



GRAPHITE BIBLE CAMP

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REFLECTIONS ON LAST YEAR

Last year was amazing as well as stretching. We saw a return to many normal things at camp; overnight camp, Christmas teas and many functions throughout the year. It was stretching as we had to step up and do new things as we said goodbye to the Fergusons and our long time cook, Miranda Robinson. We are thankful for the chance to serve alongside each of them.

SUMMER

We had a great summer filled with over 750 campers and 100 staff (both adult and teen throughout the course of the summer). 80 teens attended our two week teen day camp and 75 kids were at our first overnight camp since 2019.

We had a nice time connecting with our summer staff at a fall retreat and look forward to having them again next month!

CHRISTMAS

As a staff we organized an outdoor Christmas program, the Walk of Hope. Much thanks to Dennis Easton for writing the script, Paul and Anne Freymond for hosting us on their property, L'Amable Bible Chapel for providing props and costumes, and many wonderful cast and crew from the local community. We welcomed 250 people to hear about the peace and hope that Christ brings to us.

Ladies from Graphite Chapel transformed the dining room with many trees for their Christmas teas. This created a beautiful place where



we were able to host Graphite Chapel, families and businesses for Christmas dinners. We were also excited to host 100 kids plus the staff from Maynooth Public School for a Christmas brunch.

We thank God for the opportunities to have so many people on grounds year round.



LOOKING AHEAD

We have already had a few retreats this winter and more to come. Camp is a fun spot in the winter with the snow and all the activities it offers. It's a different world here and many of the teens don't have snow where they live yet! Two favorites are the rink and tubing hill. Those are also a spot for community to gather and enjoy together.

Our inbox is being flooded with staff applications and overnight registrations. We look forward to seeing who God is bringing this summer and getting to know our staff by reading their applications.



THANK YOU!

Thanks to your donations of time and financial gifts, not only has camp continued to be able to welcome kids at no cost during the summer but we have also seen these updates in the past year:

A room renovation including its own three piece bathroom.

Replacing the ceiling in the tuck shop with a drop ceiling to upgrade the lighting and plumbing to the dorms above.

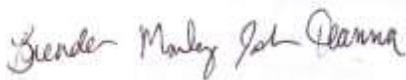
Picnic tables were built from scratch by volunteers to go under the picnic shelter.

New windows for the camp house as well as a bathroom renovation.

The removal of two older indoor wood furnaces and the installation of a wood boiler servicing multiple buildings.

We appreciate your faithfulness in prayer, volunteering and giving. Camp could not run without these and for that we thank you! We've seen some large bills come through the office for operating costs such as insurance, bus rental and fuel to fill the four buses that bring kids to camp every day.

In Christ,



Brenda, Manley, Josh & Deanna



PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE

That God would prepare those who are applying or have yet to decide to serve at camp this summer.

For the children and teens who are going to be coming to camp. That God would prepare their hearts for the message of salvation and hope that only He has to offer.

For sustaining this ministry for 62 years, for that we praise Him!

For those that God is preparing to join camp staff full time. Pray specifically for the board as they search for a Director and a Cook. (see website for more information)

For each of us as we seek Him first and depend on Him to strengthen and grow into what He has planned.

Praise God that we can run a full retreat season this winter and for the volunteers stepping up to help us as we serve groups on weekends.

For us as we prayerfully plan the summer and to fill in all the roles needed. For wisdom in program and teaching plans so that God's love and grace would be evident though every aspect of the summer!