



## **Grace Haven Newsletter January 2007**

I can't believe how fast this past year has gone by and I'm looking forward to this year's Grace Haven camping season. My objective in this report is to: 1) review last year's camping ministries, 2) give you upcoming information on the camp dates, 3) give some pertinent facts for this coming year.

**Grace Haven 2006:** This past summer our biggest change and challenge was to run both Junior and Teen camps simultaneously during the week of July 16th through 21st. Our total count of junior/teen campers was in the 60's with a few making salvation decisions, and many recommitting their lives to Christ. Our theme was "Encounters With Jesus." God was very gracious to us as we went through the week with

relatively few problems. Although the stomach flu made a visit to quite a few of our campers, and some of them had to have their time cut short with us as they ventured home, God was gracious to give us the strength to take care of each one. Each camp included a myriad of activities including chapel, tent devotions, games, hikes, swimming at Payson lakes, campfires, capture the flag, etc. We even turned a rainy day into a blast as we gathered under the big top for a time of pranks and skits. I can definitely say that the pastors, volunteers, kids, and teens all had a ton of fun. Quite a few of the junior kids said that they wanted camp to be two weeks instead of one. I was with them in spirit, but my sore old body was crying out to go home. We had a fantastic time!

Family Camp was no different as many families had a terrific time of worship and fellowship. On Sunday, July 30th, we gathered in the morning for one final church service. Nearly 200 people gathered on the mountain that morning as the pastors and volunteers had put both big tents together forming one large tent to accommodate the mass gathering. We had a time of great food and fellowship following the service, and then packed our stuff up looking forward to the next season of camp. The following churches participated as God was glorified and we were unified in one Spirit: Faith Community Church, Fellowship Bible Church, Provo Bible Church, Grace Bible Church, Harvest Bible Church, Payson Bible Church, Ephraim Church of the Bible, and Delta Evangelical Free Church.

**Upcoming Camping Dates:** Leadership Camp: **June 28-29** Teen (ages 12-18): **July 9-13** Junior (ages 8-11): July 16-20 Family Camp: **July 27-29** Registration will be from 2-4pm on July 9 and 16

### **Grace Haven 2007:**

\*As you may have noticed we will not be running Junior and Teen camps simultaneously this year. We feel as though it will be most beneficial for the campers as we continue to grow numerically in the coming years.

\*There are a number of Grace Haven camp shirts still available for \$4 each. You may order them through your local church by contacting your pastor. All checks are to be made out to Fellowship Bible Church.

\*Leadership campers will be attending by pastoral invitation only.

\*Our current balance in the Grace Haven camping fund is currently \$12,755.

I'm looking forward to seeing Jesus do an amazing work at Grace Haven this year. Please be in prayer!

In Christ, Pastor Derrick Grace Bible Church