



# VISTAS

For Independent Baptist Churches in the  
Mountain West United States

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## “I WANT THAT MOUNTAIN”

The story of 60 years “Under the Big Sky” at Castle Rock Baptist Camp

One of the great men of God in the Old Testament of the Bible is the man Caleb. His words are recorded in the book of Joshua as he told how in spite of opposition he had “wholly followed the Lord”. Later he showed his great faith in the Lord even though he was up in years by stating in Joshua 14:12 ...“Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day”.

This Biblical story of Caleb reminds us of three men who sought the Lord sixty years ago for a place to begin a summer Bible camp. They wanted to help the youth and adults of the churches of the Inter-Mountain Baptist Fellowship. These three pastors were Pastor Arthur Allen, Pastor Fay Garner and Pastor Felix Runquist. God led them to a summer camp that was for sale and they were able to buy the 14 acres and some buildings for the miracle price of \$15,000.00. The camp is located in the Gallatin Gateway area of Montana under the beautiful towering Storm Castle Peak.



The first summer of camping at the new Castle Rock Baptist Camp was in 1961 with 285 in total attendance for all weeks of camp. The total grocery bill was \$909.77 with the cost per meal of \$0.24 cents. The cost for a week of camp that first year was \$10.00. As you can see “times have changed” but the main emphasis is still on the teaching and preaching of the Word of God.

This summer we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of Castle Rock Baptist Camp. Through the years there have been many changes to the once “run down” property. Several beautiful buildings have been added as well as numerous improvements. Nearly every week during the summer you will find a group of young people or adults enjoying God’s wonderful creation while being encouraged through the Bible. That is why we call this place that God has provided a Bible camp. Over the years hundreds have received Christ as Savior and many are serving the Lord around the world because of the influence of this ministry. Please pray that God will continue to bless this historic place that He has used for His Glory located “under the big sky”.

Compiled by Dr. Paul D. Hoover

**IT IS OUR PRAYER THAT WE MIGHT RELAY TO OUR READERS THE VISTAS OF THE GLORIES OF CHRIST AND HIS WORK, ENJOY THE SWEET FELLOWSHIP OF GOD’S PEOPLE, AND SHARE OUR BURDEN FOR THE GREAT AND NEEDY HARVEST FIELDS OF THE IMBF.**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Isaiah 52:7

# 60TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

## FRIDAY JULY 2, 2021

You are invited to the 60th Anniversary Banquet on Friday evening July 2, held in the Allen Lodge Dining hall at Castle Rock Camp. The meal will begin at 6:00 pm and for those not registered for Caleb's Kin Camp the cost will be \$10.00. Plan to be with us as we enjoy a wonderful meal and hear some remembrances of God's goodness over the years. Please email: [PaulDHoover@icloud.com](mailto:PaulDHoover@icloud.com) to let us know that you will be attending.



Pastors of fellowship member churches can send news articles from their churches to Pastor Paul D. Hoover to be included in future issues of this newsletter.

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## FIELD REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

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We are thankful for the offerings that have been received by the churches for the "Uplook 3.5 Campaign". Our goal was to purchase a commercial zero turn mower for camp and provide extra funds to finish the Bob Frank Bathhouse. So far around \$5,000 has been given. Please pray that more churches will take a special offering for the UPLOOK CAMPAIGN and that we will reach our goal of \$25,000.00. Please send the offerings to the CRBC Uplook, c/o Pastor Ken Evans, 20 N. Stacy Avenue, Miles City, MT 59301

## WHY A CHRISTIAN CAMP IS IMPORTANT!

1. Camp offers numerous opportunities to hear the Bible preached in a warm, spiritual atmosphere.
2. Camp offers the impact of God's amazing creation such as Mountains, Rivers, and Trees which draws the focus from worldly things.
3. Camp offers a friendly, secure and spiritual environment for every camper.
4. Camp provides unforgettable, life-long memories made with friends.
5. Camp encourages every person to do better, in all of their relationships. Such as God and Man.
6. Camp brings to the chapel services excellent preachers, who know the needs of people.
7. Camp encourages the choosing of right heroes and friends.
8. Camp provides good, clean, wholesome, outlandish fun with a good conscience.
9. Camp gives young people a chance to meet other young people from other places who are living for God.
10. Camp is not just an expense; its has been proven over and over to be a wise investment in the life of a young person that will make a difference for all eternity!



## INTER-MOUNTAIN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

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