



the firmament sheweth his handiwork.
Psalm 19:1

The Beauty of Creation at Lake Waccamaw

In many ways this is my favorite time of year. As the days get shorter and the sun makes its annual southern trek the beauty of sunsets over the lake is nothing short of staggering. One of the regular program offerings during the many adult and family options is a pontoon boat cruise at sunset to enjoy the spectacle. The "heavens" really do *"declare the glory of God"*. It is my joy to be the host for these evening cruises, a job I never tire of.

The theme verse for this year has been Hebrews 11:6 *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for **he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**"* The wondrous beauty of creation especially as seen this time of year should convince even the staunchest skeptic *"...that he is..."*.

What's Been Happening Lately?

We are about two-thirds of the way through our fall camping season. Since summer camping ended, we have hosted 23 camping events representing approximately 2400 individuals. There are 12 more events scheduled before we conclude the fall season just prior to Christmas. We are expecting about 1100 more individuals in those programs. Each of these events are opportunities with

the Gospel and the communication of scripture truth to individuals, families, and churches. It is a privilege we do not take lightly.



Program Focus: Tournaments

Three annual events have defined the camp program practically since the beginning. Summer camping, established in 1973; the annual Ladies' Retreat each September (since 1976), and various invitational sports tournaments for Christian Schools, home school organizations, and others, established in November of '76. Originally the sports of choice were fall sports—soccer, flag football, and cheerleading—although our facility for hosting such tournaments was marginal at best. Since the construction of the excellent gym in 1989 basketball has been the primary tournament outreach. We are hoping to add a cross-country event in the near future. Literally thousands of individuals and scores of ministries were first introduced to the ministry of ***The Anchorage*** through tournament participation.

From their earliest implementation these tournaments provided an effective preaching platform for the Gospel, submission to service, and other spiritual themes assisting schools and churches in their goal of discipling their young people to be more *"conformed to the image of"* Jesus Christ in all their endeavors. Furthermore, combining the competition of a sports tournament with a camping experience has proven to be a very effective tool for the practical application of the scripture truth that the unity of the Holy Spirit indwelling every believer is of far more consequence than the conflict intrinsic to team sports. Over the years many young people have come to Christ in response to the preaching while schools, churches, and adult fans have benefited in their spiritual walk through their tournament involvement.

The basketball tournament season will be upon us in less than a month. We expect to host at least 350 individuals plus walk-in fans during the 3 tournaments we have scheduled. Please pray that we will be able to maintain an atmosphere where truth can be heard during these tournaments as well as for liberty in preaching the truths of scripture throughout.



The Anchorage Podcast on Spotify

Recently we launched a podcast, dropping a new episode about every 2 weeks. Specifically, we are reviewing the history of the camp from its inception in 1972 to the present with particular emphasis on the lessons learned through this journey that have helped form us into the unique, effective ministry that is thriving even today.

You may find the most recent episode here:

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Join us there as we seek to glorify God in recalling His direction and provision for the camp and those individuals who have played such an important part in shaping this ministry over the past 50+ years.

Thank you for your prayer and support for us as we seek to apply the truth of scripture to the diverse demographic that the Lord continues to bring into our sphere. As you remember us please pray particularly that we will never lose sight of the truth of scripture as our guide and to communicate that truth to each individual in a functional manner that will honor God and Him alone.

Yours for the Cause of Christ,

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