

HAPPENINGS...

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From the Desk of the Director...

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Executive Director

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As spring approaches we know that summer and better yet summer camp is not far behind. For those of you who have never served at summer camp it is hard to imagine the anticipation of what God can do in a child's life, a staff person's life, or yes, even a Camp Director's life in a week or a summer of Christian camping. The summer camp ministry is so unique to the normal daily events of a Christian's life because it gives the participants an opportunity for an extended period of exposure to God's Word and how God's Word is applied to our daily lives. One of the key elements in this exposure and application is the cabin unit. As a mature growing Christ-follower leads this small group he or she has the opportunity to make spiritual life applications to whatever circumstance may arise throughout the day's activities. This is why the selection and preparation of our summer staff is so important to us. These folks are on the front line of the impact that happens in a child's life while they are at camp. So often people think of these positions as just a glorified "babysitter" but nothing could be further from the truth. The number of camper testimonies that include the influence of the counselors is evidence of this.

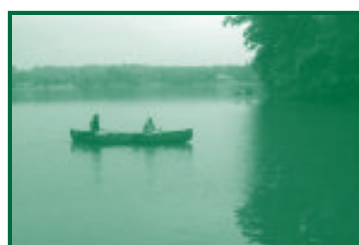
Our theme this summer is "The Great God Encounter." So often, in our churches today, our children grow up hearing about how God worked in and through people in the Bible but many times there is a disconnect between relating these stories to our

time and even further into our own lives. I believe that one reason people have this disconnect is because they *know* about God but they have never really encountered God for themselves. In J.I. Packer's best-selling book "Knowing God" he analyzes the word "knowing." In this book he points out the difference between knowing about something and knowing something first-hand. This summer our goal is to help the children and youth know God in a personal way, not just to know about Him in an intellectual way. As this takes place it is our prayer that the children will develop the same characteristics in their lives that we see in the characters of the Bible such as David, Abraham, Paul, Timothy, and others.

As always, we covet your prayers for our ministry this summer. We are well aware of the fact that all our efforts are in vain if we are not led and empowered by the same power that raised our Savior from the grave.

Acts 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Please pray that we will accomplish this during the summer.



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Summer Staff

...and how you can help!

Josh Nixon
Program Director

There are lots of ways to look at volunteering at summer camp—a seasonal job, an opportunity to get out of the house, or even an extended vacation. But at Hickory Cove, we view summer staff quite differently. It's true that they may only be here for a month or two out of the year, but our summer staff are the core of who we are and what we do. This summer we're setting the stage for "The Great God Encounter," but the main players will be our summer staff and the campers they come in contact with. That's why we need you to serve at Hickory Cove this summer.

Just think about it—who will serve the campers their meals each day? You will. Who will help them develop their skills in archery, canoeing, and other activities? You will. Who will spend time at the pool and lake with them? You will. Who will remind them to brush their teeth and tuck them in bed at night? You will. And when one of them has a question about salvation or a difficult decision they are facing, who will be there to pray with them? You will.

There are more than a few ways you can help at Hickory Cove this summer. Of course, we'd like to keep you here for the whole camp season, but you can also apply for part of the summer. Here's a quick list of openings:

- Senior Counselors
- Junior Counselors
- Health Care Specialists
- Cooks
- Kitchen Assistants (food preparation and cleanup)
- Program Specialists (lifeguards, boat drivers, activity instructors)

This year we have the additional need of a Technology & Media Specialist—someone to take photos, upload data to the website, and run the sound system and all media presentations.

If you haven't previously attended one of our staff training sessions, mark your calendar for June 11-14. We use this week to mentally and spiritually equip you to disciple children and teens and to train you in the various responsibilities you'll have during the summer. June 14-16 we'll bring in all our summer staff, new and returning, for a pre-season orientation, where we'll discuss new aspects of the program and build relationships as a team.

If you can serve at Hickory Cove this summer, please contact us as soon as possible at 828-632-2987 or email info@hickorycove.org. And remember, it is often while we minister to others that God ministers to us. Come prepared to experience a "Great God Encounter" of your own!



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Ten words that are related to our summer theme are hidden in this Word Search. Complete this Word Search and bring it with you to camp and we'll give you a \$2.00 credit for the Trading Post! Find these words: (HINT: Words may be going up or down, backwards, forwards, or diagonal)

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| ADVENTURE | DISCOVER |
| EARNESTLY | ENCOUNTER |
| EXPERIENCE | FIND |
| QUEST | REWARD |
| REVEAL | SEEK |

Land Update

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, we are raising funds to pay for the new property that we recently acquired. Here's a chart to show the progress:



ATTENTION GIRLS OF ALL AGES!!!

WHAT CONDITION IS YOUR HEART IN?

In today's world of feminism and women's rights, it is often hard to preserve the fragile heart of a girl. Early in life we are taught that the hopes and dreams of a child are useless and silly. It is because of this that our hearts are often broken and led away from the loving hand of our hope inspiring God.



At Girls' Weekend we'll be discussing the condition of our hearts and how we can live in the fullness of the hope of Christ. Girls' Weekend is for girls of all ages, though we recommend that kids be at least camper age, so they can participate in all the activities.



Join us April 28th - 30th for Girls' Weekend!!!



Goodbye for Now...

Dave Baseler
Board Member

Hickory Cove recently lost a good friend and long-time worker. Mrs. Violet Jackstadt, age 84, went to be with the Lord on Monday, February 6, 2006. She had been diagnosed with a large brain tumor just six weeks before the Lord took her home. Violet's husband, Alfred, passed away in May, 2002.

Alfred and Violet had no children of their own, but Violet said many times that the children at Camp "are my children." The Jackstadts lived for many years in Columbia, SC, but moved to Taylorsville in the early 1990s so they could be

closer to Camp. Violet and Alfred spent many hours helping in the kitchen at Camp – Alfred washing pots and pans and Violet doing everything from cooking to cleaning up.

Funeral services were held in Taylorsville on Friday, February 10. In the service, which had been completely planned by Violet about two years ago, Dean Siler (former Camp maintenance manager) and Mike Batchelder both spoke and presented the gospel. Burial was at a community cemetery less than two miles from Hickory Cove.

Several years ago, Violet said to us, "When I die, I want everything I have left to go to Hickory Cove. And I hope people will send money to Camp instead of buying flowers." Memorial gifts are being designated for a new kitchen and dining room.



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2006 Schedule

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Work Week, March 17-25

Spring Adventure, March 31-April 2

Girls' Weekend, April 28-30 (Ad Pg 2)

9th-12th Grade, June 18-23

3rd-5th Grade #1, June 25-30

6th-8th Grade, July 16-21

3rd-5th Grade #2, July 23-28

3rd-5th Grade #3, July 30-August 4

Young Adult Camp, August 6-11

Lumberjack Weekend, October 13-15

Junior Getaway. November 3-5

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