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RHODES GROVE – News in a Nutshell

Fall/Winter 2013

From the Director's Desk

By: Angela Monn



*"For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His."
– 2Chronicles 16:9a*

Holy Ambition, turning God-shaped dreams into a reality, is a book written by Chip Ingram that I read years ago.

As I contemplate revisiting the teachings found between the covers of this book, I anticipate a renewed aspiration to experience the God-shaped dreams for Rhodes Grove. I have been taught some of the history of Rhodes Grove. I have been taught that camp meetings were held on this property beginning in 1898, that Rhodes Grove was incorporated by the United Brethren Camp Meeting Association in 1917, and that Rhodes Grove has been serving the United Brethren Church and the Franklin County community ever since. There is much history that I do not know. One of my ambitions is to continue to learn the rich history of the Rhodes Grove Camp ministry. One of my ambitions is to be a part of the history yet to be created. There are more lives to be changed by the power of the knowledge of Christ. There are more children that need exposure to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. There are more Christ centered experiences to be had that offer encouragement to the women of our community. There are more opportunities to provide hope for marriages and families. There are more occasions to experience the revelation of God's majesty.

"When talking about holy ambition, we are talking about answering God's call. We need to spend time studying and imitating those who ran the race all

the way. God calls us to holy ambition, not only individually, but also corporately. You can't live on the edge without getting other people involved. Holy ambition means living with large purpose in life. Are we going to answer God's call for this [ministry] to make a significant impact in this new millennium, or will we rest on past success?" – *Holy Ambition*.

What does it take to truly make a difference for God? Chip Ingram suggests that there are six conditions that God looks for in the lives of the people that He uses: a dislocated heart, a broken spirit, a radical faith, a strategic plan, a personal commitment, a courageous soul. These conditions are not biased against gender, age, race or cultural background. Chip suggests that "God is primarily looking for starting points, for individual men and women who will be catalysts for change that draw others into lives of holy ambition for God."

I stand at the ready, wanting to truly make a difference for God. Rhodes Grove Camp has been making a difference for God nearly a century. What God shaped dreams lie in wait for Rhodes Grove over the next century? Are you going to be a participant in this movement? Are you going to be a part of the momentum that makes a significant impact in this new millennium through Rhodes Grove Camp? Are you willing to be a starting point for God to use to induce the change that will draw others into lives of holy ambition? If so, then join us at Rhodes Grove Camp as we embark on a movement to create momentum to truly make a difference for God.

Surrendering My Heart to Him,

Angie

Momentum

The summer has come and gone. With 425 campers and 43 summer staff employees there was a lot of activity going on around the campus. I am pleased to report that our staff got to see some really amazing things. We had nearly 300 decisions to either follow Christ for the first time, or rededicate a previous commitment. We had 46 people that decided to get baptized to show that they wanted to follow Christ with their lives. I am continually humbled to see how God chooses to move here at Rhodes Grove.

Our Camp Leadership Program is a discipleship program that we started a few years. It is designed for youth in grades 9-12 to come and learn more about Christ's love for them. I basically call it "Rhodes Grove's Youth Group". We talk about issues that high school students are facing in their lives and we try to show them how Jesus wants to be a part of every part of their lives. We currently

have 30 students signed up in this program. When it comes to mind, please pray for these students and the leadership. We are talking about Jesus. I know this sounds simple, but if the entire Christian faith is built upon a guy named Jesus 2000 years ago, we should probably study him. Who was He? Who is He now? Why did He do what He did? Why does He want to be a part of my life? These are the kind of questions that we will be wrestling with as individuals and as a group.

Our theme for the 2014 camp season is MOMENTUM. Over the past few summers we started with FOUNDATION and we wanted to show students that Jesus needed to be the absolute FOUNDATION for their lives. This past summer our theme was UNIQUELY YOU because we wanted to show students that God has designed them UNIQUELY for a reason and for a purpose. The idea behind MOMENTUM is that with Jesus as



our FOUNDATION and knowing the fact that we are created UNIQUELY, it is now up to us to use that MOMENTUM to do what we were created to do.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Rhodes Grove.

Blessings,
James Reaves, Assistant Director



Ministry of Hospitality

By: Missy Routzahn – Guest Services Coordinator



The fall season is upon us! The camp ground is being painted in beautiful fall colors, the leaves are slowly falling,

and the many squirrels run about gathering their nuts for the winter. I invite you to stop by and take in the beauty of the camp!

With the fall season brings the delight of a very busy Guest Services Department. We were excited to host our first “Dog Scouts’ Retreat group, with 13 doggies on campus earning badges for tricks, good behavior and search skills. We also continue to serve our many ministry groups, women’s groups and weekday guest groups.

The Lord has blessed me personally with the privilege of directing our second dinner

theater event here at Rhodes Grove. Call our office to reserve your seats now for an evening of good food, comedy and mystery!

With the Holiday Season upon us, we would love for you to consider hosting your holiday event with us. Don’t hesitate to contact me, I would love to meet with you and share our facility with you and your guests!

Have a Blessed Holiday Season!





Planning Ahead . . .

Breakaway Retreat for Women March 7-8

Rhodes Grove is pleased to share that the Breakaway Women's Retreat is planned for March 7-8, 2014. The getaway will include encouraging messages from Dr. Ann Shorb, inspirational worship, fun activities, an auction, and rest.

Dr. Ann Shorb has been involved in various Christian ministries throughout her entire adult life. She is a teacher and speaker, a free-lance writer, and a Christian counselor whose insight and understanding help her relate easily to others.

Dr. Ann and her family served as missionaries in Africa, Europe, and the United States. After moving to Hanover, Pennsylvania in 1984, Ann completed her Ph.D. and later began her career in professional Christian counseling. In 1997, she founded Christian Counseling and Educational Services. As a counselor and director of this growing organization, her days are full, but never boring!

Ann holds a B.S. and an M.A.T. in Elementary Education, and a Ph.D. in Biblical Counseling.

Philippians 1:20-21 are Ann's life verses:

According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Ladies, you will not want to miss this time designed just for you! Registration opens January 1. We cannot wait to see you here!



Cabin Refurbishment Update

Rhodes Grove continues the camp's effort to restore a bit of Rhodes Grove heritage. The Rhodes Grove Cabin refurbishment project began in 2010 with the goal of completing 2 cabins (*1 building*) per year. At the moment, we are ahead of schedule in our attempts to achieve these goals. This year, Rhodes Grove was blessed by volunteer groups from Mt Olivet United Brethren Church and the Church of the Brethren Camp Meeting Association that came to campus to help with this endeavor. Thank you also to the many who have undergirded this project and donated the funds to accomplish this task. All materials have been purchased with funds designated specifically for this project.



Rhodes Grove is truly reliant on this group effort to accomplish the goals of this facility improvement! Thank you so much!

The cabins are available for use from April through October. They are beautifully finished! Take time to plan a personal or family retreat for a weekend at Rhodes Grove. You can also consider sponsoring some time for your pastor to retreat at "the Grove". What a gift... the gift of retreat and refreshment, the gift of quiet and solitude. We now have 10 cabins (*5 buildings*) finished and available to be a blessing for those who choose to partake of the opportunity.

We are also beginning to plan our 2014 calendar for continued work on remaining cabins. Plan your volunteer service now. Please call our office 717-375-4162 to share your skills. Cabins need electrical work, plumbing service, carpentry work and painting. Put your skills into ministry now. We need you!

We hope to see you here!





Gifts Given

In Memory Of

My Dad, Richard L. DeGrange
 Denny Jones
 Vickie Mozingo
 Jim & Betty J Hull
 John Snoke
 Mary Davis
 Eileen M. Ridley, My Mother
 Susan McKeever
 Mildred L Glaser Fuss
 Robert Yeager
 Doris Funt
 John P. Snoke
 Mary C. Davis
 Donald Alamo

Given By

Robert DeGrange
 Diana Jones
 Daniel & Lola Cohick
 Allen & Donna K Weiser
 Mary Snoke
 John Davis
 Anna Bamburg
 Jay & Linda Michajluk
 Anonymous
 Emma Yeager
 Robert Funt, Sr.
 Mary Snoke
 John L. Davis
 Arthur & Deborah Page

In Honor Of

Seniors at Salem UB
 My Lord Jesus Christ
 Dave & DuAnne Thrush

Given By

Franklin & Faye Gaugler
 Barbara Wadel
 Dacia & Justin Harvey



Dinner Theatre

It is with great excitement that Rhodes Grove announces another opportunity to come to camp. Mayhem in Mayville is a First-Class Whodunit in Two Hilarious Acts. Come and visit “Connie’s Cup O’ Coffee Cafe” and test your detective abilities for locating clues and validating alibies while enjoying a delicious Rhodes Grove meal. This is sure to be an evening of fun and laughter to remember. You will not want to miss this exclusive Rhodes Grove Event. Who Dunit?? Join us and help us to solve the mystery!

Please plan to join us for 1 of 4 performances. Bring your family, invite your friends, reserve a table. This is an event to be shared!

- When:** November 29, 30 and December 1
- Time:** 6:00pm each evening and
1:00pm, December 1, Matinee performance with dessert service
- Where:** Rhodes Grove
- Cost:** Evening Performances \$20 per ticket
Matinee Performance \$10 per ticket

You will not want to miss a fantastic evening of entertainment combined with Rhodes Grove’s famous dinner service. Tickets are on sale now. Call 717-375-4162.



Wish List

General

Quick Books Software
Keyboard
Compact Car
15 Passenger Van
Light Weight 8 Ft Tables
Resin Park Benches

Maintenance

Window A/C Units
Gator
4 Wheeler
Tractor
Zero Turn Mower
Cabin Restoration Supplies

Kitchen

Walk in Freezer
Tea Pots
Tea Cups & Saucers
Cake Stands
Chest Freezer
Dining Room Chairs (200)



Programming

Legos
Sports Equipment:
Basketballs
Footballs
Frisbees
Portable Soccer Goals
Hockey Sticks
Arrows
Megaphone
Video Game Systems/Games
Video Creation Equipment
Oversized Chess Pieces
Oversized Checker Pieces
5 Gallon Igloo Water Coolers

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Stocking Stuffer Challenge

Rhodes Grove annual stocking stuffer challenge has begun.

500 stockings have been hung in anticipation of your 2013 year end gift.

Response to this annual challenge has been overwhelming. Let's make 2013 the best year yet!

Your tax deductible gift will help to cover the cost of summer camp ministry. Our goal of 500 stockings looks something like this: Stocking #1 will receive a minimum donation of \$1. Stocking #50 will receive a minimum donation of \$50. Stocking #500 will receive a minimum donation of \$500 . . . etc.

As you ponder the souls pictured within these pages, will you consider the partnership that God has planned for you in their lives? As the eyes of our Lord search throughout the earth for hearts that are completely His, do they land on you? This is your opportunity to use your God given resources to be part of the momentum that makes a significant impact in this new millennium through Rhodes Grove Camp. Be the starting point for God to use in transforming the life of a camper. Accept the challenge, be part of the movement, create momentum and truly make a difference for God.