

Special sharethedream Edition

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Camp Monthly

Trinity Pines Camp & Conference Center

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It happened again this year. On October 22, friends of Trinity Pines came from across the District to gather in Nampa and celebrate Share the Dream III, as we looked back at what was accomplished in 2009 and projected plans and dreams for 2010. What a great evening of around 200 guests joining us. We announced three new projects for the coming year:

Capital Campaign - \$200,000
Celebration Club for Debt Reduction
Cabin Project for 10-12 new cabins for campers

The goal of \$200,000 can be broken down to represent the following:

- \$5,000 for camper scholarships
- \$86,648 for the annual mortgage payment on the conference center and manager's home
- \$105,351 toward reduction of the principal on the debt we are carrying

In these challenging economic times, we continue our push to eliminate the debt at Trinity Pines. Our first goal is to pay off the Manager's residence, since it has the larger percentage of interest. At this time, we owe a remaining \$82,402 on that loan. In 2009, we announced the "Debt Free in 3" project - hoping to eliminate all debt in three years. However, none of our "crystal balls" indicated what would happen to the economy across the US and around the world. Unemployment, loss of jobs, loss of revenue on investments, and shrinking in

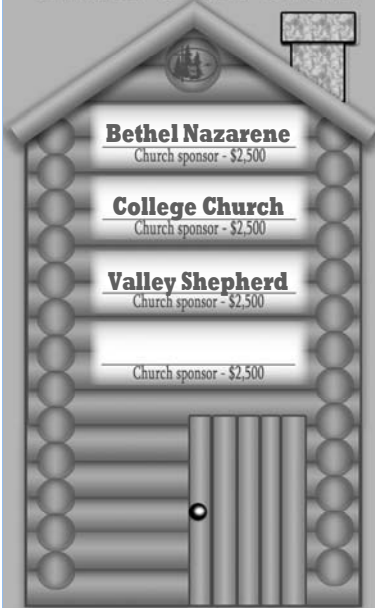
value of the dollar has had its impact. But God has been faithful to His people, and you have continued to invest and help us meet our obligations.

In reflecting on Share the Dream II (held in October 2008), here is a recap of our financial accomplishments:

- We paid out a total of \$94,433 towards debt
- \$51,712 was the total of our monthly obligations on the loan; plus, many of you sent in money identified for Debt Reduction specifically which was applied to the principal - \$7,100. Congratulations!
- In addition, we allocated \$5000 for camper scholarships and actually spent closer to \$6000 to support campers (children and teens), as we had carried over some funds from the prior year in the scholarship account.
- Of the \$94,433 made in payments, it is sad to think that \$42,721 was paid in interest. Ouch! That hurts. I can remember the freedom we felt on our house payment when we finally were paying more on the principal than we were in interest. We believe 2009-2010 will help us get to that point.

If you were unable to join us for Share the Dream III and would still like to help, please roll up your sleeves, grab your checkbook, pray about your obligation to the Capital Campaign, and mail in the enclosed form to let us know you will be a Camp Partner in the months to come.

TRINITY PINES CABIN



Cabin Project

The current age of the tents and the platforms that support the tents at Trinity Pines are critical. We have had some major leaks, holes in the floors and other problems. This caused the Camps Board and Camp Development Committee to evaluate the investment between replacing the tents with more tents and stretching our ability to build 10-12 summer-use-only cabins. The decision was made to build the cabins and to go forward with a project that allow for churches to invest in the building of the cabins. Each cabin, designed by Randy Haverfield and Keith Jones, will cost \$10,000. We plan to build the cabins in the Treasure Valley and then move them to Trinity Pines to be assembled during Work Week 2010.

The cabins will hold 12 campers each. They are a simple frame structure with windows, a small porch, etc. Please visit our website and see the artist's drawing of the proposed cabins. You can find them at www.tpines.org.

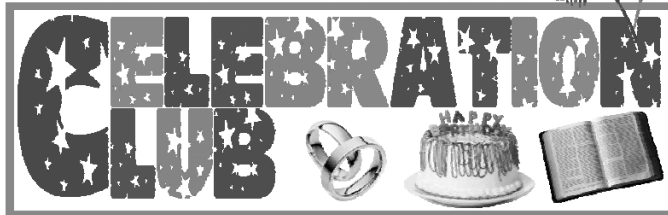
At Share the Dream III, we had three churches step forward to make pledges of \$2500. Thanks to **Bethel Nazarene, College Church and Valley Shepherd**. That is what we are requesting – the support of four churches to pay for each cabin.

We know that other churches are considering their pledge of support. We have also received \$7500 from individuals who want to help build the cabins. We are excited about this project and urge you to encourage your church to get onboard and help us meet our need for summer housing for campers by eliminating the aging tents and platforms.

The setting was like this: on each table at Share the Dream was a wrapped gift in balloon wrapping paper with a beautiful bow. What the guests at the table did not know was that they were going to open the gifts during the evening and inside were 8 smaller boxes, each containing a gift for each guest. The gift – a small brown wooden cross.

Celebration Club is a project to reduce the principal payment on our debt. We are asking everyone who supports Trinity Pines to mail in a Celebration Club check honoring the celebration of special events in our lives – birthdays, anniversaries, spiritual birthdays, graduations, etc.

We are offering a Charter Membership between now and December 31, 2009. For anyone who sends in funds in support of Celebration Club during that time, they will receive a special gift from the Camps Board after January 1. It will be a gift that I believe you will cherish.



Why the small wooden crosses? We challenged everyone in attendance to hang that cross in a visible place and let it serve as a reminder to pray for the debt at Trinity Pines. The freedom we would feel from the complete relief of debt would be unbelievable if our camping program were free from the debt we are carrying on these two loans.

Back to Celebration Club. My birthday is June 16, I turned 58 years old – there...now you know it. My wife Dorita's birthday was August 8, and our anniversary was July 27 and we celebrated 30 years. Therefore, at Share the Dream III, we wrote a check for \$145 to celebrate these events in 2009 – because we want to be Charter Members and we want the gift in January. ☺ So, in 2010 we will write a check for \$59 on June 16 and for \$31 on July 27 to celebrate our

anniversary and send those in - 100% going to payment on the principal. Of course, this is above our monthly obligation we have to the Capital Campaign.

Intermountain District is fortunate to have over 12,000 families. Think how quickly that principal would evaporate if everyone - man, women, child, family - would participate in Celebration Club and help us eliminate the debt with very little investment from any one person or family. Like they say: Life is simple by the inch but sometimes difficult by the yard – or something like that.

Enclosed is an envelope for you to use for your participation in the Celebration Club. I encourage you to send in a check today or use the back for VISA or MasterCard to celebrate the special and significant events in the lives of you and your family in 2009. That will make you a charter member and get you lined up for one of the free gifts. Then, plan in 2010 to celebrate those special dates with future financial support until we are Debt Free at Trinity Pines.

2010 TRINITY PINES DATES

APRIL 9-11	MEN'S RETREAT
MAY 26-31	WORK WEEK
JUNE 14-18	9 TH -12 TH GRADE TEEN CAMP
JUNE 21-23	GENESIS CAMP – GIRLS, GRADES 1-3
JUNE 23-25	GENESIS CAMP – BOYS, GRADES 1-3
JULY 5-9	4 TH -6 TH GRADE GIRLS CAMP
JULY 12-16	4 TH -6 TH GRADE KIDS CAMP
JULY 19-23	4 TH -6 TH GRADE BOYS CAMP
JULY 26-30	7 TH -8 TH GRADE TEEN CAMP
SEPT 13-16	ADULT RETREAT
TBA	FAMILY CAMP

United Way Changes

We know that many of you have the opportunity to give to Trinity Pines through United Way at your place of employment. Enclosed is a flyer that reminds you of that opportunity. Here are a few new guidelines from United Way.

- An annual gift must meet \$120.00 in the course of a year to allow for funds to be passed through to the designated organization of your choice
- Sign up for United Way is usually during the months of September – December but you can sign up at any time
- Be sure you carefully designate Trinity Pines as the non-profit entity you would like to receive your contribution
- It helps if you will indicate to have your name show up for your donation so we can track the donations and give you proper credit. We sometimes receive donations to United Way that are marked anonymous and then we cannot track giving.

Marketing Report

This month, I began hand-delivering contracts to our clients. 60% of our Trinity Pines rentals are non-Nazarene, including family reunions, quilting retreats and other churches. I wanted an opportunity to get to know these folks better and to begin building relationships. By hand-delivering the contracts, I am able to sit down one-on-one and discuss what the group liked about our facility, hear any concerns, or answer any questions. Meeting with people face-to-face gives their Trinity Pines experience more of a personal experience. I received an excellent response from those I visited. They were surprised that someone took the time to sit down and listen to their needs. I was able to give each group their contract for next year (as well as a little gift), and hopefully we will keep them coming back! I never get tired of people telling me what a wonderful place Trinity Pines is, and the positive feedback about the refreshing and renewing that comes with spending a few days there.

Kyra Waitley, Marketing Director

TRINITY PINES UPCOMING CALENDAR

11/8-10	Valley Shepherd Staff Retreat
11/13-15	Intermountain District New Ministers
11/20-22	College Church Upper Room Ministries
1/15-17	Ten Mile Community Church Men
1/15-18	Christian Life Fellowship Jr. High
1/22-24	NYI Youth Retreat
1/29-31	Bethel Men's Retreat
1/29-31	Meridian Assembly of God Youth
1/29-31	Westside Bible Church Men

New Tires Needed

Our 99 Ford Expedition is in need of new winter tires, size 255/70/16. If you would like to help Trinity Pines with this need, please contact Rick Waitley at 208-888-0988 or rick@amgidaho.com.



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