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QMCC NEWS

Official Newsletter of Quartz Mountain Christian Camp

Successful Summer

It's been a great summer here at Quartz Mountain Christian Camp! We were blessed to start off the year with a new session led by JJ Hendrix. After 7 sessions we had around 578 children walk the QMCC grounds this summer. 16 obeyed the gospel and were baptized. Many seeds were planted and we are excited to see the continued growth here at Quartz Mountain Christian Camp.

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are coworkers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."

-1 Corinthians 3:1-9



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A Day in the Life...

BY JEREMIE BELLER

Ah...camp! The yearly, summer tradition of spending a week away from the normal rhythms of life. No TV. No radio. No cell phone. Waking to the ring of the bell, morning calisthenics, silly songs, and breakfast. Then comes dorm cleanup, Bible class, then sports. Next you meet for singing and a devotional message, arguments about room checks and dirty socks, then lunch. Before you know it the day is halfway done when you wake up from rest time. The afternoon is filled with Bible questions and answers, swimming, mountain climbing, crafts then dinner. When evening comes, you gather for worship, then entertainment. The day ends on the softball field, under the stars with two hundred campers and staff singing to the God who created it all. That's camp.



But camp is so much more than the hectic schedule. Camp is the new friends, the buzzard song, Gender wars, talent shows. It's standing at the base of the mountain watching a line of flashlights go up for a late-night hike and devotional and come back down the mountain. Camp is seeing God move in the lives of both campers and staff. It is the life-changing impact of Christian fellowship and learning the story of Christ. The best part of camp is sitting in the dorm or mess hall with a camper asking endless questions about Jesus and scripture. And after hours, sometimes days of study and prayer, walking with them into the swimming pool and being there to usher them into the Kingdom of God through baptism. Then there are all the friends and new Christian family surrounding the water, ready to greet them. That's camp. Is it a long week? Yes. Is it hot? You bet! Is it worth it? Eternally. Quartz Mountain Christian Camp is more than a facility. QMCC is a place where memories are made, and lives are changed. It is a place where both campers and staff get a front-row seat to the working of God in the lives of others. And at the end of the week, you re-enter the hectic rhythms of life with a clearer vision God's Kingdom, and greater longing for the fullness of heaven.

Just Give it One Week

BY DANIEL LANDIS

In the summer of 1992, my dad and I went to camp at QMCC for the first time. He had been taking groups to camp for as long as I could remember, but this time, I was finally old enough to go with him as a camper. Little did either of us know how much that one week would affect us. Over the past 30 years I have had the privilege and opportunity to attend QMCC as a camper, Jr. Counselor, Sr. Counselor, Teacher, Speaker, and Co-Director.

Quartz Mountain Christian Camp is a mission field. I love the motto of QMCC, "Pointing youthful lives to Christ." It is a tremendous blessing each year to see the teens whose lives are changed because of the teachers and counselors they spend a week with at camp. Not only is QMCC a mission field, but it is also a training ground to send these teens back into the world in hopes that they can make an impact in the world and people around them.

Having experienced camp for so many years and from so many vantage points, I consider myself lucky. I was taught by amazing teachers and counselors as a camper myself, and I continue to learn each year from our staff and campers. I have made more friends than I could have ever imagined. I continue to be changed by the people I meet and spend time with each year at camp. I tell teens each year, "Just give it one week." If you will give camp a chance, I promise you will be hooked.

Camp is a Catapult

BY MARK LANDES

When a young preacher named Terry Frizzell and his family began serving at my home congregation in Thayer, Mo, he introduced us to the idea of attending church camp. The youth at our church had never been to church camp. We were quickly introduced to Green Valley Bible Camp in Rogers, AR. Although reluctant at first, I quickly realized there were others of similar faith just like me. This was encouraging to me and let me know that I certainly was not alone in this journey. Great relationships were built over the years at Green Valley. There were many competitive games of basketball, softball and ping pong matches there. It was also at this camp that the Gospel really pierced my heart for the first time. I obeyed the Gospel at Green Valley camp and was baptized in the cold spring waters of the camp pool when I was 13. The close relationships I built during those camp years led me to Oklahoma and to attend Oklahoma Christian University (OC). I roomed with a camp buddy from Neosho, MO. We ended up being roommates, close friends and were both the best man in each other's weddings. As with camp, time at OC built lifelong, lasting relationships which still stand to this day.

The relationships built at OC led me to attend the North MacArthur congregation in NW Oklahoma City. My wife Patty (also an OC grad) and I were married at North MacArthur. We raised a wonderful family there – Erica, Zach and Brooke. We enjoyed so many great times raising our children in the church and also endured extreme heartache when our son Zach died of a brain tumor at the age of 5. During times of joy and heartache our family always surrounded ourselves with the church family. As our faith and fellowship grew at North Mac, so did our service. As a young father, I was asked to serve as a deacon. During this time Patty and I were also asked to serve at North Mac's "Focus Week" camp at Quartz Mountain Christian Camp. 25 years later, the camp experience of our youth was repeated. New friendships were forged with campers and staff. There were competitive basketball games, too! Our family grew closer and our faith grew stronger together at camp. Erica obeyed the Gospel at QMCC. Brooke was heavily influenced from her time at QMCC and obeyed the Gospel at North Mac. About 7 years ago, I was asked to serve as an elder. Without camp, I wonder what my faith and the faith of my family would look like today. As I look back, it is clear to me that camp was the foundation for me to serve as an elder in the Lord's church. Let camp be the catapult in your life leading to a life of faithful service to God and the church – as a camper or as a staff member!



From the Heart of a Camp Manager's Wife

BY ASHLEY KITTLE

When people ask us how our summer was, they don't often realize how big of a question they are truly asking. Summer 2022 is one that my husband and I will remember for many years to come. I often describe a typical summer at Quartz Mountain Christian Camp as looking into a very exciting snow globe. We are typically on the outside looking in as campers are playing, eating, learning and growing. We are blessed with the joy of serving these souls as seeds are constantly being planted. We love this job. It is exhausting! But it is the type of exhaustion you crave because your heart and soul are filled to the brim.

This year our cup overflowed in so many ways. We started the camp season 34 weeks pregnant. Our wonderful staff, camp directors, campers and counselors poured love and help into our lives as we navigated the beginning of the summer. During our 3rd week of camp, Rob's Father passed away. That camp session didn't miss a beat. They finished an amazing week. They prayed for us, took care of our children, sent cards and filled our cup with love. A week later I had pregnancy complications and was rushed into an emergency C-section. Again, without us, that week's camp session also had an amazing week, prayed for us, took care of our children, and filled our cup with love. A week later I was flown to the City with a low heart rate of 30bpm. I was there for a week. We found out I had postpartum cardiomyopathy. In simple terms, the pregnancy had resulted in heart failure. These two camp sessions, with the help of an amazing camp staff, had wonderful, successful weeks. They prayed for us, they took care of the camp, our children, and continued to fill our cup with love. While I was in the hospital, my oldest daughter who had been studying with many different counselors, directors, and staff members throughout the summer, obeyed the gospel and was baptized. My cup again overflowed with so many emotions.

QMCC is not just a place. It is a beating heart. It is a family created by all the many people who pour into it from campers, to counselors, board members and staff. Everyone who participates in camp, everyone who prays for camp, everyone who donates to camp, their time or their money, is a part of this family. Usually we are the ones holding it all together. It is our job, and we do our best to hold this camp family together, to make sure everything is working right and everyone is taken care of. This year Quartz Mountain Christian Camp held us together. Thank you.

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ASHLEY KITTLE



Not Just a Summer Camp!

2022 Annual Ladies Retreat Was Inspiring



Speakers: Ariana & Lacy Crowell

45 Ladies Attended.

2022 Oklahoma Christian Academy 5th Grade Leadership Retreat



CALL & SCHEDULE YOUR RETREAT TODAY!

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

21-23 PRIVATE CHURCH RETREAT

NOVEMBER

11-13 PRIVATE CHURCH RETREAT

13TH 5:00 PM
AREA WIDE
YOUTH RALLY

18-20 PRIVATE CHURCH RETREAT

JANUARY

13TH-15TH
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Winter Youth Retreat

JANUARY 13-15

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The Eternal Value of Camp

Camp makes an impact on lives. A powerful impact with eternal results. The articles in this newsletter are proof that its value is immeasurable both today and eternally.

QMCC exists because of the generous donations of our friends in the churches of Christ who believe in and support the importance of Christian camp. The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic hit everyone hard and QMCC was not excepted from that effect. We need your help now more than ever to meet our basic needs so that we can continue to train young men and women to follow our Lord Jesus Christ.

We sincerely need your daily prayers on our behalf. Additionally we hope that you will consider becoming a partner with QMCC. You can attend a workday, send your kids to camp or bring any size group out for a retreat. You can become involved financially on a regular or semi-regular basis. There is donation information on this page for individuals or groups. We would love to talk to you in person and answer any questions that you may have about QMCC. If you would like a visit from a camp representative you can contact Rob Kittle our camp manager, or myself and we will schedule a visit.

God bless you and thank you for your support of Quartz Mountain Christian Camp.

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