



# STONY GLEN NEWS

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*Help us celebrate Jim's retirement on December 31, 2021 by sending him a card or email with favorite memory.*

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## CELEBRATING NEARLY 4 DECADES OF SERVING!

### *From the Stony Glen Board*

#### **Jim's retiring!**

In 1984, Jim Lapish started a long career at Stony Glen, a young single man with a heart for God, living in a trailer and fixing whatever needed fixed.

What an amazing 37 years of ministry has followed -- many of them as camp superintendent -- while he and wife Marisa raised their 10 children in their home at camp, while pointing generations of campers to Christ.



We're glad Jim and Marisa have a home nearby and that Jim will still be around camp as a volunteer -- including as a "Tuesday Guy," those men who faithfully tackle our endless to-do list, rain, snow, or shine!

If you would like to give a love gift as the Lapishes transition from camp ministry, you can do that at our website, [www.stonyglencamp.org](http://www.stonyglencamp.org). Supporters may also contribute to a fund that helps them with health and other expenses as they move into this new season of life.



*"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

*"Every experience God gives us, every person He puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for a future that only He can see."*

*Curtis Lee Booth*



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*“There is a time  
for everything, and  
a season for every  
activity under the  
heavens...”*

*Eccl. 3:1*



*“If you find  
something you  
love to do, you  
work very few  
days of your  
life.”*

*Jim Lapish*

## Next Season for Jim Lapish...

Dear Stony Glen Family and Friends,

It is with heartfelt love and great thanksgiving that we announce to you our new season of retirement from Jim’s vocational years of service at Stony Glen Camp. As Jim has been reminiscing about his calling to Christian camping ministry for so many years, he will often say, “If you find something you love to do, you work very few days of your life.” Jim has worked “very few days” indeed! That has truly been his testimony over his 37 years of loving service with his Savior at this sacred place called Stony Glen.

As people have driven through the camp entrance, they have often told us how they sense the tangible presence of the Spirit of God as they come through the archway. This makes sense to us since the prayers of the saints have not ceased here for generations, in fact, almost 75 years. We have been blessed beyond measure to raise our large family in the context of such a large extended spiritual family that we associate with the legacy of Stony Glen Camp. We thank each of you for the loving, prayerful support you have been to all of us for so many years throughout our seasons of life here.

We feel divinely prepared to embrace this new season in so many ways. In 2016, after a conference we attended, we were inspired by the Lord to prepare for the next season by preparing the way for Dave Phipps to transition into the camp director role. The full transition occurred in 2019 when Jim and Dave reversed roles and Jim settled into serving in the capacity of his “first love” as camp maintenance staff. Dave effectively eased into his camp director responsibilities with Tiffany also helping with office administration and scheduling user groups. We couldn’t be prouder and more pleased with the excellence and wholeheartedness with which they serve the churches of Northeast Ohio at Stony Glen.

During our transition time our youngest children graduated from high school and college—and Marisa went back to college. Currently she is a spiritual director in private practice ([www.selahspiritualwellness.com](http://www.selahspiritualwellness.com)) and finishing her M.A. in theology and culture with a focus in peace studies at St. Stephen’s University. We also were blessed with a home that God provided for us in Madison Village which is convenient to everything in town! We love continuing to be close to Stony Glen and the local community we have grown to cherish. Our new address is: 350 East Main Street, Madison, OH 44057 for anyone who wants to drop by or drop a line in the mail.

Jim looks forward to volunteering a couple days a week at Stony Glen in 2022, and we hope to be with our family more and do a little traveling in the future. As we follow Jesus into this next season our prayerful desire lines up with Psalm 92:14: “They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, ‘The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.’” May it be truly so for us! God bless you all!

With love and thanksgiving,

Jim and Marisa Lapish



## GIVING TUESDAY

With Thanksgiving week comes our annual opportunity to help camp reach more people for Christ! Officially beginning November 30th (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving), Stony Glen is asking for your help with some important projects and ongoing needs.

- 1) A new plow truck, as our old one has completely rusted out. Donors are already helping with much of the cost, with \$14,000 remaining.
- 2) Repair and maintenance work that has been costing more due to inflation in materials.
- 3) Unexpected issues as we build the Welcome Center in 2022!
- 4) Updates to the old staff cabin.

Our Giving Tuesday campaign will continue through December.

**BREAKING NEWS: THE FIRST \$23,000 GIVEN WILL BE MATCHED DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR,** thanks to generous gifts from people who love the camp.

Send your donation or pledge early to take advantage of the match. (For pledges, please arrange to send your gift by June 30, 2022)

Your gift is tax deductible and you can send it via the link on our Facebook page, or  
[www.stonyglencamp.org/donate-serve](http://www.stonyglencamp.org/donate-serve), or to  
 5300 West Loveland Road, Madison, OH 44057, please mark it Giving Tuesday.

## CAMP UPDATES

This year has flown by and summer camps came and went.

Brigade Camp was very successful with 360 campers and 112 staff; lots of activity and commitments to Christ. For more information on upcoming camps go to [www.ohiobrigadecamp.org](http://www.ohiobrigadecamp.org)

Cedarbrook Camp of Ohio had a great summer. Numbers were limited due to covid precautions but they still had 247 camper weeks and 237 staff weeks. For more information on upcoming camps go to [www.cedarbrookcampoh.com](http://www.cedarbrookcampoh.com)

We praise Jesus for these ministries.

Swamp, Hollywood Hotel, Old Staff Cabin...

The cabin that is known by many different names depending on who you talk to is getting a face lift and will be officially named Cedar Cabin. At this time the inside is completely gutted. More progress updates with pictures to come.

*“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” - Matthew 9:37-38*

**We are hiring...**

We are praying for the Lord to send us His laborer to partner with us here at Stony Glen Camp. We are currently seeking to fill a full-time maintenance/custodial position. This is a ministry opportunity with pay and benefits. Please email us for full job description. [stonyglencamp2016@gmail.com](mailto:stonyglencamp2016@gmail.com)

## CAMP UPDATES CONTINUED...

### We have transitioned...

Times have changed so we are trying to embrace some of it by going mostly electronic with our newsletters and updates. If you know someone that would like to receive our newsletters and updates please send us their name and email address and we will be happy to add them.

Also follow us on Facebook or check out our website for updates.

## Save the Date

For Stony Glen Camp's 75th Anniversary  
Open House on May 22, 2022.

We will celebrate 75 years of camp with many activities and we will celebrate Jim's retirement with cake and fellowship.

**More details to come.**

## PHIPPS FAMILY UPDATE

It seems this year has flown by with camp life, and family life!

We are thankful that this year for the most part things were able to get back to normal here at camp.

David has been busy with camp improvements, taking care of user groups, heading up our volunteers, and working in the office.

Tiffany continues to keep busy in the office booking rental groups, taking phone calls, answering emails, and taking care of the books.

Coleton will turn 18 in a few weeks, and has been applying to colleges, and will graduate from High School and Lakeland Community College in the spring. He continues to play soccer and has hopes to play in college. Between school, work, and soccer, Coleton keeps very busy and active.

Hallie turned 16 this past April and passed her driving test, so she is off and driving. She would like to become a horse trainer, so anytime she can she heads to the horse barn, that she volunteers at, to help out. She is our outdoor girl and just went hunting for the first time and shot her first deer! She is also into making maple syrup and if you come to camp you will see her sugar shack as you pull in!

Brenna turned 14 this past August and keeps busy going to school, playing tennis, and helping out in the camp kitchen. She is very creative and loves to draw, read, and paint. She loves all things girlie and has quite the fashion sense. Her dream is to live in Paris one day.

We were able to get away for vacation as a family along with Tiffany's side of the family to Outer Banks, North Carolina this past summer. What a wonderful, relaxing week it was!

Thank you for all your love and continued support over the years! We are truly blessed to partner along with each and every one of you.

