

Church Visits

What a blessing to visit churches on our district and have the chance to share stories, hear reports, and meet the folks who make camps/retreats such an exciting ministry in our local churches. My heart has been encouraged by the stories that have been shared before and after services. I always imagine that in Heaven if the Lord asks all those to gather on one side who came to know Him through summer camps or retreats there would be a rush of folks to gather in the designated area. Just think, thousands and thousands of voices singing *Kum Ba Yah* in Heaven. Since I am not sure that will really happen and there is probably not much significant spiritual value to all of my imagination, we will just continue to do our part to impact as many lives as possible through Christian camping.

Trinity Pines is a hub of activity year around as folks come together in camps and retreats to interact and share. There is something about an environment like camp that can change hearts, renew spirits and settle a person's mind on spiritual things. I hope that everyone reading this newsletter will join together to make it possible for every child and teen to attend summer camp and experience the importance of Christ in their life.

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TRINITY PINES UPCOMING CALENDAR

Feb 4-5	Meridian Assembly of God Pastors' Retreat
Feb 5-7	Nampa 1st Church Home Bible Study
Feb 5-7	The Rock C & MA Men
Feb 6-7	Cub Scout Pack #127
Feb 8-10	Treasure the Valley Pastors' Prayer Summit
Feb 12-15	Christian Life Fellowship Senior High
Feb 12-15	Second Baptist Youth
Feb 16-18	Nampa 1st Winter Youth
Feb 19-21	Assembly of God Honor Bound Men's Retreat

For reservations, call 208-382-6200
Ask for Lynn

Volunteer Background Checks

We have recently received word that the background checks we do on all of our volunteers are only good for a period of 3 years. Therefore, we will be starting through our records to do updates on many of our summer volunteers. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in this effort. Volunteers at Trinity Pines are a vital link to the success of our ministry.

Cascade, Idaho

Camp Monthly

Trinity Pines Camp & Conference Center

February 2010

Thank you for 2009!

We ended 2009 with some great financial help from our partners and friends. When funds for the camp come into our office, they are processed and sent to the district office for recording. Then, once each month I receive back a report on giving in various categories for Camp Development. In December, Cindy Pusey, Administrative Associate, came to me with this comment, "Here is a donation you better take a look at." I started reading the note inside the envelope not paying attention to the check that fell out when I opened up the letter. As I read, my eyes became focused on an amount and the statement "The Lord has blessed us with the sale of a business and enclosed is a check for \$100,000." I told Cindy she could come with a message like that every day. The party making the donation is not affiliated with a Nazarene Church but have been friends of Mike and Barb Crevelt for years and are strong workers in the Treasure Valley as Christians. What a blessing! The letter went on to say that the funds being provided were to be seed money for a future swimming/athletic complex. That is very exciting. This check, along with many other donations and investments by Camp Partners were a true victory ending for 2009.



Celebration Club continues to move along with donations toward debt retirement. Since October 2009 at Share the Dream III through the end of the year, we have received over \$7000. We encourage you to

look for those special events that you can celebrate with us - *birthdays, spiritual birthdays, anniversaries, etc.* Remember, send a \$1.00 per year for the special events you are celebrating to the camps office. This money is placed directly towards debt reduction at Trinity Pines. My Dad always said, "It is hard by the yard but a cinch by the inch." That is the philosophy we are using and your investments are greatly appreciated.



Intermountain District Men's Retreat – April 9-11, 2010



We welcome all men on the Intermountain District to the **District Men's Retreat at Trinity Pines — April 9-11**. Cost for the retreat will be \$80 if paid prior to Friday, March 26. Speaker this year is Doran Ritchey, formerly with Liberty Quartet. Many of you have heard and experienced the musical talent of Doran through the years. Since returning to Idaho, Doran has become involved in speaking at various events in Idaho and the Northwest. Hearts have been blessed and I know the men who attend this event will experience the spirit and passion Doran has for the Lord and his personal journey in life. Be watching for additional information related to the **2010 District Men's Retreat**.

Celebrating 10 years of ministry at Trinity Pines June 6, 2010

June 6 – Mark this date on your calendar. We are celebrating 10 years at Trinity Pines. It is hard to believe we started this venture a decade ago and now we will gather as the great Intermountain District Family to celebrate what God has done.



Schedule for the day:

8:00 AM Bus leaves from Treasure Valley
 10:30 AM Morning worship with Dr. Stephen Borger preaching. The service will include sharing and special music.
 12:00 PM Lunch (you are our guest)
 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 and 5:00 PM Tours of Trinity Pines
 1:30 PM Second bus leaves Treasure Valley
 3:30 PM Cake and goodies to celebrate

Mark this date, invite your friends and join us in celebrating our 10th anniversary.

Cabin Project

We have rolled out our new camper housing program to replace the tents we have been using in recent years. In all of our discussions with the leaders of the camp program, it appears we will have to wait until the fall of 2010 to place the proper foundations in Elk Valley to support the proposed cabins. We had hoped to have these ready for the summer of 2010 – but we have to work with the elements of weather, moisture in the ground, and funding. Therefore, the decision has been made to continue to raise funds for this project (thanks to those who have already pledged or sent money from your church - \$2500/church). The cost of each cabin is estimated to be \$10,000 and our goal is to build 10-12. Thank you for your patience. We believe the design and construction is very good for our future needs. We want to do the project right and since we were unable to place the foundations before winter weather settled in, we have to rely on our engineers who tell us to wait until fall of 2010. The tents are currently undergoing some minor repairs for our use this summer (hopefully our last).



District Summer Camps – Early Bird Deadline

The *Early Bird Deadline* for camper registration for summer camps has been set for **Monday, April 19**. Registration materials will be coming to local churches and be available online for you to download later this month. The dates for the 2010 Summer Camps sponsored by the Intermountain District are as follows:

Trinity Pines Dates and Rates for 2010		
CAMP	DATE	Early Bird Cost if paid by April 19
Genesis Girls (Grades 1-3)	June 21-23	\$ 70.00
Genesis Boys (Grades 1-3)	June 23-25	\$ 70.00
Genesis Parents	June 21-23 or 23-25	\$ 50.00
4th-6th Grade Girls Camp	July 5-9	\$140.00
4th-6th Grade Kids Camp	July 12-16	\$140.00
4th-6th Grade Boys Camp	July 19-23	\$140.00
7th-8th Grade Teen Camp	July 26-30	\$165.00
9th-12th Grade Teen Camp	June 14-18	\$165.00

Bring a Friend to Camp Program

I have always felt that camp is at its best when busy with the hustle and bustle of campers playing in the field, working on crafts, tubing the river, getting ready for a campfire, or worshipping the Lord. Those are the highlights of camp.

Last year, we were pleasantly surprised at how many kids chose to attend church camp. However, we noted there is definitely room for growth in all of our camps. The goal is to get each of our district camps bursting at the seams, packed with kids who want to learn about Jesus.

This year, Trinity Pines has started the **“Bring a Friend to Camp Program.”** When children and teens receive their registration information this spring, there will be a coupon which offers \$15 off if you bring a friend to camp. *The friend must be someone who has never attended camp at Trinity Pines.* Only one coupon per camper will be honored. The idea is to get our young people excited about outreach and inviting their friends to attend a fun week at camp. This program is offered to 4th-12th graders and as a result we hope to see the numbers soar. So when you receive your registration information be sure and look for this special coupon and we will see you, and your friend, at Trinity Pines this summer!



Kyra Waitley, Marketing Director