

Cale Retreat

Come away to a quiet place.

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So have we started building YET? I really do not mind hearing that question repeatedly each week. In fact, it is somewhat nice as it lets me know a couple things. First, people know that we have a building program in the works, and second, they are thinking about it, at least whenever they see me ☺

The answer is we have only prepared the building for digging the foundation. Therefore, Grayce and I thought we would dedicate this newsletter to bringing everyone up to the very latest information on the building. To date, the association has the full-engineered plans, and a set will be available to view April 21 at the association meeting. We have hired the contractor, and he is ready to build. The county has approved the plans; we may buy a permit and begin digging the foundation, but once we pour the concrete floor, we would have to stop all construction. Our challenge is a lack of water! You see, the county water lines to Cale are not large enough to give us the required water pressure for the sprinkler system. We cannot begin framing until we have this required water supply. We have met with the Fire Marshall and Fire Chief to consider options. The river is full of water, but is not an option as it is too shallow near our side. Fire trucks need the depth of the water to be 4' to draw from and the length of draw should not exceed 20'. We have to go over 100 feet to get 4' of water. We have considered wells, but they are very expensive and involve extreme maintenance. The engineers have worked a model to bring a larger water line from New Hope Road to Cale, a distance of 3 miles. This is less expensive than drilling wells but still extremely expensive. Once we have the plan that we know will work for the county and the complete price for that plan, we can review our financial situation and bring this before the association. If approved, we will begin construction as soon as possible. Due to several safety issues, we will not undergo construction during our summer camp. Are we close to starting? Every day we get closer as we address these challenges. I am sincere when I say thanks for the encouragement and continued gifts towards this part of our ministry. Many are faithful to send checks of \$10 to \$500 each month to offset the amount we will borrow. We appreciate your prayers and concern for this endeavor, and trust that in His time, we will see the building take form. Let us not grow weary in doing well. We know that in His time we will see His plans come to fruition!



It is time to sign up for Summer Camp 2009! Ladies, we will have a 3-day camp this year for women 18 to 108. If you would like to check this out, go to our website or call Steve, 264-2513 and ask how you can join in. Ladies, camp is a lot of fun! We will have singing, programs, and wonderful devotions each day by Mrs. Carol Terryberry of EC.

This year's weeks of summer camp are:

June 7th – 9th Ladies Camp

June 14 – 19, 7 – 10 yr olds

June 21 – 26, 7 – 10 yr olds

June 28 – July 3, 7 – 10 yr olds

July 5 – 10, 10 – 13 yr olds

July 12 – 17, 10 – 13 yr olds

July 19 – 24, 10 – 13 yr olds

July 26 – 31, 13 – 17 yr olds



*Call to reserve your picnic date as soon as possible!
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