



STONY GLEN NEWS

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*YOUR LIFE is
a story of
TRANSITION.
You are always
leaving one chap-
ter BEHIND
while MOVING
ON to the next.*

SEASONS OF CHANGE...



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The successful Run the Glen wasn't the only big news at camp on Sept. 1st. We also saw a transition in our leadership, as David Phipps became just the fourth Superintendent in the five decades Stony Glen has had one.

David and Tiffany have been at camp for 11 years, arriving in spring of 2007 with son Coleton and daughter Hallie; while daughter Brenna was still on the way!

Meanwhile, Jim Lapish, now in his 34th year at camp, continues in fulltime ministry at Stony Glen in maintenance and ministry to our

many youth and adult retreat groups. Longtime friends, Jim and David have been making plans for their new roles for many months.

Following the Run the Glen event, members of the camp's Board of Trustees and volunteers gathered in prayer to lift up David as he assumes this leadership role following an excellent example, and for Jim as he counsels and assists David in his new role.

Please join us in celebrating and congratulating them!

Superintendents Through the Years



Carl Smith Chapel

As Stony Glen Camp grew from tent sites to multiple cabins, Dining Hall, Rec Hall and more in its first 20 years, Stony Glen's Trustees "were increasingly burdened about the need for full time staff at camp," according to the *Whence and Whither* camp history.

Here's what happened next:

In 1968, Duane and Peggy Helmick became the camp's first full-time missionaries, moving their young family from Ravenna. Construction on their residence began the next day. They would serve for 13 years at camp.

In 1981, Community Church of Portage Lakes sent Carl and Luana Smith to Stony Glen as home missionaries. Carl served as Superintendent until his passing in early 2001.

Jim Lapish was the natural choice to take over. He had started working with Carl as maintenance personnel in 1984, and he married Marisa two years later.

Just as with Helmick's and Smith's before them, Jim and Marisa would raise their children at camp—in their case, 10 of them!

In spring of 2007, David and Tiffany Phipps brought their young family to camp. David was an experienced carpenter who had volunteered with several projects over the years - including turning the Carl Smith Chapel into an indoor worship space.

Now, as we see David and Jim in new positions, we think how many have been blessed by the sacrifice of the Helmick, Smith, and Lapish families across the generations. We thank the Lord for preparing the Phipps family for their new role at camp.



Carla, Carl, Luana,
Brian Smith

Luana's Memories...

Carl and I were at an elders and deacons retreat when we got the news that Duane was resigning. Carl said to me, "They'll have a hard time replacing that special couple."

To my amazement I got a call at home from Duane saying that as they were praying, our names kept surfacing. You see, I drove away from camp during a work weekend there, saying I'd NEVER go back! The very same day as I got the call from Duane, Carl heard a message on his car radio, on WCRF that grabbed his heart so deeply, he pulled off the road to a plaza to listen intently to it.

We went to camp and spent time with the Helmicks that we loved and admired so much, driving home feeling we fell so short of their God given gifts for ministry. But, the Lord continued to speak to each of us through His Words and His still small voice about this issue, which became obedience to His call, over our insecure feelings.

Oh, how I thank Him for our 20 yrs. At camp and seeing how He would work out His will in our lives as we knew we would have to be totally dependent on Him. I continue to thank Him for our camp family and allowing our children to grow up there and experience His faithfulness and blessings as we serve Him.

The Lord continues to bless me with precious memories far too many to write down, since He allowed Carl and I to be a part of Stony Glen and sharing the Gospel.



Jim and Marisa Lapish



A LOOK BACK FROM THE HELMICK'S

In 1968 Stony Glen Camp was mostly a summer camp for Christian Service Brigade (CSB) and Pioneer Girls (PG) for the Ohio region. Duane was employed by the Robinson Memorial Hospital as Chief Engineer in Ravenna, Ohio. Our little church, Bethel Chapel, had started the CSB and PG programs which we both served in. Duane went to Stony Glen as a senior counselor in 1966. It was a dream experience that he couldn't stop talking about.

In 1968 during junior counselor training week our family was asked to come to build the concession building. So, our family of (5) and Duane's parents went to camp and worked with junior counselors to construct the building. God had a plan for the Helmick's lives and Stony Glen Camp. While there on the same night God laid upon the hearts of both Duane and Peggy that He wanted them to come to SGC full time to manage and develop the facility. It was surreal that He could use them for ministry, but they humbly said "yes" when the Stony Glen Board extended a call to them.

After giving a month's notice at the hospital, ground was broken on Oct. 16, 1968 for the resident home at the entrance to camp. The average yearly income at that time was \$3,000. So, The Helmick's had to raise support. (Thanks supporters!) The Board stepped out in faith and borrowed \$30,000 to build the house, a 50 x 60 steel maintenance building and purchase a used Ford tractor with a frontend loader and backhoe. (More bang for the buck then).

No buildings were winterized so the early years were spent improving the buildings for year-round use. The Sam Gray A-Frame was built from donat-



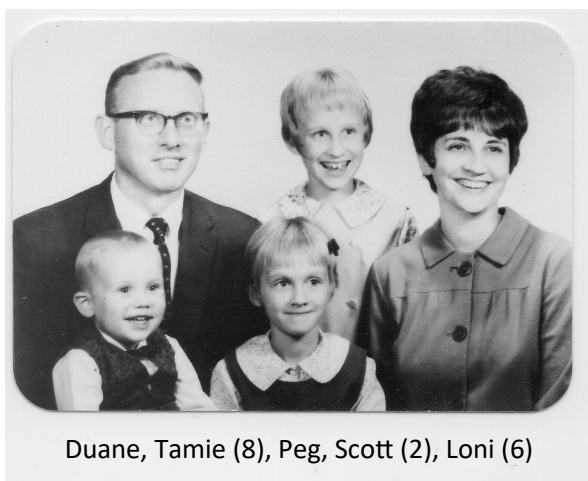
Scott, Tara, Baby Sierra

ed funds through Goss Memorial Church in Akron. Sewage systems, horse barn, bathrooms, shower house, kitchen, and dining room were winterized and improved. Many more upgrades allowed for year-round use of the facilities.

Much more could be said, but the joy was seeing Christ-centered camping change young lives. The Helmick's still receive notes from campers and counselors who reflect on the years they served at SGC. (13 years)

Our God has continued to do mighty things at SGC through Carl and Luana Smith, Jim and Marisa Lapish and Dave and Tiffany Phipps. All praise goes to Him.

Duane and Peg



Duane, Tamie (8), Peg, Scott (2), Loni (6)



Celebrating Peg's 80th birthday!

Duane and Peg, Tamie, husband Mike, and their two boys, Corbin and Landon; Loni, husband John, and their children, Anna, Kristen, Brice, and Joni

Run the Glen Success

Stony Glen Camp's first annual Run the Glen was a HUGE success. We had 176 participants. God provided a glorious day! We had a pancake breakfast, bounce houses, face painting, corn hole, campfire food, fishing, summer camp information tents, and Madtown Nutrition vendor tent. We can only pray this next year is an even bigger success. Save the date and join us on August 31, 2019 for this great family event.

Check out runtheglen.com for information and many more pictures of the race!



Shout out to all of our amazing sponsors for the race! Thank you for making Run the Glen such a success. Geis Construction, Zion Lutheran Church, DK Heating & Sons, Good Place Holdings, Cedarbrook Camp of Ohio, American Asset Management Corp., Painesville Assembly of God, Nevil Consulting, Crossroads Community Church, Gordon Food Service, and a few anonymous sponsors.

This November 27th is #Giving Tuesday. This year we are fundraising to get the Welcome Center built. Facebook and PayPal are matching donations on Facebook for a total of up to \$7 million dollars. In addition, your donations to Stony Glen Camp could be matched!

Mark your calendar and help us reach our fundraising goal of \$17,000.00.



If you have any pictures or testimonials from your time at Stony Glen that you would be willing to share with us to be used in one of our upcoming newsletters, please send them to info@stonyglencamp.org