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Rockhaven Summer Potluck and Vespers



All are invited to join the fellowship at Rockhaven on Sunday. The potluck will begin at 5:30 pm. Please bring a main dish, a side dish, salad or dessert. Come early to enjoy the peace and beauty of Rockhaven. This Sunday evening vespers services begin at 7 pm. with Scott Thrasher and the Rockhaven Summer Staff will be leading the service with this summer's theme, "The Water of Life." Rockhaven is a blessing for the church family, and for friends, too. Invite your friends to experience God's presence at the "thin place" we call Rockhaven.

Rockhaven is located at milepost 67 on Highway 191, on the way to Big Sky. Please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

Summer Improvements at Rockhaven

Progress on this summer's camp enhancement is evident each week. The new Low Ropes Course is in place and in use, while the Treehouse is nearly finished. Children of all ages are already yearning to spend some time in the trees!

Many thanks to those who have contributed to the fund to build these new additions to Rockhaven's ministry. The structures will be dedicated on Sunday, August 27, at the conclusion of the summer season.

Enhancing Our Conversation With God

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29: 11 - 13

Holland-days...

by Dan Holland

Lord of the oasis,

It's hot, Lord, too hot. And dry. Parched. And now the folks to the east of us are struggling mightily. Day after day the thermometer hits ninety and a hundred and they haven't seen rain in so long they forget how it feels when those big summer raindrops fall on sunburned forearms, how it smells when the patina from the clouds stretches down to the ground in the distance and whispers, "I'm coming your way."

And now their country is on fire. Garfield County, Richland, Rosebud, Powder River. Insult added to injury. Barley fields that headed out when the plants were but three inches tall. "At least we can turn the cows out on it," they tell themselves, but when a quarter-section is charred in all of five minutes, they can't even do that now.

It's bad, Lord, Dust Bowl bad. We need your help. We beseech you. Bring relief for those poor souls. We pray that not another house will be lost, not another barn will be torched. We pray that no more haystacks will be reduced to smoldering heaps, that combines will be spared to work another day, and that fences will be saved to do their job.

We pray for rain, for the water of life to fall on our sisters and brothers and heal their brittle souls. We pray for rain to fill the shriveled crevasses in the fields that once filled our shelves with bread.

We pray for your gentle hand to bring relief. We are on our knees, Lord, begging for rain, and asking for you to guard and guide those brave folks sent to the front lines to battle the raging fires.

Amen



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