

Riverside Reader

... a biblically-based, cost-compassionate, small-camp experience

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Imprints

By Darrie Nelson

*With eternity's values in view, Lord,
With eternity's values in view;
May I do each day's work for Jesus,
With eternity's values in view.*

Occasionally I have the words of this beautiful old hymn, written by Alfred B. Smith, suddenly playing on constant repeat in my mind. It often seems to be at a time when I need it the most. It's usually a time when I need a renewed perspective after a stressful day. Maybe you have experienced this? Maybe the Holy Spirit has brought just the right song lyric or Bible Verse into view just when you needed it most. Maybe, like me, you've needed a reminder that today's work ought to be for Jesus, all with a view toward our eternal destiny.

Now guess where I first remember singing this song....At Riverside.

I'm guessing that I am not the only one. Maybe you can fondly recall, years later, some little song or spiritual tidbit God has tucked away in your memory. No doubt many former campers remember those songs we used to sing before each meal. Maybe you remember the "Johnny Appleseed" song, or maybe "God is so good", or maybe you were first introduced to the doxology at camp and break out in "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" at weird times. (Ok, maybe that's just me.)

To this day, you will still find young voices belting out some little tune as they wait to enter the Dining Hall just prior to the meal. The times and the tunes have changed, but I'm confident the Lord continues to use these seemingly insignificant exercises to imprint a hurting soul or hungering mind

with God's truth.

Unfortunately, there can be both positive and negative imprints left on the minds of our impressionable children. With so many negative impressions prevalent in society through TV, the internet, and social media, Riverside is an oasis; a place God uses to leave "His" imprint. I often pray at the close of a camp session that the Lord will enable our campers to recall what they have learned and experienced at a moment when they need it the most.

Just as I experienced, and many others give testimony to, God has used their time at Riverside to leave an indelible mark on their hearts and minds. In fact, God has used many of you over the years to be a part of that process. Thank you to all who pray faithfully, volunteer sacrificially and give financially. Riverside exists because of God's leading and your response to that leading.

I urge you to take the time to read the rest of this, the 56th issue of the Riverside Reader. I hope it will be an encouragement to you and please pay special attention to the RBC Connections article. There are some exciting new opportunities for us to share with each other, especially the imprint God has left on our lives while at Riverside. I trust you will join me in remembering and praying that all who encounter Riverside now and in the future will do so with "eternity's values in view," and may we all "do each day's work for Jesus." ✨



Harvest Family Camp 2021

By Megan Nelson

Could we have asked for better weather that weekend? Held annually in October, it's pretty common for Harvest Family Camp to carry a forecast of clouds and precipitation from year to year. This year was a break from that pattern and no one was complaining. In truth, if one were to complain, even just a little, it would be about the bugs. When there is no frost, there are bugs. You win some, you lose some. I digress...

One uncommon event, thanks to the beautiful weather, was a picnic down at the farm. Now, it's pretty typical to have lunch at the farm for our Summer Family Camp, but to those who haven't shared that season with us at Riverside, this was a refreshing addition to the fall schedule. And plenty of thanks were given.

Each morning was greeted with campers at the porch, clinging to hot mugs of freshly brewed coffee and chatting with friends made and kept through this yearly gathering. As

the day warmed, everyone fell into the slower rhythm of an easy going schedule created more to rest than to run. Our speaker for the event was Vince Elmhurst from Chili, Wisconsin. Vince is the Pastor of Our Fathers House Christian Community Church. He is also the sound tech for the MPK band who led us in worship through the weekend and also put on a concert Saturday afternoon.

Close to 100 or more were in attendance at our Fellowship Supper and Celebration Service. A delicious turkey dinner was served, along with Lana Seefeldt's variety of pies, famous here at Riverside.

In truth, it's more or less a family reunion that continuously adds to itself by word of mouth or a well-timed advertisement. How wonderful does that sound? You should join us next year! ❄️

Lumberjack Day

By Elyse Erdahl

Twenty volunteers spent their Saturday at Riverside on October 16th for Lumberjack Day. Along with sawing up lumber for various building projects around the camp, our Lumberjacks (and Jills!) were able to prepare about ten face cords of firewood. We will put the fruits of their labor to good use this winter as we heat the Hebron Retreat Center with an outdoor wood burner. Thank you again to all of the wonderful volunteers who made this year's Lumberjack Day a huge success! We hope to see you all again next year on

October 15th, 2022. ❄️





Craft Camp 2021

By Elyse Erdahl

"It was all good. No bad. No ugly!" -Lisa Rouse

"I really enjoyed Craft Camp. For me, it was an unprecedented opportunity to get a ton of work done for the fall craft show season. Now that I homeschool full time, I don't think I could have gotten my work done in time for my shows without Craft Camp. Furthermore, I haven't slept in a bed and in a room by myself in like nine years so it was incredibly restful and relaxing! I loved the

accommodations. The mattress I had was so comfortable and the lodge is perfectly woodsy and austere, like a lodge should be. I also appreciated the lack of structure. I was hoping I'd just be allowed to work and do my own thing and that's exactly what I got to do. I literally never get to do that. I'll be recommending this activity weekend to several of my friends whom also have art/craft businesses and hopefully bring some pals with next time." -Jennifer DuBos

Each year we look forward to hearing the positive feedback from our Craft Camp participants and this year was no exception! This year's crafters flexed their creative muscles with many different artistic mediums. Skills with Macramé, succulents, paints, needlepoint, fabrics and more were on display throughout the weekend. Most importantly, the women were able to grow spiritually with time spent in devotions and fellowship together. We even had a professional masseuse, Dawn Lutter from *That Healing Touch* in Stevens Point, on campus to provide our crafters with a relaxing massage! So, pack up all of your crafting necessities, mark your calendars, and plan to join us next year at Craft Camp 2022, held October 14th-16th! ❄️

Riverside Staff



Back Row: Scott Latzig, David & Mickey Kaufman, Tessa & Lucero Olson, Darrie & Maria Nelson
Front Row: Adam & Megan Nelson, Brian & Annie Hulka, Elyse Erdahl, Janee Kazda

Sustaining Riverside Financial Report: 2021-2022

(as of November 19, 2021)

	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET
General Fund Income	\$ 94,808	\$ 150,000
General Fund Expense	\$ 124,039	\$ 150,000
Current Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ (29,231)	

"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

God Owns it All

By Mickey Kaufman

"Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand," prays King David in I Chronicles 29:14. The Bible teaches us that we don't own anything; everything belongs to God. It is all HIS. When we take care of the environment, when we build a house for a homeless family, when we give money to the poor, or put money in the offering at church – we are just taking our hands off of what already belongs to Him. We are stewards of what He gives us – money, possessions, time, family, relationships, health, strength – but it is all HIS! ❄

What does God say?

Reflect on Psalm 50:10-12, I Chronicles 29:11-16,
and Psalm 24:1



Zarephath

By Elyse Erdahl

While we are still waiting on regulatory approval, we are excited about the future of Zarephath. Once rebuilt, the new building will have two floors, sleep 16 people, have its own bathroom facilities, and provide a stunning view of the Tomorrow River. This will be a wonderful and much needed addition to our campus. We are eager to be able to provide this updated lodging experience to our guests. ❄



In order to encourage continuing connections with Riverside and connections with people who have had similar experiences at camp, Riverside is launching Riverside Bible Camp Connections in January 2022. Keep an eye out for the new “RBC Connections” tab on our website after the New Year.

What is it?

RBC Connections is a defined membership group made up of former campers, volunteers, and staff.

What will it do?

It will have various activities including, but not limited to, a dedicated publication, a week of summer camp for members, a weekend retreat, plus meetings in various geographical locations bringing members together with Riverside staff in their home areas.

What is the purpose?

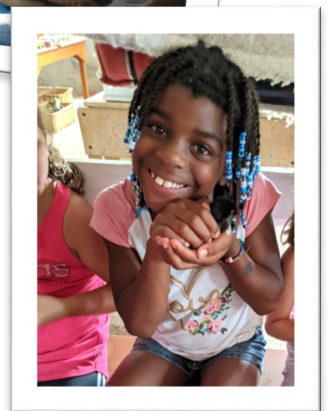
First and foremost, the purpose of RBC Connections is to reconnect former campers, volunteers, and staff with Riverside and with each other. We want to help strengthen the relationships that are built here. It is also going to bring “insider” information to the members of the group so that they can be more aware of the overall vision and current ministries at Riverside. Hopefully, it will also be a springboard for more active participation in the activities of Riverside, volunteerism, and support of Riverside projects for the future.

What do I need to do?

We need your help collecting updated names and/or addresses of former campers and volunteers. While we have many, you probably know more! Please share names and contact information with us for anyone who might qualify for this RBC Connections group and any information that you can give us about their connection to Riverside.

Who do I talk to if I have any questions, comments, or information?

Talk to Mickey, Riverside’s Director of Stewardship Ministries, by email (mickey@riversidebiblecamp.org), or call/text her at (630)235-1948.✱



H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

2022

LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER

Hebron Retreat Center

December 31st from 6pm to 1am
Bring a dish to pass and a game to play!

ELEVATE

Young Adults Retreat

Actively Seeking God

January 14-16, 2022

Age 18-28

Cost \$45

FUEL THE FLAME

IGNITE THE FIRE



INFUSE

February 11th - 13th, 2022 | Date

14-18, 9th-12th Grade | Age

\$74 | Cost

7pm | Arrival

Join us for a weekend of
growing, learning,
and winter fun!

IGNITE

Date | February 25th - 27th, 2022

Age | 11-13, 6th-8th Grade

Cost | \$74

Arrival | 7pm

For more information and
to register, visit:
Riversidebiblecamp.org

SPRING 2022

MARRIAGE CAFE

February 22nd

March 29th

April 26th



Events

Mark your calendars...

Christmas Open House.....	December 2 nd , 2021
New Year's Eve Party.....	December 31 st , 2021
Elevate Young Adults Winter Retreat.....	January 14-16 th , 2022
Infuse.....	February 11-13 th , 2022
Marriage Café.....	February 22 nd , March 29 th , and April 26 th , 2022
Ignite.....	February 25-27 th , 2022
GRIT Men's Retreat.....	March 25-26 th , 2022
RSI Training Camp.....	April 1-3 rd , 2022
The Heart of a Pioneer Woman.....	April 30 th , 2022
Work Day.....	May 14 th , 2022
Spring Open House and Pancake Breakfast.....	May 28 th , 2022
VBS and Day Camp.....	June 13-17 th , 2022
Family Fun Night.....	June 17 th , 2022
Senior High Camp.....	June 19-25 th , 2022
TREK Teen Adventure Camp.....	July 26-31 st and August 7-12 th , 2022
Adventure Camp.....	July 6-8 th , 2022
Junior Camp.....	July 10-15 th , 2022
Junior High Camp.....	July 17-22 nd , 2022
Summer Family Camp.....	August 19-21 st , 2022
Harvest Family Camp.....	September 30-October 2 nd , 2022
Fellowship Supper and Celebration Service.....	October 1 st , 2022
Lumberjack Day.....	October 15 th , 2022
Craft Camp.....	October 14-16 th , 2022



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- PAINT BRUSHES (ASSORTED SIZES)
- A LAPEL MIC FOR GUEST SPEAKERS
- 1/2 INCH BATTERY IMPACT DRIVER
- FUNDS FOR ARCHERY TARGETS & BACKSTOP NETTING
- TIRE BALANCER
- NEW BOX FANS
- KITCHEN OVEN MITTS
- ELECTRIC UPRIGHT PIANO
- CORDLESS DRILL

Over the years, many in-kind donations have been made to Riverside. These gifts are a wonderful blessing to the ministry and provide needed resources. Please check our list of current needs, and if you can help with an item or provide funds to purchase it, let us know!