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The Grapevine

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Dear Friends of Camp Grace,

It is a great joy to be able to reach out to you and bring you up to date on what God is doing here at Camp Grace. We have seen many children come to know Christ as savior this year through Released Time and Summer Camp. During the Released Time season we ministered to 1700 students in 11 Schools; 137 received Christ as Savior during this past school year. You will find our exciting Summer Camp report later in this newsletter.

Looking to the future we are gearing up for the fall Released Time and Retreat season. We have the same schools as last year and are still working on details to add several additional schools this year. The schools that we are missing are Rolling Chapel schools. Zion Hill Baptist Church in Lumberton completely renovated the interior of the Chapel and we praise the Lord for their willingness to help get it prepared for use this year. What we need for the Released Time Program is volunteers to help us staff the Rolling Chapel schools so we are ready to share the Gospel with the students. Also, for the Schools to welcome us back. Please pray with us that God would work out all the details for these schools!

This fall we look back at 26 years of God being faithful in the work of Camp Grace! He has brought so many children through the gates here and so many have given their lives to Him. Our national motto for Children's Bible Ministry is "Win a Child, Win a Life." God has used this ministry to change the lives of so many over the years and we thank Him that we can be a part of what He is doing. So many of you have been a part of the work that God does through Camp Grace, by giving of your time, talent, and treasure. Your part in the work here is greatly appreciated because the lives of the children could not be changed without you partnering with us.

Time and Talent needs: Volunteers with the Released Time Schools, and projects here at the property that always need volunteers to help us accomplish them.

Treasure Needs: As we look towards the end of the year, we ask that you be in prayer about your end of year gift. You will receive a letter from us in November sharing what our hopes and dreams are for Camp Grace for 2024 and how you can be a part of making those things possible!

Thank you for your prayer, time, talent, and treasure investment into the lives of the children through Camp Grace!

Todd Stout
Executive Director

Summer Camp 2023 Recap

One of the greatest joys I have is seeing how God works in bringing our staff together each summer and then seeing the impact they have on the campers throughout the summer. This year God gave us incredible summer staff of forty-three college and high school students and it was amazing to see them each week pour themselves into the lives of the campers. We had seven weeks of summer camp, six overnight weeks, and one week of day camp, and during that time, we had four hundred forty campers come to camp. Through the ministry of our summer staff, camper speakers, and full-time staff, we saw sixty-seven campers come to know Christ as their personal Lord and Savior while also seeing many more campers make decisions of rededication, grow closer to God, read their Bible more, etc.

- Mark Martens, Camp Director

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Years of
Summer
Camp

440

Campers
Over 7
Weeks

67

Decisions
to follow
Jesus

43

Summer
Staff
Members



CAMP IS A PLACE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

One of the dreams that we've always had at Camp Grace was for our very own campers to grow up and become the next generation of summer staff. This year, over 85% of our staff started as campers. This is exciting for us, because our staff is a key piece to our discipleship model. We often say, "camp is for the campers," as a way of helping our staff refocus, but the reality is that camp is also for our staff as well, as we see them grow in Christ and develop their leadership skills. But don't take my word for it. Below are just a few testimonies from our staff.

- Timmy Martens, Program Director



If I said that Camp Grace didn't change my life, I'd be lying. I'm forever grateful for the way that God was able to use me and all the staff to impact the lives of so many campers, for the relationships I've developed over time, and most importantly for just God. I couldn't have done it this summer if it hadn't of been for God's never ending love and goodness, and for the endless love and support of all the camp staff.

- Emma Hinson

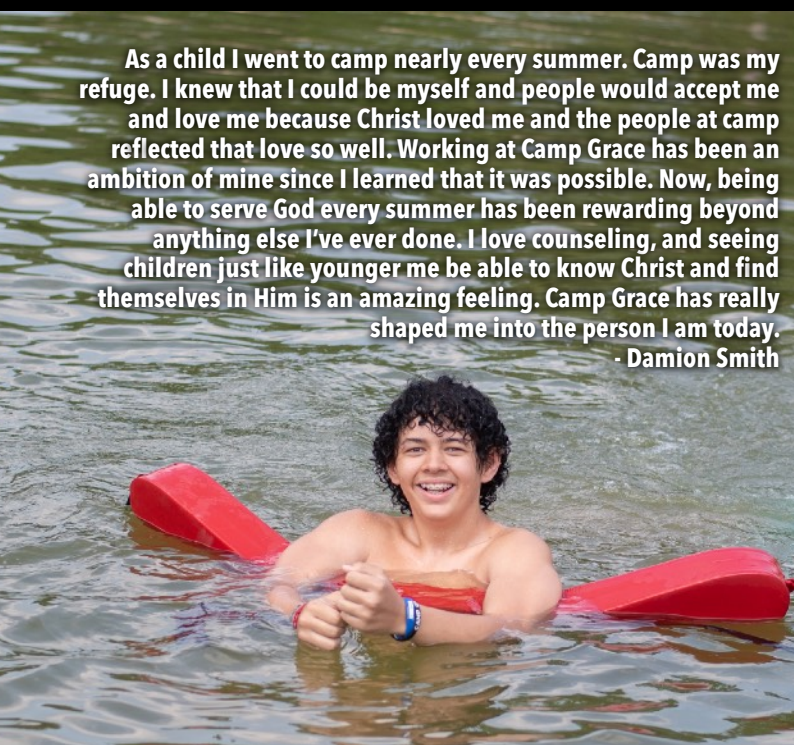
Camp has just been amazing the years I've worked and the years I attended as a camper. Starting from secret service to media assistant and being on the worship team is just the start of what God had in store for me. Camp really is a place where you can be yourself and be loved for who you are, and you also get to share love with others with one goal in mind. That goal is to share the gospel and the greatest love of all: Jesus Christ.

- Malachi McKinnon



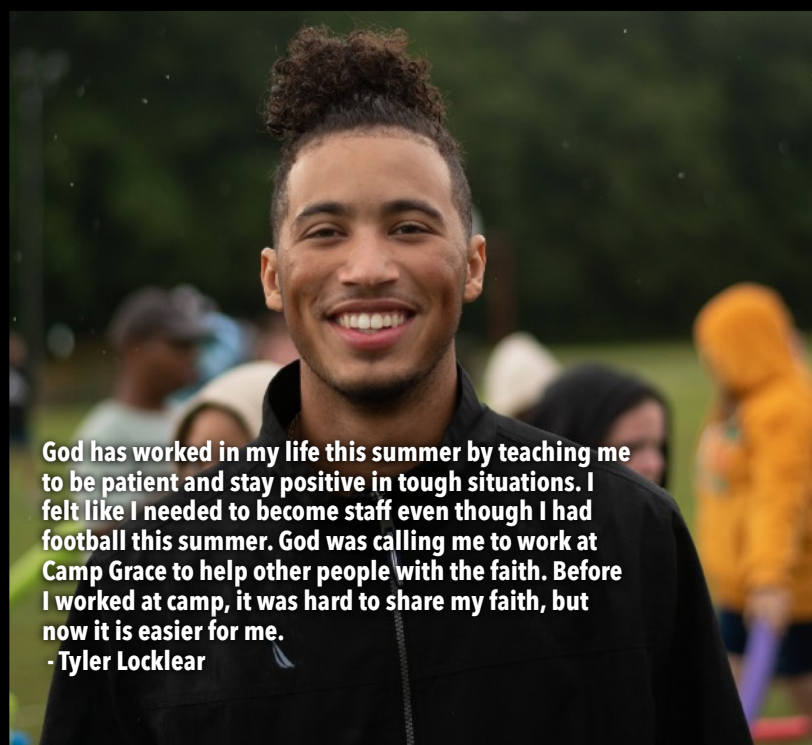
As a child I went to camp nearly every summer. Camp was my refuge. I knew that I could be myself and people would accept me and love me because Christ loved me and the people at camp reflected that love so well. Working at Camp Grace has been an ambition of mine since I learned that it was possible. Now, being able to serve God every summer has been rewarding beyond anything else I've ever done. I love counseling, and seeing children just like younger me be able to know Christ and find themselves in Him is an amazing feeling. Camp Grace has really shaped me into the person I am today.

- Damion Smith



God has worked in my life this summer by teaching me to be patient and stay positive in tough situations. I felt like I needed to become staff even though I had football this summer. God was calling me to work at Camp Grace to help other people with the faith. Before I worked at camp, it was hard to share my faith, but now it is easier for me.

- Tyler Locklear



HELP US COMPLETE THESE PROJECTS:

Our desire is to continue to make Camp Grace a place where our campers can enjoy new experiences! In order for us to grow, we would like to complete these projects. Each of these projects are for our campers and will be used to elevate their 2024 summer camp experience!

- 1. Campus Lighting.** This will make night games and activities easier.
- 2. Basketball and Pickleball Lines** New lines will accommodate three pickleball courts!
- 3. Shooting Range** Our entire shooting range will get a facelift, including shooting stalls and updated targets.
- 4. Boating** Our paddle boats are old, so we're going to get some new ones!
- 5. New Tables for our Refuge** Our tables in the Refuge are covered in paint. We're going to replace them with some that aren't... well, covered in paint.

GOAL: \$15,000

You can give today at www.cbmcampgrace.com/donate

2023-2024 Calendar

October 21: Fall Jamboree

Enjoy a time of fellowship and worship at this come and go camp event. The activity cove will be open. Snack shack will be open and hot chocolate and cider available. Live music throughout the day. \$5 per car admission.

November 3-5: Elementary Retreat

Get ready to enjoy our Fall Retreats. Dinner is provided on Friday at 6:15 after our 5:30 registration, and we'll have your camper ready to go by 1:00pm on Sunday. Cost of the event is \$60, which includes 5 meals, two nights in a cabin, and all the supplies you need to have a ridiculously fun weekend enjoying the Lord and learning about Him. Spaces are limited; register today!

December 2: Craft and Canvas Day

Getting ready for Christmas? Come join us for our Craft and Canvas day! We'll be doing a guided canvas painting, enjoying hot drinks, and getting our crafts and projects ready for the coming holiday season! If your participate in the guided canvas craft, cost is \$25 per person. If you're just coming to enjoy coffee and hot drinks and crafts, cost goes down to \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required!

January 26-28: Teen Retreat

This year, we'll be doing our teen retreat in the winter. Dinner will be provided after our registration at 5:30, and we'll be finished up by 1:00pm on Sunday. Cost is \$60, which includes 5 meals, two nights in a cabin, and an amazing time growing in the Lord together.

February 16-17: Men's Retreat

March 1-2: Ladies Retreat

March 15-16: Elementary Retreat

April 6: Family Fishing Day

May 4: Family Camp Day

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We'd love to hear from you!

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Terry Taylor	Pat Taylor Floyd

In Honor of:

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Dixie Martin's 92nd Birthday	Kenneth & Brevie Collins
Katherine Stout	David Musselwhite