

ROSS POINT REPORT

SPRING 2011

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

February has been a month of activities surrounding the ABC portion of the ministry of Ross Point. The month started with the Men's Retreat focusing on God's Grace. The month ended with the Women's Retreat where the theme was "He Is". In between was a board meeting and celebration of ministry. Folks from most of the areas that Ross Point serves joined in the luncheon. It was a wonderful opportunity for a wide variety of people to meet and celebrate the value of Ross Point. Human nature seems to be such that we focus on what we don't have instead of what we do have. And we do have a tremendous blessing and responsibility that God has given all of us to steward in the site and program of Ross Point. Thanks for being part of that call.



The Spring Youth Retreat is coming in April and the theme will be "Choose Today Who You Will Be". One of the most precious and valuable gifts we have been given by our loving God is that of Choice: to accept or reject His gift of salvation, how to live our lives, even the attitude and demeanor we will have in any and every situation. As Joshua said, we are to choose who we will serve.

This summer many people will be choosing to serve God through Ross Point as full time staff, part time staff, volunteer counselors and directors, nurses, operations and maintenance. Others will choose to serve through donations for programs and scholarships which are increasingly needed. Still others will choose to regularly pray for the ministry of God at Ross Point. For each of these people, I am grateful.

Whatever your involvement, I trust that God will speak to you, encourage you, draw you closer to himself, and mold you more nearly into the full person he has designed you to be.

May God's blessings abound in your life,

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/1-3 *RP Youth Retreat*
- 4/24 *Easter Sunrise Service*
- 6/19-24 *Junior High Camp*
- 6/24-25 *My First Camp*
- 6/26-7/1 *Junior Camp*
- 6/26-29 *Middler Camp*
- 7/3-8 *Senior High Camp*
- 7/17-23 *Family Camp Alpha*
- 7/24-30 *Family Camp Omega*

Registration for all events available online at www.rosspoint.org!

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FOOD SERVICE OPERATOR

We would like to welcome our new Food Service Operator, Harriet Reece to our staff. She and her husband Tim were on staff previously and moved to Ohio to be closer to family. We are so blessed that God has brought them back

to Ross Point. They arrived this week and are getting settled. They have three beautiful children, Kathryn 9, Luke 6 and Rachel 3.

The Reeces are excited to return to Ross Point and serve in the many

capacities of camp life. The children are looking forward to their first summer of living at camp.

Please stop by the kitchen and welcome the Reece family!



SUMMER CAMP

Ross Point Youth and Family Camps provide a unique and adventurous opportunity for initial Christian growth in an outdoor setting quite apart from the daily routine of home, school, work or other activities. These camps help individuals develop a personal relationship with Christ our Lord, love God, self, and others, live in Christian community as Christ intended, discover and develop

personal gifts, talents, and abilities, and practice good stewardship of Creation.

We offer three weeks of youth camps during the latter part of June and first part of July. Each camp provides a Christ-centered, safe, fun-filled week with trained staff, with a counselor to camper ratio of 1:5. Age appropriate activities, lessons and games are designed to deepen their understanding of God and life issues.

Family Camp offers an excellent opportunity for families to grow in Christ and engage in recreation and fellowship. We offer two weeks of Family Camp during the prime weeks of summer so families can enjoy spending time together, worshipping, learning, praying, swimming, canoeing and more. There are daily Bible classes for all ages, nutritious meals, planned activities and plenty of free time.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

We would like to invite you to join us at the Easter Sunrise Service on April 24 to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will meet in the lagoon at 6:30 a.m. If the weather is inclement, we will meet in Ledbetter Chapel.

We will have the campfire going in the lagoon to warm up by and enjoy the sounds of the geese and ducks as we

gather to celebrate.

Pastor Sid Johnson of Spokane Valley Baptist Church will share a message with us from God's word. Following the message, we will gather in the dining room for a breakfast of waffles & strawberries, sausage, orange juice, coffee and hot chocolate.

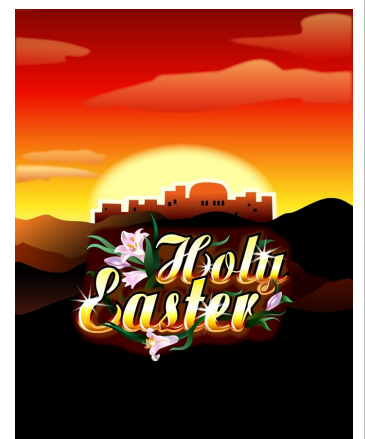
Please call the office if you would like to join us for breakfast. The price for breakfast is:

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\$6.00 for 12 and older, \$4.00 for 5—11 and no charge for 4 and under. We look forward to rejoicing together as we enjoy the beauty of God's creation and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior!

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies"

John 11:25



SPRING YOUTH RETREAT

Brandon Wheeler will be directing the Spring Youth Retreat this year. Steve Short will be speaking on the theme "Choose Today Who You Will Be". They will examine what it means to make choices for God and how to know if you are making the right choices for God.

Over the weekend, they will be looking at how they can honor God with the choices that they make, and what exactly it means to make a choice for God and not for themselves.

They will be learning lessons to help them make better choices today, not only for themselves,

but for Christ!

Brandon has been coming to Ross Point as a camper and then a counselor since 2001. "Ross Point has made a huge impact in my life over the years, and has been able to provide some of my best lifelong friendships and best memories." Brandon has been involved with counseling at Ross Point for 7 years. Brandon has a heart for the youth of our area and desires to see them grow in Christ.

The Spring Youth Retreat is designed for young people grades 6-12. It is a fun-filled exciting weekend that may be a life

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changing time for the youth in your church. The cost is \$81.00 with a \$5.00 discount for registrations postmarked by March 18th. The retreat begins on Friday at 7:00 pm and concludes on Sunday at 1:00 pm. Please contact the camp office at 208-773-1655 or your local church if you would like to help scholarship a young person to attend this retreat. Youth may register online at www.rosspoint.org or request a registration form at rp@rosspoint.org. Please encourage the youth of your church to attend. We look forward to a great weekend!



HOW CAN I HELP?

Ross Point Camp has been blessed with incredible volunteers over the years. Each summer we need volunteer counselors and craft and activity helpers. Camps begin on Sunday afternoon and end on Friday afternoon for the weeks of June 19th through July 8th. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact the camp office at 208-773-1655.

Ross Point Camp partners with the churches in the Inland Northwest

Area to reach out to youth in their communities. Each church receives 3 gift certificates to send youth who are not a regular part of their church family to camp for free. In 2010, there were 8 churches that used the gift certificates to send 18 children to camp.

In addition to the gift certificates, 29 youth received one half to full scholarships during the 2010 camping season. Many of the churches in our area are small congregations that may not be

able to send youth that need financial assistance. While it is important that we operate in a sound fiscal manner, it is equally important that people come to camp for a positive experience that will last a lifetime. Would you consider joining the Ross Point team and providing a scholarship for a youth that might not hear the gospel any other way? The cost for Middler Camp is \$165.00. The cost for all other camps is \$239.00.



Summer Camp Volunteers

Return Service Requested

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Ross Point Baptist Camp and Conference Center

Ross Point Camp and Conference Center is a special place which is continually being developed to give God's People an opportunity to experience being empowered for strength, growth and service.

As a camp our mission is to provide a glimpse of God's universe through hearing the gospel, experiencing Christian community, and to reinforce the ministries for the church through spiritual development, education, social groups, and recreation.

As a conference center our purpose is to provide varied groups an affordable facility with high quality food service, overnight lodging, meeting rooms and recreational opportunities.

Ross Point Camp and Conference Center is a ministry of American Baptist Churches in the Northwest, serving American Baptist Churches and beyond.

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to Get A Way*