

STAGES

Since the middle of March, I have experienced a number of different feelings: unknown, disbelief, despair, grief, anxiety, doubt, frustration, and helplessness. When I stop and think about these words as they relate to Trinity Pines this was my association:

Unknown: What in the world is Coronavirus? It sounds like Idaho may be immune. There are hardly any cases. I guess we are thankful we live in this wide-open space called the Gem State.

Disbelief: The phone started ringing and emails coming in with cancellation of rental groups at the camp. Not a total panic but an elevated concern - we better not assemble together at this time.

Anxiety: A lock down order - my first thought, "Is this like time out" when I was kid. I will go to my corner and then come out and things will be okay and life continues

Doubt: What do you mean Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3, Stage 4 and then moving backward and being stuck in Stage 4, and who knows what Stage 5 might look like?

Helplessness: What about the staff? What about the security of the camp? What about the children and teens that missed the camp experience in 2020?

Then, my faith rose above all of these negative terms and situations. I determined that we are God's people and we can SURVIVE. Last month, we rolled out the new campaign *Survive to Thrive* - in the **hope** of having 100 camp partners who would provide funding for camp operations before December 31 to allow us to Thrive once the doors open again. My list of negative items soon began to change to positive: faith, hope, perseverance, thankfulness, strategy, survival and sustainability.

Thankfulness: Daily, I open mail for Trinity Pines and find checks, notes and cards of encouragement. While I am familiar with probably 95% of the names, there are those that are unfamiliar. I received just such a phone call last week. A person receiving Camp Monthly shared the newsletter with a fellow worker. The worker called and said, "I am so impressed with what you are doing at the camp: 1) please add my name to the mailing list to receive my own copy of Camp Monthly and 2) let me give you my credit card to make a donation." I inquired as to how much? Their response - "Well, for the Survive to Thrive program - \$1000".

Sustainability: Manager Anthony Henry called earlier this week and said the Forest Service contacted him about showers for the fire crews working on the Landmark fire. Now we are in a program I will call "Three S's". Shower, Soap, and Shampoo. That is what we provide at a cost of \$10.00/firefighter. In true Trinity Pines fashion, Carla put out a tray of goodies near the showers for the firefighters to enjoy. Daily, we have had folks at the camp to shower - extra income that we had not anticipated.

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Calvary Chapel Eagle Men's Retreat	Sept 11-13
Calvary Chapel Caldwell Women's Retreat	Sept 18-20
The Journey Women's Retreat	Sept 18-20
The Rock Ladies' Retreat	Oct 1-4
Stitch n' Snip Quilters' Fall Retreat #1	Oct 5-8
Stitch n' Snip Quilters' Fall Retreat #2	Oct 12-15
IMD Pastors' Prayer Summit	Oct 19-20
Calvary Chapel Buhl Women's Retreat	Oct 23-25

CAMP MONTHLY

TRINITY PINES CAMP + CONFERENCE CENTER

CASCADE, IDAHO

SEPTEMBER 2020

Perseverance: Rich Vasquez, Caldwell Canyon Hill, has sold vehicles for Trinity Pines over the years. Recently the Executive Committee evaluated some vehicles and decided to sell one of them via Rich. Then a second gift of the Mazda truck came. Rich knew how tight funds were and so he set the price at top dollar and held his ground on several inquiries. Finally both sold. A man purchased the Mazda from southern California who flew to Boise; test drove the truck, paid cash and drove it back to CA. That is perseverance - thanks Rich.

Strategy: When we realized large groups were not going to camp and could not by guidelines established by the Health District, we started pushing tent camping and RV use. God has blessed. We have had more revenue from these two areas than ever before. One family rented for 10 nights and used Trinity Pines as a home base for activities in the area. They were thrilled to death with the price and the facilities. We have also had pastors and missionaries take the opportunity to stay in one of the cottages and enjoy some relaxation during this trying time.

Survival: I believe we will survive. We may look different. NNU Freshmen Retreat brought nearly 300 to the camp for one night. It was different than what they had done in the past. They wore masks, gathered on the lawn, and enjoyed worship and fellowship while social distancing. Pray for our university as they bring the NNU community together for the school term.

This is not the time for God's people to be devastated but to be people of faith, opportunity and hope. We will thrive and the God we serve will be honored. Pray for our staff, pray for our leaders, pray for our ability to plan, sustain and survive so that in God's timing we can thrive again with the spirit of Christian camping.

Rick Waitley, *Executive Director*

CORRECTION: In the last Camp Monthly, it stated that Trinity Pines was providing the truck to pull the Cascade Food Pantry trailer from Boise to Cascade. We learned that was discontinued but Steve and Carol Loder are using their own truck to make the trip and still serving the food pantry with their servant spirit.

CONFERENCE CENTER: Many of you will recall that the Conference Center was originally completed with metal siding. The siding failed and through a long process, we reached a settlement with the company for the failure of the product. The decision was made by the Property/Development Committee to replace the siding with hardie board since it could not be damaged as easily or dented. That was done nearly two years ago. The board installed was naturally treated and did not demand an immediate painting according to the builders on the committee. However, now enough time has passed that it needs to happen. The structure is large and will require rental of an 80 foot boom to paint some very difficult areas. We have kicked the can down the road due to heavy demand for painters, lack of funds, and time in the calendar to paint such a major use facility at the camp, but the board has determined that the time is right. Rod Black, Nampa Grace Bible, has been contracted to paint the center at a cost of \$27,000 plus the rental of the boom bringing the entire cost of the project to be \$31,300. If you would like to donate funds towards this project, please designate it "Conference Center Paint Project."

VIP ROOMS: Yes, they are for the most part complete and beautiful. Now the process has started to name the two rooms. The Camps Board members were asked to submit names and suggestions. Some excellent names have been brought forth. We will keep you posted on the new names.

RV AND COTTAGE RENTALS THIS FALL: The fall in Cascade is beautiful - warm days and cool evenings and soon the colors of the aspens and bushes will begin to enhance the beauty of the area. If you are interested in rentals before Thanksgiving, please contact the camp office 208-382-6200.

SHARE THE DREAM: At the time of this writing we are still in a holding pattern on whether or not a Share the Dream event will be held in November. That being said, we will let you know as soon as we make a final decision. Limitations are in place would not allow us to hold the usual event. We want to be sensitive to the type of audience, number of attendees and the purpose of the evening. Thanks for being patient with us. What we have learned "it is easier to look in the rearview mirror than the windshield right now".

CAMP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Scott Shaw recommended that Brent Deakins, Eagle Nazarene, who on September 1 joined the staff of Intermountain District, be added to the Camps Board Executive Committee. We welcome Brent in his new role with Trinity Pines and Intermountain District.

SECOND WIND STAFF: It's official. Instead of calling our summer volunteers just "volunteers," they will now be known as the *Second Wind Staff*. We feel this more adequately describes the type and quality of folks that we have serving the camp each summer season. Some of these folks serve for a few weeks, some for a few months, but all with an open heart, smiling spirit, hardworking spirit and a passion for their Lord and Trinity Pines. Look for a logo that will be developed to properly identify and recognize these folks.

SNOW REMOVAL: Another advantage we had this summer with no campers was to work on the interior roads of the camp and make additional space where snow could be pushed to the side of a road until spring. This will be a great help instead of trying to move all the snow into the back side of the parking lot.

TUBING HILL: Work continues with our Second Wind Staff and some NNU students to create a safe and fun tubing hill at the camp. The area is designated off of the parking lot, north of the archery facility. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this project.

LOOKING FOR A CAMP PICKUP: With the new snowplow, we are looking for a pickup with the following description: Automatic 4x4 one ton with a solid front axle. (Ford, Dodge) Single cab would be best. Estimated costs for those we have seen have been around \$10,000. If you identify one that might work, please contact Anthony at 208-382-6200 ASAP. We have seen a few but they were sold before we got our bid in. If you want to help finance this project, let us know and designate funds toward "snow truck."

PAVE THE WAY: We continue to add pavers for the project. Recently, we were offered a special gift to honor former managers at Trinity Pines. An anonymous donor has offered to place one brick for each of the managers at Trinity Pines and the years they served. This row of pavers will be the top row closest to the steps leading into the Conference Center. In the center will be a paver that reads:

*Trinity Pines Camp
Est. 2001
Glory to God Alone
Yesterday, Today, Always*