>>> 2023 REVIEW NEWSLETTER



Pointing People to the Cross





>>> WEEKEND CAMPS

We hosted 7 weekend camps

We had a great time this year with each of our weekend camps. In the Spring we talked about preparing for Great Adventure. In the fall, we talked about sharing the Great Adventure with others. Each weekend

the kids/students participated in quiet times, Bible study, recreation, team building, missions, skills, and much more. The weekends were as follows:

- January--Collegiate, 28 students
- February--Teen Leadership, 32 students
- March--5th-8th, 38 students
- April--Kids, 68 kids
- September--5th-8th, 38 students
- October--Teen, 47 students
- November--Kids, 52 kids

SUMMER CAMP <<<

The Great Adventure

This summer we had the privilege of seeing God work in mighty ways.

- We saw over 20 kids/students give their lives to Jesus.
- We saw over 400 kids/students come to camp this summer who got to hear the Gospel.
- The kids/students went above and beyond as we raised over \$5,000 to support Goalline Ministries and Valdosta State BCM, two incredible collegiate ministries.
- The kids/students learned about the life and ministry of Corrie Ten Boom and missions.
- We talked about being on the Great Adventure that God calls each of us to and what that looks like.
- The kids/students participated in, and learned many skills including: auto shop, welding, electrical, sewing, art, music, sign-language, baking, drama, archery, canoeing, disc golf, and many more.



>>> TEAM BUILDING

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."- Helen Keller.

This year we had the privilege of seeing God open some new doors for us as camp. We had the privilege of taking our team building program on the road. Outside of our camp programming we got to lead team building 19 times. We got to share/lead in:

- 5 Youth Groups
- 4 Fellowship of Christian Athlete Huddles
- 3 Fellowship of Future Farmer of America School Events
- 2 Youth Disciple Now Weekends
- 1 Children's Volunteer Training
- 1 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Summer Camp
- 1 Christian High School Retreat
- 1 Garden Club event
- 1 Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) School Event



>>> RENTALS

One of our greatest desires is to walk alongside churches and other ministries. One way we can do this is by opening our doors for those churches and ministries to use our facilities. We are so thankful for the privilege and honor to walk beside so many this year. This year we had the privilege and honor to serve and open our doors to 18 churches/ministries. It is such a blessing to serve them and see how God is using their ministries to reach so many with the Gospel. Thank you for allowing us to be such a small part of your ministry.

We are accepting rental applications now for 2024. If your church or ministry organization would like to use our facilities please call, email, or go to our website for more information.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS <<<

FCA OUTDOORS/FCA

We are really excited to share with you about a partnership that God has brought together over the past year. God has opened the door for us, FCA and FCA Outdoors to work together to share the Gospel. This summer FCA Outdoors held one of their summer camps on our campus and it was a great success. Over the course of the fall, FCA Outdoors brought 3 of their huddles to our campus and taught their huddles archery, shooting, fishing, etc and we had the privilege of doing team building with each huddle. We are presently in the process of building a walking 3D animal archery trail on campus. This venture has been fully paid for through a partnership with DNR. This is a joint project between the two ministries. Gerald Pannell (FCA Outdoors) and Noah Henson (FCA) are doing an incredible job in south Georgia leading students to Christ and we are so blessed to partner with them in ministry. Check out their ministries at southgafea org them in ministry. Check out their ministries at southgafca.org.



>>> PRESENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS



There is always something to do at camp. We are so thankful for God's provision over the past year and what He had laid on our hearts for the coming year. In 2023 we were able to begin construction on a new skills building. This new building will host a teaching kitchen and a sewing room. We are really close to having this building completed and functioning. Our plan is to have it up and running by the end of January.

Our end of the year project was to raise money to replace Hidden Pond cabin which is in much need of repair. The price for the new building is estimated to be around \$80,000. We have raised \$45,000 of that money. If you are interested in supporting this project please let us know. This is our priority project at the moment.

Our staff and board have gotten together and prayed and talked through what is our next big project at camp. After we get the new cabin built, we would like to redo the tennis courts, basketball court and add to the pavilion. We would like to replace the tennis courts with pickleball courts, add lighting to those courts and the basketball court, and add a covered extension on to the pavilion to provide more space to play. We are in the process of gathering quotes and ideas for the future project. Stay tuned for how God works this out.

We are also looking at expanding our team building even more. We had great success this past year with taking it on the road, but we feel like God has more in store for this aspect of camp. We would love to do team building even more and walk alongside churches and ministries in facilitating team building to help build leadership, unity, problem solving skills, and communication amongst all age groups, adults and senior adults included. We would also like to walk alongside you and your group in training. If we could assist you or your church in any kind of training through team building please let us know. Please join us in asking God to provide those opportunities and continue to open doors for us to take our team building even further.

>>> 2024 CAMPS

We are so excited to continue to run camp and serve so many kids/students this coming year. Our theme for 2024 is Firm Foundation. Join us as we help kids/students learn what it means to have a firm foundation. As we have spoken to and listened to kids/students it is evident to us that now more than ever, kids need to have a firm grip on what they believe and why they believe it. That is what this year is all about; getting back to the basics, but having a firm grasp of what they are and how they apply to everyday life. We want kids/students to know what the Bible says, to be able to hide that in their heart, and to share it with others as they go to battle each day. Please join us in praying for kids/students who will join us this year. Join us in praying for the speakers, worship leaders, and staff that will join us this year. Pray that God will do something that only He can do through camp this year. Registration for Spring weekend camps is open and registration for Summer Camp opens Feb. 1.







SUMMER STAFF, COUNSELORS, AND VOLUNTEERS <<<

Camp needs you. We cannot run camp without the help of you and others who are willing to serve as summer staff, counselors, and volunteers. We need solid people who love Jesus and students who will have completed the 8th grade through 90 years old to help us this year. It takes a lot of staff and volunteers to run weekends and summer camp. We are always in need of counselors. This past summer there were a few times where we had kids on a waiting list to come to camp, but they were unable to come due to a lack of staff. We need adults who are willing to spend a weekend or week with high school and college students. We need people to teach skills, help clean, cook, and do other jobs. If you would be willing to help serve in any way please let us know. We are looking for a group of people who will be willing to come in this summer and help clean through the week. This will help keep sickness down and morale up. WE NEED YOUR HELP. Applications for staff and counselors are online. If you would like to volunteer in any way other than a counselor or summer staff please send us an email at camp@campcrosspoint.org. Please pray about joining us and pray for God to put together the team He wants to be here.

>>> PRAYER REQUEST

- God to move at camp in a way that only He can.
- For summer staff and counselors. For them to serve, but also for God to grow them and for us to disciple them well.
- For some to desire to help clean through the summer.
- Finances for the new cabin and for camp to continue to run.
- Continued unity amongst full time staff and our board. For us to be of one heart, one mind, one vision.
- Speakers and Worship leaders.
- Kids/students to join us at camp. For them to come to know Christ or grow in their relationship with Christ.
- More opportunities to open up for us to share team building and walk along side churches and ministries.
- Rentals throughout the year.
- Our partnership with FCA and FCA Outdoors. For new partnerships.
- For full time staff families.

>>> FINAL THOUGHTS

2023 was a crazy year. We had a lot of ups and downs but in the end, God was with us every step of the way and, as always, He was extremely faithful. He has been and continues to be our provider. strength, comfort, wisdom, strong hold, leader, and so much more. We are thankful that He has allowed us to be His hands and feet at camp. We also want to say a huge thank you to you. God has used you to provide for us financially, with encouragement, help, support, wisdom, guidance, and so much more. Thank you for being such an important part of this camp family. We cannot do what we do without all of you. Your prayers and generosity continues to blow us away. We are humbled and thankful for all who support us. You are truly a blessing, and you are impacting the kingdom in a mighty way. Thank you for joining us and walking beside us in ministry. We are in such awe of what God accomplished this year and cannot wait to see what He has in store for 2024. We pray that you will continue to join us, or join us for the first time as we seek to point people to the Cross this coming year.

We are still in need of not only your prayers but also your financial support. It takes a lot to keep camp running and we foresee some things that will have to be fixed in the coming year (part of running an older camp facility). If you are already supporting camp financially, we cannot say thank you enough. You are a true blessing. Thank you for being a camp champion. If you are not, please pray about joining us financially. You can give monthly or as you feel led. We still owe around \$600,000.00 on our loan and have about \$18,000-\$20,000 in monthly bills. On regular monthly giving we receive around \$4,500.00. Please pray about joining us in pointing people to the cross.

We covet your prayers. Prayer is a powerful thing. We need prayer warriors to join us. Please pray for God to move in the life of camp. Pray for God to guide us and lead us in the direction that He would have us go. Pray for the right staff and counselors. Pray for God to continue to open and shut doors as He wills. Pray for us to be faithful in whatever He calls us to do. Pray that we, as staff, stay on our knees, stay in God's Word, and love God's people well. Pray that 2024 will be the best year we have had yet as camp. Pray for the salvation of kids/students.

Thank you again for all that you do. We are beyond thankful for you, our camp family. Have a great year.

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1 PRAISE THE LORD. PRAISE GOD IN HIS SANCTUARY; PRAISE HIM IN HIS MIGHTY HEAVENS. 2 PRAISE HIM FOR HIS ACTS OF POWER; PRAISE HIM FOR HIS SURPASSING GREATNESS. 3 PRAISE HIM WITH THE SOUNDING OF THE TRUMPET, PRAISE HIM WITH THE HARP AND LYRE, 4 PRAISE HIM WITH TIMBREL AND DANCING, PRAISE HIM WITH THE STRINGS AND PIPE, 5 PRAISE HIM WITH THE CLASH OF CYMBALS, PRAISE HIM WITH RESOUNDING CYMBALS. 6 LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE THE LORD. PRAISE THE LORD.