



The Wind Chime

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Thirty Years of Service at Wi-Ne-Ma



Clare with his three sons at the 2011 Second High School Camp. Left to right: Clare, Jordan, Gabe and Tysen.

Thirty Years of Service

Clare Buhler, minister at Harrisburg Christian Church, began his Wi-Ne-Ma experience in 1981 as a co-director of the Junior High Camp with Denis Whittet. Denis was the youth minister at St. John's Christian Church and Clare the youth minister at Tigard Christian. In 1982 Clare became the director when Denis stepped down. Clare also began counseling at High School camp with Ken Harvey from Canby Christian. After six years Clare and Ken decided to co-direct high school camps together. So the next 10 years they co-directed high school camps and counseled at Junior High camps. When Clare moved to Harrisburg in 1997, he quit counseling at Junior High camps but continued to

direct high school camps until 2007. Clare continues to counsel at the High School Camp, serving as a teacher, and this year as the Dean of Guys. Pictured below is Clare with the current Second High School Camp Director, Laura Hubbard.

Family Bible Conference

In 1982 Clare and his wife Twila started attending and volunteering at Family Bible Conference. Through the years at the conference he served as the music leader, youth program leader, nursery worker, recreation leader, primary kids leader, grade school kids leader, and head sheriff. About the only thing he hadn't done at Family Bible Conference was direct. However, his wife did for several years.

Other Experiences

In the late 1980's Clare directed a College/Career camp for four years. They met over a weekend in the Spring each year. He also served on the Wi-Ne-Ma Board for four years in the early 90's. He has led numerous retreats and work parties at the Camp. Through the years he enjoyed vacations at Wi-Ne-Ma staying at Parrish Place and the Hutchins House.



Thank you Clare for your years of dedication and service to the Camp.

From the Manager



What a difference a year makes! As I pause to think about the message to share in this issue of the *Windchime* I am able to look out the window across the RV area to see the horizon. Earlier today I saw a flock of pelicans fluttering over the surf. With the time change sunset will now come close to quitting time. This all comes together to make me think about how much has changed at Wi-Ne-Ma Christian Camp since last fall.

We made a great deal of progress towards the completion of the Missions Building. Last year at this time the west entrance and administrative area was just a shell. We had several daunting tasks before us; placing septic tanks, routing wiring, framing, sheet rock, plumbing, and finish work. But, as we came into the summer months all those tasks were completed and we were able to move into the new offices and now we enjoy a fresh perspective on Camp in our new location. In the few short months that we have been here we find that we are more effective and responsive to the needs of our camps, conferences, and guest groups just by the change in location. Being here has helped us to greet and serve visitors and guests. Being here has enhanced the registration and check in process. Being here involves us in the program and ministry taking place on the grounds.

Those of you who have participated in turning the vision of a new Missions Building into reality need to hear the wonderful reviews received about this new facility. The Great Room as a venue for recreation and large group gatherings is being used in new and creative ways not readily available in the old building. As a “front door” to the Camp guests and visitors are greeted and served in a more user friendly environment.

A second major change since last year is the addition of a new maintenance person. Over the summer you may have met Scott Childs. Scott brings a rich faith in Christ along with a desire to serve in camping ministry. His work on the facilities and grounds supports and improves upon the camping experience. After several years the Camp staff is back to “full strength” as Scott, Ester, Phil, Angie, and Jean work with me in providing a place for God to use to draw people to Himself.

Other changes include the lives changed through the camping programs. I am consistently impressed and we

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Financial Overview

Wi-Ne-Ma Christian Camp

January - October, 2011



General Operating Income

Donations/Fund Raising	\$124,598
Youth Camps	\$181,516
Conferences	\$103,227
Groups, Facilities, Food Service	\$195,516
Other	\$9,656
Total General Operating Income	\$614,513

General Operating Expense

Personnel	\$300,543
Program	\$92,974
Facilities/Food Service	\$197,391
Other	\$3,406

Total General Operating Expense \$594,314

2011 Designated Giving for Missions Building \$22,049

Total Designated toward Missions Building \$449,374

Construction Costs to date Missions Building \$687,153

Memorial Gifts Honoring those who have Gone Home to be with the Lord

Gifts given: June 22, 2011 - October 31, 2011

Paul Arnold
Ron Parrish



Art & Millie Phillips
Gilbert & Colleen Bodrak

Betty Fitch
Ward & Margaret Hill

Bill & Audrey Richardson
Ward & Margaret Hill

Minnie Hill
Ward & Margaret Hill

Earl Sample
Jerry & Becky Rudberg

Beth Hoel
Neal & Carolyn Milligan



Give Gifts in Honor of Those living

Groups and individuals may want to consider giving a gift in honor of someone still living.

High School Christmas Camp



High School Christmas Camp, is December 27-31. This is a great way to spend your Christmas vacation. It is for students in the 9th-12th grades. The cost for the camp is \$160. You may go online at www.winema.org and register or contact the office at 503-392-3362.

John Swanson and Lisa Gillette are directors for this camp. This year they will be exploring concepts from the story of the prodigal son and how important it is to run back to our Father God.

On the right is the schedule for the 2012 camping season. Please be in prayer for the directors as they are already preparing for next year.

2012 Camping Schedule

The following is the camp schedule for 2012. More information about the Adult and Family Conferences will be on the website and future newsletters. Mark these dates on your calendar for next year:

Christian Heritage Conference	May 25-28
Hispanic Family Camp	June 1-3
1st Junior	June 17-23
2nd Junior	June 24-30
3rd Junior (date change)	July 1-7
1st Junior High (date change)	July 8-14
1st High School	July 15-21
First Chance Camp	July 22-25
Week of Missions	July 29-August 3
2nd High School	August 5-11
2nd Junior High	August 12-18
Family Bible Conference	August 31-Sept. 3
Septemberfest	September 10-13
Friends of Wi-Ne-Ma Day	September 15
Singles Retreat (date change)	September 21-23
High School Christmas Camp	December 27-31

Friends of Wi-Ne-Ma Day Auction a Success

Friends of Wi-Ne-Ma Day Annual Auction was a success. Once again this year, all events took place in the new Missions Building. 180 people enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Guests enjoyed a concert by Virtue, a quartet from Northwest Christian University. Eight theme baskets brought in \$2,175. The Baker's Theme Basket, featuring a Kitchenaid 4.5 Qt. Classic Plus Mixer, from the Tualatin Hills Christian Church brought the highest bid of \$650.



Their church won a scholarship for a youth camp tuition in 2012. \$14,597.00 was given for the special project, "Finishing the Missions Building." The oral auction, silent auction, miscellaneous items and special project came to a total of

\$32,133.25. That has been our highest total since 2007 when we brought in \$36,075. **JOB WELL DONE!**

Thank you to all those who worked so hard on the auction and to those who donated items and participated in the bidding. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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From the Camp Manager

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should all be proud of the ministry performed through the various camps and conferences. For the youth camps there is a passion to maximize the Camp's resources to effectively communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to young people. The aim is to involve them in a life of devotion to Christ. The aim is not to entertain, but to disciple them in Christ.

The family camps and conference bring together speakers and activities that challenge us to continue changing as our life in Christ unfolds. People do not go away from here unchanged or uninspired. What we experience is meant to be taken back to our homes, our churches, and our ministries so we can make a difference for the Gospel.

When looked at in this perspective I realize that sometimes the more things change, the more they stay the same. There might be some new buildings and some

new faces, but the ministry and the purpose for Wi-Ne-Ma Christian Camp remains unchanged. Our desire is for God to use us to draw others into the Kingdom of His Son Jesus.

The Camp is a product of lives, financial resources, skills, time, and effort invested to create this resource.

Wi-Ne-Ma Christian Camp is not just a geographic location. The Camp is an ever-changing resource to be used by those who want to make a difference in the lives of young people, in the character of their families, and in the work of God to bring much needed hope and redemption to our world. The change we seek is not in the passing of time. The change we ask for flows out of the Gospel of Jesus, changing our hearts, changing our lives.

Leroy Shepherd, Manager