



WHITE MILLS CHRISTIAN CAMP

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Summer Camp Update

A small group had just finished their lesson for the morning and closed with a prayer circle. Ten or so 1st-3rd grade boys formed the circle and bowed their heads as the group leader prayed. As soon as the prayer was finished, one of the boys punched his hands up into the air and yelled, "I LOVE YOU GOD!" It was one of those moments than make you say, "THAT'S why we have camp every summer."

This summer, we weren't sure how many campers to expect so we planned and budgeted for a projected number of about 700 for the entire 10 weeks of camp. In the end, we had a total of 1,116 campers for the summer, proving once again that God has bigger plans than we do. Of those campers, 33 were baptized into Christ at camp and several others were baptized after camp at their home churches.

We enjoyed seeing so many returning campers and hearing about how much they missed camp. More than one said they were coming twice to make up for last year! It was good to see faculty returning to give their time to the children. It was good to eat tacos every Tuesday for 10 weeks. It was good to get bug bit and maybe a little too much sun. It was good to see campers worshipping in the gym and at campfire. It was good to see the staff connecting with campers at the zip line and pool. It was good to see King WallaWalla again.

As we say here at camp, "God is good all the time. All the time, God is good." All in all, this summer of camp was GOOD. In fact, it was so good that we are already making plans for next year.



New Building Update

Once camp ended, the first order of business was to unwrap 318 chairs for the new dining room. The tables are also unwrapped and ready to be set up. The floor is polished and trim work has begun in the new dining room. The flooring for the stage is being set in place and the AV system is being installed.

There's still so much to do but we feel confident that the building will be completed near the end of the year. Our hope is to have our annual Appreciation Dinner in the new facility on December 4.

Last year, we asked our supporters to help us "Fill the Gap" in our budget due to no summer camp in 2020. This year, we will be asking for donations to help pay the debt on the new building which is projected to be between \$380,000 and \$400,000. Please be in prayer about how you may be able to help.

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Retreats

Unfortunately, the adult retreats were cancelled once again this year due to the risk of COVID in our area. It was disappointing for so many who were looking forward to spending time at camp.

However, the camp is still open for Churches and other groups to hold retreats this fall and into the spring. Now is a good time to schedule 2022 events by going to the website, clicking on retreats and then scrolling down to "Host Your Own Event."

We would love to see your group at camp!