

# HORTON HAVEN



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## Core Staff Impressions...

**Allison Denny.** Looking back on the summer, I am amazed at what a great God we serve. He has protected us and provided for us. He has comforted and carried us, and He has strengthened and sustained us. He has held Horton Haven Christian Camp in the palm of His hand and has kept us safe through every circumstance.

God has been so faithful to us this summer. When we were waking up for early morning staff meetings after late nights with the campers, God was there. When we were building space ships with our teams for the sixth time this summer, God was there. When we were chasing kids with water guns, wondering where our strength was coming from, God was there. When we were diligently praying for the campers in our cabins who tried our patience, love, and joy, God was there. And when we were sitting in our cabins explaining to our campers that God loved them enough to send His Son to die for them, God was there.

God's been working in the lives of the children that come to Horton Haven. I remember walking from my cabin to the dining hall one night. As I was looking around at the other cabins, I noticed a cabin leader on every porch of every cabin, and beside each cabin leader there was a child. If I listened close enough, I could hear the message of the gospel being boldly proclaimed from every cabin leader. My heart rejoiced in the work that God was doing through the staff here at Horton Haven. However, the work that God

has begun has not ended as the summer has come to a close. God will continue to change lives as the campers that have been reached this summer at camp go home and share their newfound love for God with their family and friends.



**Paul Sherrouse.** Last year I wanted to deepen my relationship with Jesus before I graduated from college. With all the busyness of school I had only had the chance to maintain my relationship with Christ, but I wanted to know what it meant to depend on Him for every breath. With that goal, I applied to a few different positions for the summer and asked God to lead in the direction that would draw me closer to Him. In this first small step God showed Himself faithful because every place I applied to for some reason became unavailable with the one exception of Horton Haven.

When I arrived and started going through Core week, I found the type of teaching I had been longing for. It was solid teaching that had practical applications. More than just the teaching, we spent time living out a life dedicated to Christ. The beginning of the summer was like a spiritual boot camp which was just what we needed because the rest of the summer was spent fighting for the glory of the Lord.

The rest of the summer I began to understand what it meant to trust God fully and completely rely on Him. Quite a few times I found that I still had plenty of energy and strength even though it was Thursday, I had only had five hours of sleep that night, and I was running around all day in the heat managing fifteen teenagers. Under my own strength such things were completely impossible but with God all things are possible. It was in things like this that made Hebrews 13:21 a reality to me.

In all things God provided abundantly for me but He even did more than that. Near the beginning of the summer God gave me the privilege to lead one of the campers to Christ and that alone made my whole summer worth while. But God was not near finished. Over the rest of the summer, I saw many people give their lives to Christ, find a renewed passion to live for Him, or deepen their walk with God. The most amazing thing is that I know that He still is not finished; He has so much to do with my life, with Horton Haven, with all the staff here, all the campers that came this summer, and even with you. 🏕️



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**ALLISON DENNY, CORE STAFF**  
Allison will be a freshman at Carson Newman University this fall.



**PAUL SHERROUSE, CORE STAFF**  
Paul will be a Senior at Tennessee Tech this fall.

'09 camp pics



# Young Womens Discipleship Retreat

HHCC also celebrated another first this summer. Late in June, six young women who have displayed remarkable depth in their relationship with the Lord, were invited out for a week of discipleship, fellowship and fun. Throughout the course of four days the girls were challenged by six different women who came out and shared the attribute of God that meant the most to them. The girls also delved into their personal devotions through a book study on the names of our Lord. But much of the time was spent in wonderful fellowship with one another. An afternoon long canoe trip gave the young women time to bond with one another and with the staff. Emily Simpson and Wendy Phelan had the distinct privilege of directing and mentoring the young ladies. Jani Bennett also was a big help in coordinating the event and spent numerous hours getting to know the girls. The end of the retreat was an etiquette dinner, hosted at the Phelan home that opened the girls' eyes to the world of fine

china and salad forks. But no matter what the girls were doing, there was much laughter and chatter following the group. The week was attended by Naomi Lee, Paige Phillips, Nina Ricci, Hannah Whitehead, and Bethany and Abigail Hughes. The girls built relationships with one another as well as vital mentorship relationships with the directors, speakers and staff. The ladies are also going to help this fall with the Girls Challenge Weekend, September 18th, 19th, and 20th. 🏰



LEFT SIDE, FROM FRONT TO BACK: Bethany Hughes, Nini Ricci, Paige Phillips, Naomi Lee; RIGHT SIDE, FROM FRONT TO BACK: Wendy Phelan, Abigail Hughes, Hannah Whitehead, Emily Simpson

# Three Day Camps A Big Success!

Horton Haven hosted its second annual day camp this summer, offering three weeks that children ages 6 to 11 could participate in. The kids got the opportunity to get a taste of what camp is all about. Each week hosted a different speaker, bringing the same emphasis on the gospel but with different approaches and twists. Everyday the kids got to spend time learning and exploring who Jesus Christ is through songs, Bible stories, missionary stories and games. The rest of the time was spent exploring camp and the great outdoors. Lunch was a picnic at the river each day, where the campers got to join in tadpole hunting, crawdad catching, and rock skipping extravaganza. Jani Bennett and Lois Manning helped to corral the rambunctious crew under the craft pavilion to create a number of unique projects that the campers could take home. The kids enjoyed the pool everyday but the star of the week was the water slide! The day campers also got the opportunity to go down the river on a canoe trip. For the

staff, this was a wonderful opportunity to get one on one with the kids and watch the wonder on their faces as they interacted with God's creation. Throughout the three weeks we saw five or six little lives come to know Jesus as their savior. Each day was an adventure that left the kids and staff exhausted from their fun. 🏰

## Financial Update

General Operating Fund:	\$ 2,756
Capital Fund:	\$29,985
(designated for cabin expansion)	
Core Staff Fund:	\$ 0
Camper Scholarship Fund:	\$ 525

## Most Wanted List

- Two sturdy roll away beds



## 5K Run

On April 18th, more than 60 people converged on the sports field at camp for our first ever Horton Haven Christian Camp Trail Trek and Fun Run. Participants of all ages and skill levels enjoyed the event and the beautiful weather that God provided for the morning.

The 5K Trail Trek offered something for everyone. The beginner walker/runner enjoyed the scenery of the course as well as visiting with old friends, while the more experienced runner tackled the inherent challenges of the trail: rocky terrain, muddy spots, and hills. The course followed the trails through the woods, skirted many adjoining fields, and ran for a long stretch along the banks of the Duck River before heading back through the main campground to the finish.

After the race began, the kids began their Fun Run up on the sports field. The participants raised their own support beforehand. Money was donated to the scholarship fund for each lap they ran. The kid's event truly made the day an enjoyable time for the whole family.

The proceeds from the 5K Trail Trek and Fun Run in the amount of \$1,977 went directly to the Camper Scholarship Fund. We had 69 children that received help towards a week of camp this summer.

Plans are already in the works to make next year's race even better so be sure to come and enjoy the day with us. A big thank you goes out to all the participants, volunteers, and sponsors for making this event such a huge success. To God be the Glory! 🏕️

*Lauren HuYoung*



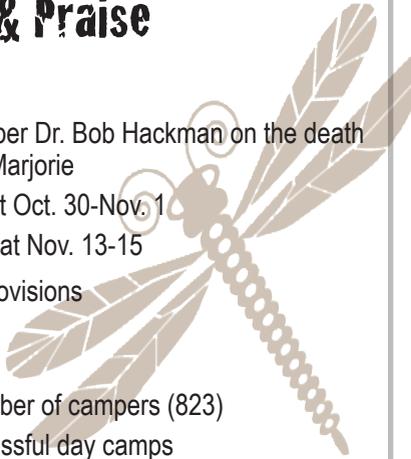
## Prayer & Praise

### PRAY FOR

- Board member Dr. Bob Hackman on the death of his wife, Marjorie
- Teen Retreat Oct. 30-Nov. 1
- Junior Retreat Nov. 13-15
- Financial Provisions

### PRAISE FOR

- Record number of campers (823)
- Three successful day camps
- Girls Discipleship Retreat a success
- Over 85 children counseled for salvation
- God's protection
- 60 sets of bunk beds donated
  - Provision of Health Care Director
  - Full fall retreat schedule



### FOR INFORMATION

If you need information concerning camp,

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- Matt Phelan,  
*Executive Director*
- Wendy Phelan,  
*Registrar*
- Kelton Meyer,  
*Facilities Technician*
- Jennifer Loudon,  
*Food Service Director*
- Kevin King,  
*Camp Director*



HORTON HAVEN  
CORE STAFF

BACK row: Steven Manning, Jonathan Gertig, Neil Whitehead, Daniel Sherrouse, Brandon Johnson, Nathan Phelan; MIDDLE row: Paul Sherrouse, David Loudon, Jessica Morel, Allison Denny, Joshua Denny, Gary Stott; FRONT row: Deniece Allen, Kayla McBride, Laura Gage, Emily Witter, and Katherine Sloan



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# Upcoming Events...

SAVE

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DATE

**fall teen  
retreat**

**october 30 -  
november 1, 2009**

*ages 12-18*




**Fall Junior  
Retreat**

**November 13-15, 2009**

*Ages 7-11*

HORTON HAVEN CHRISTIAN CAMP  
& CONFERENCE GROUNDS

PO Box 276  
Chapel Hill, TN  
37034

The mission of Horton Haven Christian Camp is to create a camp environment where people can come to know and follow Jesus Christ.