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From Our Mission Director

Dear Friends of Rock Haven,

It is the middle of June, and that means we are just a few weeks away from our first week of camp. Since the last week of May we have already hosted several rental groups. It is always a lot of work, but there is also a lot of joy in serving the groups, getting to know them, and building relationships with them that can last a lifetime.

Rock Haven Ministries is blessed with wonderful, generous supporters. Time and time again, we have put out the call for help or support and those pleas have always been answered by faithful saints that love God and have a desire to love others. Every time you answer a call to meet a need at Rock Haven, you have ensured that a child will have a great week of camp in a fun, safe environment where their faith foundation can be started or where their faith has an opportunity to grow, all to the glory of God.

This time of year the biggest need is the camp scholarship program. Over the years we have had individuals, Sunday school classes, and churches give to the scholarship program. We have many kids that come to camp each summer who need someone to stand in the gap for them and pay their way to camp. Would you pray about how you can give toward the scholarship program and help a child attend camp this summer? I am reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul, *“For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the*

hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.” Philemon 1:7 Paul remembered how wonderfully Philemon had met the needs of other Christians. He effectively **refreshed** the **hearts** of others.

On July 9th, we will be hosting the annual Rock Haven Bible Camp reunion. Rodney Stromlund will give us a challenge from God’s Word and the music will be provided by Unashamed. The pool will be opened that afternoon and this year David Day will have his ministry set up, letting folks know how they can utilize Rock Haven on the Go at their churches. Like last year, we will have some of the memorabilia that we continue to find from years gone by from some of our former staff. The camp reunion can be a great reminder to us of those who blazed the trail for us. We stand on their shoulders today and are in the position we are in to minister and share the Gospel because of those hard working, faithful servants that came before us. It is our desire that folks will come to the reunion prepared to share memories from their time as a camper, staff, or volunteer. I hope that you are as excited about the reunion and camp season as we are. We had such a good time last year at the reunion and I am sure we will have a great time again this year. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and enjoying the meal and fellowship around the tables.

Andrew Campbell





From Our Camp Director



Dear Friends and Family,

Joy. Joy is one of a few words that can be both a proper noun and a common noun. A word that can be a person's name or a feeling of happiness.

My grandmother was 98 when she passed away. A few days before her passing they heard her whispering something. Bending over they heard her singing this song, "I've got the joy, joy, joy, down in my heart." It is easy to not be joyful. Our enemy the devil seeks to destroy joy in our lives. Circumstances, fears, and false truths all can be joy suckers in our lives.

Sometimes before camp starts, I may not be joyful as I need to be. Circumstances and doubts start to influence joy. Circumstances may be a water line breaking, getting the pool ready for a new year, or finding summer staff. Then before we know it, we are ministering to our guest groups, and we find ourselves doing multiple tasks. Tasks like helping in the kitchen, operating the sound system, or housekeeping, all of which are rewarding, but we are also still preparing for our summer program in July.

Then it happens. Our own program begins. The planning and work that began shortly after last year's camp comes to fruition. It may not be the first night or perhaps the second night. At some point in time the Holy Spirit breaks through a barrier and a young life is changed. It may be a salvation decision, confessing a sin, or getting right with God. That's when the joy comes. We are reminded of our

purpose and reason for the hard work. Our joy is renewed.

If I were to visit your church and ask how many people in your church had decided to follow Christ at camp, there would probably be many hands. Many of those people would tell you that Bible camp was one of the highlights of their lives when growing up. That their lives were forever influenced by that experience.

As I close, be in prayer as we go into our camp program in July. There are still needs - cabin leaders, housekeeping, kitchen, maintenance. Do you have a week or two in your schedule to bring joy to the life of a young person? Come join us!

Kermit Lowery
Camp Director



2023 Rock Haven Bible Camp

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
Aug 9-11	Rental
Sept, 15-16	Girls Retreat
Sept. 22-23	Boys Retreat



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Dear Friends for Rock Haven,

Since my introduction back to Rock Haven in the February 2023 *Echoes From the Hills*, a lot has taken place in the area of Evangelism, Outreach, and Church Relations. It has been my privilege to preach at the church I was raised in at Hill Top, Arkansas. The last Sunday of every month has been my appointed time to speak. The current pastor has been undergoing major health issues in the past couple of years. His desire is to come back to preach full-time, Lord willing. Until then, there are other men and me filling in. I am also available to come to your area church if needed. Please contact our mission office at 870-429-5845 and we can hopefully work that out.

This past Spring I helped a local church conduct an after-school Bible Club at Jasper Elementary School in Jasper, Arkansas. Six ladies and I led the children in learning memory verses, songs, and review. I taught the evangelistic Bible lessons for the 6-week long Club. Through our efforts, the Lord blessed us with eighteen children who registered and attended at least one Club. One 5-year-old girl prayed to receive Christ as her Lord and Savior! The church is excited to begin the Club again next school year. They may be able to go longer than six weeks. Please pray for the continued follow-up

from this Club to be very fruitful.

Last but not least, "Rock Haven on the Go" is beginning to take shape! A local church has given us a 15-passenger van for the ministry. By taking out the last three rows of seats we should have room for everything needed to bring ministry to wherever God leads. This is definitely a non-profit ministry. We are spending funds on mechanical issues with the van to get it into tip-top shape to be even more reliable. We have a Registry on Walmart.com to let everyone know what kind of things are needed to make the ministry a blessed time for the children and families. Please check it out by going to <https://www.walmart.com/registry/RR/7eca6bfa-6167-462a-9397-3c3974c3730f> or go to www.rockhavenministries.org/donate. There you will see a option to go directly to our Spark Good Page and look at the items needed for this ministry. Already items are coming into my office and finances are coming in. Please pray for me as I seek to contact pastors to show them what we can offer to enhance their current outreach efforts as they seek to reach the lost in their areas. Let's see "Rock Haven on the Go" up and going!

God bless all of you! Thank you for your giving and prayers!

David Day



Project Updates



I am happy to say that since November, \$11,350 has been donated toward the Tim Bartlow Recreation Center project. We now have a total of \$38,350 raised. To some that may not seem like a lot, but to me that represents a great deal of sacrificial giving on the part of so many people who want to see Tim's vision become a reality. We will have some renderings of the project set up at the reunion. Every day as I drive around the camp, I look over at the area that is staked off to be the recreation center and I think about the countless number of kids that are going to benefit from the effort that is going into the rec center. I was recently asked how I justify such a big project and the expense that comes with it, and to me that is an easy question to answer. I am thankful that I was given the opportunity to explain how several needs will be met by adding the rec center to the facilities. I have

mentioned before about the need for bathrooms at this end of the campground, and, along with the basketball court, this covered area will also give the kids a better camp experience on rainy days and days of extreme heat when it is not appropriate to be on field with no shade. We are halfway to our goal of being able to get the dirt work and pad done for the recreation center. Will you pray and let God lead you in how you can help fund this project? If you choose to contribute toward this project, please indicate that you want your gift to go toward the Tim Bartlow Recreation Center.

Andrew Campbell

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New Roof

project.

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

We shared the need for a roof replacement on the staff house at a cost of \$4,500. A total of \$2,300 has been designated for this project. There is still a need of \$2,200 to complete the



Lawn Mower

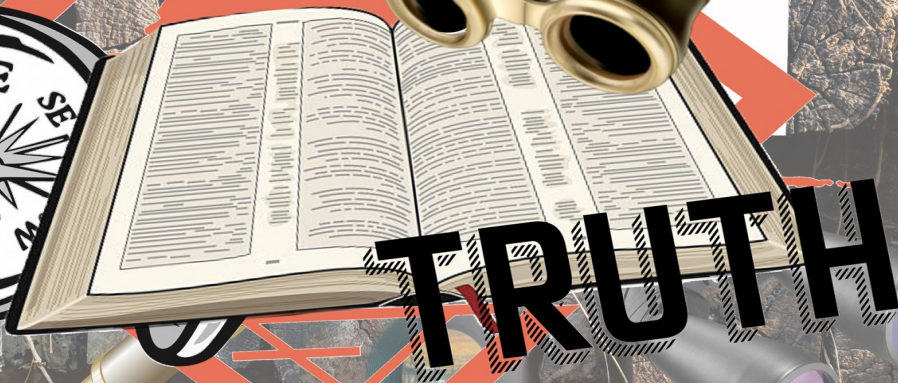
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TRUTH

BIBLE CAMP 2023

Cost \$110.00

"Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:32

Teen Camp:

July 10-15 - Grades 10-12

Speaker—Josh Mauldin

Jr. High Camp

July 17-21 - Grades 8-9

Speaker—Thomas Guinee

Middle Camp:

July 24-28 - Grades 6-7

Speaker—Fred Kornis

Elementary Camp:

July 31-Aug 4 - Grades 3-6

Speaker—Ashley Keaton

Grades listed are the grade the camper is going into.

Please pray for our campers, volunteers and staff.





Rock Haven Bible Camp

Reunion

Sunday July 9, 2023

Schedule:

3:00 pm Pool opens

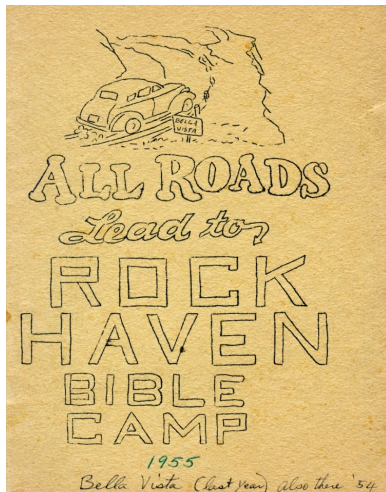
Music by "Unashamed Singers"

David Day "Rock Haven on the Go" fun activities

3:45pm David Day presents "Rock Haven on the Go"

4:00 pm Music by "Unashamed Singers"

4:15 pm Pool Closes



We want to hear your stories of Rock Haven Bible camp.

Join us for a time fun, food fellowship and



WHAT TO BRING: Bring your favorite desserts, salads and vegetables. Meat, potatoes, rolls, sweet & unsweet tea, and coffee

Past years camp shirts available for a donation.