

WINKLER BIBLE CAMP

CHRISTMAS 2011

RICHLY BLESSED

As I am writing this, there is no snow on the ground, and the temperature will be above zero outside today. I love having such a mild start to winter! We all enjoy when things go in our favor, the weather is good, we have a good job, our health is good, and we have enough money to pay the bills etc...

The things I just mentioned are some of the physical measuring sticks we use to determine how good we think things are going. They are good things and we count them as blessings from God, but there is more!

If you have driven by our camp within the last year you will have seen that outwardly things look great! We have a new barn/riding ring and corrals set up. The trees around the lake are getting larger every year and overall that camp is at a great spot physically. I just want to take the time to remind you that we are very grateful and excited about our new camp facilities but that these good things are just a means to an end.

The goal of WBC has always been to extend God's kingdom by ministering to children, teens, and the community around us with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. To quote what the angel said to the shepherds in Luke 2:10 "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

The "good news", that's what it is all about! All of the physical circumstances that surround us are nothing compared to the "good news." The things around us come and go but the word of God and the "good news" that we share year after year is eternal!

I hope that as you reflect on how God has blessed you this past year that you will take the time to focus on things eternal.

I also want to thank you for all the support you have shown this ministry. Your gifts, time and most importantly your prayers are what help to keep us strong in the Lord.

Merry Christmas and remember the "Good News."

~Dale Wiebe
Executive Director

TWENTY-TWO TREES

BLESSING . . .

What a beautiful word! A word that is used often at this time of year.

'We wish one another a blessed Christmas'

'We take time to count our blessings of the past year'

'We thank God for the blessing of His Son'

Blessings are a gift . . . a gift from God. Sometimes in the busyness of life we tend to chalk up blessings received as coincidence or just really cool moments, forgetting to recognize the AWESOMENESS of our Savior at work. This past year Dale and I have worked hard at taking note of all blessings, big or small, and giving God praise. So I thought it would be neat to share just one such blessing story with you.

Along with the addition of our new barn and riding ring came the moving of our petting zoo. It is beautiful, but lacking in the shade department for all our friendly animal critters, so it was decided that we needed to purchase some large trees for instant shade. A nursery nearby happened to be taking down some tree lines that were just too big to sell so they offered us, for free, as many as we needed -- BLESSING #1. A tree mover gave us a deal on the moving price of each tree at \$50 -- BLESSING #2. Then Dale and I went to pick out the variety and number of trees we thought we needed. In our discussion we realized that 10 trees would not look like much for the area we were wanting to develop quickly, and that 20 would probably be a lot closer. We decided to go back to camp to plan out exactly where we should put trees and discovered that the number we needed was 22. Slightly more than was originally thought, since the intention was to only spend about \$500. We talked about finding someone who might want to take on this small project and ended by praying about it. Later that day Dale had a conversation with a gentleman who was doing some work at camp and he started asking about the ministry of Winkler Bible Camp. When he was finished his job he asked if he could meet Dale in town later because he really felt led to give his tithe from the previous month to WBC. So later that evening they met and he gave Dale a handful of rolled up bills. Dale thanked him, came home, and opened up the wad to discover that he had been given eleven \$100 bills. With tears in my eyes, I said, "Dale, there's our 22 trees!" WOW! Without knowing the situation he gave the exact amount needed to cover the cost of 22 trees -- BLESSING #3!

I hope this story encourages but also challenges each one of us to step into this next year continually reflecting on our blessings. Not just for a day or a season, but let's make a practice of praising our Savior for the blessings received each and every day!

Merry Christmas,
~Candace Wiebe

BIKES FOR SALE

Giant Areva \$150



Giant Revel 1 \$450



Please visit our website or call for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Camp January 4-5:

Junior campers (grades 3-6) can register for a thrilling two days of camp with regular summer camp activities plus many new fun winter activities! The cost is just \$90. Register now at www.winklerbiblecamp.com. Call 325-9519 if you have any questions. You won't want to miss it!

Father/Son Retreat Jan 13-14

Calling all fathers and sons! (ages 8+). WBC's annual Father/Son Retreat is just around the corner! Come for some great activities, sessions, and bonding time with each other. Visit www.winklerbiblecamp.com or call 325-9519 for more information and to register.

Valentine's Banquets

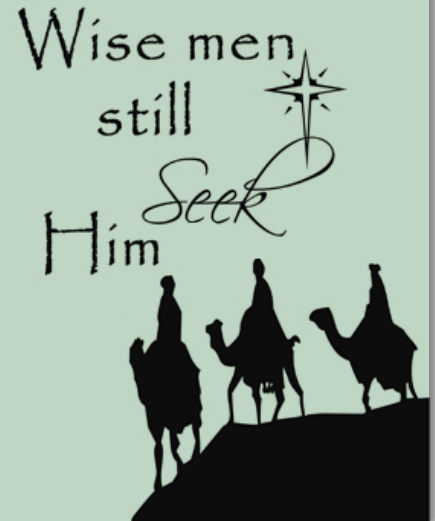
Feb 10, 11 & 12

Attention all husbands: Looking for a night of food, fun and celebration for Valentine's Day? Treat your wife to a night out at WBC! Call 325-9519 to reserve seats.

WISH LIST

Here at camp we always have needs for the camp to function on a day to day basis. The following are a few items we currently need, and we'd appreciate it if you would consider donating or sponsoring the purchase of any of the following items.

- Golf Carts
- Heavy duty metal bandsaw (could be 3-phase)
- Western props for Western Town (signs, barrels, wheels, lanterns, etc.)



REDUCE YOUR PAPER WASTE!

Would you rather receive your newsletter in full color via email? If so, please email info@winklerbiblecamp.com with the following information: Name, mailing address (so we know to stop mailing to you), and your email address. Thanks!

One Time Donation

I would like to contribute to the work of the Lord by giving a one time gift to:

General Donations: \$ _____ Capital Campaign: \$ _____ Specific Project (please specify): _____

Monthly Donation

My monthly gift to partner with and support Winkler Bible Camp is (please circle):

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other Amount: _____

Monthly Transfer Date: _____ 1st _____ 15th Starting: _____ (Month)

____ I have enclosed this month's donation by cheque.

____ I have enclosed a void cheque to give you my banking information.

I give my bank permission to transfer from my account each month the amount indicated above and pay Winkler Bible Camp. This transfer will continue until I otherwise notify Winkler Bible Camp.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

You can also donate online with credit card by visiting www.winklerbiblecamp.com and clicking on the "Make a Donation" link.

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