

Island News

Merry Christmas!

Quarterly Newsletter

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Our family would like to wish you a “Merry Christmas!”. The birth of our Savior was a precious event in the history of the world. We all need a Savior and the baby Jesus came to live the perfect life that would qualify Him to be the sacrifice for the sin of the world. We are very thankful for the Father’s gift of His son, the only one who could pay the penalty for our sin. We hope that you will be able to enjoy this wonderful time with your family and loved ones, remembering the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your prayers on our behalf during this past year. We had an amazing summer! God brought our staff to us in time, but just barely. It would seem He wanted us to rely on Him to meet our needs, and He did.

We also want to thank you for praying for us as we continue to travel the path laid out before us with Norm’s cancer. After completing chemotherapy in February, we were told they couldn’t find any cancer in him. Then, in August, his numbers started to climb. Tests showed one active area. He is now on a new drug that seems to have things under control. We can even skip seeing the doctor one month! We have been told that this drug should work for at least six months, maybe as long as twenty-four, and then we will have to try something else. Please continue to pray!

A new baby boy came to our family on February 4 of this year. Barrett Rofe joined his sister, Clara, and his mom and dad, Ben and Kristin. He is our sixth grandchild and second grandson.

We are looking forward to a great 2018 camping season! Make sure that New Life Island is part of your plans!



Norm & Cherie; Alex & Amarin, Ambrose; Ben & Kristin, Clara, Barrett; Noah & Tegan, Grace, Nora, Emery

Red Oak Proceeding

It is our hope to have our Red Oak cabin restored to working order in time for this summer. There is a lot to do but we are hopeful. If you are interested in helping with this project and would like to be notified of upcoming and special workdays please contact us at camp.

Our 2018 Calendar

February 24 & March 24	Red Oak Workdays	July	15-20	Adventure Camp 1
April	7		22-27	Junior High 2
	28		29-8/3	Junior 2
May	26		29-8/3	Adventure Camp 2
	28	August	1-3	Junior Mini
June	12	September	14-15	Ladies Retreat
	17-22		24	Golf Marathon
	24-29		29	Fall Praise Dinner
July	1-6	October	4-6	Quilt & Craft Retreat
	8-13		19-20	Mens Retreat
	15-20			

The camp is available for rental on days when we do not have an event planned. Please contact us for more information.

Changes Ahead

Over the past few years we have been considering a change to our summer schedule that we believed would be beneficial to our camp families. After much prayer and counsel from other camps, we surveyed our parents as they dropped their campers off for their week of camp. What we asked them is if a change from our Monday to Saturday format to a Sunday to Friday format would be better for their family. Over 80% told us the change would be better for them. Currently, many of our parents have to take at least one morning off from work so that they can bring their children to camp. Starting our camp sessions on Sunday evening will eliminate this hardship. We were also seeing an increasing number of campers being picked up early on Saturday or even on Friday night because of family activities or obligations with athletics. Sending campers home on Friday evening will also remove this inconvenience.

Our prayer is that by removing a hindrance more campers will be able to attend camp. When more campers come to camp we get to minister to more kids. That is the important thing to us.

So, as you look at the calendar for this year you will see weeks of camp starting on Sunday (6:00 pm) and ending on Friday (6:30 pm). Certainly it will take some time to adjust to this new way of doing things but we do believe that it will result in more campers coming to camp and that it will be much easier for our parents.



Remember the Island this Christmas

We depend on the generosity of God's people to keep the ministry of New Life Island functioning at a high level. God has done some mighty things on our behalf during this past year. You can be a part of what He is doing by sending a gift to help this vibrant ministry thrive. Your gift is an investment in the lives of our campers. An investment with eternal dividends.

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Christmas Wishes!

About 20 years ago, we purchased a John Deere 325 with a 54 inch mower deck to help take care of the property here. That machine is still going strong, but the mower deck is showing definite signs of age. A new deck will cost about \$1500.00 and all the pulleys and blades from the old deck will have to be transferred over. Good used decks can be had for about \$750.00 and will already have the needed pulleys and sometimes even blades. We would like to purchase a good, used mowing deck for the 325.

We also need a new, queen size, box spring and mattress for the apartment. We house speakers and other camp guests here. Our projected cost is \$800.00.

We are also need to purchase some new vacuum cleaners. We will need \$400.00 for what we would like to purchase.

Thank You and Merry Christmas!