

Camp Lebanon News



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MINISTRIES REPORT

Quilters Keep Camp Rockin'



"Rock. Paper. Scissors. Shoot!" With that, 130 quilters enjoined the battle, sparring to see which table was going to win the big prize ("Valued at somewhere between zero and a million dollars!"). The women had a fabulous time, both at the wonderful Chinese dinner banquet and throughout the course of five quilt sessions. The rock theme enriched the experience, with fun program enhancements like "stone soup," pumice stones, and lessons from "The Everlasting Rock" grounded in God's Word. "It's our prayer that women leave with a boulder faith," Women's Director and teacher, Lisa Abeler, shared with the ladies. With all sessions on a wait list, another record fall quilt season is in reach. More importantly, the stories of life-significant conversations and connections were abundant. Thanks for praying us through this incredible season of ministry, which runs through the first weekend in December. An early blast of snow and ice remind us of the fun just ahead!

Camp Floored by Generous Friends!

Amazing things happen when amazing friends do amazing things. Women's Retreat guests, for example, raised \$14,766 through their annual Silent Auction & Offering. The gift was divided between Camp and a Ugandan ministry known as *Sisters Of Hope International*. Added to a \$7000 Senior Day Offering, the funds covered old floors with new vinyl planks in three cabins plus the Activity Center. The transformation was, well, amazing!



PRAISE & PRAY!

- **PRAISE!** Guest Ministries: Up 10% for 2018. 2019 dates filling FAST!
- **PRAISE!** 2018 Program Ministries: 13% increase = abundant ministry opportunities!
- **PRAISE!** Women's Retreat: 455 women, auction/loving offering \$14,766, sweet time!
- **PRAISE!** New Master Plan: County approved! Next up: New gym and Lodge.
- **PRAISE!** Rental Ministries: Fall weekends filled, limited winter openings. (Call soon!)
- **PRAY!** Camp Board: Long and short-term planning, staffing, site development.
- **PRAY!** Fall Ministries: Staff health & unity, safety, spiritual harvest, sustaining joy.
- **PRAY!** Winter Planning: Program details; full weekends; good ice.
- **PRAY!** Year End Letter: \$50K, 100 prayer partners sought to launch 2019 ministries!

INBOX Blessings

NOTES FROM MEN'S RETREAT

"Able to hit the pause button on life and listen to God."

"Changed how I view reading my Bible. Excited to know God more!"

"I got to show my sons other men of God."

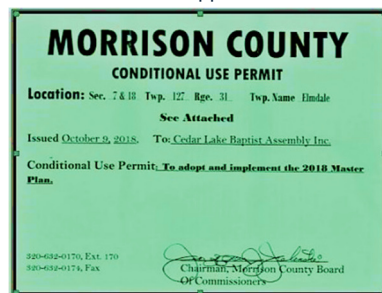
"It gave me joy in the Lord to see so many men gather to worship."

"Bonded with my father-in-law and brother-in-law."

"I'm back to where it all began."

Camp's CUP Runneth Over

October 25 was a HUGE day for Camp Lebanon. After nine months of planning and \$20,000 in expenses, a "new and improved" Master Plan was blessed by Morrison County with a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The plan outlines the full development of the ministry's 143 acres. Earlier in 2018, the County also rezoned seven camp parcels to Shoreland Commercial. All of this was done with no local opposition. PTL!



FALL FIRE '18: Build It. Light It. Feel It. Feed It. Spread It.

Over 180 teens and leaders from 13 churches converged on Camp over MEA Weekend for the Third Annual Fall Fire! The weather was cold, the games crazy, the teaching powerful - and kids had a blast!

FALL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Dads N Daughters** (ages 5+) September 7-9 **162 RECORD!**
"Love's Magic Words" with Matt Swigart; Horse Trail Rides
- **Young at Heart Fall Retreat** Sept. 10-13 & **Senior Day** Sept. 11
"Wonderful Grace of Jesus!" **52 GUESTS - FALL RECORD**
- **Men's Retreat** Sept. 14-16 Hobby Spotlight: "Trophies of Grace"
"Cultivate - Working the Soil of Your Soul" **140 MEN**
- **Women's Retreats 1:** Sept. (20)21-23 **220!** **2:** Sept. (27)28-30 **236!**
THEME: "Deeper Still" Early Bird "SPA-cial Evening" **RECORD**
- **Fall Fire** (grades 9-12) October 19-21 **183 RECORD**
- **Fall Quilt & Scrap** (5 sessions) **October 25 - December 3 HURRY!**
Weekend Sessions: WAIT LIST Call to see if you can still get in.



It's that time of YAR again! ICE BREAKER coming soon!

WINTER PREVIEW

- **YAR Icebreaker** (ages 18-35) December (27)28-30
Everything is optional...except having fun!
- **MEGA FUN (grades 3-6) "Attitude of Gratitude"**
MEGA A - One Nighter - January 4-5
MEGA B - 2 Nights - January 11-12
- **ARCTIC BLAST (grades 7-12) January 25-27**
"Where it's cool to be cool!"

WOMEN'S WINTER WARM UP

- Feb. 1-3 (Early Bird Jan. 31!)
- "OVERFLOW" - Romans 15:13
- Speaker: Molly Sanborn
- Guest Artists: Sweetwater Revival
- Early Bird: Sherry Mortenson

