



*Merry Christmas  
From  
Camp Northfield*

December 17, 2011

Dear Friends,

When my children were young, Amy and I would wait until they were in bed on Christmas Eve before assembling and wrapping the toys that had been purchased for them. What joy and excitement was on our children's faces as they ripped into the colorful packages hoping to find that special gift that they had been looking forward to!

But the main reason I love Christmas, then and now, is because it reminds me of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—salvation through Jesus Christ. Just think, God the Son came down to us, taking the form of a baby born in a stable, eventually to die on the cross for our sins. What a great gift God has given to us!

It is so easy to get caught up in all of the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season. I challenge you, and myself as well, to take time to slow down and remember what this special time of year is all about: celebrating the birth of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord is so good, and I'm so glad that He is the focal point of the ministry here at Camp Northfield.

As we reflect on this past year, many great memories give us joy. We recall how God's people came alongside this ministry by praying and giving of their resources. This was both essential and encouraging. We saw many campers make decisions of salvation, spiritual growth and express a desire to serve the Lord. Praise ye the Lord! The Labor Day 50th Anniversary Celebration was a great time of fellowship with many campers, staff alumni, volunteers, supporters, and prayer warriors.

As each year comes and goes, different needs call forth to be met. Camp has a need for a new tractor. The John Deere tractor, which was purchased in 1981, has gotten tired. We are looking to replace it with a new one at the cost of \$16,000.00. Presently we have \$3,500.00 given towards this project. A new tractor will aid with snow removal, mowing in the summer, and other maintenance projects through out the year. Would you consider giving towards this much needed piece of maintenance equipment?

We are now looking forward to the upcoming camp season. There will be new opportunities to serve God and to see Him work in the lives of campers, staff, and volunteers. Would you continue to pray and support this ministry as we strive to bring honor and glory to our Lord?

On behalf of the Camp Northfield Board and the Byron family, I wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas as you celebrate the birth of Christ.

In His Service,

Dave Byron  
(Director)

*Camp Northfield – "Where memories are made and lives are changed" Psalm 46:10*  
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