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Important Dates

Happy Birthday

- 8/16 Terri Donaldson
- 8/21 Lindsay Fontenot
- 8/22 Allie Denton
- 8/23 Cat Rodriguez
- 8/30 Ashley Eldridge
- 9/12 Katie Cooper
- 9/19 Lauren Glass
- 9/22 Ana Collins

American Camping Association (ACA)

Southeastern Division
Fall Conference
October 4-6
Blue Ridge Assembly
Black Mountain, NC

[www.acasoutheastern.org/
conf/2010.php](http://www.acasoutheastern.org/conf/2010.php)

They offer student rates!!

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Serving through Love

God continues to show me ways in which I can serve others through love—not that I am always following through as I should, but He is patiently teaching me what this means. I find that it is so easy and even enjoyable to talk about how to love one another, but in reality much harder to live out. Camp is always a perfect opportunity to put this into practice as well as see where we fall short. I was at a Bible study recently and an article was shared that was so encouraging. It's title is "Nurtured by Covenant Grace" and was in the July/August 1999 edition of Equip for Ministry magazine. The article addresses how to live in relation to those in the covenant or church community. There are 5 sections to the article and I thought I would highlight each one individually.

The article begins by reminding us of how much God loves His people and how He deals with us with great love and patience. As His children we are called to live in that same manner—loving each other as Christ loves us. But what does that look like ex-

actly? The author says there are 5 ways in which we are to imitate our Creator and Father. We are to love unconditionally, extend forgiveness, listen, be patient and pray for one another.

This is the first excerpt::

Unconditional Love

"The covenant family must demonstrate love that is much more than a fleeting feeling. It is to be active. Invincible. Unchanging. It is to be the kind of covenantal love that speaks a language of quiet eloquence. A language of kindness. Among God's called-out people such a love is an imperative, not an option. In fact, where such unconditional love is not experienced, '...the beauty of all virtue is mere tinsel, is empty sound, is not worth a straw, nay more is offensive and disgusting' (John Calvin).

Unconditional love reflects the heart of God. It seeks to shield others within God's covenant community. It covers their responses with the most positive interpretation possible. It lets them know that covenant brothers and sisters will stand with them in

any situation, even though they may disapprove of specific behaviours.

Unconditional love energizes and blesses covenant communities because it never gives up. Even in the worst of situations, it will always seek for ways to offer. It will always delight in looking forward to a brighter future. Offenses will not be condoned. Wrongs will not be overlooked. But neither will distressing behavior be considered as the measure of who that covenant member is in his/her deepest self. As sons and daughters of the covenant, they continue to have worth, no matter what choices, actions or mixed intentions may be visible." Bob Palmer

Wow! If we loved like this what an encouraging and humble people we would be!! I am praying for each of us that God would help us to "consider one another in order to stir up love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24). This is my prayer for us now, for Summer 2011 and for all of our lives.

Get Certified...in FUN!



Now is the time to be thinking about those camp certifications such as lifeguarding, first aid/cpr or a specialized skill area. Many of your schools will offer classes to help in this process. Don't wait until the last minute!! Also, use that PE requirement to take a fun class that might give you some new ideas for skills!! Of course any new games, skills, night activity ideas are ALWAYS welcome!! Just email or call us anytime!

Certifications that pay you back!!

Lifeguarding \$65/session

Waterfront Lifeguard:

\$80/session

Skill area: \$20/session

ARC Babysitting: \$75/session

Archery: \$65/session

Water Safety Instructor:

\$80/session

For information on classes in your area, check with your college course offerings as well as the American Red Cross and YMCA. American Red Cross www.redcross.org YMCA www.ymca.net

Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.

Saint Augustine

One camper at a time

Every year we have the awesome opportunity to introduce Camp Hollymont to someone for the first time! Do you remember your first Hollymont experience? Like you, many of our first time campers become Hollymont girls for life! We love getting out there and meeting people and sharing the Hollymont story, but we could always use a little

help. So, you can be a part of bringing new campers to Hollymont next summer. Here's how:

Simply give us the name and address of someone you know that you think would love a summer at Hollymont and we will send them information, but also enter your name into a monthly drawing to win \$100. But wait, there's more. If the

camper then decides to register for camp, you get entered into the next month's drawing as well. So, you could potentially earn \$200 for every camper name you give us. Who couldn't use a little extra cash and who wouldn't love having the joy of seeing lots of new, smiling faces at Hollymont every year!! Can't wait to hear from you!

You've Got Mail

Well, you could be getting lots of mail from your fellow staff! THANKS to those of you that have responded to my email asking for updated address and email info! Once the rest of you get your stuff in, I will be sending out a staff directory so we can be sure to send those cards and letters we all love to get!! If you didn't get the email, then please send the following information to amy@hollymont.com



Home address School address Preferred email
 Cell phone School attending Any prayer requests or exciting news to share!!

Hollymont 2011

Staff Orientation June 12-18

A Session

7 day

June 19-25

13 day

June 19-July 1

B1 Session

7 day

July 3-9

13 day

July 3-15

B2 Session

7 day

July 17-23

13 day

July 17-29

C Session

7 day

July 31-Aug. 6

13 day

July 31-Aug. 12

ABI Session

June 19-July 15

B Session

July 3-29

B2C Session

July 17-August 12



Paper Plate Awards

Yes, the fun continues...thanks to you ! You all have continued to be your goofy, fun selves and so we felt the need to recognize a few of you. If you hear of things that you think deserve a paper plate, please be sure to pass that on—we all need a good laugh from time to time!!

“The Scene is NOT safe” award goes to:

Gail Mashburn

Gail was working in her parents garden, on a steep hill and fell and broke her ankle. She was too far from the house for

anyone to hear her, so she had to crawl on her hands and knees about 25 feet to get closer to the house. Needless to say, she ended up having surgery on her foot and is recovering very nicely. In all the chaos, she did not do as her first aid training had taught her to make sure the scene was safe. But thankfully, she is safe now!

“Tin Foil Terror” award goes to: Amanda Shellnut

According to Facebook, she tried to make a tin foil dinner in the microwave and was

surprised by the outcome—I am guessing there were sparks and smoke and not much dinner left to eat! I think she might need to take Anna Bland’s Indoor Living skill next summer!

“I’m a Big Kid Now” award goes to:

Shelby Woten

Shelby was sporting the ever popular big bow in her hair while driving and was pulled over and questioned about her age. Careful girls—you could be next!