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From Our Mission Director

Dear Friends of Rock Haven,

Easter is my favorite day of the year and Spring is my favorite season. As Christians, we have the hope of our salvation not only because of what Jesus did on the cross, but also by walking out of the tomb. Spring, with all the flowers blooming and colors popping, is a reminder of the new life we have in Christ.

For several years, Rock Haven Ministries has been partnering with Newton County Baptist Church to host the annual Egg Drop Eggstravaganza. This year we went to Mount Judea and dropped 10,000 candy-filled eggs from a helicopter. Prior to the drop, we were able to provide a carnival-like experience for the children while all the kids were being registered. There were bounce houses, games, face painting, popcorn, hot dogs, drinks, and cotton candy. This was a great opportunity to be evangelistic and share the Gospel. Guest speaker Rodney Stromlund took 15 minutes to give a clear Gospel presentation. We had a table set up at the event where we provided information about upcoming events and gave away scholarships for camp weeks. PTL!

Betty and the staff just completed the first retreat of the year. The Spring Ladies' Retreat was a tremendous success. A lot of prayer and planning goes into the retreat. I was there but for a moment, but I could tell the ladies were enjoying themselves and very much appreciated the effort that was made to make them feel special. I appreciate our staff that put in the time and effort to prepare, decorate, and set up for the retreat and then the time and effort to break it all down and put it away.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Kermit and his crew will have already programmed the first youth retreat of the year. All the excitement of the kids on the campground this weekend will be a great reminder to us that these kids are counting on us to have an exciting summer program ready for camp this year.

We are only 5 weeks away from our first rental group and 11 weeks away from our first week of camp. As we get closer to starting our camping season, I want to ask you to do a couple of things for Rock Haven Ministries. Number 1, continue to pray for the staff. The days are long, and the work is nonstop. We know it, but we desire to be a part of the work God is doing at Rock Haven Bible Camp and knowing that people are praying for us provides us with a lot of encouragement. Number 2, consider volunteering at the camp during the summer. I can tell you from experience that it is one of the most rewarding things you can do with your time. We need people who will assist Bonnie in the kitchen with meal prep, we need people who will assist Bob with lawn care, maybe you want to help with some of the housekeeping needs, we need people who will volunteer to stay in a cabin and lead the kids during the day. Maybe you cannot be there all day, but you can be there some of the time. If you are interested in volunteering in the kitchen, housekeeping or with lawn care I would like you to call me so I can get your information to Bonnie or Bob. If you want to volunteer to work directly with the campers, then I want you to call Kermit. When you give your time to help at

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the camp you are not just “helping at camp” you are investing in the lives of the kids that attend camp. You are making yourself available for God to use to reach a generation of campers who need to hear the Good News that Jesus saves and there is more to this life than what the culture is always bombarding them with.

I do not want to take too much from what Kermit is going to share in his article, but I do want to mention that Kermit has lined up some great Gospel preachers to share with the campers this year. So, when you are praying, include the speakers in your prayers as well. Pray that God will use them in a mighty way and that the campers will come prepared to be challenged by God’s Word.

Before I finish, I also need to say thank you. Because of your giving and answering the call for help getting some of our projects completed we have been able to install a new floor in the chapel and get the new HVAC unit installed in the main building. It took the staff a week to tear out the old carpet and install the new flooring. This was not an easy task and I appreciate Bob leading the project and making sure it was done correctly. I am sure that you have figured out by now that we have not had a problem staying busy during the non-camping season.

Thank you for standing in the gap with us with your prayers and financial support.

Andrew Campbell

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Mission Director



Bob and Cindy Lundy

Bob and I are originally from southeastern Arkansas. We graduated from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Bob worked as an electrician the majority of his career and I worked as a registered nurse in Pine Bluff. Our families were both located near us as we raised our two daughters. We bought a country home in Grapevine, Arkansas and our girls went to school in Sheridan after completing the sixth grade in a small rural school. Our oldest, Crissy Lundy Norton, is a nurse and recently graduated as a nurse practitioner. Our youngest, Rachel Lundy Freeman, is an attorney in Harrison. We have three wonderful grandchildren. Crissy’s son, Zackary, is 19 and just graduated from Lamar High School. Rachel’s daughter, Ada, is 17 and is a junior at Harrison High School. Her son, Isaac, is 14 and in the eighth grade at Harrison. Bob and I adore them all and felt very fortunate to be called to Harrison area for service to God at Rock Haven Ministries. When not serving at the camp ministries, Bob loves to fish and hunt. He loves being with his grandchildren camping, fishing, or hunting as often as he can. I enjoy fishing and camping (but without ever hunting) with my best friend and husband of 47 years. My favorite hobbies are scrapbooking and crafting. We serve as co-directors of the camp’s building and grounds. We came here from Camp Siloam in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, where we served for four years as volunteers. I had been coming to Siloam as a camp nurse for several years, usually for a week or two each summer. Bob joined after he retired, and we knew the Lord was calling us to full-time volunteer service. Camp Siloam is where we met when we were 15 years old, so we have a special love for the camp and staff. Getting closer to our grands was very unexpected. We had looked at real estate when we were asked to come to Rock Haven Bible Camp. Serving in the church was something we were accustomed to over the years. For the ten years we lived in Clarksville, Arkansas, First Baptist Clarksville was our church home prior to arriving in Hasty. We loved cooking for church programs and VBS. We still feel that FBC Clarksville are our family as we have moved here to a new family at Newton County Baptist. Prior to moving to Clarksville we served at Bethany Baptist in Grapevine during all the years our children were in the youth programs as leaders and sponsors. We still have many friends and family there as well. We remain faithfully trusting God to lead us in our retirement years and plan to serve for as long as he leads us and provides us with the health to continue. We thank the board and staff members for welcoming us and helping us settle in another new area after having lived in the same location of Arkansas for approximately forty years.

With love in Christ as his children,
Bob and Cindy Lundy

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From Our Camp Director



Dear Friends for Rock Haven,

“I was mad, and I didn’t want to go to camp!”. A cousin of mine shared her testimony with me recently. Her first experience with Rock Haven had been in the mid 1970’s. She told me that she did not want to go to camp. After hearing her reason why, I could see why. Family issues played a big part in it and let’s just say because of that she really didn’t want to be at Rock Haven, and I didn’t blame her for feeling that way. When she arrived though, she said that she couldn’t get away from this one thing. She was loved on. The cabin leaders, the LIT’s, the cooks, the speakers all of them made her feel special. She told me that from those examples and from the preaching and teaching that she realized that she wasn’t saved and needed Christ. So, she concocted a plan. On the very last night of camp, she would go forward, so that there wouldn’t be a big thing made from it because she was going home the next day. Her plan was not God’s plan. She said she made it to Thursday night and was convicted so much that she went forward and accepted Christ as her personal Savior. Her life was so turned around that the next summer she came back as an LIT, with the same attitude of those people who had loved on her.

Why do I believe in the ministry of Rock Haven Bible Camp? When I hear these personal testimonies of individuals whose lives were changed when they attended camp, I am constantly reminded of the purpose and intent of this ministry. To see lives changed for Christ. And her testimony also reminds of what it takes to do this. The one primary factor that will influence a life for Christ is Godly people who exemplify Christ. Cabin leaders, SWAT, program leaders, speakers all are vital for the Holy Spirit to work in the life of a youth who attends here. Many of those who attend camp don’t have the best home life or have examples in their lives to follow. So, for those few days that they attend Rock Haven, we want them to experience those type of examples. Godly leaders!

Have you ever considered volunteering to a ministry like Rock Haven? Because of the nature of our ministry, we do focus on finding cabin leaders. To be able to use the cabins we need a minimum of 16 cabin leaders a week, we need three to four volunteers per week in the kitchen. We also need lifeguards, program people, and maintenance. And then all of these people come together for one to four weeks to exemplify Christ to the youth who attend. It is challenging yet rewarding. I think of the old hymn that goes, “Burdens are lifted at Calvary!”. Many youth have had burdens lifted when they met Jesus here.



Kermit Lowery
Director,
Rock Haven Bible Camp.

2023 Rock Haven Bible Camp

April 21-22	Youth Retreat
May 23-26	Rental
May 26-28	Rental
June 1-4	Rental
June 11-15	Rental
June 18-23	Rental
June 26-30	Rental
July 4	Rental
July 5-7	Training Week
July 9	Reunion
July 10-15	Teen Week
July 17-21	Jr Hi Week
July 24-28	Middle Week
July 31-Aug 4	Elementary Week
Sept, 15-16	Girls Retreat
Sept. 22-23	Boys Retreat
Oct. 6-7	Rental
Oct. 13-14	Ladies Fall Retreat
Oct. 21	Fall Festival
Nov. 4	Fish Fry
Nov. 17-18	Nerf War
Dec. 2	Ladies Retreat Christmas Party
Dec. 9	Rental
Dec 16	Rental
Dec.23	Rental



Project Updates



We are still chipping away at the funds needed to begin stage one of the Tim Bartlow Recreation Center. As a staff, we remain hopeful and excited about the day when we break ground and begin the process of adding the recreation center to the camp experience.

While we have made some strides, we still have a lot to accomplish. We need your financial support to see the recreation center become a reality. Would you consider donating to help us achieve our goal? Your donation will help build a facility that will house not just a covered basketball court but much needed bathrooms near the pool, recreation field and fireside area. The main goal of the Bible Camp ministry will always be to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The recreation center will only enhance the camp

experience for the campers while they are at the Bible Camp.

When you are considering where and how you can support Rock Haven, please consider the Tim Bartlow Recreation Center as an option. Please note on your check or giving record that you would like to contribute to the completion of this important project.

Please join us! With your donation, we're one step closer to seeing Tim's vision become a reality!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Andrew Campbell

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Mission Director



New Roof

We shared the need for a roof replacement on the staff house at a cost of \$4,500. A total of \$2,100 has been designated for this project. There is still a need of \$2,400 to complete the project.



Lawn Mower

We shared the need for a new commercial lawn mower. \$4,515 has been raised specifically to go towards the John Deere Lawn Mower at a cost of \$8,500. We have \$3985 to finish this project.

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