

TEL HAI CAMP & RETREAT

The Hai Lights

January 2007

Camp welcomes new Administrator...



We are excited to have Bob & Linda Hartz join our team here. They come to us from Quakertown, where Bob served as the Program Director of Camp Men-O-Lan for the past fourteen years. Before that they were both involved at Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA.

Bob started at Tel Hai on December 11 and is looking forward to getting to know you and in helping to give leadership to an exciting and growing ministry.

Bob and Linda are pictured with their children (from L to R, Kristina (10), Abigail (2), Jonathan (4), and Michael (12)). Linda currently keeps busy homeschooling their children.

5K Turkey Bowl . . .

Get ready, Get set, Go! We had another successful race on Thanksgiving Day, with 270 registered runners for both the Kids Fun Run and the 5k Race. Despite a rainy day, many still came out to support the camp. We also had 30+ volunteers who came and helped out. There were 39 finishers in the 1-mile, with Nick Lopapa bringing in the lead with an under 6 minute mile. Whew! In the 5k race, we had 189 finishers with the overall winner being Brent Watkins with a time of 16:42. The overall female winner was Carlie Arbaugh with 21:24.



Thanks to the local businesses who sponsored the race and to those who donated food items.

A special thanks to Mike Willoughby for being our Turkey Mascot for the 3rd year in a row. And to all our volunteers and runners who braved the rainy weather.



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Our purpose is to provide an atmosphere where the Spirit of God can convict, encourage and nourish all who enter. This is done by providing warm, clean accommodations and a friendly, caring staff; as well as numerous opportunities for physical refreshment.

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Whats Happening . . .

Canoeing & Archery Classes for home-schoolers . . . April & May

Scrapbooking Retreat . . . March 9-11

Mother/Daughter Spring Getaway . . . April 20-22

Spring Celebration . . . April 30 @ Shady Maple Banquet Hall

Spring Work Day . . . May 5

Benefit Supper . . . May 18

(Call the camp office for details on any of these upcoming programs)

Between the lines . . .

by Bruce Gregory

Remember when you were in elementary school and you looked forward to the summer when you could go away to summer camp. Or maybe you didn't go away but had camp outs with friends in the neighborhood. Well every summer, we have many campers who anxiously await their week at Tel Hai Camp. They look forward to having fun, building new friendships and renewing old ones, trying new activities, hanging out with great counselors and leaders, and learning about God and His Word.

Our Adventure Camp program for ages 8-11 yrs old, provides just these opportunities. Each summer we have many volunteer counselors and staff who come for this week and provide a safe, fun environment for these children, so they can learn and grow in the Lord, make friends, and learn a new skill. For 14 years now, Adventure Camp has provided campers an opportunity to grow in all aspects of their lives.



While this week of camp is a lot of fun and good times, there is much work that goes on behind the scenes, and we could not run this program without the help of the 4 men pictured above: Tom Martin, Steve Johnson, Ron Higley, and Dave Smith. Each of them play a vital role in ministering to the campers - from planning and teaching Bible lessons, teaching an activity area, leading worship, running evening games, dealing with homesick campers, and working with the counselors. We want to thank them for a job well done.

We also want to thank the many volunteer counselors and Denise Nichols our nurse who give up their time in the summer to be here ministering to the kids. Thanks! May God honor you for your service.

If you would like more information about Adventure Camp, see our website: www.telhaicamp.org or call our office for a brochure. Adventure Camp runs August 13-17, 2007

Spruce Lodge remodeled

As this newsletter is being written our maintenance department is working on renovations to Spruce Lodge. Upgrades include new ceiling, new windows, drywall, and repainting of main lounge and the bedrooms. Spruce Lodge is one of our most popular buildings for retreats and is also used in the summer for summer staff housing. These improvements will not only make the building more enjoyable for our guests, it will be easier to clean and maintain. A big thanks goes out from our Maintenance Director Rick Devore to all the volunteers who have helped with this project. We appreciate your support of the camp ministry in this way.

If you would like to be involved in any of the other projects happening this year, please contact Rick Devore at the camp office or email him at rick.devore@comcast.net



Steps forward . . .

by: Bruce R. Gregory

"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us . . . And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." (Isa. 9:6 NASB).

Let's stop and ponder a moment on that first Christmas morning. While there were no big malls and shopping centers, the town of Bethlehem was busy and crowded and noisy from all the travelers coming to pay their taxes. The merchants probably made a bundle on those needing food and supplies. The town was so busy and crowded that Mary and Joseph could find no room to stay except for a little stable. There were no records, CDs, or Mp3 players, bands, cantatas, or concerts, however the multitude of angels sang the very first Christmas music. What an experience that must have been for those shepherds tending their sheep. There were no Christmas trees or lights, but one lone star led the wise men to a young child they would honor as a king and to whom they would give gifts. The first Christmas gifts. One young child, a child foretold in Scriptures as the Prince of Peace. A child very few noticed at that time, but upon whom all eyes would look later in his life and in the future. A child no longer, He will bring peace to this out of control world someday. What a story to tell! Amen! And here at Tel Hai Camp, we have the great privilege and opportunity to help make that story known, not just at Christmas but all year through. The children, teens, and adults that come to camp, so much need to hear how knowing Jesus can change their lives. Each one of us play a part of that ministry. God uses all of us - not to turn people's eyes to the camp - but to turn their eyes to Jesus. A child born in a little wooden stable, who later died for our sins on a wooden cross. Let's praise the Lord and thank Him for all He has done for us. Amen!

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