

## Legacy of a Great Man

I had the privilege of working with Rev. Ron Rodes as his youth associate and church administrator while he was at Valley Shepherd. Summer camps, as a priority in the summer schedule, were never a question in Pastor Rodes' mind. He believed everyone, no matter the age, should go to camp for a week each summer. He was frequently asked to speak at Boys' Camp and other district camp programs and did so for a number of years.

I have a vivid memory from when we were moving from Victory Cove to Trinity Pines in the fall of 2000. Pastor Rodes volunteered on the crew to help with the excavation for the new conference center. After we had unloaded one of the trucks, I stopped by to visit with Pastor Rodes at the site of the new conference center. I found him standing in this enormous hole in the side of the mountain where the conference center was to be built. In his true Ron Rodes spirit he said to me, "Give me just a moment and I will stir up some food here in the camp kitchen" as he pointed to an area on the ground where, yes, eventually the Trinity Pines kitchen would be.

Pastor Rodes spent a great deal of time during District Assembly 2011 at the camp booth quizzing me about Trinity Pines - what was next on the building schedule and how the debt payments were coming, etc. He always had a couple of good stories and reports about the camping program in New Mexico where he had spent many of his early developmental years as a new Christian. His visits during District Assembly were just weeks before the Lord called Pastor Rodes home to heaven.

Rick Waitley, Executive Director

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### TRINITY PINES CALENDAR

July 11-15	IMD Kids Camp
July 15-17	Manley Family Reunion
July 15-17	Roberts Family Reunion
July 18-22	IMD Boys' Camp
July 22-24	Nampa Christian Center Youth Camp
July 22-24	Obenchain Family Reunion
July 25-29	IMD Junior High Camp
July 29-31	IMD Family Camp
July 30-Aug 5	Community Partnerships of Idaho
Aug 5-7	Morehouse-Bergland Wedding
Aug 5-8	Bergland Family Reunion
Aug 9-14	Community Bible Church Family Camp
Aug 15-19	ID Conservation Officers Youth Camp
Aug 17-19	Cole Valley Christian Schools Youth Retreat
Aug 19-21	NNU Faculty Retreat
Aug 22-24	NNU Leadership Retreat

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

Cascade, Idaho

# Camp Monthly

Trinity Pines Camp & Conference Center

July 2011

## Wonderful Happenings . . .

I was going to start this month's issue by saying "we hate to brag" but that would not be totally true, so I guess I will brag. It is easy to brag about the great Intermountain District who places children and teens as priorities for summer camp. We completed our youngest (Genesis Camp) and our oldest (Senior High Camp) in June with very strong numbers. It appears, even with the challenging economic times we are in, that our attendance for this years camping season may be parallel or even stronger than last year's attendance. That is why we get to brag. Thanks to everyone who works to make this happen.

The bragging does not stop there. Recently we were given gifts of money to start a remodel of the conference center. There has always been some concern about the vinyl railing around the deck. Within the next month, this railing will be replaced with wrought iron and anchored into rock pillars that will replace the metal posts that are in the current building. This will totally change the appearance of the conference center and will begin to make it appear more of a "mountain lodge."

Plus, we have added a second gazebo in Memory Garden. Again, a gracious gift from several members of an Intermountain District family. Through memorials and special giving, we will have yet another gathering place for visitors and campers to sit and visit.

We want you to come and see these projects, meet the staff, and witness yourself why it is easy to brag. Pay special attention in this Camp Monthly to the announcements about the Open Houses and the two tours being offered. Call today and get your name on the list and then you, too, will be able to "do your fair share of bragging" about what you see after visiting Trinity Pines.

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## Share the Dream V

RIGHT NOW....grab your September calendar and circle Thursday night, September 29 as Share the Dream V for Trinity Pines. This evening is limited to only around 225 in attendance. Tickets will go on sale sometime in August. You can reserve your tickets, sponsor a table, and invite guests or purchase a ticket for someone that you would like to hear and experience the Trinity Pines story. Watch for details as they become available. It is a highlight of the camp year and a great way to celebrate what has happened, is happening, and what is planned for Trinity Pines.

## District Family Camp

Family Camp Directors David and Jenae Slonaker have planned an excellent Family Camp for all ages. Speaker for the weekend will be Dr. Tim Pusey. There will be special music, activities for children and teens, plus great food and fellowship. Go to [www.tpines.org](http://www.tpines.org) to find a registration form or check at your church. Invite another family from your church to join you and plan to be at District Family Camp – July 29-31.

## Remaining Camp & Retreat Dates for 2011

4th-6th Grade Kids — July 11-15  
4th-6th Grade Boys — July 18-22  
Junior High Teen Camp — July 25-29  
District Family Camp — July 29-31  
Adult Retreat — September 12-15  
District Women's Retreat — October 7-9

## Open Houses & Tours

When was the last time you were at Trinity Pines? Last year? Maybe ten years ago? You've never seen it? Whether it has been ten weeks or ten years, it's time for you to go again. Trinity Pines is constantly growing and changing, and that means many new sights to see and new people to meet! One of these four tours will give you a chance to become acquainted or reacquainted with our District Camp and Conference Center. Which will you be joining us for?

### **BUS TRIP**

**Tuesday, July 12**

**Tuesday, July 19**

- Get a ride on our bus!
- Bus picks up passengers at Nampa College Church at 7:30 AM and Boise First Nazarene at 8:30 AM
- \$15 (includes transportation, tour of the grounds and facilities, lunch, and a snack from Jubilation Station)

### **OPEN HOUSES**

**Tuesday, July 26**

**Saturday, July 30**

- Provide your own transportation to Cascade
- Free tour! Guided tours begin at 9:00 AM
- Lunch will be available for \$8.00 per person

Contact the Trinity Pines office in Meridian (888-0988) to make your reservations.

## Could You Help With This Need?

- ♦ Commercial Washing Machines – We still need commercial size washers for use in doing laundry at the camp. If you hear of some, please notify our office (888-0988) in Meridian.

## United Way Giving

Perhaps you work at a company that participates in United Way. Did you know that you can designate funds to be given to Trinity Pines? There is a small nominal fee which is deducted from your contribution but the majority of the money is sent to Trinity Pines. We have several who give to Trinity Pines through this method. We appreciate all of those who contribute. *Please note that this applies only to those who work in the state of Idaho.*

## Adult Retreat Speaker

Many of you have heard that Dr. Jim Diehl has been named the interim President for MidAmerica Nazarene University and because of his responsibilities had to cancel as our speaker for Adult Retreat. We have surveyed past participants and are contacting other speakers at this time. Don't let this keep you away. It will still be a great time. We encourage you to sign up today to reserve your spot for the retreat in September.

## What About Donations to Trinity Pines?

I am frequently asked to explain about donations. Yes, we are happy to receive items for Trinity Pines - especially those that we can use immediately. However, this is our policy. Items donated may be used, traded, or sold based upon the item and what is best for Trinity Pines. We can provide letters of donation for items donated but not for services. The best way to know if we can use something is to give us a call before you give it to someone else and let us determine if it is something we will be able to use.



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We know you like to see what is happening at Trinity Pines and we love to keep you up to date on the happenings in Cascade. So, we would like you to become "our friend" on Facebook. Pictures of each camp are being posted weekly on the Trinity Pines Facebook page. To find us, just log on and type: *Trinity Pines Camp and Conference Center* in your search bar. We invite you to join the discussions, comment on our wall, browse through photos, and even write about your camp experience. If you have photos from your time spent at Trinity Pines that you would like to see uploaded on Facebook, e-mail them to [kyra@amgidaho.com](mailto:kyra@amgidaho.com) or send us a CD to 55 SW 5th Ave. Ste. 100, Meridian, ID 83642. This is one way to help keep you constantly connected to Trinity Pines and show others what a great place our camp can be!! So spread the word and we will see you soon...on Facebook!