



“The Del-Haven Vision”

“Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

Newsletter of Camp Del-Haven

Turning Kids from Crime to Christ

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“Examine Yourselves, whether you are in the faith; prove your own selves. Know you not your own selves how that Jesus Christ is in you, except you be reprobate?” 2Co.13:5

“And some days after, Paul said unto Barnabas, ‘Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord and see how they do.’” Acts 15:36

Here we have two texts of scripture that basically speak of the same practice, but from two different perspectives.

The first text summons us to regular serious self examination where the living presence of the indwelling Christ is concerned. It enjoins us to personally scrutinize whether we are truly *“in the faith”*. Do we, according to the measure and testing of the Word of God, genuinely and honestly determine ourselves as being approved by God in Christ?

This, dear ones, is a practice that all too often is regularly neglected rather than practiced. But true spiritual growth in enabling, saving grace requires a regular reckoning with the reality of our personal helplessness outside of Christ. It is this personal reckoning with helplessness that comprises the faith-walk through this world in the humility of genuine Holy Spirit fostered repentance. And, it is from this spiritually fertile soil -- that is only found in the soul saved by grace -- that the fruit of the same Holy Spirit is abundantly harvested. Along with the harvest of the fruit of the Spirit there is also enjoyed the blessed eternal assurance that Jesus Christ is indeed in us according to the same grace that produces eternal fruit from us.

This brings us to the regular practice of the true minister that is outlined in the second text. Here we have the faithful ministers of the Word of grace returning to all the places where they have been led of the Spirit to preach and teach the gospel of the glory of Christ. They retrace their steps specifically to see how their respondents are doing. Are they walking in the grace of faith that alone truly trusts in Jesus as Lord and Savior? Do they also exemplify being souls that are genuinely being nurtured and cultivated accordingly by the Word and the Spirit?

It is this practice of true gospel ministries that reveals the real results of evangelism. It is this practice of true gospel ministries that provides maintenance and follow-up for the real results of evangelism. The Lord is not at all a love'em and then leave'em scenario...and neither are His true servants. Therefore, it is this faithful practice of true gospel ministries that reveals the genuineness of even the laborers and servants of Christ's Kingdom.

For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter

Planting and Nurturing God's Word in Young Lives

The principle of follow-up where the ministry of evangelism here at Del-Haven is concerned is worked out in a couple of ways. First of all, many of our campers come back to us each year to go through the Del-Haven camping experience over and over again. In this way spiritual solidification in an understanding of the grace of the gospel is constantly going on. Then, throughout the school year we are continually communicating to them through our camper newsletter whereby we encourage them to remember the verses of scripture that they have learned while at camp, as well as, to memorize additional texts.

We also have what we call our "Learning to Serve" program that is especially tailored toward those campers that have outgrown our 6 to 12 year old age limit, but who still want very much to be at camp during the summer. These precious children have exemplified not only good behavior in general, but also an apparent desire to serve the Lord in helping out our staff during the camp season. In this way they are constantly being nurtured in the things of God...Praise His Name!



Ciante and Tis have been coming to camp for several years. Lacey (middle) used to be a camper and is now in her second year of the LTS program. She is looking forward to becoming a Camp Del-Haven Counselor when she turns fifteen later this summer.



The girls took a hike on Monday and learned about some of God's creations. Another name for Queen Anne's Lace is Wild Carrot. If you smell the roots of one of these beautiful wild flowers, you will find out why they call it Wild Carrot. Every girl got a good "Whiff!"



Paige (left) is holding a little red New Testament she just received from the Gideons. Usually, the first thing the campers do when they get their Bibles is to look for their memory verses to see if they are in there. Kendle's first week as a camp counselor was a great experience!

Prayer Requests

Please remember to pray for us and the children as we face the ongoing battles and experience the spiritual breakthroughs that are consistently a part of being in this ministry. We thank the Lord so much for the continual multiple testimonies that we receive of your faithful prayerful support of all that is happening out here.

Thank You * Thank You * Thank You * Thank You

We would like to thank the pastors and friends of Red Bridge Baptist, Heritage Baptist and Master's Community Church for helping to make our 2007 Bible conference a truly blessed experience. Their assistance with technical direction, special music and of course all their prayers served well in accomplishing God's will and purpose in providing a wonderful conference. The Lord be glorified!

A very special thanks is due to Pastor Bob Ganote and all of Sovereign Grace Baptist Church for hosting the Glory of Christ Bible Conference. There were delivered from their pulpit some of the best messages on Revelation and Heaven that have been presented in a long, long time. The Lord Jesus was indeed exalted and magnified. CD's of the conference are available. For information on how you can get a set just check out our website, or call me directly: (816) 690-3497/ (888) 294-5028.

"How shall they hear without a preacher -- and how shall they preach unless they are sent?"