



## **Joy to the World!**

We live in a time where news seems to saturate our world almost instantly due to the internet and social media. It is hard for many to understand that news used to take days, weeks or even months or longer to reach people. The Battle of Palmetto Ranch, the final battle of our civil war, was a confederate victory in Texas that occurred more than a month after Lee surrendered at Appomattox. Soldiers on both sides had not heard the news that the war was over. The birth of God's son Jesus, which happened more than 2000 years ago, would still be news to many in our world today.

I find it interesting that although the birth of Jesus was prophesied in the Old Testament and revealed to Joseph and Mary in advance by an angel, that the news of his birth was first revealed to the shepherds in the fields, and wise men from far away. It is a message God entrusted not to kings and princes or society's elite, but to everyday people, even those viewed as the least important by society or residing far from the presence of the Lord.

As believers we are called to share the "Good News" with others. That task is not limited to a few who are better equipped or gifted. Most people come to know Christ because of a friend or acquaintance taking the time to share about Jesus. In this season where we emphasize our joy in Christ might I challenge you to look for opportunities to share the reason for your joy with others. Don't hesitate to become involved because you feel ungifted or inadequately trained. Don't hold back because you feel far from the Lord. As has often been said, the most important ability is availability. Commit to being available.

Look for opportunities to join with others in the community of faith to share Christ. Be a part of the team that teaches children or youth at your church. Be a part of outreach ministries that build relationships with people outside the church through food distributions or work projects. Volunteer at Release Time or at camp. You can make a difference in someone's life if you are willing to invest your time, talent, or resources. You were created to share the news.

In closing, we just wanted to say thank you to everyone who has partnered with us in ministry this past year! We had a great year and are looking forward to another year of growth in 2022. It would not be possible without all your encouragement, prayers, and support!

**Merry Christmas from all of us here at Greenview!**

*Steve, Donna, Jon & Lena*

## Prayer makes a difference! 2020 Christmas Newsletter Prayer Requests and Results

Pray that retreats and summer camp schedules will return to pre- Covid levels in 2021.

Summer 2021 was our best year ever as measured by attendance and decisions to accept Christ.

Pray for ongoing staff support needs.

We thank the Lord for another year of his gracious provision.

Pray for summer staff needed for 2021, especially nurses.

Our summer staff, although stretched, was sufficient. We had a nurse for every day of camp

Pray for volunteers for this year's Floyd Sensenig Ride and Family Day at camp on August 22.

A small group from CFC volunteered to cover all our needs for the meal. Individuals covered all other needs.

### New in 2021



We thank the Lord for another tractor which was donated, allowing us to pull two wagons, enabling up to 75 people to go on a wagon ride at the same time.

Designated funding allowed us to enclose part of the pavilion which makes for a more protected space to store our equipment.

We thank the Lord for generous donors attending our Floyd Sensenig Ride and Family Day in August who purchased 10 new picnic tables for our use. A church also donated money to buy an additional tent. Both these items will be used to create a staging area used for drop off, pick up, lunch and memory work for a group during each week of our day camp.



We are working on a promotional piece for camp. If you are a current or former camper or parent, or staff member, and would be willing to write a brief summary of how Greenview has impacted your life, we would love to hear from you.

Our 2022 summer schedule is now available online. Register early as last summer every week was full. Visit <https://www.greenviewbiblecamp.org/camps-retreats/> for more information.

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