



CORIN READ CHRISTIAN CAMP NEWSLETTER

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Children Come – Hearts Change – God Smiles

A Happy Winter to All!

First, thanks to all and each of you for your continual support for Corin Read Christian Camp. On the extra page you will see a list of donors and names of loved ones honored by memorial gifts. Despite a challenging year in 2020, working together with God's blessings we have been able to continue to accomplish much in the development of the camp, even as we anxiously anticipate its return to serving children and teens in summer camp weeks, and retreats for various ages throughout the year. In fact, due to your generosity, we end the year with a bank balance which should make possible for the new cabin (already framed, roofed and sided) to be semi-complete (useable) for summer camp sessions. A special thanks to all who shared generously in December with year-end donations!

News 1, A huge thanks are also due to **Jim Acree**, **Tommy Clifton**, and **Joe Puckett**, who have served since the Corin Read Christian Camp board was first formed in 2013, but are stepping into new roles as non-voting "emeritus" board members. They each have provided great service. Jim was the treasurer through 2019 and kept our books and financial decisions on track. Tommy is the sparkplug that helped us move forward in faith on many of our capital projects over the years, including but not limited to: the swimming pool and caretaker home. You may not know that for the past few years, but Tommy has spent countless hours mowing and beautifying the property, this while continuing to run a successful business. Joe has given overall direction to our plans for the camp. As an example, many of you have seen the map he made that has guided our plans, priorities and dreams for what the camp property can and should become. We will continue to covet their wisdom and participation.

News 2, We welcome three new board members as of January 1, **Wes Ader**, **Jennifer Crow** and **Evan Rippee**. One of my (Billy) desires that I have expressed to the board over the past few years is for the board to add some additional members who have children who are Corin Read campers or who will attend camp, or who are already invested in directing or working during a camp week. Stephanie Howell was added to the board in 2020 and fits this description, and she has been a great



Calendar

Tuesday, March 9 at 6 PM–
CRCC Board Meeting at
Northside

January 15-17 (?) – MFCC
Teens Retreat

Anticipated 2021 Camps:

June 12-19 Northside

June 20-26 De Queen

June 27-July 2 MFCC Senior
Camp

July 4-9 MFCC Middle
Camp

July 11-17 – MFCC Junior
Camp

NOTE: Currently, Corin Read may only be rented for day use and users must follow current state health department rules and guidelines.



addition and has brought a fresh perspective. Jen, Evan and Wes each have children who will be campers for years to come, and each are already very involved in leadership with either a camp week (Wes), or retreat planning (Jen) or teen retreats (Evan). I know they will bring great energy and unique insights to the Corin Read Christian Camp Board.

Introducing Wes Ader:

"My name is Wes Ader and I have been "doing" camp most of my life. I grew up without much money, however, through the kindness of others in my church I was able to attend camp every year. I got to see the impact that camp has on a child and the importance of being together with people my age outside of the school setting. I have memories from my time at Crowley's Ridge Youth Camp (now The Ridge) that I don't think will ever leave me.

When I started attending Northside I went to Barton one year. I wanted to go. I wanted to be hot and sweaty and among brothers and sisters and singing and exhausted and eating together and devo-ing.....everything that goes with camp. When I got the opportunity to direct the Northside Camps at CRCC I jumped at the opportunity. I get to have the impact that others had on me (Gary Cupp, Gary Cremeens, Trey Reply, Rusty McMillon). Not only for other kids, but also for my three children who are and will be coming through the camp. Being on the board will allow me the extra privilege of being able to allow children to have the same wonderful, life-changing experience that I still hold dear to my heart."

Introducing Jennifer Crow:

Jen and her husband, Jarred, grew up going to church camp and want their three children to do the same. Jen said that this is the main reason they support the work at Corin Read. Jennifer has organized four retreats at Corin Read for the young couples/adults group at Northside. She also recently organized a young adult one-day event back in November, that was featured in last month's CRCC Newsletter. Her energy, love for Christian camping, proven passion for the effective use of Corin Read to strengthen families and individuals, and her organizational skills, among others, will be a great blessing to the work of the Corin Read board.

Introducing Evan Rippee:

Evan and his wife, Kim, work with our pre-school (Kim) and teens (Evan) at Northside. Evan's first experience at a Christian camp was as a camp counselor at Camp Ne-o-Tez near St. Louis. He later served in various roles in camps in Tennessee for three summers and at Paragould, AR two years. He firmly believes Christian camping provides great potential for spiritual growth of teens. Having his passionate love for teaching teens will be an invaluable addition to the board.

A Huge Thank You for Your Help in 2020!

The insert with this Newsletter recognizes the many people who have continued to support the dream of a great Christian camp, even during such a year as this has been. Thank you, one and all! If your name was overlooked, please let me know. We hope to send out tax donation letters by the end of January – if you need one sooner, let me or Stephanie Howell know. Billy McLain

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4. Amphitheater
5. Lake
6. 5th duplex cabin
7. Zip line
8. 6th duplex cabin

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