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RHODES GROVE – News in a Nutshell

Spring/Summer 2011



From the Director's Desk

It is seventy degrees today. I am sitting in my office with the window open, listening to the birds sing praises to the King of creation. How blessed I feel to be able to sit and draft a message about the happenings at Rhodes Grove since we last were "together".

Let's see... Spring is just around the corner and preparations are being made to open up camp for our next season of activity.

Ladies!! You will not want to miss attending our Ladies Tea, to be held on May 9 from 11am-1pm! We will be enjoying a wonderful time of encouragement and fellowship. Mark your calendars now and call to reserve your seat and don't forget to bring your mom, grandmother, daughters, aunts, nieces and any other women that you would like to bless with a ladies lunch out!

I am excited to look forward to Family Camp. You will not want to miss this spirited and fun filled weekend that is a treat for the entire family. A variety of accommodations are still available. I am energized by the opportunity for families to come and rest together, worship together, learn together and play together! Won't you make a plan to join us for a Memorial Day weekend filled to the brim with opportunities for you and your loved ones?

Summer camp registrations are being received at a pace that rivals that of last year. Please pray with me that the increased number of registrations that we have seen thus far will continue to keep pace and allow us to minister to an ever growing number of campers this season. We are going to be encouraging our campers to refuel as we are told in the book of John 10:10 "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full..." We will be teaching our campers this summer how to live an abundant life that is full and overflowing. A big THANK YOU goes out to all of our Rhodes Grove friends that are making this endeavor

possible through prayer support and financial support. You are part of God's plan to accomplish this goal.

Rhodes Grove camp meeting is on the calendar for August 21-25. Please mark your calendar to join us for a time of spiritual refreshment. An old friend of mine, Tom Seaman, will be here to lead us through a five part series identifying the keys to spiritual renewal. RPM will be providing special music throughout the week. Who is RPM you ask? Well, you have the opportunity to get to know this wonderfully gifted grouping of talented people during some gatherings at Rhodes Grove that we will title as *Call to Worship*. Please check out the calendar of events within the pages of this newsletter and mark the dates on your calendars at home. I am looking forward to these nights identified solely for the purpose of singing praises to our King. Won't you join us?

We have three Souled Out Adventure nights planned. These nights of activity and music are geared toward Jr. High and Sr. High aged youth; however, anyone young at heart is welcome to come and spend time with us at the 'Grove' during these free community events!

If you take the opportunity to glance over our calendar of events, you will also notice continuing education opportunities. Rhodes Grove, in partnership with Lancaster Bible College, is offering continuing education in the Cumberland Valley. Ecclesiastes Institute courses are available to any who are interested in receiving continued biblical enrichment.

As you can see, we are planning a busy year this year. I only wish there was enough space to highlight all of the wonderful things that are happening on the grounds at the 'Grove'. Take a moment and peruse our calendar of events. Please call our office if you have questions on any of the items scheduled. I do hope that you will be able to join us for some of the amazing opportunities to get involved and participate!

Blessings - Angie

About Gordon



Imagine what you would have if the “Energizer bunny” and Gilligan had a child - add a touch of GOD’s grace and you get GORDON

DOUGLAS. He has been a husband for over 25 years, a father of 19 kids,

(yes that is not a typo, 19 kids!), and he is the owner of a construction company, has been a pastor of a church, and, oh yeah, someone who lives and loves to laugh!

At last count Gordon has been in 17 states and 3 countries performing for all kinds of groups, from corporations to community centers. He has the unique ability to connect with everyone from teenagers to senior citizens. His comedy program has been seen on both Royal Caribbean and Carnival cruise lines. But his favorite events are for Church groups where there is a mixture of fun and faith using his gift of encouragement.

Learning from his comedy heroes Bill Cosby and Red Skelton - Gordon’s comedy mixes real life stories with “off the wall” physical comedy and his own hilarious view of life. You will relate to his side splitting stories from his life- like dropping the sermon notes into the grave at his first funeral to his demonstration of changing his first diaper, to his now famous “pantyhose dance” that has folks rolling in the aisles. He helps us see the funny things all around us and find joy no matter what we are going through.

But he is more than funny! With genuine humility, honesty, and passion Gordon often weaves life lessons into his programs of the things he’s learned in the ordinary and often painful events in his life that include some tragic deaths, his wife’s victorious battle with cancer, and his dad’s many years confined to a wheelchair.



His unique home offers hours of comedy material and inspiration for living life to the fullest. When he and Dawn were told they couldn’t have children, they were deeply moved by the biography of Keith Green, and they opened their hearts and home to 14 boys (3 at a time) and several girls, and two of them were under house arrest! Then, to show that He has a sense of humor, God blessed them with 5 children the doctors said were impossible. Who needs a comedy writer?

What else do you need to know? Besides his vast comedy background - Gordon was named Who’s Who in America’s Universities when he graduated from Philadelphia Biblical University in 1995. For the last 20 years Gordon has served as the head of the pastoral board of the Delaware County Pregnancy Center and regional coordinator of the National Day of Prayer. In his spare time he is still president of Therapeutic Construction and Design-making custom equipment for folks with disabilities and heads up OPERATION BELLYLAUGHS sending comedy DVD’s to the troops.

How is that possible? With his A.D.D. he hasn’t slept since 1983!

The Duffields

Sue Duffield, a former radio personality, is a singer/songwriter and speaker for many women’s events around the country, including “Word of Life”, Bermuda. She recently was the comedy keynote speaker and worship leader for “Women of Purpose” with Kay Arthur in Hershey, PA. Jeff, her husband, is both keyboardist and arranger. He has backed artists such as Anita Bryant, Dave Boyer, Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir, John Schneider (of Dukes of Hazzard), Jimmy Fortune of the Statler Brothers - producing several Gospel albums every year. The Duffields are regular singing guests and worship leaders for Sandy Cove Ministries of MD, Child Evangelism Fellowship Ministry Briefings, CTVN of Pittsburgh, Prison Fellowship Conferences with Chuck Colson, Raymond James Prayer Breakfasts, America’s Keswick in NJ, and Ranch Hope For Boys in South Jersey. Jeff and Sue married in 1974, have lived in Delaware/New Jersey Valley for most of their lives in full time ministry. As of March 2009, they have made Nashville, TN their new home. For more information on their ministry, check out www.Duffieldmusic.com.



Calendar of Events

May 9	Ladies Tea.....	11 am-1pm
May 14	Souled Out.....	6:30pm-10pm
May 17	Ecclesiastes Institute.....	9am-3pm
May 22	Call to Worship	6:30pm-8:30pm
July 30	Souled Out.....	6:30pm – 10pm
Sept. 10	Souled Out.....	6:30pm – 10pm
Sept. 13	Ladies Day Out	11 am – 1pm
Sept. 20	Ecclesiastes Institute.....	9am-3pm
Oct. 15	Smoktoberfest	
Oct. 18	Ecclesiastes Institute.....	9am-3pm
Nov. 6	Call to Worship	6:30pm-8:30pm
Nov. 26-27	Rhodes Grove Theater	
Dec 2-3	Parent’s Night Out	4:30pm – 10pm
Dec 9-10	Parent’s Night Out	4:30pm – 10pm

Family Camp

May 27 – May 30

Featuring Gordon Douglas as Keynote Speaker and The Duffield’s return to lead praise and worship

Summer Camp

June 27 – July 1.....	Day Camp (grades 2-4)
June 27 – July 1.....	Swim Camp (grades 2-4)
July 3 – July 8.....	Adventure Camp (grades 4-6)
July 10 – July 15.....	Journey Camp (grades 6-8)
July 17 – July 23.....	Quest Camp (grades 9-12)

Horse Camp

June 26-July 1	Wild Wind 1 (grades 8-12)
July 3 – July 8.....	Mustangs & Mavericks 1 (grades 6-8)
July 10 – July 15.....	Mustangs & Mavericks 2 (grades 7-9)
July 17 – July 23.....	Equestrian Experience (grades 9-12)

Camp Meeting

August 21 – August 25

Tom Seaman leading services each evening at 7:00pm

August 22 – August 25 Bible Study with Bob Conway
Monday –Thursday 9:30am – 12:00pm

August 23..... WMF Missions Day – 9:00am – 3:00pm

Cabin Refurbishment Update

In the Spring of 2010, Rhodes Grove began efforts to restore a bit of Rhodes Grove heritage. The Rhodes Grove Cabin refurbishment project began with the goal of completing 2 cabins/buildings per year. At the moment, we are right on track with achieving these goals. We currently have 5 weeks of volunteer labor scheduled for work on the cabins in 2011 and Rhodes Grove has also been in receipt of donations specifically for the purpose of renovating our cabins.

A big thank you to the following Sunday School Classes from King Street: Reflections, Disciple, Golden Link, Truth Seekers, New Life, Buds of Promise and Joy.

Thank you also to Crider’s United Brethren Church, Heidlersburg United Brethren Church, Church of the Brethren Camp Meeting Association Committee and Raymon and Arlene Battung for your support of the cabin refurbishment project.



Rhodes Grove is truly reliant on this group effort to accomplish the goals of this facility improvement! Thank you so much!

Running On Empty?

I have been traveling a lot lately. Visiting colleges to recruit camp staff and visiting churches to promote camp and look for staff. It has been fun seeing familiar faces and meeting some new ones! But it has also been a draining process. A lot of time spent sitting and driving, repeating the same spiel over and over and many times wondering if it is effective. Will we have enough staff? Will the campers come? Am I going to King Street or Prince Street next? I have to remind myself to refuel. Not just the car but my spiritual life. Doug Fields, author and youth pastor, writes that all you have to do is: STOP, BE QUIET, MAKE A CONNECTION. (*Refuel: An Uncomplicated Guide to Connecting with God*, 2008) It is that simple! I don't need to

make it more complicated. I just need to connect with Him and trust that He will provide all that we need. This is our goal this summer – to have campers connect with God and to show them that it is easy to do. To refuel and live the full, abundant life that Jesus speaks of in John 10:10.

We want you to help! Can you tell others (children and adults) about Rhodes Grove and what God is planning for this summer? Do you know anyone who would make a great staff member? Do you have time to volunteer to help make the refueling process flow more smoothly? An immediate need we have is for new Bibles to give to campers who don't have a Bible of their own. Would you be willing to

donate money to purchase new Bibles for campers?

We have a lot planned for our summer of refueling and beyond. We have three Souled Outs scheduled for this summer. The Camp Leadership Program is starting up September. Our website and facebook page are constantly being updated with new information about youth and family events. Check them often to see what's going on at the Grove. Thank you for helping us **Build Relationships to Save Souls and Develop Leaders.**



Phil Regetta

Camp Leadership Program

The Camp Leadership Program (CLP) is for 15-17 year olds who are transitioning between camper and counselor. The CLP is an opportunity for teens who want to further their leadership and communication skills as well as receive experience in planning and instructing activities for youth in a camp setting. The CLPs will begin to learn and understand the demands and responsibility of a counselor's job. The primary goals of the program are to help participants recognize themselves as leaders, teachers and positive role models, and to understand what goes into making camp an unforgettable experience of the young people in our care.

In addition to leadership training, the CLPs will also receive discipleship training with worship, prayer and bible studies. We want the CLPs to have the opportunity to draw closer to God both personally and in a small group setting. This will benefit them in their own lives as well as in the camp setting because this is an integral part of our camp programs.

The purpose of the CLP is to offer unique educational and leadership experiences for past campers to prepare them to be the future leaders of

our camp and their churches and communities.

CLPs will have a structured series of training sessions where they will have the opportunity to learn more about the different aspects of being a camp counselor and working with children including group management, child development and problem solving. These training sessions will be conducted by camp leaders and experienced counselors. In addition, the CLPs will be trained on a variety of Rhodes Grove activities including the zipline and big swing. CLPs will also have the opportunity to be trained in CPR/first aid and lifeguarding.

As a CLP you will have the opportunity to gain valuable work experience, explore future career possibilities, practice leadership, be mentored and develop new skills. CLPs must enjoy working with children, be willing to take initiative and work hard, embrace the fun and challenges of community living, display outstanding character, and be enthusiastic, creative, self-directed leaders.

For further information, contact Phil at 717.375.4162 or program@rhodesgrove.com.

Current Development or Employment Opportunities

Camp Staff

- meet new friends and new challenges
- build relationships and change lives
- must be at least 16 years old and have a personal relationship with Christ
- camp staff needed for 5 weeks, June 21 - July 23

Part Time Staff

- Kitchen Staff
- Maintenance Staff

Camp Leadership Program (CLP)

- for the camper transitioning to counselor ages 15-17
- further your leadership and communication skills
- receive experience in planning, organizing, instructing and leading activities in a camp setting
- 5 weekends during 2011-2012 school year

Remembrance Gifts

In Memory of

Danielle N. Forney.....	Dale & Donna Forney
My Mother.....	Anna M. Bamburg
Don Rotz.....	Ruth Rotz
Robert & Mabel Knoll.....	Cinda Leisher
Samuel Shannon, Jr.	Buds of Promise SS Class - KSC
Samuel Shannon.....	Mid-Atlantic Fire & Air, Inc.
My Mother & Sister.....	Anna M. Bamburg
Samuel Shannon, Jr.	Richard & Anna Kauffman
Samuel Shannon, Jr.	Margaret Huber
Sam Shannon.....	Greta Smith
Sam Shannon.....	Ray & Linda Ankerbrand
Sam Shannon.....	CV Antique Engine & Machinery Association, Inc.
Samuel Shannon.....	A. Henry & Joan D. Brechbill
Sam Shannon.....	Dave & Duanne Thrush
Sam Shannon.....	Ruth Shannon

Given by

In Honor of

Grandchildren -

Ashley, Daulton, Nathan, Austin, Kayanna.....	Anna M. Bamburg
Koinonia SS Class - Mt. Pleasant UB Church ...	Dave & Pam Osbaugh
Marlane Martin.....	J. David and Nancy B. Yoder
My two dogs Koko & Fritz on their 10th birthday	Anna Bamburg

Given by

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” - Jesus

John 10:10b

Are you running on empty? Is your relationship with God sputtering along? Well stop being busy and start connecting with God! Jesus did not call us to live the Christian life just to escape fear and eternal punishment. We should live an abundant life that is full and overflowing. This summer we want to help REFUEL your passion for Christ and make sure you don't miss the wonders and joys of being with Jesus. **So stop by the Grove to gas 'n go for Christ - fill up on His love and peace and take it out to the world.** Our counselors and staff are carefully selected and trained to teach campers about Jesus and to guide them along His path. We want to help you build a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ by providing personal attention and supervision as well as building lasting relationships. Live life to the maximum and make sure you take time to

REFUEL!

Rhodes Grove Camp Meeting – August 21- August 25, 2011

Keynote Speaker – M. Thomas Seaman
Theme - 5 Keys to Spiritual Renewal

Rhodes Grove is pleased to have Tom Seaman as our speaker this year for camp meeting. Tom spent about 5 years in the Cumberland Valley as the Minister of Music at Antrim Brethren in Christ Church. He and his wife of 29 years, Jane, have led worship at Rhodes Grove Family Camp and daughter Melissa, now age 24, spent some time as a Rhodes Grove staff member. Tom and Jane also have 2 grown sons, Monty, age 23, a youth pastor at Somerset Alliance Church in Somerset, PA, and Moriah, age 22, a senior at Greenville College, Greenville, IL.

Tom is a “transplant” to Pennsylvania. Many of his years were spent in South Dakota, Kansas and Colorado. Yes, I am sad to report that he is a Chiefs fan. He is a graduate of Sterling College and Wichita State University. He has taught at Sunshine Bible Academy, Miller, South Dakota; Heritage Christian School, Fort Collins, Colorado; and Central Christian College, McPherson, Kansas. He has been actively

ministering in Kansas, Colorado and now Pennsylvania since 1977. You can currently find him at the River of Life Worship Center in Lock Haven, PA.

Tom’s desire is to live the verse found in Jeremiah 9:23-24, “This is what the Lord says: ‘Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,’ declares the Lord.”

Tom’s hobbies include just about every sporting activity that includes the use of a ball. He also enjoys hiking, horseback riding, camping, reading, photography, and woodcarving.



Call to Worship

RPM Ministries was birthed in 2003. It was established with the idea that we could “Reach People Musically”. We have had events during the years since its conception that include our initial “Call to Worship” event at Green Grove Gardens in Shady Grove, Pa. We incorporated singing, preaching of the word and drama. We also hosted a ladies only event that brought prophetic word to those in attendance by our featured speaker Melissa White. We have had an outdoor engagement at Jerome King Playground in Greencastle, Pa and an evening in Chambersburg at the Projects held at the Community Center.

Each of these events has had a variety of participants in both the vocal and instrumental portion and the word was brought forth by Rev. Joseph Baer. We have always had the Lord be our guide and heavily lean on the verse II Thess. 5:24 “Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.” It makes the journey interesting and one that you know you have to lean on Father for it all to come together.

That brings us to 2011 and the brand new door that has been opened to us here at Rhodes Grove Camp and Conference Center. We look forward to resting in the Father and watching how He moves in this area.

Camp Meeting Bible Study/ Ecclesiastes Institute GOD PREDICTS THE FUTURE

August 22 to 25, 2011
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This course digs into biblical prophecy, which is what God says about the future. He has made known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. He has charted the future of man and the earth through predictions, dreams, visions, oracles and types. This future is recorded in the Bible.

One CEU will be given upon completion for those who register to take the course for credit, more detail is available from the Rhodes Grove office regarding this option; otherwise, the course is free for all those who wish to attend for personal enrichment. *God Predicts the Future*, the study book for the course, is \$10.00.

Conference Ministry

I love my job! I get to meet and speak with LOTS of great people. As a result of these meetings, I am able to share about the great things GOD is doing in and through the Rhodes Grove Ministry. Today, I would like to introduce you to one of our many guest group leaders ... Mary DeMott! Mary is a very talented quilter! In a recent interview with Mary, I learned that not only does she use her quilting talents to bless others, she and her certified pet therapy dog, Chelsea, are Blue Ridge Hospice volunteers and they also visit schools in Winchester, VA on a regular basis to bring fun and laughter to the severely physically and mentally disabled patients.

Since retirement six years ago...Mary has attended and coordinated many quilt retreats at Rhodes Grove! Currently, she belongs to two quilt guilds. Mary also chairs a group of approximately 40 ladies who together, make approximately 200 lap quilts per year, to be given to the cancer patients at Winchester Medical Center. In addition, Mary also makes baby quilts for their local pregnancy center. In Mary's spare time, she and her husband Rick, take their newest family member, Heartland's EZ Ryder (labrador retriever who was 85 lbs. at 10 months,) and competes with him in a sport called Dock Diving (a sport televised on ESPN). She says Ryder was born for water and won first place in his division in his first meet in Chesapeake last year.



In addition to all these great things Mary does in her hometown...she attends several quilt conferences throughout the year at Rhodes Grove, and coordinates and chairs her very own conference in

November each year. I was first introduced to Mary in November 2009. Since then, we have had many opportunities to visit and share throughout the year. When Mary brought her conference to Rhodes Grove in 2010 she and I had time

to visit...and I shared with Mary some heaviness I was bearing about the son (Zachary Stinson) of a friend who had just stepped on an IED in Afghanistan and was awaiting transport back to the United States for urgent care. Mary offered to keep Zachary in her prayers and encouraged her quilting group to do the same, as we shared goodbyes over lunch the day of their departure. Mary and I hugged each other prior to her departure and she continued to email me for updates on Zachary's condition. Just a few weeks ago, I received a package in the mail from Mary. Guess what that package contained? You guessed it ... a BEAUTIFUL patriotic lap quilt for Zachary. When I opened the package I was speechless...to think that a simple conversation about everyday life and concerns would generate such thoughtfulness.

Mary...THANK YOU! Thank you for the blessing you are to so many!



As my interview with Mary continued, I asked Mary how the Rhodes Grove ministry has impacted her. She shared she feels humbled, that she strives to be a better person, that she is not a big church going person, but that she strives to be helpful to those less fortunate and is grateful to live in the USA! When I asked Mary what Rhodes Grove could do to enhance its ministry ... she answered, "everybody is so nice, the atmosphere is very nice, everything is in one building, rooms are maintained, everything is in good working order, the food is excellent, and the price is affordable!"

As I end this writing...may I take a moment to say THANK YOU to Mary and ALL our guest group leaders. This ministry would not be what it is without your continued prayers and financial support! I look forward to many more conversations with Mary... and all the great projects under her leadership. Dear God, giver of all gifts, please bless all our constituents in Kingdom ministry, encourage them, inspire them, lift them up, and may Rhodes Grove continue to be a vessel through which your investments prosper.

Chris Rotz
Conference Ministry Director

*P.S. (To learn a little bit more about Zachary Stinson...please visit the following website:
<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/03/15/still-in-the-fight-a-new-reality/?hp>)*

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Rhodes Grove seeks to advance our Christian Community through personal renewal by offering experiential camping programs, Biblically enriching educational opportunities and full service retreats all in a naturally pleasing environment.

Most Wanted

- **Rhodes Grove Prayer Partners** – Please call our office to join the RG Prayer Team
- **Rhodes Grove advocates at YOUR home church** – Please call our office and choose to promote Rhodes Grove events at your church. We will equip you with all the tools you will need to be successful!
- **Staff and Camper Alumni Contact Information** – We want to keep you in the “know”!
- Cabin Refurbishment Sponsors - \$7,000 per building/\$3500 per cabin (materials cost)
5 weeks of donated labor currently on our 2011 schedule!! Thank you!!
- Furniture for cabins: Sofas, Loveseats, Chairs, Dinettes, Refrigerators, Double Mattresses, Curtains, Microwave Ovens, Air
- Conditioners, Toasters, Coffee Makers
- Power Tools Table Saw; Combination Chop Saw; Roller Stands (2) **purchased/donated!**
- Wall Mount Heater (7) Shop; Girls Bathhouse; Guys Bathhouse, 4 Youth Cabins - \$250 each **1 donated!**
- Building Materials to winterize Youth cabins
- Replacement Windows for Youth Cabins
- New Bibles for campers that do not have Bibles of their own. \$500
- Sports Equipment – Basketballs, Footballs, Hockey Sticks
- New matching blankets for the hotel (75) \$12 each **Donated!!!**
- New Vacuum Cleaner (2)
- Outdoor Walk-In Freezer \$9,323
- Gas Powered Golf Cart or ATV \$2,500 +
- Meeting Room Chairs (200) \$50 each –
2 donated – Thank you!
100 pledged - Thank you!
Still need 98 more
- Dining Room Chairs (250) \$50 each
- Commercial Grade Emersion Blender for the Kitchen **Donated!!**
- Kitchen Aide Food Processor **Donated!!**
- Kitchen Warmer \$2200
- Lightweight 8ft Tables (40) \$100 each
- New Tea Towels for the dining room
- First Class Stamps