

End of the Year Review for 2016

WOW! Our first full year as Camp Crosspoint is coming to a close. God has been so faithful and good to us over the course of the year. We are so thankful for all of your support and generosity. We could not have done what we did without your support and help. We are so humbled and grateful for all of the prayers, help, financial support, and everything else you have done for us. We want to take a walk down memory lane so you can see what God has done and what you have been a major part of as God has moved in a mighty way over the year. We are so thankful for the privilege we have had to love, share with, and serve so many this year.

Finances:

We are so thankful for how far God has brought us over the past year. We have learned to trust in Him for our daily needs and we are so thankful for all of your support and help. Although camp has gone very well and God has blessed us, we still need financial help. In spite of our efforts to keep costs down, money is very tight. We need approximately \$40,000 to finish the year in the black. We also need your support monthly. We know that this is a large number, so we are asking that you pray about giving what you can, \$10 will make a difference. And, because we are a 501c3 organization, all of your support is tax exempt.

Will you pray about giving to help us end the year in the black and partnering with us as a monthly supporter of Camp Crosspoint? Whatever the amount, your gift would help us continue to minister to children, youth, and adults, sharing with them the love of Christ. Whether \$5, \$20, \$50 or \$100, our monthly partners help us build a steady stream of revenue that allows us to reach children and teens with the Gospel and train young people to serve in their churches, communities, and around the world. Please pray about being part of our support team. This past year we have seen God move mightily in the lives of children, youth, and adults. We have seen children and youth give their lives to Jesus. We have seen children and youth develop a love and passion for missions and give of themselves for the Gospel. We have had the privilege to teach them, encourage them, support them, pray with them, and serve them. We so desire to continue to love on these kids, students, adults, and so many more. We can't do it without your help. We need you to partner with us in sharing the Gospel with children, youth, and adults. We need you to pray for us and to support us financially. Please know that your financial help is you joining us in taking the Gospel to the nations. Thank you for all you do. We love all of you and are thankful for all of you. Thank you for allowing us the privilege to love on your children and you.

We hosted 5 weekend camps and one week long day camp:

1. Leadership Retreat for grades 7th-12th.

- a. We had 55 students participate as we talked about spiritual gifts and leadership styles. Each student took a spiritual gift test and a leadership style test and then paired with an adult who matched their gift and style and learned how to use each of those to serve and share the Gospel.

2. Relate weekend for grades 7th-12th.

- a. We had 47 students participate in this weekend as we discussed how to relate to God and how to relate to others.

3. You are Special Kids weekend for grades 1st-6th

- a. We had 31 kids participate in this weekend as we talked about how each person is Special. We walked through the book "You are Special" by Max Lucado. We talked about how each person is made in the image of God and God desires to have a personal relationship with each of us.

4. Intercession camp for K-6th grade

- a. Pelham has two weeks of Spring break and for one of those weeks we held a day camp. We had 21 kids join us for the week. We walked through a study on Joseph.

5. Youth Missions Weekend for grades 7th-12th

- a. We had 47 students join us to learn about missions and participate in missions. These students participated in seven projects around town serving our local community. They worked on a barn,

worked at the school, cleaned yards, painted a kitchen, ripped out a room at the boys and girls club, hung out and played games with kids at a local park, and put up a landmark in town.

6. Kids Mission Weekend for grades 1st-6th

- a. We had 40 kids join us this weekend to learn about missions. They talked about how to pray, what can I give, where can I go, and how can I serve. They participated in a prayer journey, decorated cookies and gave them to local law enforcement, and they packed 60 shoe boxes to give to Operation Christmas Child through Samaritans Purse.

We held 7 weeks of summer camp.

Over the course of the summer we had the privilege to minister to 250 kids/students. We trained 40 teenagers/college students to work. Each of them became CPR and AED certified. Over the course of the summer we had one week of training, one week for 7th-12th grade, one week for 5th-8th grade, one week of day camp for K-6th, one week overnight for 1st-6th, and two weeks of overnight for 3rd-6th grade. We walked through the colors of the salvation bracelet and walked through the Gospel. The students participated in skills such as wood working, sewing, canoeing, survival, target, arts and crafts, music, and many more. **Over the course of the summer we had the privilege to see 15 kids/students give their lives to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.** We also collected a mission's offering to pack shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse. We raised \$789.00 which packed 60 shoe boxes to send around the world to share the Gospel.

Rentals

One of the things we have strived for this year was to walk alongside the church and others in order to see people encouraged in their faith, discipleship, and evangelism take place. The way we approached this was by renting out the camp facilities to people and groups of like mind and faith. Over the course of the year we had 12 rentals. Some were youth groups doing weekend retreats, one youth group did their own camp for a week. We had a church do a family retreat. We had a men's/boys retreat. We had church picnics, foreign exchange students, boys homes, and people with needs join us at camp. We have had the privilege to meet and serve so many different people. It has been such a blessing having each of these groups on campus.

Team Building

One dream we have had from the beginning has been to help develop unity in groups by taking them through team building games. These games help build unity, communication, and trust. We have adapted this into our camps and had such an awesome time walking students through these games and watching them work together to achieve a goal. We had the privilege of not only doing it for our groups, but for a couple of youth groups. One girl told us in the middle of the games as we were debriefing that "it seems every time we go to a new game, we communicate better and trust each other more." Our response was that is what we hope happens. After each game the group debriefs and the game points them back to a biblical principle.

Community

We have also had the privilege to begin to invest in our local community. We began last year by participating in our local Christmas parade. This year we got to participate in our local festival as well as serve our local community through missions. We are continuing to look for ways to invest and support our local and surrounding communities.

Blessings

One final thing is that we have been blessed by so many over the past year. We have had groups come to camp and serve us. They have helped with projects, raked pine straw, and built shelters. We could not have done it without the love and support of so many. This does not even begin to thank all of those who have prayed for us and supported us financially. We are a blessed camp. We stand in awe.

End of the year

We will end our year with a bang. We will host our annual fundraiser, Country Christmas. This is an opportunity for us to provide a delicious meal and entertainment during the Christmas season. We want to invite you to join us Dec. 2, 3, 9, or 10 (or multiple nights) for dinner, a bonfire, cookies and hot cocoa, and a hayride around campus. Reservations are strongly encouraged for the diner.



Goals for 2017

1. To expand the reach of camp and to try to minister to different groups of people. For example, we are planning a collegiate weekend, a father/son weekend, a mother/daughter weekend, etc.
2. To increase the number of campers on weekends and during the summer. We are praying that God will allow us the opportunity to double our summer campers from last summer.
3. To develop a cadet program that will train middle school students to be strong biblical leaders.
4. To better minister to and equip the families of those who attend camp. We want to develop a follow up system for each camp event we put on. We also want to develop a way to better communicate with the families of those who attend camp and who are contemplating attending camp.
5. To develop a stronger monthly donor base so that we are better equipped to minister to children, youth, the family, and adults as they attend camp.
6. To relinquish our debt that we may be better stewards of the monies of camp.
7. To partner with more churches.
8. To reach the nations with the Gospel.

2017 Camp Events and Dates

Spring 2017 Calendar

Jan. 20-22—Leadership Weekend, 7th-12th grade
Feb. 17-19—Collegiate Weekend, must be 18
March 10-12—Kids camp, 1st-6th
March 24-25—Father/son weekend
April 10-14—Intercession day camp, K-6th grade

2017 Summer Calendar

June 4-9--Staff training week
June 12-16--Day camp K-6th grade
June 18-23--Missions overnight camp 7th-12th grade
June 25-30--Overnight camp 5th-8th grade
July 9-14--Overnight camp 1st-6th grade
July 16-21--Overnight camp 1st-6th grade
July 24-28--Day camp K-6th grade

We hope that you will join us in 2017 in reaching many children, youth, and adults with the Gospel. We look forward to the opportunity to share with many the love of Christ and to pour into them as they attend camp. We cannot wait to see what God has in store. We cannot wait to love on the kids and students who come to camp. We look forward to teaching them and pouring into them. We hope that you will join us in praying for God's will to be done here at camp, for many to come to know Him over the year, and for another great year. We also hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us as a financial partner on a monthly basis or as a one time donor as we seek to become more financially sound on a monthly basis and as we seek to pay off the debt that we have incurred purchasing the property. Thank you for all that you do and for all of your support. Please let us know how we can better minister to you and how we can pray for you.

Pointing People to the Cross,
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