

# REMEMBERING THE FIRST YEAR

Dear Camp Partners,

As is common in many Nazarene circles, our granddaughter, Hadley, has two sets of grandparents that are Nazarene. Gerron (Camp Finance Committee Chairman) and Jacque Gibson's son, Nic Gibson, married our daughter, Kyra Waitley. Now, the Gibsons and Waitleys share a common grandchild in Hadley, born January 27, 2018. We all gathered recently for Hadley's big 1st birthday party. It was complete with balloons and decorations, table favors and special treats, cake, and - of course - numerous presents. In reality, Hadley probably wondered why all of these people in her life assembled in her house at the same time and probably will have little recall about the whole celebration, except to look at the pictures (hundreds!) that were taken by these crazy relatives during the event.

That got me thinking about the upcoming years for Trinity Pines. The summer of 2020 will mark the 20th anniversary of the camp. Someone recently asked me, "When will we start the planning for the 20th anniversary celebration?" This caused me to reminisce about where we have been and how far we have come in these 19 (almost 20) years. While many participated in the dedication of Trinity Pines on a June day in 2000, I am going to guess that only some of those who were present are still around and may show up for the 20th anniversary event. It might be much like Hadley's party was for her as she passed that one year milestone. Many who camped that first season may never totally realize the bumps in the road, turns in the journey, obstacles along the way, mixed in with blessings, answered prayers, large and small financial gifts, hundreds of volunteer hours, and transformation of lives that have taken place over the last 19 years. Like Hadley, someone will have to share "how it was," "how far we have come," and "how we have grown and developed." Someone may even drag out a picture or two to illustrate what they are talking about.

Hadley, with God's blessing on her life and a solid foundation, will grow into a child, teen and young lady. Trinity Pines has a similar story from birth as an infant camp marking off those 1-, 2-, and 3-year anniversaries, until now it is at the doorstep of 20 years of being in the business of changing lives for the Kingdom. Probably like there was for Hadley, there may be balloons, cake, and some gifts to mark the big event. However it happens and whoever plans the event, there will be a satisfaction of recognizing the achievement and investment of people just like YOU reading this newsletter and what has been accomplished.

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| Feb 15-17 | Honor Bound Men's Retreat                   |
| Feb 22-24 | BSU Catholic Spring Retreat                 |
| Feb 22-24 | The Experience Women's Retreat              |
| Feb 25-27 | Treasure the Valley Pastor's Prayer Summit  |
| Mar 1-3   | Vineyard Boise Jr. High Winter Camp         |
| Mar 8-10  | NNU-STCM Retreat                            |
| Mar 9-10  | Zeta Tau Alpha Lambda Omicron Retreat       |
| Mar 13-16 | SDMI Tell the Story Training                |
| Mar 15-16 | Christian Faith Center Latino Men's Retreat |
| Mar 15-17 | St. Paul Baptist Church Youth Retreat       |

## TRINITY PINES CALENDAR "AT-A-GLANCE"

# CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

FEBRUARY 2019

**BUS TRANSPORTATION:** The Camps Board has entered into a contract for transportation to and from summer camps (grades 4-12) for 2019. The price will remain the same at \$30.00 for campers to ride the bus from Meridian to Cascade (round-trip). The transportation in 2018 made it possible for many campers to attend camp that may have been faced with transportation challenges. The bus service is a professional service and an adult will be on board for each camp to coordinate with the driver and parents along the route. Watch for more details!

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Camps Board met on February 9 and reviewed the financials for the end of the fiscal year (1/1-12/31/2018). At the conclusion of their review, they voted to transfer \$25,000 into the Camp Sustainability Fund. These dollars are set aside for ongoing improvements and maintenance.

**OFFICE UPDATE:** The original goal was to be into the new office (completely) by February 1. That did not happen. The new goal is March 1, prior to the busy season of camper registrations. Recently, walls were painted, data and phone lines installed, and now carpet squares will be laid and we will be ready to have staff move into their new office. This has been long overdue and it will be exciting to see the results of increased efficiencies in office operations by giving everyone a little more space and a better work environment. Thanks to the many hours given by volunteers to help complete the office.

## PAVE THE WAY

**PAVER PROJECT:** We've had inquiries about when the pavers will be installed. The pavers go in front of the west entrance to the Conference Center, perhaps one of our busiest entrances. The plan is to remove the existing stairs and asphalt before the new stairs and pavers are placed. Pavers have not yet been ordered since our goal is to take them straight from production to camp and put them in the ground, not allowing for any damage to the pavers. Thanks for your patience as we work through timelines, including the winter season with snow, ice, and moisture.

**PHONE SYSTEM:** We have a phone system that has been offered to us by Cannon Beach Conference Center in Cannon Beach, OR. If someone is making a trip that direction, please let us know so we can connect you with the contact at Cannon Beach and you can bring back the phone system that will be installed at Trinity Pines. Give Rick a call at 208-888-0988 or send an email to rick@amgidaho.com and let us know so we can fill you in on the details.

**CAMP NURSE:** We provide medical oversight and nursing for campers during the five Intermountain District summer camps. Jan Crabill has given us notice that she may not be available going forward and we are looking for names of RN's, LPN's, CNA's, and/or EMT's willing to fill this void. If you have interest, please contact Rick Waitley at 208-888-0988 or send an email to rick@amgidaho.com with your name. Ideally, we would find someone for all five weeks but we are prepared to make some changes in staffing that area of camp operations, if necessary.

## A NIGHT OF Comfort

Yes, it has happened! 100 new mattresses are in place in the cottage bunks. They are called "flip mattresses" because you can select from two levels of comfort based on which side you choose to sleep. The old mattresses were re-distributed throughout camp where they were needed. Thanks to many who participated by donating the \$250 for a new mattress. We still have a ways to go and would welcome your donation toward this project.

**SUMMER INTERNS:** Now is the time to help us spread the word about summer interns at Trinity Pines. If you know of a student (over age 18) who might enjoy living at the camp this summer and helping in the areas of programs, housekeeping, kitchen, etc., please have them secure an application at our website at [www.tpines.org/apply](http://www.tpines.org/apply) or contact Anthony or Serena Henry at Trinity Pines (208-382-6200) with questions.

**NEW HIRES:** We are pleased to announce the hiring of new staff members at Trinity Pines.

Tammy Angier is the new office manager. Tammy commutes daily from Donnelly, where she and her husband live. Tammy will often be the friendly voice on the phone when you call Trinity Pines.

Joining over the coming months will be Luke and Dina VandeHoef. Luke has been working for an outdoor company in Horseshoe Bend and will join Trinity Pines on March 12. Dina is currently employed in Cascade at Youth With a Mission (YWAM) and will join our staff after her contract with YWAM ends in May.

### NEW DEADLINES!

Soon the 2019 Camper Registration forms for all District-sponsored camps will be available in hard copy and online. The deadline for Early Bird and savings on your registration fee is Monday, April 15, 2019.

The Camps Board has established a **second deadline** for all campers who still want to attend summer camps but miss the Early Bird Deadline.

- **June 1** for Genesis and Sr. High Camp
- **June 15** for 4th-6th Grade Girls and Boys Camp
- **July 1** for Jr. High Camp

**Registration for summer camps will not be accepted after the second deadline. In other words, this eliminates the walk-on camper.**

This has been necessary in order to ensure the appropriate staffing, food, and supplies for the campers who have met the two deadlines.

We appreciate your understanding of this new policy and hope that the additional time will allow you the opportunity to decide if campers in your household or church will be attending.