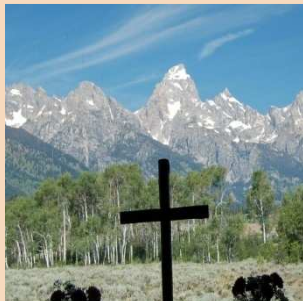


Dear Friends,

Welcome!

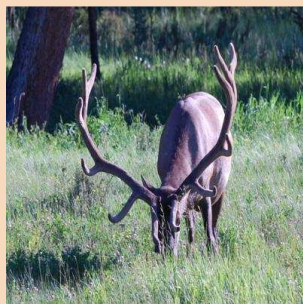
It is a beautiful fall. Maybe a little more rain than I would like, but beautiful none the less. We have had a great fall retreat season. It's kept me plenty busy. Winter season is coming and I have plenty to do to get ready for summer camp as well as get around to churches and youth ministers. I also want to get retreats set up for the spring so that we have a good spring retreat season as well. I recently put together a video of our trip to Yellowstone National Park trip; so the pictures used for this newsletter are from that trip. I had some terrific photographers with me on that trip.

Keep Up On Facebook



If you have a facebook account you can join our camp group site. It is Smoky Mountain Christian Camp (SMCC). I as well as other people put up new pictures and videos especially during the summer months. If you just go to groups and search for the above group you will find us. There are actually a few groups that have been made from various people that have to do with the camp, but that is the only one with that title and it has my picture on it.

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Next Camp Board Meeting



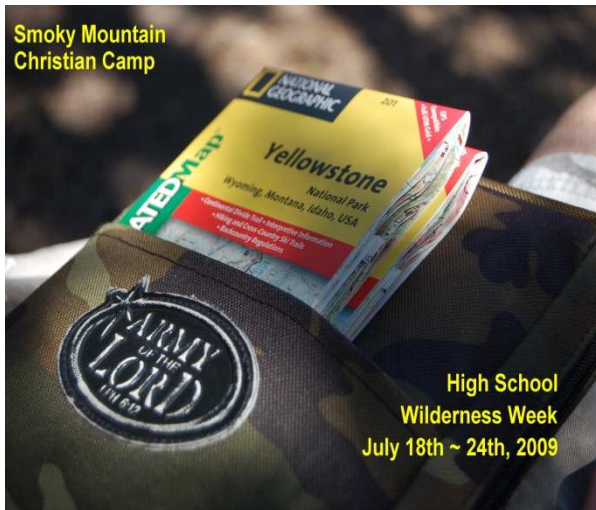
Remember our next camp board meeting is on Thursday December 10. It will begin at 7:30 at Farragut Christian Church. At this time I do not know if we will be voting on the camp/ranch agreement but I am sure we will be at least discussing that. We will also be talking about camp salaries and discussing next year's budget and electing new officers. This is our annual meeting. We meet quarterly, but the annual meeting is usually the biggest. Each church is allowed 2 voting representatives, but it is an open meeting and anyone can attend who wishes to.

Happy Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving according to wikipedia became an annual tradition in 1863 and an annual holiday in 1941. Its origin is tied to the deliverance of English settlers by Native Americans after a harsh winter at Plymouth, Mass. It was historically a religious celebration to give thanks to Jesus, but is now considered a secular holiday as well. We now live in not nearly as tough of times, but I don't know that maybe we would be better off living in much simpler times. Many people are trying to get back to living more simple lives. I know according to Jesus that we definitely need to store up our treasures in heaven.

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Again I say Happy Thanksgiving to all. Let me wrap up the November Newsletter with some quotes about living a simpler life. "The ability to simplify means to eliminate the unnecessary so that the necessary may speak." "To poke a wood fire is more solid enjoyment than almost anything else in the world." "Eliminate physical clutter. More importantly, eliminate spiritual clutter." "To find the universal elements enough; to find the air and the water exhilarating; to be refreshed by a morning walk or an evening saunter... to be thrilled by the stars at night; to be elated over a bird's nest or a wildflower in spring - these are some of the rewards of the simple life." I love the jobs I have and the enjoyment of physical labor. Sometimes I myself make things too complicated. Life is not nearly as enjoyable when I do that. This Thanksgiving I'm going to enjoy the simple things, and be thankful for them.



Sincerely,

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