

Daybreak Camp SUN

Mission:
“Daybreak seeks
to encourage
everyone to have
a personal
relationship
with Jesus Christ”

November 2005

Daybreak Decade—past and future

A Decade at Daybreak

Spiritual Outreach

This February Caroline and I celebrate our eleventh year at Daybreak. As I look back on the past decade, God has amazed us with great gifts and blessings that He showered upon us and you as we share in this powerful ministry.



We are privileged to witness children begin in Adventure Camp as pre-campers and continue through our junior and high school camps. As they graduate from high school and enter college, many have returned to staff the Daybreak sponsored camps. We have been blessed beyond words to work side by side with them, listening as they share their future hopes and dreams. Watching them mature in their love for Jesus Christ, continues to be one of our greatest joys and blessings.

Sponsored Camps

Daybreak began sponsoring camps in 1998 with the first teen camp that combined middle school and high school. The following year the camps were split with WildSide beginning for middle school and FDC—Faith Development Camp for high school

teens. That same year we accepted Adventure Camp sponsorship. In fact, Daybreak sponsored two Adventure Camps in 1998. By 2000 the Labor Day Youth Rally sponsorship began.

Enrollment tracking began for sponsored camps in 1998. Since that time over 1,500 different children and young people from over 1,000 different families have attended a sponsored camp at Daybreak. Our prayer is that this ministry will be expanded to touch many more lives over the next decade.

As we observe many children and young people that come from situations and/or backgrounds that are difficult, we see their summer camp week as being one the most positive weeks in their whole year. They receive lots of God’s love shown by all the people that volunteer as cabin leaders, cooks, Bible Class teachers, activity leaders, small group leaders and various staff positions. More than three hundred volunteers each year staff the sponsored Daybreak camps.



Daybreak’s sponsored camps----- what do we do?

What do you invest in for heaven’s sake? Daybreak has chosen to invest in area youth by providing camps for children from elementary school through college. Four camps annually are programmed and sponsored at Daybreak. Understanding the scope of this responsibility to provide quality, theme-oriented, Christian based camps, requires leadership from Daybreak and area youth ministers. FDC and WildSide have a leadership team, as does Adventure Camp and Labor Day Youth Rally. Meetings occur throughout the year to prepare the camp curriculum, focusing on spiritual truths and values that form the basis for each camp. Each full day is provided with various, challenging activities emphasizing the key theme. Daybreak provides the administrative tasks: seeking volunteer staff, brochures mail outs with registration forms, taking and processing all payments and moneys, ordering food, providing food service, requesting recruiter staff from six Christian colleges, coordinating their arrival and departure, printing curriculum books for staff and campers, nametags, check-in at camp, and the list goes on and on. What do you invest in for heaven’s sake? Daybreak invests in people! People of all ages! People that serve as staff. People that come as campers. Daybreak *chooses* to invest in people!

Guest Groups

This ministry also serves guest groups that bring their own programs and food service. Daybreak began keeping records of guest groups in 1996. Over 21,000 people have enjoyed God's creation at Daybreak. Most of the groups are churches that prepare their own children's programs, but we have also served Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire groups, Men's and Women's retreats, all church retreats and other church activities such as planning retreats. All are part of the spring and fall activities at Daybreak.

Facilities

Many facility changes have occurred in the last ten years. A number of them were small improvements, but never less steps forward. The kitchen was upgraded to a first class commercial kitchen; the RV area behind the dining hall was paved, the barn was rebuilt and serves as an office, a stage and sound booth were built and many other changes too numerous to list.

Then, in 2000 God answered many years of prayer on the part of those that had significant dreams for Daybreak. A true miracle happened, and Daybreak was able (through God's power and His working in the situation) to purchase for \$3.5 million the property along our southern property line. Almost two million dollars was raised between March and September of 2000. That same year construction began on the swimming pool. In fact, in the last ten years over \$350,000 has been spent on improvements, over and above the purchase of the land.

The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors, Caroline and I have been working hard to lay solid, spiritual, procedural, and policy foundations toward securing the future of Daybreak. The bylaws have been rewritten to reflect the world that we operate in today, and a governance



manual was developed by which we manage all operations. Much credit goes to the Board of Directors for being visionary, strong leaders while allowing the day-to-day operations to be managed by Caroline and me.

The Decade Ahead

Spiritual Growth and Outreach

Our prayers and hopes are that the Daybreak Ministry will grow in the number of lives that are touched for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Our world is so busy that there is not time to even think about spiritual matters. Christian camping and retreats provide for withdrawal to a quiet and beautiful place in God's creation to "*be still, and know that I am God*" (Psalms 46:10 ASV). The menaces and fears of our society have taken away the freedom that children enjoyed in the past. Camps provide a safe, loving environment for children to play, learn and grow in their relationship with the living being of Jesus Christ.

Our dream is to have the financial resources to add more programmed camps that reach out to children and young people. As our society has become more materially focused, we find it harder to find Christians that have time to volunteer to support the camps. This means that we must hire staff in the place of volunteers. We, then, have to increase the cost of

camp to the campers. We constantly work to balance the cost with the quality of camps, but we believe that adding staff is an important next step.

Facilities

The facility is the tool that we use for the ministry of Daybreak. As our society changes we have to

modify or renew our tools. Over the next decade we need to expand our dining hall at least three times the current size, replace the "B2 and mobile home" with a modern cabin with inside showers and restrooms, build five cabins that have showers and restroom facilities and will sleep twenty people each, add an indoor meeting facility, upgrade the common restrooms, continue to improve our communications and technical resources, and continue to improve the overall facility.

Leadership

In ten years at Daybreak, I have learned that leadership must be open, prayerful and constantly alert to God's direction. A focus on being relevant to the society that we live in must be maintained without changing the message. Our society has become visual in its learning methods, and we must use video and computers to communicate the gospel message. There will be many similar changes in the future that must be accommodated. I am excited about the next ten years and know that God is going to use this ministry mightily in His kingdom.

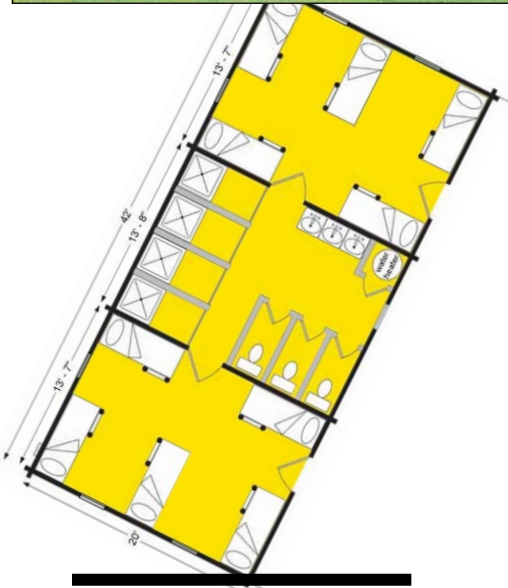


Article by BJ Latta, Co-Executive Director of Daybreak Camp, Inc.

Book of Remembrances and Honors

Suggested replacement cabin

This Area is omitted in the electronic version of the newsletter to protect the privacy of those who donate to Daybreak.



If you know someone that would like **to be added** to the mailing list, please email Daybreak at info@daybreakcamp.org.

Likewise, if you would like to be **taken off** the mailing list, email us and we'll take care of that promptly. Thank You!



The holidays are here!
 We wish you and your family a blessed and safe holiday season.
 Please keep Daybreak in prayer and your heart as you plan your end of year giving.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2006 SUMMER CAMPS

Faith Development Camp—July 9-15

Wildside—July 16-21

Adventure Camp—July 30-August 4

Labor Day Youth Rally is September 1-4

Brochures are mailed in March.

Early registrations save money.

Over
120 games



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GAMES UPDATE

Skip-Bo, Monopoly, Payday, Clue, Boardwalk, Yahtzee, Playing cards, Dominoes, Checkers, Master Mind, Boggle, Life, Stare, Outburst, Risk, Sequence, Charades, Hangman, Battleship, Cranium, Tri-Ominos, Scrutineyes. . .

Boy! Did we receive the games! Games for all ages! New games, used games. . .

And what did the campers do with them?

Played and played with their camp friends on a hot summer afternoon under a cool shade tree. Think, how many times your children ask you to play games with them? Well, at camp there is always a willing friend to pass the time to play a game with you.

Thank you so very much for reading the request and acting to provide games for the campers. Games were still coming in in September. Whether you realize it or not, you are participating in the ministry at Daybreak by supplying the games for the campers. *Oh, yes, the staff played games with the campers too.*

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