



The Executive Director's Home is Finished!

It may seem out of the ordinary to start a building project in the middle of a pandemic, but we had faith that God would provide. We began the "Executive Director's Home" in July 2020 and finished in April 2021.

The home is located in the back half of Hidden Acres, near the Wester & Anderson Pastoral Cabins. It's nestled back far enough to provide amazing views of the beautiful ravine that runs along one side of the cabin.

There are so many people to thank who have had a hand in making this dream cabin a reality:

Thank you, Rob & Lisa Rubsam, for the design and blueprints you provided for this cabin. Thank you to the many of you who gave financially toward this project. Thank you to those who provided helpful connections to a number of professional companies; we used these connections to obtain everything from spray foam insulation to geothermal units.



And, of course, a huge thanks goes out to our Hidden Acres construction staff and a few faithful individual and group volunteers. I believe 95% of the work on this home came from staff and volunteers. Thank you Valley Church, Bondurant Federated Church, and CrossWinds Church for sending volunteer groups. Thank you for lending your time and talents to help on this project.

Dana and I feel so grateful and blessed to be able to move into this beautiful cabin. We will celebrate our 38th anniversary this summer and are excited for this new season of life where we can do ministry together. Just last week, Dana celebrated her 60th birthday, retired from her job at Brick Street Market in Bondurant, and started making the move to Hidden Acres. She will be a great asset to the camp; she brings with her a love for arts & crafts, sewing, cooking, and gardening.



Next time you visit Hidden Acres, Dana and I would love to see you and give you a tour of the new Executive Director's Home.

Now that the cabin is finished, our team will move their focus to other projects. We need to get the grounds and buildings ready for a busy summer camp and retreat season. We're also researching and praying about a few new projects that will continue to improve the camp. Stay tuned for more information!

Your prayers and gifts are such a blessing. If you want to give financially, use the enclosed envelope or visit hacamps.org/donate. Thank you once again for your continued support of Hidden Acres!



The Pinkley Family enjoying Easter at the new cabin.

Exciting New Programming

By Taylor Mugge

There are two exciting new things we're launching this year at Hidden Acres: Day Camps and The Hidden Acres Podcast.

This summer, our new Day Camps program will take camp on the road to local churches to help them reach out to their communities. It's like VBS, but with Hidden Acres' staff and activities. For more information and to see which areas we're visiting this summer, go to hacamps.org/day-camps. While there, you can also complete a form if you think your church would be interested in Day Camps in the summer of 2022.



In February 2021 we launched The Hidden Acres Podcast to help you stay engaged with what's going on at camp. Episodes include interviews, updates, chapel messages, and so much more. It's available wherever you find podcasts: Apple, Spotify, Google, etc. Visit hacamps.org/podcast for more information and to listen now.

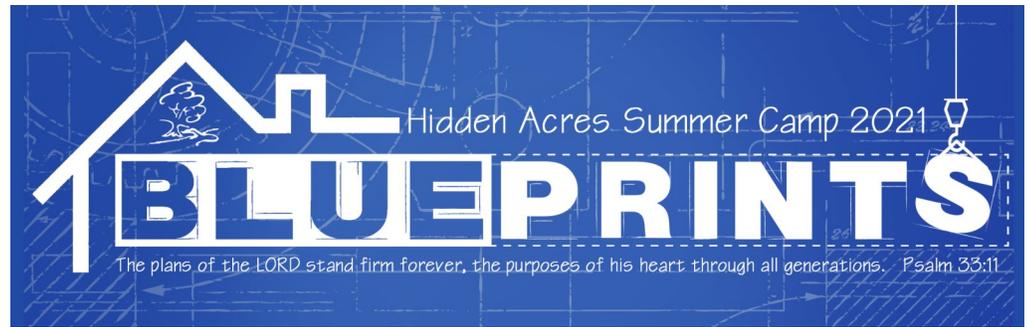


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Planning for Summer Camp 2021



By Eric Smith

Psalm 33:11 says, "The plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations." That's our theme verse for this summer as we study the theme Blueprints. We're going to look at God's blueprints, or plans, for creation, salvation, spiritual growth, the Church, and the world. What a comforting truth to know that God's plans don't change! We're so excited to teach this truth to thousands of campers this summer.

We recently completed a training weekend for our summer staff of around 160 high school and college students. We taught the Blueprints curriculum so they can start preparing their devotions for this summer. We want the truth of God's Word to penetrate and change their hearts as they prepare to teach it to campers.

Will you join us in praying that God does incredible things in the lives of our campers and staff this summer as we study God's blueprints together?



Registration is still open for summer camp, although many camps have filled up already. If you have a camper interested in coming to camp this summer, please register as soon as possible. You can learn more about our summer camp program at hacamps.org.

Monthly Giving Program Update

By Steve Pinkley

Our December 2020 issue of the In Touch newsletter was a special edition devoted to the financial state of Hidden Acres. In that letter, we introduced our monthly giving program, asking people like you to pray about joining with Hidden Acres financially.

We were BLOWN AWAY by your support and eagerness to give! Many families chose to give a one-time gift or join the monthly giving program. We were also very humbled and excited to see churches



add Hidden Acres to their missionary support program. Other churches who already give monthly chose to give a one-time, year-end gift!

Your prayers and generosity have allowed Hidden Acres to stay open. Our entire staff remained employed throughout 2020. We're seeing more and more people book a retreat; many weekends are entirely full! Summer Camp numbers are on track to be higher than 2019, which was a record year. We're excited to see Hidden Acres be used to transform lives for Jesus during this global pandemic. Thank you very much for your help, your friendship, your prayers, and your contributions!