

November 2023

# THE HILLTOP HOLLER



Philippines 4:6-7 “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Are you experiencing the peace of God? Because you can! Philippines 4 tells us to talk to God. Instead of worrying, tell Him what you need and thank Him for the blessings He’s already given. He promises that His peace will follow!

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## FATHER/SON RETREAT

Once again, we had a full house at this year’s annual Father/Son Retreat! Dads and sons enjoyed a variety of outdoor camp activities, and the ridge was filled with the sounds of go-karts, trap shooting, and cheers from the kick-ball games. We added a few new activities, and throughout the weekend you could always find a crowd of boys huddled around Hammer-Schlagen, or a group of guys trying out the Popeye Challenge. On Sunday morning, we held the Flannels and Flapjacks Breakfast, and the Dining Hall was a sea of guys dressed in lumberjack themed apparel. Alongside the fun activities, we were blessed to have Dean Taylor with us for the weekend. He shared several one-on-one encouragements to men at various times, as well as four chapel sessions throughout the weekend. He also shared a few resources from Faith Baptist Bible College including a new devotional book aimed at teens, college information, and his book titled, “The Thriving Church”. We hope you’ll take advantage of VCY.tv by watching the four sessions when those get posted. A couple topics that hit home for many were the need to read your Bible on purpose, and the need to have a personal relationship with Christ. As a result of these challenges and the environment for spiritual growth, we praise God for the salvation of one young man on Sunday morning!

## LUMBERJACK DAYS

Thank you to each one who came and volunteered for Lumberjack Days. We had 30 volunteers, which was a much greater response than we expected! Over the weekend, the guys were able to get much accomplished and cut down about 200 trees, and put up about 20 cord of firewood.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

This November, you are invited to join us for the first ever Thanksgiving Singspiration at Trail Ridge Camp! We will take time to reflect on the blessings of the past year, praise God through song, and fellowship with like-minded believers. There is no cost to attend this event, and all are welcome. Doors will open at 5:15 PM, with an optional soup supper served until 6:00 PM. We will meet in the Dining Hall, and officially begin at 6:30 PM, with time for congregational singing, instrumental specials, and sharing things you're thankful for. We'll plan to go for about an hour, and conclude with a dessert fellowship. Invite your family, friends from church, or anyone who you think could use some encouragement!

During this event, Trail Ridge Camp will also be serving as a drop off location for Mission Cry's Bible Drive. You can donate new or used Bibles; both English and Spanish versions accepted. Mission Cry is an organization dedicated to sharing God's Word by sending donated Bibles and other Christian books overseas to people who cannot afford them. To read more about Mission Cry or to RSVP for the Singspiration, please visit our website at [TrailRidge.org](http://TrailRidge.org).

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November 28th is Giving Tuesday. What exactly is it? Like Thanksgiving, it can tend to get lost in the shuffle of early Christmas shopping. Giving Tuesday is a day that encourages people to give back, and show their thanks to organizations that have made a positive impact on them in the past year. It was created as a response to the consumerism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, and it provides an opportunity for people to donate their time, money, or resources to causes that they care about. At Trail Ridge, we are immensely grateful for the support we have received from our volunteers, donors, and supporters over the past year. Every volunteer, each practical item from our Amazon wish-list, and monetary donation is such a blessing. If you are looking for a way to give back this Giving Tuesday, please consider supporting Trail Ridge. We appreciate your generosity and look forward to continuing to work together furthering our mission of evangelizing the lost, and edifying the believer by pointing people to Jesus.

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Details and registration are posted for the 2024 Family Freeze-Out! Start the new year with a weekend of winter fun and quality family time. Friday evening will be movie night! If you've ever attended a Family Film Friday at Trail Ridge, we'll follow a similar schedule. Supper that night will be concession style with options like pizza, hotdogs, nachos, and much more. We'll be showing the family friendly film *Facing the Giants*. After supper, we'll open up the Game Room. On Saturday, we'll have a morning and evening chapel session, and some scheduled activities including downhill tubing, a scavenger hunt, crafts, and a glow-stick night hike. We'll have a special snowman themed breakfast on Sunday morning, and wrap up after a final chapel session.

All activities, meals, and lodging will be covered in the cost for the weekend. Families will be staying in heated accommodations on Friday and Saturday night. The weekend includes five meals, two nights of lodging, three chapel sessions, and a weekend full of fun! Visit our website to get your family signed-up today! Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 17.



# WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT THANKSGIVING?

With Thanksgiving is right around the corner, we asked the staff (as well as some of the Hillbillies) what they loved most about this holiday. Some of the staff mentioned their love for the delicious food and the chance to spend quality time with their loved ones. Others shared their appreciation for the opportunity to reflect on all the things they are grateful for. No matter what your traditions are, Thanksgiving is a time for coming together and celebrating the many blessings in our lives. From our camp family to yours, we wish you all a happy Thanksgiving!



“I love everything about Thanksgiving! But one thing I always enjoy is my Grandma's homemade stuffing. It is so tasty and makes the meal 10 times better. Above all the yummy food, I love seeing family and friends. There is something special about all eating a meal together and enjoying each other's company, surrounded by an atmosphere of thankfulness!” - Bethany

“Growing up, Thanksgiving was always a time where family and friends would get together and share a meal, then those that enjoyed hunting would head out and the football game would go on. Voices and laughter filled the rooms as games would start and conversations continued on! Aaron and I now enjoying doing the same thing in our house, making it an all day event of food, fellowship and fun! I love having family and friends around to share in all the blessings we enjoy, we are blessed beyond measure! Praise the Lord!” - Amber

“Everything is my favorite about Thanksgiving. I love making food. I love having some extra time with my wife, kids and our guests. I love the mindset of the day. I love the fact that expectations are pretty low--nobody's in a rush to get anywhere; nobody is anticipating presents; everyone can just come in, be themselves, and be grateful. I love inviting friends and family to come over for the day. Thanksgiving is just the best!” - Aaron

“I have a lot of favorites about Thanksgiving, but if I had to pick just one, it would be the cranberry sauce. As a kid, I recall ensuring that our pantry was filled with an overabundance of cranberry sauce once November rolled around. In my opinion, no Thanksgiving meal is complete without it!” - Georgie

“My favorite thing about thanksgiving is the season that it's in. I love the fall colors and the changing of the temperature! I also love sitting around the dinner table with family and friends and being thankful to God for those He's blessed me with.” - Josh

“I love how laid back things are for the whole day and the time to just relax and spend time with family and friends. Also, grazing on leftovers for supper and the next week!” - Amy

“Eating a turkey leg.” - Hadley

“Having people over and eating the carbs: potatoes and rolls.” -Felicity

“Watching the parade and dog show on TV.” - Otilie



# 2023 FATHER/SON



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## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Thanksgiving Singspiration: November 11  
Giving Tuesday: November 28  
Family Freeze-Out: January 26-28  
Family Film Friday: January 26  
Sweetheart's Banquet: February 16