



GLACIER CAMP NEWS

[Jesus] said to them, "Come away to a secluded place all by yourselves and rest a while." – Mark 6.31

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Autumn TIM Talks:
"End Times, the Final Judgment, and Christ's Return in Glory: Exploring the Bible's Witness to These Realities"**

When -- September 18-20

Where -- Glacier Camp

"Advent and Ahead" Worship Planning Workshop"

When -- October 10-12

Where -- Glacier Camp

Looking Ahead:

November 6-8: Come to the Waters SFTS/Glacier Camp Partnership featuring Dr. Wendy Farley, Rice Family Chair of Christian Spirituality

November 20: Annual Donor Appreciation Dinner

2022 Summer Camp



by Tim Lanham, Glacier Camp Director

For the first time since 2019, Glacier Camp had a full six week Summer camping season. Horse Camp, H2O Camp, and ABC (Anywhere But Camp) -- a beginning adventure camp were just some of our featured offerings. We also brought back our LIT (Leader



in Training) and Faith in Action Programs. It was a great Summer and I give thanks for everyone who it possible -- from parents, grandparents, kids, and Summer staff and to our faithful supporters who made sure that no young person was denied the opportunity to attend camp on account of cost.

We got close to our goal of having a hundred campers and are already looking forward to the Summer of 2023.



States Represented by Campers	
Baton Rouge LA	1
Bigfork MT	1
Bonner MT	1
Broken Arrow OK	1
Chinook MT	2
Columbia Falls MT	3
Conrad MT	5
Corona CA	2
Dillon MT	1
East Helena MT	2
Franklin MT	2
Great Falls MT	4
Hamilton MT	3
Helena MT	4
Hot Springs MT	1
Jefferson City MT	2
Kalispell MT	17
Kremlin MT	1
Lithia FI	1
Missoula MT	4
Polson MT	7
Solvang CA	2
Stevensville MT	1
West Glacier MT	2
Whitefish MT	4
	74

Individual Campers

Summer Camp by Session	
GPC Day Camp	5
Mini Camp	3
Junior Camp I	8
Junior Camp II - Horse Camp	2
Junior Camp III	5
Junior Camp IV H2O	7
Junior High Camp I	3
Junior High Camp II - Horse Camp	12
Junior High Camp III	13
Junior High Camp IV H2O	15
Junior High Camp V ABC	7
High School Camp I - LIT	1
High School Camp II	7
High School Camp IV Faith in Action	0
High School Camp III Faith in Action	2
	90

From our mailbag:

Thank you for investing in our son. He has had a tough couple of years with friends. Camp has shown him (once again) he is liked by his peers and all the counselors! -- Grateful Parents

The difference in the number totals is due to campers attending multiple sessions.

Helena Church Holds Retreat

by Beth Rolfe

photos courtesy of the author

heard me share stories and memories detailing my experiences at camp. My most treasured and cherished relationships have been developed and nurtured in this incredible place. The presence of the Lord is tangible at camp in a way unlike any other location I have ever experienced.



One of the traditions that Glacier Camp has maintained since its establishment is that it seeks to be a place of refreshing, refuge, and rest for those who are actively serving in Christian ministry. I was overjoyed to learn that the worship leader at Life Covenant has also established a love of Glacier Camp because of the opportunity to experience this place that we have all grown to love so well. It has been a joy of my heart to share my love and enthusiasm for Glacier Camp with someone else in my church family. When Life Covenant needed a new location to host the annual Family Camp weekend, I was thrilled to

A couple of weeks ago, I had the distinct pleasure of introducing my church family to Glacier Camp for the first time. I have been a part of the community of Life Covenant church in Helena for the last year and a half. Glacier Camp will forever be my spiritual home; everyone who knows me well has

Morning @ Vesper Point



learn that Glacier Camp was being considered! To

become a treasured place to another part of the Body of Christ who may not otherwise have known the opportunity was available. Because Glacier Camp seeks to be faithful in sharing the blessings of its time and resources, I am full of renewed confidence and encouragement that the legacy of Glacier Camp will continue for years to come! Special thanks to everyone, staff and volunteers alike, who showed us spectacular hospitality and grace. I am already looking forward to bringing even more families from Life Covenant back next year!



editor's note: Glacier Presbytery Camp would love to host your church's retreat! Contact info@glaciercamp.org for availability and pricing. We offer space at both Spruce Lodge and in our lower Camp.

SNOW IN JULY?! NO -- HAIL!

say that we highly encouraged our church leadership to utilize Glacier Camp would certainly be an understatement. ☺

Words cannot adequately express just how amazing this year's Family Camp weekend was; those in attendance were still sharing stories and memories at church this last weekend! Glacier Camp has now



FRIENDS @ THE CROSS

Advent Educational Event



“A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.”
-- Isaiah 11.1

by Rev. Jessica Crane Munoz

An “Advent and Ahead” Worship Planning Workshop will be held for two days (two ½ days plus 1 full day) **October 10–12, 2022** at Glacier Camp. The Workshop will be focused on planning for the time leading up to Advent, Advent itself, and into the season of Epiphany. There will also be some social gathering time for folks to share about life and ministry.

The workshop is not limited to ministers; if there are laity within a congregation or setting that are involved with the planning and implementation of worship, they are invited and welcome to attend. After folks gather on Monday, the group will assemble and talk about the priorities and needs of those who are attending. From there, we will lay out work groups based upon commonalities (thematic, revised common lectionary, level of musicality, etc).

Built into the workshop is time for individual planning/sermon preparation as well as time with other participants in a social setting.

A detailed schedule of what the time will consist of is included in the newsletter coversheet.

Come and See -- Invitation to TIM Talks

Reported by Marla Wilckens

Photos courtesy of Sandy Smith

When camp director Tim Lanham asked me if I would write an article explaining why I enjoyed the TIM Talks held at Glacier Camp, I felt honored and very glad to do so. Then it came to the actual writing of the article. So many ideas and attributes of these talks came to mind. I feel I could write an essay rather than a short article.



THE VIEW FROM THE DECK NEVER GROWS OLD.



ONE FEATURE OF THE JULY TIM TALKS IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORSHIP WITH OUR CAMPERS!

The subjects taught are timely, practical and very applicable to my spiritual growth. The information is almost overwhelming as there is so much to learn. (One of my mottos is “the more I learn, the less I know”.) Fortunately, we have a knowledgeable teacher in Tim. He always seems to be able to break down the concepts in a way I can understand while also making me think on



YOU CAN'T BEAT THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE OTHER ATTENDEES!

package of the place, lessons, Christian fellowship, being in God's creation, and sense of peace is part of my happy place.

(editor's note -- thanks to Marla and Sandy for helping with this article. The September edition of TIM Talks is coming up soon. Look for more information on it in the pages which follow.)

concepts I would never have related to scripture before.

Of course, there is the wonderful venue. Spruce Lodge itself, and the beautiful surroundings lend to appreciating the hearing and learning about God. Being in His creation is almost an automatic plus.

I appreciate the other attendees. They bring extra insight and views into the lessons.

I can't ignore that the meals have always been so good.

I do enjoy the TIM Talks more than I can express in a few words. The whole



LEAD COUNSELORS SHARE ABOUT CAMP WITH TIM-TALKERS



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TIM Talks -- Autumn 2022

Dates: September 18-20, 2022

Location: *Glacier Presbyterian Center (The Camp!)*

Leader: Rev. Tim Lanham

“End Times, the Final Judgment, and Christ’s Return in Glory: Exploring the Bible’s Witness to These Realities”

Question: What comfort does the return of Christ “to judge the living and the dead” give you?

Answer: That in all affliction and persecution I may await with head held high the very Judge from heaven who has already submitted himself to the judgment of God for me and has removed all the curse from me; that he will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but he shall take me, together with all his elect, to himself into heavenly joy and glory. -- The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 52

As a general rule, the subject is one that creates exceeding discomfort -- particularly for genteel, buttoned-down believers. The polite inclination is to leave any discussions of what the Bible teaches about the end times to a fringe group preoccupied by all those messy details like Christ’s promised return, the Final Judgment, and the

separation of the good from the evil in history’s final reckoning.

But if such discussions are only left to the fringe, only the fringe element of Christianity gets a voice in interpreting and explaining what the Bible teaches about the promises of the End. That would



ARMENIAN TAPESTRY FEATURING THE FINAL JUDGMENT

be a mistake. From the teachings of Jesus in the gospels to the writings of Paul and the witness of the book of Daniel -- not to mention other places in our Old Testament -- there is a firm conviction in regards to the linear movement of history and a point where our human reckoning of time is brought to a close with God’s final judgment.

The September TIM Talks takes on this important topic. We will look at the importance of understanding the end and the teachings of Scripture that surround this subject -- whether that witness is from one of the minor prophets (as brief as the little book of Joel is, it has plenty to tell us about end times) to the teachings of the gospels. Jesus has a lot to say in response to his disciples’ question: “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?”

Join us September 18-20 for this time of in depth study and great Christian fellowship.

As always, our time together will include good food and good fellowship. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Omaha Seminary Foundation, scholarships are available -- so don’t let the cost get in the way of your participation. Sign up online (<https://www.glaciercamp.org/adult-programs>) or email timothy@glaciercamp.org to register.

To help offset painfully high fuel prices, all Glacier Presbytery pastors and CREs have the opportunity to attend tuition free. Full tuition scholarships are also available for anyone traveling more than 100 miles to Camp. Other scholarships are available -- for more information contact timothy@glaciercamp.org.

Schedule:

September 18:

- 4:00 Arrive
- 5:30 Dinner
- 7:00 Lecture

September 19:

- 9:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Lecture
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Lecture
- 3:30 Lecture
- 5:30 Dinner

September 20:

- 8:30 Breakfast
- 10:00 Lecture
- 12:30 Sack lunch



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We are very grateful for the support of this program from the Omaha Seminary Foundation

Director's Reflections

Thoughts of My Wife's Mother, And the Promise of the Resurrection of the Body

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope¹.

Could it be the heat -- the late Summer's heat that reaches somewhere deep inside me to grab those distant, dormant memories and suddenly make them animate? There are perhaps a hundred thousand matters pressing on my mind this particular afternoon. And I struggle to choose from the list of chores demanding my attention.

My thoughts have been absorbed by all these spinning plates that make up my life and my ministry. Yet suddenly, from a time and place in my long ago, these thoughts and memories come back to me. I find refuge from the hot August sun in a quiet pool of shade. And for the first time all day, I step back from the nagging demands which dominate my mind.

And instead, I remember. A sudden breeze ripples through the shade. Maybe that too, along with the August heat, has something to do in stirring up these recollections from many years ago. At first they simply trickle through the slipstream of my mind. But memory builds upon memory in geometric proportions. Soon my thoughts are overwhelmed by a rush of memory, emotion, and feeling.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

My first thoughts, of course, are of her -- my wife's mother, Maxine. She was sick at the time. We kind of knew she was sick all Summer long but she didn't want to talk about it and we didn't bring it up. You probably know that game we played (and ultimately lost) -- the game that if you don't talk about something that might be unpleasant, it will go away.

But of course, it didn't. And while I don't remember the exact day (I think it was either a Wednesday or Thursday), I remember that we were finally able to convince her to go to the doctor. Dr. Thickman's office was kind enough to fit us in for an appointment. But we had to wait. And wait. And wait some more. I'm still not good at waiting -- but back in the day, I was much more impatient than I am today.

And with an "important" meeting to attend (so important after all these years that I can't even remember what it was about) in a town that was four hours away, I decided that I couldn't wait any longer. Dr. Thickman had just begun the examination. But I had to leave. At least I had enough presence of mind to say good-bye. Looking back, it was not the good-bye I should have said. "Look Maxine," I blurted out, "I've got to get going. But hey..."

The last four words of that parting are the ones which reach out and slap me upside the head after all these years: "... I'll see you later." As it turned out, I never did. Maxine's journey from that moment on was swift. And she went right from the doctor's office to the hospital. From the

¹ The italicized text is from 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 (KJV). It was the Scripture used at Maxine's comital service.

hospital, she was transferred to the funeral home, before moving to that final place of rest in the family plot of the municipal cemetery.

Even now, nigh unto forty years later, those days and events blur together. But however I arrange the bits and pieces of this mosaic of memory, I am left at the same place where we stood under that smoky August sky and watched as Mr. Ferris and the other mortician lowered her down to that quiet resting place. Those feelings, I realize, have never left me. And I feel them as strongly as I did in that time long ago.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

I once thought, quite naively, that they would all just go away – that some way, some how I could work my way through them just like I worked my way through four months of “Theories of Pastoral Counseling” – a class that was entirely worthless but also necessary for graduation. If I just tried hard enough, maybe I could get through all of this grief stuff and leave it behind me.

Of course, I figured wrong. And these memories which emerge out of the heat of this August afternoon stir those emotions to life. They haven’t gone away. And while I haven’t gotten used to them, I have learned to live with them and the tangled skein of feelings that accompany them. The sadness, the pain, and especially that empty longing borne of loss have become, over all these years, familiar acquaintances.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

A psychologist might attribute this admixture of emotions to unresolved grief. But I understand them to be consequences of my faith, my faith which teaches me to stubbornly resist accepting the finality of death. These unresolved emotions which accompany my memories of Maxine’s last days are a reality I must live with.

But I have come to embrace them as a manifestation of my faith in the risen Lord and my hope in the Resurrection. I grieve that unrealized promise I made Maxine at that moment of our last parting (“I’ll see you later!”). At the same time I also look toward that future day, somewhere on eternity’s other side, where I can finally make that promise good.

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

In this fleeting stillness, I can hear -- quite distinctly -- Maxine’s laugh. It is a pleasant sound: one that quickly fills the air. And then, it is gone. Thoughts of everything I need to do ripple through my consciousness. And I move on to attend the quotidian demands that make up my mortal existence. Reality has intruded upon what had become a holy moment.

But even though I must move on, I hold this moment and the treasured sound of Maxine’s laughter close to my heart. I embrace, too, the promise of the Apostle’s ancient words both for the comfort they offer and the promise they afford. The sun hurries along towards the place of its setting. And I look to the east and the promise of that Day.

Tim Lanham, Director

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.