

Daybreak Camp SUN

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

November 2007



DAYBREAK DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL KICK-OFF MEETING. . .

As Daybreak enters the 21st century, the camp begins one of its most ambitious developments in the history of the camp. On April 21, 2007 over 60 people met at the Campbell Church building for the first meeting of the Daybreak Development Council (DDC). The DDC is a group of committed individuals focused on helping develop Daybreak by . . .

- **Strategic Planning**-Offering advise and council in matters of strategic importance.
- **Leadership**-Leading through acts of service and giving of resources.
- **Financial Support**-Helping secure funding for future endeavors.
- **Mission**-Ensuring faithful commitment to our mission.

Daybreaks influence continues to grow. The Daybreak experience has helped shape the lives of many students and we want others to share in that same blessing. The creation of the DDC will help ensure focused development that will maximize effective use of resources and expand the impact and influence of Daybreak for many generations to come.

We take seriously the responsibility to plan for the future. Daybreak will become an even greater influence in the lives of students and the kingdom.

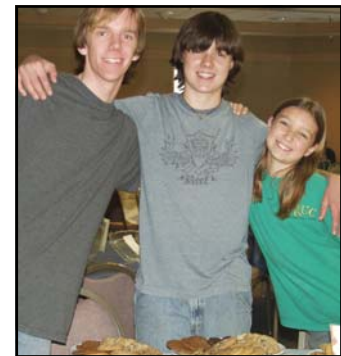
The DDC is destined to be a pillar of Daybreak’s unwavering mission to encourage everyone to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The evening began with guests arriving for the mix and mingle time. The Board welcomed each family with a warm handshake and delicious snacks. “Build for the Future” was the theme for the evening. Each table contained several testimonies from past campers telling how Daybreak had influence their Christian walk.

Greg Brown, board member, introduced “Why the DDC?” The State of the Camp was presented by **BJ Latta**, Co-Executive Director and President. **Walter Surdacki**, the Youth and Family Minister from Campbell, highlighted the need for camp for the youth of the area. **Rick Oswald**, Chairman of the Board of Director, gave the vision and thoughts as we anticipate the future of Daybreak. Everyone enjoyed

a delicious barbecue dinner with table discussion questions about Daybreak. Oh, the stories that came forth.

Break-out groups followed with everyone getting a chance to input their ideas and suggestions to further Daybreak. Each of the break-out leaders presented a summary of their meeting.



THANKS to the **Pappa** family campers for being our servers throughout the evening. During the break-out session they also delivered cookies to each group.



READ
Testimonies from
past campers about
their experience at
Daybreak Camp
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Testimonies-you decide the impact for christ

►Daybreak Camp is a refuge that has impacted hundreds of young lives. For me, it has meant many different things over the eleven years I have participated in its various summer camps. As an elementary schooler, I began tingling with excitement about Adventure Camp weeks in advance, daydreaming about lan-yards, archery, and the camp buddies I got to see once a year. In junior high, I reached new depths of knowledge about God and unusual eating contests at WildSide. And as a high schooler, I found shelter from the hectic pace of life in FDC's peaceful quiet times amid the chill morning fog and the camp's lofty trees.

Yet perhaps the feature of Daybreak which has left the greatest mark on me could be summed up in three letters: O-T-S. While commonly misinterpreted to stand for Official Toilet Scrubber, this name for the junior high service role at

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Adventure Camp is what Daybreak has meant most to me—it has been an Opportunity To Serve. Particularly at Adventure Camp, where special effort is made to create service windows for graduated campers to return and fill, I have been educated and blessed through learning the meaning of service first-hand, whether pushing racks of syrupy breakfast plates through the dishwasher or discussing theology with a ten-year-old. Daybreak has helped teach me, through adults who model and opportunities to practice, what it looks like to put self aside and put hands and heart to work for Jesus' sake. 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us that *"each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."*

This camp is a beautiful part of God's creation where lives are impacted for Him, both on the receiving and the giving ends. So--are you



ready to give? But you never thought you could be blessed by washing dishes!

►When I was 15 years old I was taken away from my family and placed in foster care. The situation within our foster house was not very good, and I suffered from severe depression during that time. One of the things that contribute to the depression was the fact that normal family things could not be done (vacations, outings, camping trips, camps). After loads of begging, my younger sister and I were permitted to attend Daybreak Camp's Labor Day Youth Rally of 1998. That weekend I was celebrating my Sweet 16th Birthday party, away from all my family and friends. . .but there were such amazing people there who knew what I was going through and they went all out to help me celebrate the memorable birthday. In such a dark place and time in my life, it was the loving folks at that camp that showed exactly what Jesus wanted us to do: be there for each other.

Thank you so very much for always being a consistent support to young people. You have led many to Christ and your work is far from over. Praise God for the people you've touched as they will touch millions. .

►Daybreak has never been a disappointment for me. Every summer, the camps provide new insight into areas of the Bible that I have previously studied, and the friendships I make there are irreplaceable. I love everything about the

camp, from its rural nature to its focus on building relationships with God and others. Daybreak camps build both faith and teamwork and challenge Christians to take what they learn at camp home to their families and communities . . . Teenagers are often labeled as irresponsible and lazy, but Daybreak extends an invitation to teens to help out at any camp, which I know means a lot to me and the other teenagers at my church.

►Near the end of my walk, right after I kinda shook my head and said, "You deal with it, God" I smelled Daybreak. I almost cried I got so homesick. Daybreak is a sacred place to me, and it smells of dry dust, moisture and cold. It smells like God.

Daybreak is a sacred place to me. . .even the dust is like God, it permeates everything

The air is pure, clear and unadulterated, and the cold is sharp and cuts you even as it refreshes and renews. Even the dust is like God. It permeates everything—your clothes, your hair, your food, your sleeping bag. It's in everything down to your fingernails and the cracks between your toes, and it's impossible to get rid of. If you ever go out to Daybreak, a great little care package present would be a little jar of Daybreak dirt.

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Family news

With deep sadness we need to let everyone know that **Rose Parks** and **Bonnie Gabbard** recently passed away from battling cancer. Both ladies along with their husbands were part of the original dream (1969) to begin a camp for area youth—Daybreak Camp. **ALL** of us are indebted to them for their tireless service and dedication to serving God and Daybreak.

Rose Parks served as a sponsor for many campers from the Alvin Drive Church and served as secretary of the Board of Directors. Rose and Joel have always supported the Daybreak ministry, helped at work days, and enjoyed the camping times in the mountains. Rose is survived by Joel who continues to live in Salinas CA.

Bonnie Gabbard, who once served as caretaker with Nelson, her husband of more than 60 years, was involved with the Daybreak Boosters, and many work projects and work days. Bonnie's unending example of serving with a smile will always be remembered by the masses of families that she influenced with her service and constant devotion to Daybreak Camp. Nelson will continue to reside in Morgan Hill, CA.



Parents!
Grandparents!
College Students!
Nurses!
Cooks!
Cabin Staff!
Lifeguards!
Teachers!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Each year Daybreak seeks area adults to work at camp to serve young people. Camp is big enough for you to serve AND give your student the distance they need. Pray about this! We need you! Where will God use you next?

Book of Remembrances and Honors

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



WE NEED YOU to **SERVE** at camp this year. Cabin staff, cooks, nurses, lifeguards, dishwashers, activity helpers, etc. Campers need loving adults to come to camp. There's a place for **YOU!**

support summer camps now!

Faith Development Camp(Completed grades 9-12)—July 6-12

Wildside (Completed grades 6-8)—July 13-18

Adventure Camp (Completed grades 2-5)—August 3-8



YES! It's not too early to begin to support Faith Development Camp, WildSide, and Adventure Camp. Mark your family calendars **NOW** for these important dates. **ALSO, WE NEED YOU** to **SERVE** at camp this year. Think of FDC, WildSide or Adventure Camp



as a **MISSION TRIP** that you can attend to make a difference in the lives of young people. Last year at FDC and WildSide we had a limited volunteer group over the age of 30. Therefore, we **NEED YOU** to be at camp. Camp is big enough for you to serve **AND** give your student the distance he or she needs. So, please be in prayer for your role at camp and prepare for God to use you in radical and powerful ways to minister to teens in northern California.

IF YOU ARE SERVING AT CAMP, PLAN ON ARRIVING AT CAMP ONE DAY EARLY FOR TRAINING.