



MERRY
Christmas!



Holiday Newsletter 2022

*"By His power may He bring to fruition your every desire for goodness
and your every deed prompted by faith." -2 Thessalonians 1:11*



As our camp season comes to a close and the Christmas season begins, the families at Hartstone wish you God's comfort and blessing. We praise God for your love and support. Please know that you are loved and appreciated!

FRUITION

I never heard the word "fruition" until I went to college. In fact, it was used in a hymn called "Jesus I my cross have taken" The stanza that stood out to me read: *Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall past thy pilgrim days, hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight and prayer to praise.* Fruition means to attain or to reach accomplishment. At Hartstone, we have the privilege to observe *fruition*, watching what God does in the lives of people here. Particularly, bringing lost souls to salvation and redeemed souls to the waters of baptism and spiritual growth in sanctification. 1 Corinthians 3:7 says: "So neither he who plants, nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. We are so amazed to have a front row seat to watch what God does in the lives of people that come here. Much Gospel seed planting and watering happens down the mountain, and it seems that when God gets people away from distraction and into the beauty of His presence here, combined with His Word being taught and preached, that His Spirit causes growth, conversion, sanctification, Fruition! It's so encouraging to see what God is doing in and through His Church in Northern California. We praise God for allowing us to participate in what He's doing in people's lives here at Hartstone Bible Camp.

GROWTH

By God's grace we are almost at full capacity! In 2019 we had a record setting year of serving 26 camps. Then COVID hit and 2020 was just a handful of camps, then in 2021 we added many more churches and in 2022 we jumped to 38 camps. Next year we have 43 camps scheduled and only a couple dates left to fill, bringing us to full capacity. We praise God for allowing us to experience such tremendous growth and partnership with so many churches. Even though we are a seasonal camp closed from Thanksgiving through March each year, we still appreciate this time for the full-time staff families to take their vacations, have opportunities to visit partnering churches, and get projects done around the camp that would otherwise be hard to do when camps are in.

CHAPEL PROJECT

We are in the home stretch! Lord willing, we will have permits in hand to start construction this next year!

The Hartstone Board of Directors has been working hard at finalizing all the details and we are excited to see how God has been moving in the hearts of His people to provide for this project. Please continue to pray that this will run smoothly and be quickly brought to *fruition*. If you would like to make a tax-deductible financial contribution, please make your gift out to Hartstone Bible Camp and designate in your memo: "Chapel Project" (See **Finalized Actual Drawings on the back page**)

NEIGHBORHOOD

Due to changes in the economy, several homes in our neighborhood are currently for sale and more will soon be coming available. If you are interested in investing/living/retiring/ to a beautiful place with Hartstone as your Christian neighbor, there are some great places you might want to consider purchasing. If you're interested, let me know and I can point you in the right direction.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Annual Workday: We had just over 100 volunteers - the largest group ever! - that showed up last spring to help us with projects and prepare camp to open for the season. Thank you to everyone that came and helped us. Mark your calendar to come next year: Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 9am-4pm, morning pastries and coffee along with lunch will be provided.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry, God bless!

Not to us, Dave Dick
(Psalm 115)

(Please remember Hartstone in your Beneficiary Designations, Family Trusts, and/or Estate Planning)

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