

2026 HILLTOP HOLLER OCTOBER



Our church recently started a series on prayer, and one of the clever sermon titles, “Knee Replacements”, has stuck in my mind. Then during the Young Adults Retreat this past weekend, Dr. Anderson spoke on the the Lord’s Prayer from Luke 11 and it came to mind again. Even though the mental image of being on your knees in prayer is common, I’ve found myself thinking about “knee replacements” a lot. How often are we praying? Who are we praying for? Do we bring everything to the Lord, or only the big stuff? Ephesians 6:18, “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.” And simply, “Pray without ceasing”, from 1 Thessalonians 5:17. As Christians, we are called to pray. We are called to pray consistently, to persevere in prayer, and to pray for others. It is such a blessing to be able to bring our praises, burdens, needs, and the needs of others to the Lord at any time. It makes such a difference when prayer becomes less of a last resort and more of a part of our daily walk with the Lord. Maybe we could all use a few more “knee replacements” in our lives!

PAST EVENT - YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

We all had such a wonderful time at the Young Adults Retreat! The weather was perfect for boating at the lake and the first ever scooter races on the brand new parking lot. The Lord even kept the rain away so we could have breakfast on the bluff on Sunday morning! We were blessed to hear from Dr. Anderson as our retreat speaker, and enjoyed messages from Psalm 1, Luke 10 and 11, and some others. Of course the Saturday night Barnyard Banquet is always such a hit and we also enjoyed seeing the creativity of everyone who participated in the tie dye and watercolor bookmark activities. The weekend was full of laughs, some fun competition, and such a spiritual encouragement. If you’re between the ages of 18-35, make plans to join us next year. You’ll be glad you did!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Lumberjack Weekend: October 15-17

Lend a hand at Trail Ridge as we tackle a variety of outdoor projects including clearing out dead trees throughout the camp property. Meals are provided and overnight lodging is included for volunteers working more than one day. Share this event with others - with a project of this size, many hands make light work!

Registration Deadline: October 7

Quirky Hobbies Craft Retreat: October 22-24

Ladies--are you craving distraction free craft time? We've got just the retreat for you! Work on those sewing, scrapbook, and art projects you've been putting off by joining us for our annual bring-your-own supplies crafting getaway. Come for just part of the retreat, or stay for the whole thing--you decide! The relaxed schedule will include meals, devotional sessions, some optional camp activities, and of course, uninterrupted project time.

Registration Deadline: October 14

New Building Dedication: October 24

Last October we hosted a special Chapel-Lodge Project groundbreaking ceremony, and now a year later we're excited to announce a building dedication! The ceremony will include comments from staff and board members, special music and a Scripture challenge, and we'll end with an old fashioned hymn sing. During the ceremony we plan to take an offering that will go towards furnishing the building. Thank you to each one who prayed, gave, encouraged, and followed along as the building took shape. We can't wait to celebrate this milestone with you all! No registration is required for this event. Attendance is free and all are welcome!

Rooted Marriage Retreat: November 13-15

We're looking forward to this year's Rooted Marriage Retreat! In today's busy world, couples need an opportunity to step away from distractions and focus on strengthening their relationship. Whether you're newlyweds or have been married for decades, our goal is to provide a space for rest, renewal, and meaningful conversations. We had a wonderful registration response and subsequently have booked all of our on site lodging! We do offer a "no lodging" option at a discount for those in our local area or who have secured lodging elsewhere.

Registration Deadline: November 4

For more information about any of our upcoming events, visit our website TrailRidge.org or call the camp office at (608) 489-3810

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Father/Son Retreat: October 2-4

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