be available for the work.

Staff recruiting for the summer of 2025 has already begun. Please pray with us that God will send us just the right staff members for each position. He alone can build a Christ-centered team. Pray as well that God will grant safety in travel to the colleges in September and October.

Fall Camps included our Creation-Science Camp for grades 1-8 (hosted for the first time since the fire in 2017), a Custom Camp, and our Ladies' Fall Retreat.



Science Camp focused on God's creation, specifically with a closer look at North American large mammals. We want to thank the volunteer counselors and parents for giving of their time and energy to help make this camp a success!



Ladies' Retreat, focusing on God, Our Rock and Refuge, provided a great time of refreshment both physically and spiritually for the 65 ladies who attended!



Many projects were accomplished on the Lodge during our summer season which began with a group of workers the first week of **June**: Painting, sewing, trimming windows, doors and countertops, clear-coating wood trim and spiral staircase steps, adhering baseboard, installing attic ladder, tiling bathrooms, hanging exterior siding, cleaning, and setting up!



Exterior siding work continued into **July**, and we are excited to let you know that a work group came this fall to put the siding on the gable ends of the Lodge. Railings for the fire stairs were fabricated during the last week of **July**. The exterior rock masonry continued **July** through **August** and is 99% completed on the frontside! The yearly tree gathering for firewood occurred in **mid-September** with two volunteers from Idaho!

During **August and September** hand rails were added on the west side of the Lodge, and the hand railing on the spiral staircase was completed! Extensive work on the camp road happened in **June** and **July**. Donated use of a bulldozer, mini track-hoe, water truck, dump truck, and six weeks of donated time from a volunteer improved the road immensely for cars and vans to travel into Camp!







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! **We are very thankful** for all who contribute time, equipment, resources both generously and sacrificially in order for Red Cliff Bible Camp to fulfill its mission.

RED CLIFF'S OUTREACH THIS SUMMER AND FALL

- A total of 183 youth campers and over 250 campers at Family Camp
- We were privileged to serve more than 30 churches!
- Campers from WY, CO, ID, UT, AZ, IL, IN, MT, NV, SC, WI
- 45 Summer Volunteers /21 Fall Volunteers serving with us!
- A total of 92 campers at Fall Retreats

NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

With the end of summer and fall camps, preparation gets into full swing for winterization at Camp, firewood gathering for staff families, recruiting for next year's summer staff, and planning for Winter camps!

Perhaps God will direct you our way to help in an area of service at a Winter camp. We need hospitality workers to help with cleaning, cooks and assistants, dishwashers, shuttlers, and many others to fill in the gaps that our staff can't cover. Please email director@redcliffcamp.org if you are interested!

2024 Staff Training

In the Adventure Room of the New Lodge



Winter Camp Speakers



Pastor Todd Sivnksty has served full-time in Christian camp ministry, youth pastorate, itinerant evangelism, and for the past 7 years, as pastor of Berean Baptist Church in Lilburn, GA. Todd and his wife, Krista, have a married son, a daughter, and a grandson.

Pastor Ron Perry after running from the Lord for many years, Pastor Ron was saved at age 18. In the years following his salvation, God used several godly men and a solid, Bible-preaching church to help disciple him and prepare him for ministry. After finishing an undergrad degree in pastoral studies and a master's degree in counseling, he and his wife Beneth moved to southern California to minister at Ironwood Christian Camp in Newberry Springs. Soon after arriving there, he felt the burden to plant a church in the small rural community surrounding the camp. For the next 8 years, God graciously allowed him to be a bi-vocational pastor working both at Ironwood and Faith Baptist Church of Cherokee Road. During the summer of 2009, Faith Baptist Church of Folsom officially called Pastor Ron to come and serve as their senior pastor. He and Beneth love the area and the people of the greater Sacramento area and consider it a great privilege to be serving the Lord in this area.



Pastor Ron's favorite aspects of ministry are the preaching of God's Word and the one-on-one shepherding of God's people. He loves counseling and caring for God's flock. In addition to pastoring, Pastor Ron enjoys serving as a police chaplain for his local police department, speaking at camps, and leading Rest Ministries, a ministry designed to encourage pastors and their wives. In his free time, he enjoys being outdoors, exploring northern California with his family, watching college football, reading Louis L'Amour westerns, weightlifting, and bike riding.

Pastor Ron and Beneth have two daughters. Jessica and her husband Blake Sorgea live in Folsom, and Mackenzie is currently in college working on a degree in education.



Willie Partin is the Director of Camp Relations for The Wilds and has been on staff in some capacity since 1997. Teens and adults alike appreciate and respond to his great sense of humor and practical teaching from God's Word. Willie is actively pursuing advanced training in counseling. He is a key component of our summer staff recruitment and represents the North Carolina campsites in churches and schools during the non-summer months.



Willie and his wife, Sarah, have four children.



Allen Cover - I was blessed to grow up in a Christian home in Houston, Texas. God was gracious by allowing me to grow up with Godly parents who faithfully took our family to church and taught us God's Word from an early age. I accepted Christ as my personal savior at an early age and for that I am extremely thankful! God began building a desire in my heart to serve Him specifically in camp ministry as I grew into my teen years. In college I had the opportunity to

major in Camp Ministries, and God used that time to grow and shape my thinking toward ministry. Most importantly, my wife Laura and I met during college and were married shortly after graduation. God has blessed us with our four children, and we currently serve Him at Pioneer Bible Camp in Eden, UT. I have the privilege of serving as the Program Director at PBC. It has been wonderful to get to be a small part of what God is doing in this part of UT, and we look forward to what God has for us in the days ahead!



50th Celebration To God be the Glory!



Loftus' Lifelines

"...that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:7

After a summer of diving into a study with our summer staff and campers of God's great grace to us in salvation, we marvel at how rich His kindness has been, is, and will be toward every believer! We can't thank God enough for His grace!

Great Provision: Because of God's great goodness, we were able to use the new Lodge this summer! Staff and campers alike enjoyed the front porches and upper deck designed for games and fellowship. What a view we enjoy every day!

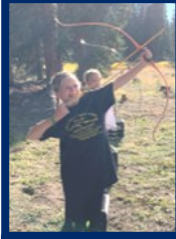
We had the privilege of serving with a teachable and capable group of high school and college-age staff this summer! As part of his role, Dean led the Program Team (a threesome of creative, comical college kids), met with the SALTs (high school-age staff) each morning for their devotion time, and took the Junior campers fishing. Lorie engaged with staff as well in teaching and counseling, but also stayed busy cooking breakfast meals, creating menus and food orders, and directing kitchen volunteers. The Lord graciously provided cooks and assistants in the kitchen all through the summer and fall camps!

Grand Party: The 50th Celebration delighted us as many, many friends returned to Red Cliff for a wonderful time of reflecting on God's awesome work in lives of people over the years. Dean's sister and a few of our children were able to attend the Lodge dedication service. We were so encouraged by several families who represented three generations of campers at Red Cliff! And for us, our camp season was highlighted by two of our grandkids and one great nephew attending Camp!

Granted Petitions: God has been so faithful and kind to both of us this fall! We were able to take a short vacation in August and attend a wedding in NV before returning to a very full fall schedule at Red Cliff. As we finalized preparations for Creation-Science Camp, a custom Couple's Retreat, and Ladies' Retreat, we prayed for God to empower us with His strength, and He did! Additionally, He sent many volunteers to "get in the harness" with us to accomplish the mission at Red Cliff! The fall retreats delighted our hearts while we reflected on God's awesome creation, gathered around His Word, and shared in rich fellowship with His saints. As He answers our prayers, we keep asking with confidence for needs and desires. Praise His name!

Thank you for praying for us, loving us, and caring for us! May God be glorified as we serve Him here in camp ministry,

Dean and Lorie Loftus





Dear Prayer Warriors & Faithful Supporters,
“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace” (Numbers 6:24-26)

What a blessing from God it was to see everyone at the 50th celebration, we both truly enjoy getting to visit with each of you who were able to attend.

Ladies' Retreat was a blessing! (Yes, each week of the summer and fall has been a great blessing - this is just the most recent retreat of the season.) We enjoyed meeting new campers, getting to catch up with those who were able to return from past years, fellowshiping with each other, hearing the Word shared, attending workshop sessions, watching many ladies encouraging others who might be facing challenges personally, and being encouraged ourselves! Write it on your calendar and try to be there next year!

Memories from the past... Dick remembers that the first culverts made for roadway use were made of wood covered with tar paper. The road was rough. The "old-timers" will remember praying for good weather so the road would at least be dry enough to travel. The Lord was good as there was only 1 Family Camp that had to be cancelled due to weather. A blessing! The tent frames later turned into cabins, then the Lord blessed with carpentry guys from college coming out to help and receive training in woodworking skills at the same time. (Dave Heyboer was one of those first students.) Those cabins are the duplex cabins we now use all the time. To get wood for building the cabins, we obtained tree permits from the USFS, and purchased a Wood Miser sawmill. (There are 200+ logs in each cabin.) Jack Hegardt, (one of our original Board members and a professional stone mason) laid the foundation for each cabin. The volunteers who helped with each part of the building process are too many to count but genuine blessings, each one.

We learned that the “spring of water” was on our neighbor's property, so a well was needed for our own use. The well digger had been working near the end of the paved road, and was willing to come up to dig for water at the Camp. Even though the elevation at Camp is higher, the total cost of digging was less, and the well did not have to be as deep to get good water. Another blessing indeed!

Dick is continuing physical therapy. We learned that a major part of his muscle loss is due to the cancer medication he is taking. We are thankful for the blessing of therapists who know how to help in reversing that loss. In all this, **God is GOOD**, and we thank Him for His continued blessings.

Thank YOU for being a blessing to us!

Because of Calvary,

Dick & Deirdre MacGill



1971 backpacking trip - 1980 Campers hair washing



"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him." Psalm 28:07

We praise God for His help! Thank you for praying with us! God in His kindness sent extra helpers each week. David's nephew came to serve again, and David and I each had 2 helpers

in our areas; they were each a huge blessing. Praise God! We humbly ask you to pray that God will continue to raise generations to serve and invest here at Camp. Please pray for the upcoming Winter camps and the 2025 summer staff.

Each camp was a blessing; God answered so many prayers! We thank God for the 50th year of this ministry. It is amazing to see the many who have come and rejoice with all of us. **God has done so many miracles through the years, always reminding us all that HE IS IN CONTROL!** To God be the Glory! So we look forward, prayerfully, hoping and trusting on His care and direction for the future.

By the end of the summer camps we were exhausted, yet God kept our family in the book of Jonah for over a week in our family devotions. He used His Word to refresh us and remind us to just follow His will and serve for His glory. He is in control of the lives we share the Gospel to, not us. Praise God!

Please pray as our family prepares gospel tracts to give out this fall that God will use them. **Praise God, our son Joseph accepted Christ during staff training!**

God gave our family encouraging gifts, strength, and health. A couple we met at Camp a few years back took Anah Grace to Idaho for a week, which was a sweet blessing for her as she is usually serving right alongside us. We keep pointing out to the kids that God sees them, and He knows their hearts and needs. God also helped Wixi and I with our health needs. Praise God!

The kids and Wixi started school right after Ladies' Retreat and are into their routine. What a wonderful blessing it was to see all the ladies in our last camp praising the Lord for all He has done! We kept reminding them that the God that has supplied for Camp is the same God that cares for each of their needs. To God be all the Glory!

God is faithful! There is much to be done in the Lodge and the rest of the buildings, yet He always supplies help. **If you have come through the years and helped in any way, THANK YOU!**

This fall God allowed Mr. Osenga and his friend to come help with trees for firewood (David drags trees out). And a work team is here working on siding on the Lodge. God gave safety over all of them, praise God. We can start the preparations of firewood for Camp and staff houses, while also getting things done on the outside of the Lodge, and preparing buildings for the Winter. When the snow comes David can work in the inside and on camp equipment/vehicles before Winter camps. God is so good!

Please continue to pray for our marriage, our kids' hearts and for our ministry. God bless you! David, Wixi, Anah, Leonard & Joseph Heyboer Thank you for praying!





WINTER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

<u>Camps</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
Couples' Retreat	February 13 - 15, 2025	Willie & Sarah Partin
Men's Retreat	February 27 - March 01, 2025	Ron Perry
Snow Blowout (Teen Camp)	March 06 - March 08, 2025	Todd Sivnksty
Heritage Quest (Father/Son Camp)	March 13 - March 15, 2025	Allen Cover

COME TO RED CLIFF!

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

Pray for our 2025 Summer Staff, Volunteers, and Campers!



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. Feel free to email or call with questions on the items listed under Needs!

Blessings!

- 2017 Ford Transit Van
- Funds for kitchen equipment and supplies
- 2 - 55 inch TV's for kitchen
- Volunteer labor for work on the road, the Lodge, and all areas of Camp!

Needs!

General:

- A 6-8 ton farm wagon running gear

Kitchen:

- 1 stainless steel bowl for a 20 qt. Blakeslee Food mixer
- Funds for 6 additional floor mats
- Cutting boards - red, green, yellow (4 of each)
- 2 stainless steel 9x13 cake pans

Hospitality:

- BISSELL 2252 CleanView Swivel Upright Bagless Vacuum
- White Cotton blend queen and twin sheet sets with deep pockets.
- 4 Entrance Notrax Mats, 4' X 6', Charcoal
- 4 Entrance Notrax Mats, 3' X 4', Charcoal
- 4 mop handles with mop heads and 1 commercial mop bucket
- Curtains for cabins L 63" W 80" (blackout)
- 12 Fabric Shower Curtains - *River Dream (Navy Blue)* 71x74 (no hooks)

Program:

- 6 Ruger American .22 rifles or money to purchase
- Thirty plastic 5 gallon buckets
- Snow Tube Covers (Tube Pro)
- New Camp display package for promotion/advertisement

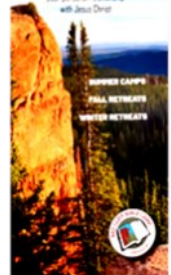
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with Jesus Christ



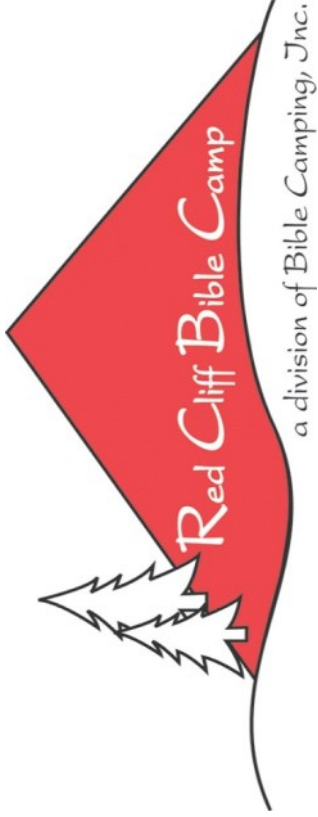
"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro
throughout the whole earth,
to shew himself strong
in the behalf of them whose heart
is perfect toward him."

II Chronicles 16:9a

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.

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