



PEAK Views

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Merry Christmas

Praise the Lord for a wonderful year at Mountaintop Retreat. We were able to minister to many people through the different groups that came to stay with us, some for two days, others for five to six days. I am so thankful for God allowing us to have a facility that can accommodate our guests any time of the year.

As the economic upheaval still exists in many parts our country, there are families facing difficulties that can only be addressed by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now, more than ever, it is our mission and privilege to use the camp to further the cause of the Gospel and help young people, men and women grow in their faith and stand strong against the uncertainties of the days that lie ahead of us.

We praise the Lord that the camp has been in use most of the past several months! Keith and I were able to get all of our maintenance work completed this fall, so we are ready for the winter activities starting December 30th. Also, many church groups have expressed an interest in using the camp to enhance their ministries over the coming year. We are delighted to see this come about.

As this year closes with the celebration of the birth of our Savior, perhaps you are considering a year-end gift to a missions project. May I invite you to be part of the work here at Mountaintop Retreat? There is a contribution form on the opposite side of the newsletter. If you are able, please mark this form and return it with

your gift. We so appreciate your partnership with us in the Lord's work through the camp.

Also, for Vicky and I, we are in need of financial support. Some of you may recall that January 4th of this year our grandson Cash was placed in our home by the Department of Social Services, with the hopes his parents would turn their lives around and assume the responsibility of raising him. That did not happen, so on August 29th parental rights were terminated. Then on November 18th Vicky and I adopted Cash. So, with that in mind, please add us to your prayer and contribution list. We do not get a salary from Mountaintop Retreat and therefore depend on the generous gifts received from donors such as yourselves to be able to stay here as the camp directors.



We wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and faith-filled new year!

Thank you and God bless you!

Steven Reeve, Director

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW 2012 CAMP DATES



TEEN CAMP
June 11 - 16
Ages 13-18

JUNIOR HIGH CAMP
June 18 - 23
Ages 11-12

JUNIOR CAMP
June 25 - June 30
Ages 9-10



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Up-Coming Events

- **Men's Retreat:** February 3-4
Come and enjoy a good time of fellowship and growth.
- **Speaker:** Pastor Gary Culp of Grand Mesa Bible Church in Delta Colorado. Gary is a passionate teacher who has a heart to grow men into tools useful for God's work.
- **Theme:** *Wall of Protection.* Men need to build a wall between them and sin, a strong wall built with the commitment and passion of Nehemiah himself, a wall of strong protection against the forces our enemy would use to destroy us and our families. Men also need to tear down walls. We build walls between us and other men. Those walls need to come down and friendships created, nurtured and built up. Men need each other to keep one another strong and to watch our back.

Music by: Pastor Bobby Clement and men from "A House for His Name" church.



Building Projects:

Kitchen/Dining Hall Building: The kitchen and dining hall building has served us well over the last 25+ years in a variety of ways. Now, our attention needs to be focused on the west side of the building. It was never finished and was temporarily sided with chipboard over twenty years ago. This side of the building is deteriorating and needs to be worked on very soon. The plan is to put an addition on that side, thus increasing the size of the dining area, kitchen and the meeting room. If you are interested in more information about this project and the estimated cost to complete, please contact us.

We plan to put in five RV spots with full hook-ups on the upper end of the camp property. This is a beautiful location with very large Ponderosa pines and great view of Grand Mesa to the north, the Elk Mountains to the east and, of course, the valley below in the foreground. The need is for a trencher that will handle the rocky conditions with very little disturbance to the surrounding ground.

FYI the ball field was expanded from 3/4 acre to about 1 1/2 acres in October. The land was leveled and smoothed out and grass has been planted. With the improvements, it should be a nice big area to play field games in this summer. Thanks to John Long and his big front-end loader! He made short work of a big dirt moving project.

Summer Camp Needs:

It is not too early to be thinking about summer camp! Before you know it, it will be upon us. Staffing is always a major part of our summer program. The head cook will need two people to help with a variety of duties in the kitchen. This could be a part time position of two or three hours a day up to a full day or a full week. The contact person is Valinda Meeker at 970-240-3054. Food donations are requested and a list is posted on our website, www.mountaintopretreat.com. Click on "Food Donations" at the top of the home page. Adult staff is needed to work with the young people. This person would need to commit a full week Monday to Saturday morning and must be at least 18 years of age. If you commit to a full week at camp and have children or grandchildren attending, they come for free. We also need junior dorm leaders to help at our Junior High and Junior camps. To serve as junior staff, you need to be 14 years old and attend teen camp (at 1/2 price). Let us know if you are interested, as junior staff positions fill up fast and it is a great opportunity to learn as you serve the Lord. Each year, God provides great volunteer camp staff, many of whom have served year after year. We would like to thank each and every one who volunteered during our summer camp program this year. Your dedication, service, heart for the Lord and love for the campers made such an impact on the kids, now and for eternity! ***May the Lord bless you richly!***

Winter Activities



Have you planned your winter activities? Consider scheduling a youth group or Church sledding day at Mountaintop Retreat. Come and sled, have a meal in the dining hall and enjoy great fellowship. The camp is also available for overnight occupancy during the winter months. Call the camp office at 596-0505 to reserve a date.

Prayer Requests... Please Pray:

- For wisdom as we consider how we need to start work on the west side of the kitchen and dining room.
- For the upcoming activities at camp.
- For God's continued provision for the funds to operate the camp and complete new building projects.
- For supporters to join with Steven, Vicky and Cash in raising their support.
- For ways God can use me at Mountaintop Retreat.

Yes, I want to help support Mountaintop Retreat to reach out to young people and families with the Gospel of Christ through my donation or service.

I would like to give a gift of \$ _____ for: _____

General Fund Building Fund Mattress Fund Director's Support

(All donations go to the General Fund unless otherwise designated)

I am interested in helping at 2012 summer camp _____

Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code	Phone Number
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