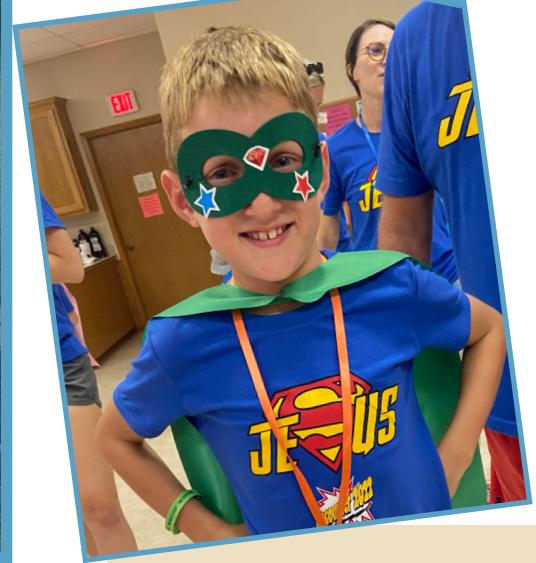


HUS CAMP 2022

NEWSLETTER



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1st Annual Adult Volleyball Tournament,
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IT IS A SPECIAL PLACE

By Marvin & Alice Chlapek



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There are times when something enters our lives that is a special blessing. For us one of those things is the Hus School Encampment. Perhaps it is because the Encampment has been a part of our entire adult lives. We married in 1957; 16 days before the first Hus School session began at the Encampment on June 24. Alice's sister, Linda Jean Sebesta and her future husband, Frank Simcik, attended that first session. We both attended Hus School during the time it was hosted in local congregations. Alice attended in 1951 when it was at Snook Brethren, commuting/carpooling from Caldwell each day. Marvin attended in 1952 when it was at Ocker Brethren, his home congregation.

Our first participation in a conference at the Encampment was the Junior High Conference in 1960. Rev. Dan and Marie Marek asked us to help plan the conference and then serve as counselors during the conference. All went well until it was time for the actual conference. Marvin's employer, Humble Oil/Exxon, decided that the same week was a good time to shut down one of the chemical units that Marvin provided maintenance support for. So Marvin missed the actual conference that year. Alice participated as planned.

The next few years went well and we served as counselors at the Junior High Conferences. Things we remember include the serious discussions we had with our campers during the bedtime devotionals and after the Thursday night vespers. One year Marvin's boys took a sunrise walk on the roads near the Encampment. They discussed the wonder of creation, particularly the solar system and how it is created to support human life. Only a loving God could order all of that. Room inspections were always a competition. Marvin's room benefitted from his Texas A & M Corps of Cadets training and gave his campers an advantage in making beds with square corners and tight blankets. We enjoyed the singing time and Alice was always available to help at the piano. We can't forget the delicious meals that were enjoyed each day. A special thanks to all the cooks that served us over the years.

We took a break in 1965 from Encampment programming after our daughter, Darla Kay, was born. We returned in the early 1970's and co-directed the Pioneer and Junior conferences with couples from the Crosby and Pasadena congregations. It was rewarding to see how the campers were maturing spiritually from

year to year. The Thursday night vespers had special meaning to all of us. One year we sent out little boats with lighted candles in them from the east shore of the pond to signify our desire to be a light for Jesus. Another year the wind was very strong and the flaming torches lighting the path burned with large flames. During the message Rev. Beseda remarked that this gives us a glimpse of what Pentecost might have been like with flaming tongues of fire and a rushing wind.

As we reflect on these years, we are grateful for all of the staffs that worked with us. These were not weeks we "spent" at camp; these were weeks we "invested" in the lives of the youth of our churches. The dividends have been many and visible as the campers became Jesus followers and then workers in the BYF (state and local), leaders in the local Sunday Schools and congregations and ministers in the Unity.

Our connection to the Encampment goes beyond the conferences. In 1970 our pastor at Pasadena Brethren, Rev. Dan Marek, suggested the congregation have a congregational retreat at the Encampment over the Labor Day weekend. That was done and began over 40 years of annual retreats. This was a great way to get to know each other better as we did study, worship and free time together in this setting.

In 1995 we became part of the Primetimer's Retreat, a gathering for older adults. It was heartwarming to see people shaking hands and hugging during check-in. Most greetings were "How are you? I haven't seen you since we were on staff at a conference." Yes, friendships are formed not only among the campers, but also the staff.

As we said in the title, the Hus School Encampment is a special place, not only for us, but for all who spend time there. It is hard to realize that 2022 is the Hus School Encampment's 66th year of service to the Unity. May God bless this ministry for years to come.

ENCOUNTER CAMP



Staff List – Encounter Camp

Back Row: Bro. Mike Groseclose, Shauna Owens, Buddy Mincha, Devin Schramm, Kaylee Herd, Allie Snelgrove, Colton Machu, Riley Green, Jacelyn Chervenka, Brady Collard and Collin Weise

Front Row: Marilyn Holik, Leslie Kinnibrough, Elizabeth Odom, Marcie Walker, Kerrigan Hooker, Maya Collard, Carter Tankersly, Susan Neal, Sarah Gallander and Lance LaBedelle



Telling God's Story

AT SUMMER CAMP

BY MYAH COLLARD

Hello!

My name is Myah Collard. I am a recent college graduate from John Brown University with a degree in music ministry. Me and my husband, Brady Collard, moved to San Angelo and joined the Wall Brethren Church after recently being hired as the director of Youth and Young Families. It has been such an incredible journey thus far, and we are constantly being affirmed that San Angelo is where we are called to be.

Wanting to get involved with the kids at our church and the Brethren church as a whole, we signed up to be counselors at Discovery and Encounter Hus Camp. We got to lead teenagers as well as young children to learn about and recognize the love that Christ has for them. What I particularly loved about the way this was accomplished – it was not just done by sitting in a classroom listening to someone lecture. The teaching went beyond this. The kids got to use their hands by participating in a service project at a

food pantry, in which they made and stuffed boxes to distribute to those in need. They had an opportunity to share their own thoughts and questions in small groups as well as within their cabins. They got to sing and dance alongside each other in the fellowship of worship. Most of all, they were given the chance to accept and acknowledge Christ as their savior, which many did with eagerness. Isn't that just amazing?

IN A WORLD FULL OF BUSY SCHEDULES AND ANXIETY, HUS CAMP PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEPARATE ONESELF TO FOCUS ON GOD AND FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS.

Hus Camp is, for many kids growing up in the Brethren tradition and those who are not, an essential experience to grow their budding relationship with Christ. This church camp is very much for all kinds of kids, even those who have never been to church. The messages and teachings are developed in a way that can be understood by the kids in their different stages of their

walk with Him, and the staff as well as the counselors are equipped to engage with what is brought to the table: hard topics, questions about the Bible and scripture, exploration of taking the next step in their relationship with Jesus. The staff and counselors are also there just to make the kids feel welcome and allow them a space to have fun – for example, it was a good time when I sat with my campers to help them write mock love-letters to the boys and plan pranks (which may or may have not included massive amounts of glitter). Hus Camp is just a great mixture of seeking Jesus and having fun.

It is hard to encapsulate my feelings and thoughts about all the amazing staff, teachings, and experiences I had between the two camps. In short: It was evident that how the Gospel was shared and was received, and this makes my heart deeply joyful. Me and Brady will be back as counselors once again next summer, and we hope to see your kids there!

ALPHA CAMP



Alpha Staff List

Top row directors: Jennifer Chervenka, Jessica Chervenka, Connie Janac, RN, Ben Wilde, Krystal Wilde & Rev. Larry Koslovsky

Bottom row counselors: Joanna Chervenka, Riley Green, Johanna McKay, Anabelle Denise, Trent Wuensche, Jacelyn Chervenka, Joshua Green, Trevor Wuensche, Tanner Murrow

HUS CAMP IN MY LIFE AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS

By Colton Machu

IF I COULD DESCRIBE HEAVEN ON EARTH, MY FIRST THOUGHT INSTANTLY GOES TO BEING AT THE HUS CAMP PLAYING VOLLEYBALL AND HAVING FELLOWSHIP WITH SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN MY LIFE. HUS CAMP HAS PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN MY WALK WITH CHRIST AS IT SERVES AS A YEARLY REMINDER OF WHAT THE LORD IS DOING IN MY LIFE AS WELL AS THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

AS A CAMPER, I REMEMBER HUS AS A PLACE OF REFUGE FROM THE CRAZINESS OF THE WORLD. A SPOT TO ESCAPE WHATEVER ADVERSITY I WAS FACING. BUT IT WAS ALSO THAT PLACE WHERE I LEARNED HOW TO WALK ALONGSIDE THE LORD, HANDLE DIFFICULT SITUATIONS, AND CONNECT WITH A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS WHO STILL WALK ALONGSIDE ME TODAY. PEOPLE I MET AT HUS ARE NOW GUYS THAT HAVE BEEN MY ROOMMATES, BEST FRIENDS, AND MY FUTURE GROOMSMEN. THEY ARE PEOPLE THAT I CAN SHARE ANYTHING WITH AND KNOW THAT THEY WILL SUPPORT ME. SO FOR ME, GIVING BACK TO HUS CAMP AS A SUMMER COUNSELOR, REMINDS ME OF THE LORD'S FAITHFULNESS AND CONSTANT WORK IN MY LIFE.

IN 2017, I STARTED MY SERVICE AT HUS CAMP AS AN ALPHA COUNSELOR. AFTER SERVING AT THIS CAMP FOR TWO YEARS, I SERVED FOR TWO YEARS AT PIONEER AND MOST RECENTLY TWO YEARS AT DISCOVERY. AS YOU CAN TELL FROM MY PROGRESSION, I HAVE WALKED ALONGSIDE THE SAME GROUP OF HUS CAMP YOUTH FROM ALPHA CAMP TO DISCOVERY CAMP. I AM EXCITED TO SAY THAT THIS GROUP WILL BE OUR NEXT HUS SCHOOL CLASS FOR 2023! THROUGHOUT THESE YEARS, I HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO SEE THE LORD WORK IN THEIR LIVES. FROM YOUNG ALPHA CAMPERS WITH ONLY A SMALL IDEA OF WHO CHRIST WAS, TO DISCOVERY CAMPERS WHO REVELED THEIR TRUE UNDERSTANDING AND LOVE OF CHRIST. THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN HAVE GROWN INTO CHRISTIANS WHO STRIVE TO LIVE THEIR LIVES AS CHRIST DID.

EACH YEAR, I HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO SEE THE IMPACT OF HUS CAMP IN THE LIVES OF THESE YOUTH. I HAVE SEEN KIDS COME OUT OF THEIR SHELL, GROW IN THEIR FAITH, AND GIVE THEIR LIVES TO CHRIST. IT'S SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN ONCE, BUT TIME AND TIME AGAIN. IT'S AMAZING! AS I CLOSE, I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS THOUGHT... FOR ME, HUS CAMP IS THAT SPECIAL PLACE IN THE WORLD WHERE KIDS GET TO HAVE FUN, MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDS, LEARN ABOUT THE LORD, AND FOR MANY, FIND CHRIST.



SAVE THE DATE

Hus Summer Camp Schedule 2023

Hus School (ages 16 & up) June 4 - 16

Discovery Camp (ages 14-15) June 18 - 23

Pioneer Camp (ages 12-13) June 25 - 30

Encounter Camp (ages 7-9) July 9 - 12

Alpha Camp (ages 10-11) July 16 - 20

State BYF Youth 2023 Retreats:

January 7-8, 2023

March 25-26, 2023

State Children's Rally

Ages 3-11

March 4, 2023

PIONEER CAMP



Pioneer Staff List

Counselors L to R: Rebecca Olson, Leah Costanza, Lex Dusek, Allyson Cocke, Lindsey Olsen, Sean McSorley, Shane Labeledelle

A Pastor's Perspective

By Dale Weise

In the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 8, Jesus is recorded as having told a story about a farmer sowing seeds. Later in that same chapter, Jesus explains to his disciples that "The seed is the word of God."

"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." Jesus the Christ, Luke 8:5-8

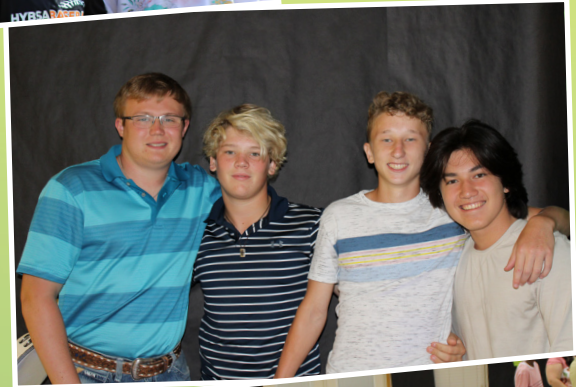
A Pastor's Perspective

Sowing seeds is hard work that requires a tremendous amount of preparation and faith. Living on a farm, I get to experience firsthand all the work that goes into planting. The field had to be plowed, the tractor made ready, the planter greased up and seed has to be purchased. All this must be done before the first seed can be planted. To skip any of these steps could and has resulted in catastrophic crop failure. The Hus Camp is a great place to sow seeds of God's word into the hearts of young people. However, this does not occur without careful preparation and faith. Just as a farmer must make ready the land, the equipment, and the seed for planting, so must preparations be made by supporters and volunteers of the Hus Camp Program. Preparations for a weeklong camp begin months before the actual event with fundraising, curriculum development and staff recruitment. All these activities are bathed in prayer as God's people have faith that their contributions of resources, time and effort will result in a crop that is a hundred times more than was sown.

As a pastor, I greatly appreciated the opportunity to sow the seeds of God's word into the hearts of young people during Discovery 2022. I readily acknowledge this opportunity was made possible by folks that have laid the foundation of the Hus Camp and those who continue to support and maintain its mission and purpose. One of my greatest privileges as a pastor is to be present when seeds sprout. After our Thursday evening devotional at Discovery 2022, a young man asked me what he had to do to become a Christian. We knelt together at the foot of the cross and prayed a simple believer's prayer. He had confessed with his mouth, believed in his heart and he was saved (Romans 10). The seed came up. I doubt I will ever know what kind of crop that young plant will yield, but God does.



DISCOVERY CAMP



Discovery Staff List

Top: Colton Machu, Colby See, Matt Wilde (Director),
Pastor Dale Weise, Ashley Dusek

Middle:Carolynn Wilde (Director), Kathryn Laza (Director),
Jenna Snelgrove, Nurse Gwen Kraus, Amy Snelgrove

Bottom: Myah Collard, Brady Collard, Carter Tankersley,
Travis Hejl (Director), Allyson Cocke

CHALLENGER CAMP



Challenger Staff List

Taylor Brinkley, Jennifer Chervenka, Bro. Ben Kruse,
Jordan Barbisch, Dillon Barbisch



Be Part of the Legacy Support Hus Camp

Hus Camp Legacy Funds

- **Hus Camp Expansion & Building Fund**

ADDITIONAL LAND PURCHASE - Currently, the Board of Trustees is pursuing a prospect to expand the footprint of Hus Camp. If successful, the adjoining acreage will be utilized for expansion of the pond, construction of additional bike/nature trails, and construction of new housing. As the opportunity to secure adjoining property is not one that presents itself often, your generous support of this endeavor is prayerfully requested by the Hus Board of Trustees. It is anticipated that approximately \$400,000 will be needed to accomplish this goal.

NEW HOUSING - Plans are currently in the design phase for new housing at Hus Camp, watch for more details to come. It is anticipated that approximately \$1,700,000 will be needed to build two new camper dorms and a new staff dorm.

- **Hus Camp Programming & Operating Fund**

FACILITY OPERATIONS & PROGRAMMING - Your support of the Programming & Operating Fund at Hus Camp insures that Summer Youth Camp prices remain affordable, and that our facilities are well maintained. For 2023, at the request of our youngest campers (ages 7-9), Encounter Camp will be expanded from a 3 day beginner camp to a 4 day beginner camp! Our programs continue to grow as we meet the needs God places before us. Continued support of this fund is critical for the ongoing operations of Hus Camp.

NOTE: Your gift toward the purchase of land, construction of new housing, or even the establishment of a Hus Camp Endowment may be made directly to a Legacy Fund, submitted in the form of a written pledge, or designated as part of your final wishes within your will. Please contact Kent Laza, James Marek, Rick Weise, or Susan Marek (contacts below) if we can assist you, or answer any questions you may have.

Support Hus Camp: 4 Ways to Give

1. **Recurring Monthly Donations** - fill out and mail the form below to Susan Marek
2. **One Time Donations** - mail checks to Susan Marek
3. **Online Donations** - make donations via credit card at huscamp.org
4. **Planned Giving** - Designating Hus Camp as a beneficiary in your estate allows you to determine how your gift will be utilized. To evaluate ways your gift can specifically be designated to support Hus Camp, please contact:

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ABOUT HUS CAMP

Hus Camp is a facility operated and supported by The Unity of the Brethren. The primary purpose of this facility is the advancement of the Kingdom of God on Earth according to the commandment of Jesus Christ. The programs offered by the Camp:

- * Seek to challenge young people to respond positively to the good news of God's redeeming love,
- * Teach and encourage young people to become Christian leaders, and
- * Provide a place of wholesome Christian recreation.

The encampment offers summer programs for youth (ages 7-19). These camps lay a Christian foundation in which to build their lives, create lifelong friendships, and give kids a chance to experience what we think is a little glimpse of heaven on earth!