

[Jesus] said to them, "Come away to a secluded place all by yourselves and rest a while." - Mark 6.31

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Spring TIM Talks Set for <u>May 4-6</u>

"My Heart Exults in the Lord -- Getting to Know the Women of 1 and 2 Samuel"

The women of 1 and 2 Samuel will be the focus of our study at May's TIM Talks. Join us for an exploration of four very different and important women who help to write these chapters in the story of God's people.

See pp. 7-8 for complete information.

May 11 -- Mother's Day Brunch @ Spruce Lodge

Start a new Mother's Day tradition!! Join us for brunch at Spruce Lodge, with two serving times. We will also offer complimentary overnight lodging for people from out of the area. Call for reservations, 406-844-2114.

Summer 2025 at Glacier Camp:

It's going to take all of us

editor's note: Olly first worked as a counselor at Glacier Camp during the Summer of 2019. In 2025, he will serve as our lead male counselor. Olly is also part of our planning team, which has been meeting regularly since December to put our camping season together.

by Olly Wicks

lly here, writing in from Great Britain. I'm unbelievably excited to fly out in a couple of months and rejoin the camp team for 2025. And what a team it's going to



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be. As male lead counselor I'll be reporting to Program Director Joe and working alongside fellow lead counselors and coordinators Sophie, Alex, and Aaron. We're a tight-knit group of

friends, all of whom are returning for our third season or more. Things couldn't be in better hands with Joe Day Rider and Tim Lanham at the helm, the diligent camp committee providing oversight and guidance, and a stellar fleet of new and returning cabin counselors and support staff.

We've got a lot to do. A lot of activities to run; campfires to build; bedtime stories to tell. A lot of young lives that need the spiritual direction and refreshment that only Glacier Camp can provide. But the truth is that the effort to make summer camp happen goes a lot wider than just the staff, directors, committee, and volunteers. It takes all of us - including you - to make Glacier Camp happen. We're in it together. So I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight three ways that you can help this summer. I call them the three Ps: Point people to



camp; pray for the season; and pay us a visit.



1. Point people to camp

Our summer 2025 program is going to be excellent, but it still needs more campers and more staff to make it even better. If you know anyone who would benefit from spending summer at Glacier Camp - be it as a camper or a staff member - please refer them to our website glaciercamp.org where they can find out more

and register/apply. If there are logistical or financial barriers then speak to Tim and he will make sure they don't get in the way. It would be such a shame not to have a high volume of campers benefit from the magic of Glacier Camp, or to have unfilled staff positions. So, please, point people to camp.

2. Pray for the season



PRAYER AND WORSHIP ARE THE BEDROCK OF OUR MINISTRY

Please pray for new staff to feel welcome and integrate quickly; for campers to come to know God in a fresh way; for good weather; for safety from hazards; for unexpected blessings. Prayers are the bedrock of everything we doincluding summer camp.

3. Pay us a visitPersonally, one of my highlights of summers at Glacier Camp is getting to

meet supporters like you. I believe that nobody ever really grows out of camp so come and join the fun! Whether you want to volunteer for a week or just pop by one night for campfire worship, all supporters and friends of Glacier Camp are welcome. And if you are coming to TIM Talks or any other Spruce Lodge events then be sure to find a moment to come down site and observe summer camp in action.



SEE YOU @ CAMP!

So, there you have it -

the three Ps. If you can point, pray, or pay us a visit this summer then thank you. I can't wait to be back in Montana. And I'm so grateful for every supporter and friend - including you - that is going to make this summer the best one yet.

See you there, Olly



REMEMBER THE 3 PS!

SummerCamp 2025 Schedule

RUNNING THE RACE

June 1-13: Staff Training

June 16-20: Polson Day Camp

June 22 – 27: Classic Camp, Adventure Camp 1 (Junior/Senior High)

June 22- July 2: LIT (Leader In Training) Camp (Senior High)

June 29- July 2: Mini-Camp (Grades 1 & 2)

JJuly 6–11: Classic Camp 2, Trailblazers Camp (Junior, Junior High)

July 13-18: Night Owl Camp (Senior High), Adventure Camp 2 (Junior, Junior High)

July 20-25: H2O Camp

All Things New: Spruce Lodge Refresh

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." -Revelations 21.5a

Believe it or not, twenty years have gone by since Spruce Lodge first opened. Lots of things have changed since 2005. In those days, smart phones were several years away from being invented. If you talked about streaming with someone in 2005, they would probably think you were going on a drift boat adventure.





And most of our current Summer Camp staff members had not yet entered kindergarten.

Since last Fall, Terri — our Lodge Manager — has been working hard to refresh and refit Spruce Lodge. Her focus has been on providing an enhanced guest experience and when you visit, you will notice many changes.



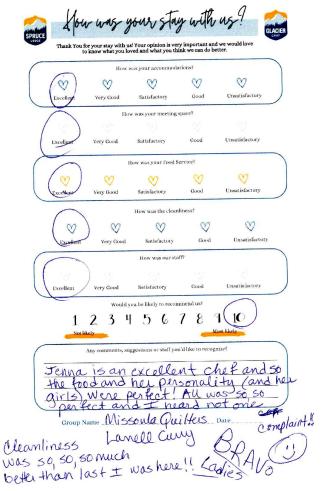
All of our guest rooms have been updated with fresh paint and new decor as well as new and more comfortable beds. In some rooms, the bunk beds have been replaced by a single twin bed.

The camp store has been reorganized. If you want a camp tee shirt, you don't have to paw through random stacks to find

one in the size you need. Everything is now organized by type and size and our guests are easily able to find just the right remembrance to take home with them.

Another big improvement is in the Fireside Room. The old rug has been replaced with one that is newer and more inviting. And we were able to replace the older and hard-to-get-out-of furniture in the Fireside Room with new, more comfortable chairs.

Our guests have noticed these changes and have responded favorably, as the evaluation form submitted by a happy Missoula quilter indicates. But don't take our word for it -- come and see all the good changes at Spruce Lodge for yourself!



SPRING 2025 TIM TALKS

"My Heart Exults in the Lord -- Getting to Know the Women of 1 and 2 Samuel"

May 4-6, 2025

Glacier Presbytery Camp

Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God." -- 1 Samuel 2.1a

The Spring 2025 TIM Talks (May 4–6) takes a look at the women of 1 and 2 Samuel. The Bible's portrayal of women is — not unlike its portrayal of men — complex and highly resistant to a single, monolithic caricature. In the witness of 1 and 2 Samuel we find examples of women who play important and crucial roles in the story of God's people.

Powerful Witnesses, Named and Unnamed

Our study will focus on four different women — two of whom are named and two whose names are not recorded — to see how their lives intersect the complex and challenging story of God's people. One of these women suffers spiritual abuse from the leader of the religious hierarchy. Another averts a potential and bloody disaster. The third woman is coopted as a pawn in a political



power play, but she quickly uses both wit and wisdom to challenge Israel's king. And the fourth woman — what can be said about her? You'll just have to come and find out!

Join us for a time of lively discussion and debate, nurturing Christian fellowship, and great conversation. Take advantage of the opportunity to see the refreshed Spruce Lodge Rooms and enjoy the culinary delights of Jenna, our new camp kitchen manager.

Full and partial scholarships are available -- so don't let the cost get in the way of your participation. Email timothy@glacercamp.org to register.

Fees: Generous support from Friends of Glacier helps us keep costs down for this event and allows us to provide scholarships so that no one is denied the ability to participate because of an inability to pay. Meals are included in the fees. Make your check out to Glacier Camp.

2025 Rates

Commuters \$ 90/person Single Room \$250/person Double Room (all meals included) \$125/person

Mark Your Calendars:

2025 TIM Talk Schedule

May 4-6, "My Heart Exults the Lord -- Women of I and II Samuel"

July 13-15: "So Great A Cloud of Witnesses -- Running the Race with Faith"

September 14-16: "Yet I in the Lord Rejoice -- Exploring Habakkuk and His Witness"



Enjoy the day with your Mom overlooking Flathead Lake. Reservations required. Limited seating. Buffet style meal

> 17482 O'NEIL RD, LAKESIDE, MT SUNDAY, MAY 11TH, 2025 11:30 AM & 1 PM

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY MAY 7TH CALL: 406-844-2114

ADULTS \$20, CHILDREN 7-14 \$12 6& UNDER FREE

From Your Camp Committee Moderators

by Marsha Anson

What's New?

The theme for this year's Summer Camp is "Running the Race" which comes from Hebrews 12:1-2a "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." The theme is perfect for young people who will spend some of their time this summer running, playing, and learning how to cooperate as they experience the love and joy of Jesus. Many of them will be experiencing this for the first time. It's an amazing opportunity to introduce children and Youth to Jesus.

Our Camp Committee remains committed to "running the race" also. It's always challenging to know what God wants us to accomplish and where the Spirit is moving. However, we are keeping our minds, hearts and spirits turned toward our Lord as we continue looking toward a future that God has already planned.

I am delighted to share several updates and new developments happening at Glacier Camp.

Our new prayer room has opened and was immediately used. This tranquil space will be



COME AWAY ... AND REST FOR A WHILE: THE LOWER LEVEL CAMP OFFICE IS NOW A PLACE FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

a quiet haven for reflection and prayer, providing comfort and peace. One of our quilting groups has already used it for a Sunday morning Bible study group as well as for individual times of prayer.

A Winter Wedding was held in the Chapel. The chapel made for a stunning backdrop to a winter wedding, creating cherished memories for the couple and their guests. The picturesque setting added a touch of magic to their celebration.

Bookings on the rise. We are also delighted to see a rise in summer bookings at Spruce Lodge. Our staff is diligently preparing to ensure every guest enjoys our Christian hospitality.

Hosting a pastor on sabbatical. Currently, we are hosting a pastor on a short sabbatical at our camp. We are honored to provide a serene environment for rest and rejuvenation for her.

Collaboration with Local Chambers of

Commerce. In an effort to bolster support from local businesses, we are a member of the local Chambers of Commerce. We will be hosting an Open House for them on April 1.



Connection with a Local Travel Agent.

A PLACE FOR QUIET, CONTEMPLATIVE REFLECTION

Additionally, we are now connected with a local travel agent, Flathead Travel, who will promote us to businesses, groups and individuals as a destination for meetings, family reunions and other gatherings.

Task Force Begins Complex Work. The Camp Analysis Task Force has embarked on its complex mission of addressing critical financial issues and working towards impactful solutions. Their dedication and effort promise changes for our camp which we will be implementing as we move into the future God has intended for us.

On-Line Giving Update

Since November, Glacier Camp has been working to change its on-line giving platform. Following the example of several churches, our goal is to receive gifts and credit card payments through services offered by the Presbyterian Foundation.

What seemed like a relatively easy task to accomplish has turned out to be much more complicated and the process we hoped to have in place by the start of 2025 is still being worked out. A complicating factor has been turnover in the Glacier Presbytery Treasurer position.

Once the new treasurer is in place and on board, we hope to have the process completed. Thank you for your patience!

Director's Reflections

Waypoint

Meditation for Lent in Three Movements

And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." -- Isaiah 30.21

December 2024 -- Near Ringling, Montana

Movement I The highway gently curves at this point and then it intersects another, less-traveled road. And in this moment, I have to decide. I have to choose which way to take, which path to follow. I know both of these roads very well -- having traveled them pretty much all my life. In fact some of my earliest memories come from this place of intersection. And with hardly any effort, I recollect those moments from this place and time of my long-ago.

My very old, preliterate memories of this waypoint are mostly colors. The black of the road's asphalt. The blue of the big sky. The white of the snow. (Even though I think this comes from a time in the late Spring, there was snow. Lots of snow.) And of course, I could feel the wind. Always the wind. I don't know of any place in central Montana where the wind doesn't blow, whether now or from a time many years distant.

And even though I am in a hurry (those three words could be a summary of my mortal existence -- "in a hurry"), I pause at this juncture. I needed to take a break anyway; it feels good to get out and stretch. The late morning air is warm, surprising for a day in early December. But Montana's weather will always be what it wants to be, unbound by whatever expectations we mere humans might bring to each season.

I know where both roads lead from this place. Though the ribbons of pavement diverge and then disappear beyond the horizon, I am familiar with these distinct and, to some extent, contrary ways. One highway is wide and straight, mostly straight. Maybe a dozen years ago (or even twenty -- after so long, the years all run together), the road department spent most of a Summer straightening some curves and widening the highway.

In my mind, I recollect a photograph my father took of this way some time prior to my birth. The landscape hasn't changed. The hills and the mountains in the distance, even the fields of wheat stubble -- they are all the same. But the road is much different now. There actually are shoulders along the highway. Shoulders that are wider now than the old road was, when the solid white line pretty much marked the pavement's edge.

The highway which leads in a different direction hasn't hardly changed at all. Every once in a while, it might receive a fresh overlay of asphalt. Save for that, this road is pretty much the same as ever. If my dad some how materialized from his place of eternal repose to find himself behind the wheel of his 1955 pea-green Plymouth along this route -- he wouldn't hardly notice any change over the course of the last seven decades.

March 2025 -- Lakeside, Montana

Movement II All these thoughts came to me, as I stood at this junction where these two different ways meet and then diverge. The wind stirred and the almost-Winter sun, though bright, hung low on the horizon. The long shadows seemed to remain still as I pondered which direction to go. Which way to take. Time was slipping by and I had many more miles to travel. I had to decide. I had to choose which way to go.

In this present moment, these thoughts from a dozen weeks ago return to me. Even from the comfort of my study, I can feel the ubiquitous wind press across my face. The view outside my window opens up. And the rocks and shrubs and the slender aspen trees give way to that familiar place of high plains and distant mountains and fields of wheat stubble. At this waypoint, one road intersects another.

And from this place of reckoning, I am compelled to decide. I must choose between one course or another. Do I turn or keep going straight? From this waypoint, I must journey in a single direction. Isn't this typical of life always, but especially during this season of Lent? The journey reaches this place of choosing. And a decision must be made about which path to follow. Which road to take. Which way to go.

Movement III The wider, better traveled way bears a certain appeal. The attraction it affords bears a gravitational force. I can make better time if I follow it. So there is the temptation (at least for a while) to satisfy that gnawing impatience which compels me to hurry, hurry, hurry. Of course, this is the way to go. The decision seems easy, almost effortless. And at first, I move toward that faster, less demanding way.

In the quiet, though, I consider that other, different way. The more narrow and arduous path would make hard demands on my time and my attention. Along this road, hurrying is not something one can do. And if I should try and deny that reality, a pothole or sharp turn will disabuse me quickly of such vanity Traveling along this way compels me to slow down and move with a deliberate intentionality.

But isn't that what this journey of life and faith is all about? I realize how much baggage I have accumulated along the way and how many burdens overload my life at this waypoint. Taking the easy way would let me hold on to them -- and even probably accumulate more as I journey along. The harder way challenges me to let go. To surrender. To leave behind all this stuff and other things, so that I can move unencumbered toward that distant horizon.

Even from indoors (I'm still in my study), I can feel the wind -- the ubiquitous wind as it moves downslope from the Castle mountains. And in the wind, I hear a voice which whispers softly yet distinctly: "This is the way. Walk in it." And I turn from the easy road in order to follow that other, harder way. The journey will be more difficult. But the Lord's own words echo in the slipstream of my mind: "For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

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