



RHODES GROVE CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER



From the Director's Desk

By: Angela Monn

Spring is springing. Rhodes Grove Camp is busy waking up from a cold, blustery, and snowy winter. Birds are returning to the trees and buds are trying to push through the branches. Each year the start of spring births in me new enthusiasm for the summer camping season. I am also excited about the full calendar of events that Rhodes Grove has planned for this year. There are quite a few opportunities for you to get involved at camp!

As we talk about rebirth and new life and new opportunities, it is also relevant in this moment to remember earthly life lost. My friend and colleague, Missy Routzahn, met our Jesus on January 5, 2015. Missy served with our Rhodes Grove Ministry Team since December 2009. Missy served as Guest Services Coordinator and Missy was also the director of Rhodes Grove Camp Dinner Theater.



I am reminded of Missy often as Rhodes Grove continues to minister. “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:34-40.

Missy lived and breathed this commandment. She loved our God with all she had. She also wanted to share Him with everyone with whom she came into contact. She demonstrated His love to our guests during the retreat planning process and by meeting guest needs, all while building relationships. She

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YOU...
Are the Vital Link...

Have you been hearing more about the Rhodes Grove Camp ministry throughout the last few months? It has been our hope that you have been exposed to the exciting happenings and opportunities. The ministry of Rhodes Grove Camp and Conference Center stands on a significant and important threshold. In two years, Rhodes Grove will celebrate 100 years of ministry. As Rhodes Grove proactively prepares for future ministry, the Board of Directors has approved the ADVANCING TABERNACLE FAITH capital fund campaign.

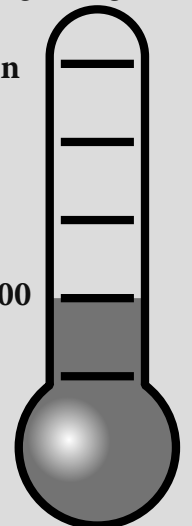
Rooted deeply in the United Brethren tradition, Rhodes Grove has been sharing the light and life of Jesus Christ in various and innovative ways. Were you aware that...

- More people make a decision for Jesus Christ before the age of 18 than any other time in life...
- Studies have shown a week of summer camp has more impact on a child than a year's worth of Sunday School...
- Many pastors can point to a "moment in time" at a Christian camp when the decision was made to enter the pastoral ministry...
- Thousands of first time decisions for Jesus Christ and rededications have occurred at Rhodes Grove...

Campaign Progress

\$1.5 million

\$327,000



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looked forward with great expectation to planning and instructing the cooking class for our summer campers. She was always eager to demonstrate and teach hospitality and love for others. She demonstrated His love when directing the dinner theater productions held each fall at RGC. She provoked a family atmosphere that projected love regardless of the group of people by whom she was surrounded.

I am grateful for the opportunity to share life with Missy, to share laughter and love, to minister together – shoulder to shoulder – impacting lives of others for the King. Before Missy said goodbye to the life she knew, she challenged us. She challenged me. She

challenged me to love the way that Jesus loved. She challenged me to live without regret, to love deeply and to share love freely. She challenged me to not say goodbye without saying, “I love you.” She challenged me to pursue God’s design and serve Him until I have not breath.

Will you join me and RGC in demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ?

Will you join me in the challenge to love deeply and share the love of Christ freely?

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” - 1 Corinthians 13:13

You . . . Are the Vial Link . . . (Continued)

God continues to bless the ministry of Rhodes Grove through many people like you. Stories of spiritual renewal, life change and leadership development are shared on a regular basis. Through **ADVANCING TABERNACLE FAITH**, the vision and ministry at Rhodes Grove is poised to burst out in vibrant and relevant ways as we approach this threshold. YOU... are the vital link in transforming that vision into reality. Your personal gift and your encouragement of those in your sphere of influence to partner with Rhodes Grove Camp and become involved with this capital campaign is **vital** to unleashing the potential of Rhodes Grove to positively impact the lives of all age groups for generations to come.

You may choose to visit our website to view a video with a broader message of what is being considered for Rhodes Grove, www.rhodesgrove.com. We also ask for your prayers for the success of the campaign as we endeavor to continue offering Christ-centered experiences that reveal God’s majesty.

There are three primary goals towards which partnership is needed.

VICTORY GOAL.....\$ 750,000 The elimination of principle and interest payments will free \$44,000 annually to enhance and advance our current ministry reach.

CHALLENGE GOAL...\$1,000,000 Achieving this threshold will allow the building of a new horse barn, buy a necessary tractor and related equipment to continue to advance the popular equestrian program.

FAITH GOAL.....\$1,500,000 This goal demonstrates the testimony of our collective Tabernacle Faith! With these resources, such things as improving the HVAC units, facility upgrades, providing Adventure elements: climbing wall, stairs to the zip line, king swing, walk-in freezer, truck mower and large capacity passenger vans will become a reality.

Another possibility exists with the purchase of adjoining land to provide options for future ministry.





Returning Home

By: Carrie Forney

“God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.” --Ephesians 1:5

Rhodes Grove has always felt like home to me. As a camper, I came seeking time spent with friends, the horses, and what I could take away that would bring me closer to Jesus. As a counselor, I wanted to be a part of sharing camp and Christ’s love to returning and new campers. Now, God has blessed me with the opportunity to be part of the full time staff family and to oversee Guest Services. I am thankful for the continued opportunity to serve at Rhodes Grove. This has been a fun and rewarding new experience and I am excited about what God has planned for the future of Rhodes Grove and my role in it!

This past fall and winter we had the opportunity to host our own scrapbooking and quilting retreats. We opened our facility for ladies to come for the day or stay for the weekend and enjoy the opportunity to catch up on projects, make new friends, experience rejuvenation, and to receive demonstrations of the love of Christ. Many came to Rhodes Grove for the first time!

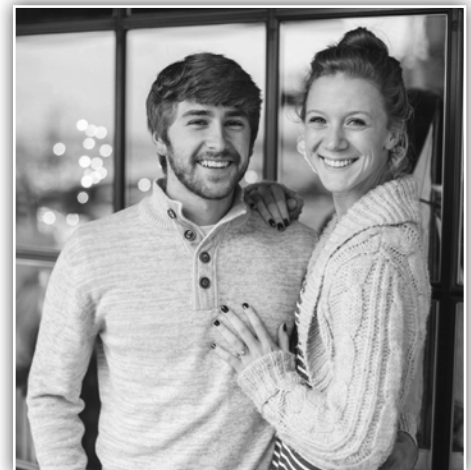
This summer we will have many opportunities to reveal God’s majesty through our programming and facilities. Two of the groups planning RGC as their destination will provide very unique opportunities. In August we will host a mission group that will have guests traveling from over 27 different countries. In September we will fill every bed available as we house guests participating in World Family Day. As a result we are looking for bed linens and towels in new or like new condition (no holes or stains please) to offer these guests that are not able to bring these items with them. Be sure to notice our wish list for specific linen types needed.

God found “great pleasure” in adopting us into his family through Jesus. At Rhodes Grove we also find great pleasure when we are able to bring new people into our family and more importantly, into God’s family. We strive to offer Christ-centered experiences so that God’s majesty can be revealed. Please join us in prayer as we work to fulfill this mission and seek out opportunities to meet new people, groups, and churches to serve. If you or your church youth group are looking for a place to retreat I would love to speak with you and provide you with more information tailored to your individual needs!

Looking forward to hearing from you!

New Staff Spotlight

Rhodes Grove Camp is pleased to welcome Tim Wolff to our ministry team. Tim joined RGC as the Program Coordinator in January 2015. Tim has been working in camping ministry for the last five years. He has a B.A. in Student Ministries from Geneva College and has a passion for making camp a place where students can experience God. Tim enjoys the creative elements of developing summer camp and enjoys watching campers grow from the first evening of camp ‘til they depart at the end of the week. Tim is currently engaged and is plans to marry his fiancé, Shelly, in May of 2015. We at RGC are eager to witness how God will choose to lead Tim as he invests his skills toward impacting the lives of our campers and guests for the Kingdom. The RGC ministry team is also eager to welcome Shelly to campus and our RGC family. Please be praying for Tim and Shelly as they begin their lives together as husband and wife. Please be praying for Tim specifically as he continues to plan the RGC summer camp program. I encourage you to send a note to Tim and welcome him to our RGC family. c/o RGC, 7693 Brown’s Mill Road, Chambersburg, PA 17202.



My Name is Tim . . .

By: Tim Wolff



Spring is finally here and that means camp preparations will quickly turn from future thoughts to current actions. You may not have even realized it was already spring. It sure snuck up on me too. Sometimes life gets hectic and moves by quickly. If I may, I would like to quote the wise Ferris Bueller from "Ferris Bueller's Day Off". "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." It may be a silly movie, but this seems to be a very true statement in most people's lives, which is why this summer we want to see what it will take to get "Back to Basics".

This summer we will be studying in Matthew 22:37-40 with the understanding that God wants us to get back to the basics of loving and serving Him. Our schedules get full and life moves fast, but when we have a basic understanding of how God calls us to live we can only bring Him more glory.

Matthew 22:37-40 talks about the two most important commandments which Jesus tells us are to love God and then to love our neighbor. These

are very commonly known commandments in the church today but they do not always translate to our actions. We will take a look what it means to act out the love of God and love of others, and how God wants us to live out these commandments.

He also says something else very important that I believe is often overlooked. After Jesus tells us the two greatest commandments He says that the whole law and everything the prophets said are based on these two commandments. That's a pretty weighty statement, but if it's true, shouldn't we base our lives on these two commandments too?

Join us in prayer, this summer and the months leading up. Pray that God will bless us with a loving and a willing staff. Pray that God will prepare the hearts of the campers that they might be willing to hear of and begin to understand His amazing grace. Pray that we will see His plan for the summer and that it would come to fruition. Pray that His name, above all else, will be exalted.

Thank you for all the prayer and support with which you have blessed us.



Family Camp 2015

May 22-25

Family Camp takes place over Memorial Day weekend from Friday evening until Monday morning. We offer an optional full meal package, kid's activities, horse rides, a variety of lodging accommodations (including air-conditioned hotel rooms), RGC famous chicken BBQ and a safe place to enjoy time with your family while growing closer to God. You won't want to miss it!! Lodging sites are still available at all price points – Hotel Rooms, Cabins, Cottages, and RV Sites.

You will not want to miss the teaching to be shared by Travis Zimmerman of Speak My Word Ministries. Travis loves Jesus Christ with all of his heart. Over the past 26 years his speaking style has been described as electric, inspiring, down-to-earth, and heart-felt. Travis has committed the past 13 years to memorizing God's Word, relating Scripture to unique analogies and life events which others have enjoyed hearing him recite at national conferences, national and state homeschool conventions, retreats, camps, churches, and colleges. His theme for every message centers on relationships, beginning with Jesus, and his short video devotionals on The Daily Pulse have logged 100,000+ views. You can visit www.speakmyword.org for more information on Travis.

Call to make your reservations now!! 717-375-4162. Ask for Sarah!



Rhodes Grove 2015 Events

April

- 11: Birding with Bob
- 12: Case for Creation Video Series #3
- 25: Spring Clean-Up Day
9:00am – 4:00pm RSVP lunch provided
- 26: Case for Creation Video Series #4

May

- 3: Case for Creation Video Series #5
- 7: World Missions Fellowship
- 12: Spring Tea
11:00am – 1:00pm reservations required
- 22-25: Family Camp make your reservation NOW!!

June 14-July 17 Summer Camps

June

- 13: Night – Time Critter Walk
- 13: Geocaching the Grove
- 27: Night – Time Critter Walk
- 27: Geocaching the Grove

July

- 11: Night – Time Critter Walk
- 11: Geocaching the Grove
- 18: Night – Time Critter Walk
- 18: Geocaching the Grove

August

- 8: Geocaching the Grove
- 20: World Missions Fellowship

September

- 11-13: Ladies Quilting Retreat
- 12: Adventure Run
- 22: Fall Tea

November

- 20-22: Ladies Scrapbooking Retreat

2015

BACK TO BASICS

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT IS THIS... MATTHEW 22: 37-40



**NOW
RECRUITING
SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

HORSE CAMPS

- June 14-20 **QUEST** Grades 9-12
- June 21-26 **ADVENTURE 1** Grades 4-6
- June 28-July 3 **EXTREME** Grades 9-12
- June 29-July 3 **DAY/SWIM** Grades 2-4
- July 5-10 **JOURNEY** Grades 6-8
- July 5-10 **PAINTBALL** Grades 6-9
- July 12-17 **ADVENTURE 2** Grades 4-6

- June 14-20 Grades 9-12
EQUESTRIAN EXPERIENCE
- June 21-26 Grades 6-8
MUSTANGS & MAVERICKS I
- June 28-July 3 Grades 8-12
WILD WIND
- July 5-10 Grades 7-9
MUSTANGS & MAVERICKS II
- July 12-17 Grades 6-9
MUSTANGS & MAVERICKS III

REGISTER FOR CAMPS AT
WWW.RHODESGROVE.COM



What is Your RGC Story?

Did you meet your spouse at RGC?

Did you marry your spouse at RGC?

*Were you ordained at RGC?
Did you answer the call to missionary
service at RGC?*

*Did you answer the call
to the pastorate at RGC?*

We want to hear from you and hear your RGC story!!

Mail us your story...RGC 7693 Browns Mill Road, Chambersburg, PA 17202

Email us your story...info@rhodesgrove.com...print "RGC testimony" in the subject line...



Wish List

Battle Balls (4) @ \$299 each
Skateboarding protective equipment
Materials to build skate ramps
Glow stick necklaces
Video Camera \$900
Photography Camera \$600
Oversized Chess Pieces
Oversized Checkers Pieces
Soccer Goal Nets - Standard Size
Kitchen Aprons \$200

Drinking Glasses \$200.00
10 gallon igloo coolers (2)
30' Fiberglass Ladder
Car Stands
Creepers
8" Vice
Mechanics Toolbox

Like new:

pillows, pillow cases, twin fitted sheets, twin flat sheets, twin/full light blankets, bath towels, hand towels, wash cloths

Digital Projector (2)
XLR - 1/8 in cables
Assorted size White boards
Dry erase markers
Poster markers
Pickup Truck
Zero-Turn Mower
15 Passenger Vans
Tractor

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