**Camp Wyldewood Magazine**

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* 2018 - 2019

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  + Article:

There have been many circumstances that have changed quite drastically over the course of my 24 years. New schools, moving houses, parents’ divorce, new extra-curriculars, grandparents’ deaths; just to name a few. I have been blessed with lots of different perspectives throughout my life. But the weird thing about perspectives is that you could be looking at the same thing and view it in a completely different light.

In 1996, Gayla and Vince Pruitt decided to bring me and my 2 brothers out for my very first Wyldewood summer. My twin and I were 18 months old! I grew up hearing stories of campers and counselors alike holding us and playing with us and waking us up from our naps that we took in a giant cardboard box in the craft shed. My grandmother still complains about how dirty we would be every night when we came home. Camp became one of those childhood experiences that started before you begin remembering and it just stuck.

The next few years were my transition to what I fondly refer to as “The Good Ole Days.” CAMPING! I was never the kid that looked forward to my birthday or to holidays. I looked forward to camp. Every decision I made was based on how it would affect my summers or if a game or a trip would interfere with my session spent at Wyldewood. As a young camper, I wanted to experience everything. I chose a different activity every day, I swam at every swim time, and I made anything and everything during Arts and Crafts. I was serious about getting a total camp experience. But when I got into Groups 3 and 4, I didn’t have the same drive to do every little thing anymore. I was much more focused on the people that surrounded me, not the things we were doing.

Then came what I thought, until recently, would be the hardest summer at camp. In 2014, I worked my first summer as a counselor, and I was let in on a little secret. I was a needy camper. Our handbook states right at the beginning that “Camp is for the Camper,” but boy was I hit in the face with that realization. Counseling the next 4 summers really taught me how to pour completely into my campers as opposed to being the one getting poured into.

Remember how I said I thought 2014 was going to be my hardest summer at Wyldewood? Well, in 2018, I decided to apply for Female Team Leader. I learned many things about Camp Wyldewood and what it takes to keep this place that so many of us call “home” alive. But I also learned so many things about myself. I learned that some of our campers deal with things that I have never dreamed of having to deal with. I learned how difficult it is to lead my peers. I learned that I have a spiritual gift for unclogging toilets. I also learned that sometimes the hardest things in your life could also be the best things.

Whether I am a toddler running around in an oversized t-shirt and a diaper or an old woman volunteering for her 63rd summer, my love for Camp Wyldewood will always remain. I can only imagine who I would be today without my memories, my friendships, my work ethic, my support, or my spiritual growth from Wyldewood. Despite how we look at this place, God is in its midst. That is obvious, no matter the perspective.

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* Pictures
  + Labeled Golf Picture 1, 2, 3, and 4

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* Camp Pictures (Page 6)
  + Picture 1 –
    - Caption: Landen Pace wins the prize for the biggest catch of the summer during 5th Session.
  + Picture 2
    - Annabel Rose (left) and Analee Cox (right) hanging out at the gym during the camper vs. counselor basketball game.
  + Picture 3
    - Caption: Former camper Logan Ingram baptizing his daughter Carley during 4th Session.
  + Picture 4
    - Caption: Bailey Burress and Shemetrius Harris enjoying an afternoon at the lake.
  + Pictures 5
    - Caption: One of our favorite activities each year during Counselor School is the former counselor panel. Thank you to Kayla Rogers (left), Kaitlyn Simmons, Brent Simmons, Beckie Weaver, and Jack Shock (Right) for sharing your love of Wyldewood and the Lord with our staff.
  + Picture 6
    - Caption: Michael Hammonds had the honor of Jarrett Tutt baptizing during 1st Session.
  + Page 7
  + Picture 1
    - Caption: Long-time campers Sam Jackson (left), Hagan Wilson, and Casey Whitener walking up from B13 with their counselor Austin Walton during 1st Session.
  + Picture 2
    - Caption: Three of our more popular campers this summer Ivy (left), Haven, and River (right) Hickey. Thank you, girls, for sharing your mom and dad with us this summer (Brian and Michal Hickey served as Co-Assistant Directors this past summer).
  + Picture 3
    - Caption: Counselor Sierra leading her day campers to their next activity.
  + Picture 10
    - We know counseling can be stressful and age you, but Zach Orall took it to a whole new level.
  + Picture 11
    - Caption: Superman, Mike Zeringue, breaks free from his cabin during the Group 1 Super Heroes party.”
  + Picture 12
    - Caption: Campers from Groups 3 & 4 participating in low ropes during activity time.
* Page 8 & 9: Volunteers
  + Volunteers are a vital part of Camp Wyldewood. Each year we are blessed with volunteers that serve as nurses, teachers, kitchen staff, photographers, canteen workers, maintenance, craft helpers, and much more! We hope you will consider volunteering your time and talents next summer at Camp Wyldewood.
  + 2018 Volunteer List
    - Session 1
      * Sam Alexander (’54) Harrison, AR
      * Heather Burchfield (’17) Searcy, AR
      * Paul Fletcher (’15) Poteau, OK
      * Adam (’90) & Kim Rampey (’95) Hall Hot Springs, AR
      * JR Johnston (’06) Poteau, OK
      * Tricia Turner Kauffman (’97) Searcy, AR
      * Chad Knappier (’14) Hot Springs Village, AR
      * Mandy Kirkes (’18) Poteau, OK
      * Patrick (’15) & Bevin (’17) Luse Hot Springs, AR
      * David (’17) & Brittany (’17) Moore Hot Springs, AR
      * Terah Pricop (’90) Hot Springs Village, AR
      * Heather Slater (’16) Poteau, Ok
      * Gabe (’17) & Nikki (’17) Sullard Poteau, Ok
      * Larry Williams (’18) Searcy, AR
    - Session 2
      * Sam Alexander (’54) Harrison, AR
      * Sara Pratt Brown (’84) Paragould, AR
      * Roy Bevil (’18) Houston, TX
      * Madison Black (’17) Jonesboro, AR
      * Robert Blackburn (’17) Edmond, Ok
      * Maggie Jones Bontrager (’97) Searcy, AR
      * Paul Castleman (’84) Idabel, OK
      * Richard Castleman (’85) Elkville, IL
      * Matthew (’17) & Mindy (’17) Cole Edmond, Ok
      * Lane Comeaux (’13) Searcy, AR
      * Kelly Curtis Cowley (’87) North Little Rock, Ar
      * Monica Poyner (’15) North Little Rock, AR
      * Savannah Fowler Thiede (’09) Searcy, AR
      * Carlotta Truman Thompson (’93) New Edinburg, AR
      * Larry Williams (’18) Searcy, AR
    - Session 3
      * Sam Alexander (’54) Harrison, AR
      * Thad (’16) & Rachel (’16) Bartlett Atlanta, GA
      * Taylor Boyd (‘02) Lewisville, GA
      * Janetta Castleman (’14) Batesville, AR
      * Emily Conrad (’11) Searcy, AR
      * Kayla Farley (’93) Booneville, AR
      * Michael (’18) & Cristi (’18) Holbrook Atlanta, GA
      * Kirk Hollis (’85) Ponca City, OK
      * Cole Hull (’16) Fort Recovery, OH
      * Kyla Jobe (’09) Dallas, TX
      * Leah Graves Land (’87) San Antonio, TX
      * Shirley Milburn (’10) Bethany, OK
      * Brayden Milburn (’10) Yukon, OK
      * Elea Pulliam (‘06) Jonesboro, AR
      * Caroline Pulliam (’06) Jonesboro, AR
      * Diane Silvestro Ross (’08) Austin, AR
      * Garrett Soffray (’02) Jonesboro, AR
      * Kendal Stubblefield (’04) Houston, TX
      * Larry Williams (’18) Searcy, AR
    - Session 4
      * Sam Alexander (’54) Harrison, AR
      * Nick McNabb (’11) Searcy, AR
      * Chris Tomberlin (’15) The Woodlands, TX
      * Chris (’11) & Allison (‘05) Musslewhite McDonald Dallas, TX
      * Matthew Musslewhite (‘09) Dallas, TX
      * Kaitlyn Soffray Simmon (’00) Jonesboro, AR
      * Leah Soffray (’00) Jonesboro, AR
      * Larry Williams (’18) Searcy, AR
    - Session 5
      * Sam Alexander (’54) Harrison, AR
      * Tiffany Griffin LeBlanc (’86) Beaver Creek, OH
      * Dale Sheehy (’91) Waco, TX
      * DeAnn Smallwood (’11) Austin, TX
      * Robert Solar (’15) Temple, TX
  + Article by Sara Brown
    - Wyldewood has always been a special place for me. I am not sure I can put into words the excitement I continue to feel when entering through the front gates under the iconic wooden letters. My parents dropped me off as a nervous 8-year-old for my first session in 1984. My Mom was so excited as she settled me into my bunk because she knew I would love Wyldewood just as much as she had when she camped. We walked around before she left, and she found her name written on the bunks of girl’s cabin 3…. I knew right then this was where I was supposed to be. I spent many summers at Wyldewood. Wyldewood was where I was baptized and where I made many lifetime friends. When nothing was going right in my world, Wyldewood always had just what my soul needed. I spent time at camp yearly from when I was first old enough to camp until I was in high school. I never forgot the impact the Wyldewood experience had on my life.

Fast forward to adulthood, and I am dropping off my 8-year-old son for his first year. (My boys are 3rd generation campers) By chance, I had a conversation with a staff member about how the camp can always use nurses…. WAIT…WHAT?!?!? I AM A NURSE!!!! I am not sure how I held my excitement in when I thought about how they MIGHT just let me come back…. I went home immediately and spoke to my husband, who is always so supportive, he remembered my stories about how much fun I had as a camper, and he said to go for it! That was 2014, and I come back as often as I can. I continue to volunteer to ensure that Wyldewood is here for many, many years to come. I love how Wyldewood is still good for my soul. I love how I can see God at work every single day through the counselors, the directors, the staff, and the campers. I love how I continue to make life-long friendships and reunite with friends from my youth. I honestly cannot imagine a life without Wyldewood. I look forward to each summer that I get to spend playing at camp. I pray that Wyldewood will always be a place my family can feel at home.

* + - Sara Brown Picture
* Page 10 & 11
  + Theme
    - ARISE
    - Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes – Ephesians 6:11
    - (It would be nice on this page to have a design that ties in with Armor/especially Roman armor)
    - Sessions & Dates
      * Session 1 June 2 – 8 $270
      * Short Session 1 June 2 – 5 $160
      * Session 2 June 9 – 20 $410
    - Session 2B\* June 9 – 15 $270
    - Session 3 June 30 – July 11 $410
    - Session 3B\* June 30 – July 6 $270
    - Session 4 July 14 – 25 $410
    - Session 4B\* July 14 – 20 $270
    - Session 5\*\* July 28 – August 3 $270
    - Short Session 2 July 28 – 31 $160

\* “B” Sessions overlap session 2, 3, and 4. All these sessions will follow the same schedule.

\*\* There is a $100 discount offered for Session 5 if you attend another session in 2019.

* Activities
  + Bible lessons, singing times, basketball, softball, ropes course\*, horseback riding, art & crafts, rappelling\*, swimming, archery, fishing, air rifles, cookout, hiking and much more.
    - \* These activities are for groups 3 & 4
* Group Assignments
  + Group 1 8-10-year olds
  + Group 2 11 & 12-year olds
  + Group 3 13& 14-year olds
  + Group 4 15-18-year olds
* Group Parties
  + Group 1 Cowboy and Indian
  + Group 2 Food Fight
  + Group 3 50’s Night
  + Group 4 Fiesta
* Online Registration and other Information
  + Registration begins on January 1, 2019. You can register online at campwyldewood.org. Registration requires a $75 deposit. You can qualify for the Super Early Bird Discount ($20) if you apply before April 1st. Campers who register in April will be eligible for the Early Bird Discount ($10).

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* Why We Give
  + Picture of John and Kaitlyn Frizzle
  + Text: We donate to Wyldewood because we know that God is working there. Kaitlyn grew up as a Wyldewood camper, and we spent the first summer of our marriage (literally three days after we said “I do”) working at Wyldewood. Some of our favorite memories as a married couple took place there. We know that God is working there because we have seen and experienced it first-hand.

We still remember the woes of dial-up internet and the joys of road-trips before smartphones. As teachers, we are all too aware of the distractions that constantly bombard today’s kids. We believe that a summer at Wyldewood, amongst other God loving, God fearing teens, is the perfect place to go and hear the voice of God. We donate because we know that Wyldewood is a lighthouse, guiding teens through tempestuous times and murky waters to the foot of the cross. If these claims sound hard to believe, then let us invite you with the words of Jesus; “Come and see.”

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| Bobby and Margaret Powell | Sherwood, AR |
| Robert and Nicole Alexander Powell | Searcy, AR |
| Remmel Church of Christ | Newport, AR |
| Will Reno | Midlothian, TX |
| Jeremy and Angela Sivia | Searcy, AR |
| John and Karen Snyder | Sherwood, AR |
| Lyndall and Karen Stubblefield | Pearland, TX |
| Sylvan Hills Church | Sherwood, AR |
| Tri S Foundation | Bentonville, AR |
| Carlotta Truman Thompson | New Edinburg, AR |
| West Side Church | Searcy, AR |
| Harrell and Holley Wilson | Rison, AR |
| Jeff and Lynn Wilson | Rison, AR |

* Why We Give
  + Camp Wyldewood is such a special place! I spent 4 summers working out there in the late 90’s, proposed to my wife at B-rock in 2002, and now our kids have been going for several summers. It is a great place to go and have fun doing activities like the ropes course or ziplining into the lake but more importantly spending time glorifying God at praise time in Rec 1 and forming life-long friendships with people whose ultimate goal is to get to heaven.

We give because Camp Wyldewood has meant so much to our family. We want others to have the same opportunity we have had to not only have a great experience but also grow closer to God.

* + Sivia Family picture

Page 15 – Camper Spotlight/Kirby Award

* Camper Spotlight
  + Chloe Johnson
  + Text: Wyldewood is the place I fell in love with Jesus. He did a work in my heart during my first session of camp. It wasn't a work that only lasted a week or two after the session had ended, it was a work that stuck with me through the whole summer entering the new school year.

I camped for the first time two years ago on a trip with my youth group. I was scared and unsure what to expect. This feeling immediately changed when I stepped into my cabin. The girls welcomed me with open arms, and an overwhelming sense of peace began to crawl over me. Through praise times, late night devos, and activities- I had formed deep, personal friendships with the people in my group. This is what I began to open my heart to, and eventually, I fell in love with God.

I consider Wyldewood “home.” The atmosphere this place brings is unlike any other. Wyldewood represents family, offers Christ-like love, and displays God's creative beauty in nature. I've seen lives changed (including my own) from this experience. Wyldewood came just at the right moment in my life. God has ordered my steps through this experience to become a servant of Him, following His will. I cannot describe Wyldewood with even the most elaborate of words, but I can promise you that what you feel and see at Wyldewood … is a bit of Heaven on Earth.

-Chloe Johnson

* + Chloe Johnson picture
* Janie Kirby Award Winner – Lexi Jones
  + Since the summer of 2014, the Wyldewood Staff has awarded the Janie Kirby Award. Janie served as a counselor in the 1970’s and is fondly remembered by those she worked with as a great of example of what a Wyldewood counselor should be.

The Wyldewood Staff selected Lexi Jones as the 2018 recipient. Lexi grew up in McCrory, AR. She was a long-time Wyldewood camper and just completed her third summer on staff. One of her co-workers said, “Lexi is the embodiment of shining Christ’s light.” Another co-worker said, “If I had a camper, Lexi would be my first choice of a counselor.”

* Former Recipients
  + 2014 Kayla Rogers
  + 2015 Jasmine Brock
  + 2016 Austin Nightengale
  + 2017 Brynna Morgan
* Picture of Lexi Jones

Page 16 & 17 – Fundraising Campaign

* A Place We Call Home
  + Article

1948. That is the year that Brother Dykes and a few others started Camp Wyldewood. I never got the chance to meet John L. Dykes. By the time I came into the Wyldewood family in the mid 1990’s he had passed away. Over the years, I have heard many stories about Brother Dykes’ commitment to Wyldewood and his desire for this new ministry to succeed. I love the story of an ordinary man, a bookstore manager at a struggling Christian college, having the faith and vision to take on such a huge project. I imagine the conviction it took to take out a second mortgage on his home and convince others to do the same.

I have often heard it told by others, who have been in the Wyldewood family much longer than me, that Brother Dykes thought it was important to create a place where children could get away from the everyday distractions of the world and learn about the love of Jesus. I believe the original purpose of Wyldewood is even more important in 2018. Our children desperately need to get away from the distractions of the world and find the love of Jesus!

For many of us Wyldewood is where we found God. A place where Jesus became real and we formed relationships with other believers that would last a lifetime. A place we call HOME!

One of the most inspiring parts of the Wyldewood story is how God used ordinary men and women, at least by the world’s standards, to create such a powerful ministry. Wyldewood didn’t start with a large donation from a wealthy benefactor or a man of great worldly prominence. Instead God called on men and women like Mr. and Mrs. Dykes and others to commit to something bigger than themselves. Imagine all the lives that have been impacted since 1948 because of this commitment.

The Wyldewood family remains a group made up of ordinary people. We don’t have the large donors that are able to write million-dollar checks (p.s. if you can my cell number is 404-312-2880). But what we do have is a large number of alumni who love the Lord and were greatly impacted by their time spent at Wyldewood. Don’t get me wrong, we have many alumni who have been very successful and give generously to Wyldewood, but I think for many of us, we just aren’t able to write the large check we wish we could. I can’t tell you how many times I have heard people say, “when I make it big” or “when I win the lottery,” “I’m going to give a large amount to Wyldewood.” Instead of waiting on that to happen, we have a different plan.

We are starting a new fundraising campaign in 2019 called “A Place Called Home.” The purpose of this campaign is to increase our monthly commitments to ensure that Wyldewood is here to impact the lives of children for generations to come. We are not asking anyone to mortgage their homes like the founders of Wyldewood, but instead, we want to use the strength of our numbers. In the beginning of Wyldewood, there were just a few families that believed in the mission, so great sacrifices were necessary. Today we have over 10,000 former campers and counselors that have seen the impact of the ministry first hand.

Imagine if 1/10 of those people gave $10 -$25 each month, an amount most people would not miss from their monthly budgets? Or dare to dream big with me and imagine if 1/2 of our alumni donated on a monthly basis. We serve a God that can do BIG things with small amounts. Alone it may seem that your $10 won’t make much of a difference, but as you can see from the chart below, together as a family, we can ensure our HOME will continue to be a place that teaches children the love of Jesus for many years to come.

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| Donors | $10 Monthly Donation | $25 Monthly Donation |
| 1000 | $10,000 monthly/$120,000 annually | $25,000 monthly/$300,000 annually |
| 2500 | $25,000 monthly/$300,000 annually | $62,500 monthly/$750,000 annually |
| 5000 | $50,000 monthly/$600,000 annually | $125,000 monthly/$1.5 million annually |

We are asking all our former campers and counselors to consider making a monthly commitment of $10-$25 a month to Wyldewood. If you can make a larger commitment, we will gladly welcome that gift. If you already give monthly, we want to thank you for your commitment and hope you will continue. If you are unable to give at this time, we ask that you please join us in prayer for the success of this campaign and the impact it will have on future campers of Wyldewood.

Over the next few weeks, we will be releasing a video on our website and social media pages to help spread the word of this campaign. We ask that you share this video on your social media pages and with former campers and counselors. After the release of the video, we will be mailing out commitment forms to our alumni that will include instructions on how to set up a monthly donation online.

We thank you for your consideration and hope you will join us in this effort for “A Place We Call Home!”

* + Pictures – Cross/Back Steps/Bee Rock/Dinner

Page 18 – Camp News

* Summer Staff 2018
  + Caption: The 2018 staff included counselor from Arkansas, Texas, Missouri, Kentucky, Georgia, West Virginia, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Indiana, Tennessee, and Serbia.
* Sojourners
  + Sojourners picture
  + Picture caption: Jerry & Evelyn Miller (KY), Regina & Steve Curtis (AR), Laura & Cecil Tilly (AR), Becky & Embra Alexander (AR), Billie Jean and Larry Williams (AR), Not Pictured: Oscar & Belinda Headly (AR), Kathy Hutson (AR), Loyd & Shirley Shockey (OH)
  + Last March we were blessed by a two-week visit from the Sojourners. Sojourners is a Church of Christ organization made up of mostly retirees who dedicate their time, energy and finances to help church camps, smaller congregations, and other organizations. The Sojourners helped in the remodel of the house across from the front gates. We are very thankful for their work and fellowship.

We are looking forward to having them back in March of 2019!

Page 19: Awards

* 2017 AWARDS
  + Camp Wyldewood is blessed to have many individuals and companies who help us throughout the year. Each year we like to honor several of these people at our Wyldewood Appreciation Dinner.
  + John and Gertrude Dykes Award
    - Fowler Picture
    - The Dykes Award is presented annually to someone who has shown a life-long commitment to Camp Wyldewood. The 2017 Dykes Award was presented to Al and Carla Fowler (pictured above). Al served on the Wyldewood Board of Directors for 34 years. He retired from the board in 2017.
  + Michael and Shelly Lincoln Award
    - US Irrigation Logo
    - The Michael and Shelly Lincoln Award is given each year to a business or organization who uses their expertise to help improve Camp Wyldewood. US Irrigation was the 2017 recipient of the Lincoln award for their generous spirit.
  + Joyce Rushton Award
    - Shirley Milburn picture
    - Shirley Milburn of Bethany, OK was the 2017 recipient of the Joyce Rushton Award. The Rushton Award is given to a volunteer who dedicates their time and energy to the campers of Wyldewood. Shirley served as a nurse during Session 3 for many years.
  + Latina Dykes Award
    - Nick McNabb Picture
    - The Latina Dykes Giving Heart Award is given each year to a group or individual who supports Wyldewood. Nick McNabb was the 2017 recipient of the Latina Dykes Award. Nick willingly served at a Group Preacher for over 5 years. He dedicated his time and energy teaching the campers of Wyldewood about the Gospel of Christ.
  + Hugh and Mildred Groover Award
    - Ken Carter Picture
    - Ken Carter was named the 2017 Hugh and Mildred Groover Award recipient. Ken was honored for his years of service and gifts to Camp Wyldewood. Ken is a retired firefighter from Memphis who returns to Wyldewood each summer during Session 2 to mentor young men.

Page 20-21: Mr. Sam

* Title – Mr. Sam
* Text: For the past seven summers our campers at Wyldewood have been blessed by the presence of Sam Alexander. Each summer Mr. or Uncle Sam comes back to Wyldewood as a volunteer to work with our campers during Arts and Crafts. He works with many on creating some of the coolest cedar staffs ever made at camp or maybe the biggest lanyard you have ever seen. His designs and knowledge of his crafts are unparalleled at Wyldewood.

But Mr. Sam is so much more than the craft guy at Wyldewood. He is kind, gentle, wise, compassionate and an amazing example of what we should all aspire to be. Mr. Sam is a great example to all those who know him at Wyldewood and outside our gates of someone who is not defined by their limitations. You see, Mr. Sam was diagnosed with Polio when he was only 14 months old. The terrible disease left him basically paralyzed from the waist down.

Sam first came to Wyldewood as a camper in the summer of 1957 or 1958. He remembers hearing that Coach Groover was worried that his limitations would make it impossible for Sam to stay as a camper. Coach Groover waited outside the Old Pool House the first Sunday of the session as the young boys changed and one by one came out of the pool house ready to swim. It took Sam a little longer than the other boys, but eventually, he emerged walking on his hands and did a flip into the pool. Coach Groover remarked to those around, Sam will be just fine.

Sam has some great memories from his time as a camper. He remembers Brother Dykes, founder of Wyldewood, being a quiet, laid-back man, but someone you listened to when he spoke. Sam remembers cold showers, no electricity in the cabins, campers not being able to wear shorts, and date night at Harding. One of his most vivid memories is climbing the steps near what is today Riverside Park.

Sam continued to camp throughout his childhood and eventually began to work in the craft shed during the summers while he attended college at Harding. After graduation, Sam moved to Little Rock where he attended pharmacy school. Sam worked as a pharmacist in Harrison, AR until his retirement in 2011. Sam and his wife, Jo, still live in Harrison where they attend the Northside Church of Christ, where Sam serves as an Elder.

After Mr. Sam’s retirement, he came back to Wyldewood to help with crafts again. Sam wanted to help young people grow in their spirituality, and he thought back to the place where he had grown closer to God as a young man, Camp Wyldewood. Sam remembers the sweet sound of young voices singing out to their Savior during hymn time. Today you can still find Sam hanging around Rec 3 long after Arts and Crafts are done working on one of those cedar staffs while Group 1 has hymn time, listening to those young voices sing praises to their Savior just like they did in the summer of 1957 or 1958.

* Sam Alexander Pictures 1-4

Page 22: Where Are They Now – Charley Moore

* + Picture of Moore family
  + Text
    - What years were you a camper and a counselor?
    - I camped from 1986 – 1993 and worked as a counselor in 1995 and 1996.
    - What are some of your fondest memories as either a camper or counselor?
    - I always enjoyed camp, even when we didn’t have air conditioning.  I enjoyed meeting, staying connected with, and attending college with people that I camped with years before.  I enjoyed meeting new friends and unknowingly seeing Jesus through others serving.  I didn’t realize how others were pointing me to Jesus during my time at camp until later when I reflected on my time as a camper/counselor.
    - What did you do after leaving Wyldewood?
    - I graduated from Harding University in 1998, and Lana and I moved to Dallas where we have been ever since.  I went on to get my MBA at TCU and taught there part-time for 5 years after graduating.  I currently work at Trinity Industries, a railcar manufacturing and leasing company, where I lead their Customer Delivery team.
    - You were here during the transition from Coach Groover to Michael Lincoln.  What do you remember about that transition?
    - Mr. Lincoln came onboard my second year as a counselor.  To say I was intimidated by him as a 19-year-old kid was an understatement.  However, he played a substantial role in my spiritual development.  He is one of the men who I can comfortably say challenged and helped shape my spiritual walk.
    - Are there any special relationships you remember from your time at Wyldewood?
    - My first counselor was named Keith Whitehead.  His girlfriend (now wife), Babs Williams, was also a counselor.  Keith also attended church with my grandmother, so I was able to keep up with him throughout high school and now on Facebook.  I remember how cool I thought they were and how I wanted to follow in their footsteps to be a counselor someday.  For lack of a better phrase, he made loving Jesus look cool to me and believe he was one of many that helped mold my relationship with the Lord into what it is today.

The most important/special relationship I gained through Wyldewood was/is my wife, Lana Lee Moore.  We met at camp when we were 10 and 11.  We held hands the last night of camp that year, but we didn’t see each other again until I was a freshman at Harding.  We began dating a few weeks into my freshman year and were married 3 years later.  The greatest gift camp ever gave me was my best friend and wife.

* + - What did you learn from your time as a counselor at Wyldewood?
    - Being real. We are all broken and need Jesus.  The more we can let our guard down and share our struggles, our questions, and our victories the better we will be.  I learned leading in any capacity is about loving and serving people where they are.  The experiences I gained at Wyldewood have made me a better person, employee, leader, and follower of Jesus.
    - Feel free to add anything else that you would like to say.  Thanks again for doing this.
    - I believe camp is a great place to help build upon your foundations of faith.  I believe the Lord orchestrated Chad and Leslie Hudelson being there at this time, and I know He is doing great things through them.  I met both Chad and Leslie at Harding and worked with them at Wyldewood.  Chad is someone I talk to sometimes daily and consider him family.  He is a man I look up to for his faith, his desire to share Jesus with others through his life and love for his family.  I am excited to see what the Lord is doing and will continue to do through Chad and Leslie and their ministry at camp.

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* 2017 Memorials
  + Andrew Brady
    - Todd and Jessica Brogdon
    - Martha Campbell
    - Jay and Kelley Curtis Cowley
    - Robert and Nicole Alexander Powell
  + Grace Brewer
    - Rod Brewer
  + Mae Faulkner
    - Bill Jackson Insurance
  + Betty Fowler
    - Helen Kearbey
    - Unity Health
    - Al Fowler
    - Paul and Mary Gardner
    - Jay Trotter
    - Rod Brewer
  + Coach Hugh Groover
    - Mildred Groover
  + Justin Hartley
    - Debra Powers
  + Jon Massey
    - Sue Larch
  + Mary Shock
    - Amy Vawter

Page 24: Back Cover

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