



Stony Glen News

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Well, that looks like fun! A recent user group built a mountain of hay bales where they then played King of the Hill!



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From Jim's Desk

One thing we love here at Stony Glen is the changing seasons. Everyone has their favorite, but there is something miraculous about the first snow, when everything — even the mud — is covered by a cold, pure, white blanket. We find winter at Camp to be a daily reminder

of the blood of Jesus that washes us — even the ugly, mucky imperfections — as white and clean as the snow.

As you enjoy the holiday season this year, we hope you make time to remember the most important gift of all. Jesus' birth changed the course of history and we hope that you

get a chance to marvel at the wonderful story of how the Word became flesh and lived among us! We are so thankful for the gift of hope that we have because of His Life. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

~ Enjoying His peace
Jim Lapish

Labor Day Weekend Recap

As always, Labor Day Family Camp Weekend was a wonderful time for families to relax and unwind while having fun at the Camp with other families. We were blessed to have Pastor Donnie Stuart share about devoting our-

selves wholeheartedly to the Lord, as well as to enjoy beautiful late summer weather for hiking, canoeing, swimming, playing outside, resting, and of course, our annual frog jumping contest! It was amazing to see God at

work in the hearts and lives of those who came. About 180 campers were here for the weekend. Of those, 6 people got baptized, 1 family and 10 others made public declaration to live wholly for the Lord! Praise God for His transforming power at work! We hope that you make a point to join us next year!

DON'T MISS IT!

Read for a chance to win! There will be a trivia question tucked somewhere inside this newsletter with a chance to win a free camping getaway with your family at the Patrick Cabin at Stony Glen (dates subject to availability). The first one to respond with the correct answer to info@stonyglencamp.org will win the camping getaway. The winner will be notified in January!

Volunteer Spotlight: Jason Hurd

Jason Hurd has been coming to Stony Glen Camp for over 25 years. His first camping experience was a father-son summer camp program as a Tree Climber in Christian Service Brigade and he has come regularly ever since.

About 13 years ago, past maintenance director, Tom Rabe, asked Jason to stay after summer camp to help out as a volunteer. His first job was cleaning out the septic bed with Gareth Schuld (former maintenance worker). We found out what a keeper he was when he came back for more after that glamorous first experience!

We are so blessed to have

Jason's long-term volunteer support. He has done countless things for the camp over the years, ranging from designing the website, drawing camp maps, mapping utilities, filling potholes, roofing, operating the tractors and skid-steers, doing carpentry, and whatever else Jim or Dave ask. His motivation? Simply that people who come to

camp can have a beautiful place to learn more about God and grow in relationship with Jesus like he did as growing up here. He also loves getting to serve alongside other godly men and learn from them in the beauty of God's creation.

We also recognize and are thankful for the sacrifice that his wife and two daughters make, as they give him the freedom to volunteer here on a regular basis. Jason and his family attend Grace Church in Bath, OH, and are expecting their third child in February. He encourages anyone looking for a way to get involved to jump in because they won't regret serving the Lord at Stony Glen!



“Thank you for providing us with an amazing place to pursue God, friendship and growth. Being able to hike and see the waterfalls and the lake, and how beautiful all the leaves were as they change colors paints a picture of the indescribable things our God is capable of.”

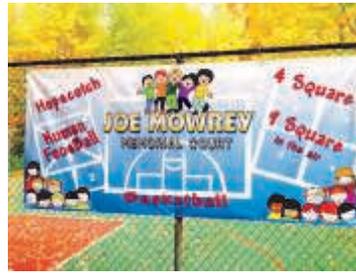
~ Fall rental group

What's New on the Grounds

Check out some of the new additions to the Camp! We hope you can make it out to enjoy them soon!



Wow! Would you look at that! This is the recently refurbished bridge over the creek leading to Milner Lake



The new and improved Joe Mowrey Memorial Court . The Court is now home to a human foosball court (players grab the bars in an arrangement like a foosball table, and they kick a soccer ball while holding onto their poles and try to make goals), a nine-square in the air court (similar to foursquare, only the boxes are in the air), a foursquare courts, and a couple hopscotch games! The gym also got a new paint job!

? What year was the Milner Lake first dug, and who is it named after? Be specific and best of luck! ?

Lapish Family Update

Christmas greetings in the Name of Emmanuel, God with us! As we enter into this holiday season, we want to update you on the changing seasons in our family. Not only are we down to homeschooling our last four daughters who are in junior high and high school, but we have joyfully embraced grandparenthood!

Elisabeth (17) is enjoying her senior year in the Interactive Multimedia Technology program at Auburn Career Center as she prepares to study Radiology Technology at Lakeland Community College next year. Caroline (16) is a junior who will soon begin an online program with the New York Institute of Photography; she is also an avid runner and is called to the mission field. Angelee (14 1/2) is in 9th grade and enjoys being a part of the youth worship team at our church, Painesville Assembly of God. Gianna (12 1/2) is a 7th grader who enjoys writing to her Cedarbrook camp pen pals and making her friends and family laugh. All four girls loved working together at Rainbow Farms this summer and on weekends during the rest of the year at the Stony Glen Camp kitchen.

Our new season in life also includes the blessing of our adult children, all still living in NE Ohio, and our 5 wonderful grandchildren! Charles and Brittany are parents of Elia (5) and Zeke (almost 3). Charles works as a paramed-



ic at Community Care Ambulance, while Brittany manages Open Door Coffee Shop. Both are continuing their preparation for overseas medical missions. Ryan and Alyse are parents of Giovanni (20 months) and Lincoln (4 months), and enjoy spending summers and holidays with Elijah (9) who lives in Indiana. Ryan is the youth pastor at Gateway Assembly of God and Alyse is a nonprofit startup consultant, bookkeeper and grantwriter.

Our daughter, Olivia, loves her job as a medical secretary and nurse's aide in the ICU at Lake West Hospital. Samuel completed his Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education and currently works as an assistant teacher at the Teacher Learning Center at Lakeland Community College as well as helping out with maintenance at Stony Glen Camp. Philip is a field welder and works on a main line sewer crew for Digioia Suburban Excavating, and also works on the side at Keeney Sandstone Quarry. Caleb lives in Canton and is a finisher at Hartville Cabinet and Design, as well as an avid fly fisherman.

We are thankful for the God who is with us on the mountaintops and in the valleys of life and for the family of God who has walked with us, spurring us on and encouraging us in the faith along the journey! This Christmas season indeed brings us "tidings of comfort and joy" in knowing that we are not alone! Thanks for being there with and for us!

Lovingly, Jim and Marisa Lapish and family

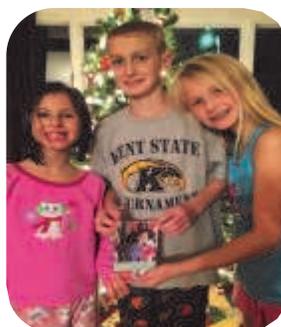
Phipps Family Update

Greetings to each and every one of you! The Phipps family would first like to thank you all for your love and support through prayer and financial giving. We are blessed beyond measure at God's great love for us and how He takes care of His children. *"I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).* It's all about the love of our Father in Heaven — that's the reason for this CHRIST-mas season. He loves us so much that He gave us His only begotten son. WOW! When we really stop and think about it, it should humble us and in some cases bring us to our knees.

All of us are doing well and continue to run around, busy as usual. David continues to work hard on new and old projects at Camp, along with maintaining the grounds and vehicles and getting everything ready for each group that comes. He does have many hands that come to his aid when he needs it, which makes the load a little easier. Tiffany is still working in the camp office

and is also clean the buildings for the groups that come use the Camp. The kids also keep her busy with all of their activities. Coleton is in 5th grade, Hallie is in 4th grade, and Brenna is in 1st grade. They all are doing well in school. Coleton keeps us running with his soccer playing and guitar lessons. Hallie continues to take swim lessons and for the first time is playing basketball. She is also taking piano lessons and doing very well. Brenna takes swimming lessons and is doing very well.

We want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! ~ Dave and Tiffany Phipps and family



A special thanks to all who pitch in at the camp

We are very indebted to the commitment of so many people and companies that help make what we do possible! We pray that they have rich rewards in heaven for their labor!



It was a beautiful day to split and stack some wood for the winter!



Praise God! We got the building permit from the Health Department to start raising the walls on the new Philippians Building. Harry Remington and the HER Masonry crew is pictured here laying blockwork for the foundation!



We are thankful for Gallion Trucking and Excavating that supplied the trucking and Keeney Sandstone & Quarry that donated over 20 loads (400 tons) of backfill compaction sand for the Philippians Building. JEO Construction then provided the machine and John Ostyke (owner), operated the machine to put the compaction fill in the building.



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